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NOME-GOLOVIN 200— Bob Saccheus takes off at the start line of the 47th Nome-Golovin snowmachine race, held on Saturday, March 14. See story on page 12.

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2015 IDITAROD CHAMPION— Dallas Seavey, 27, and his lead dogs Reef, left, and Hero, right, bask in the limelight after cinching their second Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race victory in a row. Seavey won the 1,000-mile race in eight days, 18 hours, 13 minutes and 6 seconds on the trail.

Dallas Seavey wins!

By Diana Haecker

At 4:13 a.m. on March 18, Dallas Seavey did it again. He crossed the finish line of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race under the Burled Arch in Nome as the repeat champion, driving a lively dog team into the finish chute with nine dogs at the gang line, one riding in the sled.

This marks Dallas Seavey's third Iditarod victory as he won in 2012 and 2014.

After stepping off the sled runners to a cheering crowd that came out on this windless, 12°F night, Seavey first went down the line to thank each of his dogs for the ride. When he reached leaders Reef and Hero, he said, "We got'er done. We really have it in the bag now."

Seavey was alluding to last year's surprise victory, when he found himself unknowingly in first position, as a ferocious storm forced race leader Jeff King to scratch and runner-up Aliy Zirkle to hole up at Safety.

Not this year.

However, Seavey repeatedly said he did not want to think too much about the victory within grasp.

"I had a fast dog team, a big lead and was the first out of White Mountain - that was exactly the position that Jeff was in last year," Seavey said. Weather this year cooperated and the 27-year old Willow musher had from White Mountain to Nome a good trail, no wind and just a little dusting of snow to contend with.

Yet, Seavey said he was super careful on the way to not make a single mistake. After all, his father Mitch, 2004 and 2013 Iditarod champion, was the second musher to leave White Mountain 4 hours and 10 minutes after Dallas.

Asked about his relationship with his father who also happens to be his

rival and competitor during the dog race, Seavey said, "We push each other. What son wants to be bested by his dad and what father wants to be beat by his son?" Seavey went on to say that in training, he and his father are constantly on the phone, talking about dogs, and anything related to sled dog racing. "We share a lot of ideas, but the real good ideas we keep to ourselves," Seavey said with a chuckle.

Seavey said he raced a young team consisting of mostly three-year old dogs that he raised. He talked about the trust between him and his dogs, and he talked about the patience and restraint he had to exercise to let the competition run itself out and then pass the front runners with a faster and better-rested dog team. As if to make the point, lead dog Reef pounced around the finish chute and tried to animate his team mate Hero to play with him, a sure sign of energy abundance after a long race.

"One of my high points was to see my dogs leave every checkpoint, bombing down the trail," Seavey said. "For every ten minutes more of rest I gave the dogs, they gave me a tenth of a mile more speed down the trail," Seavey said.

Seavey was greeted at the finish line by his family, including his grandfather Dan Seavey who helped start the Iditarod Sled Dog race in 1973, his wife Jen, also an Iditarod finisher, his mother, brothers and nieces.

After being checked in by Leo Rasmussen, the dogs were ushered down the street into the Iditarod dog lot and the champion, tired but exuberant, summed up his fantastic race for media and fans at the Mini Convention Center.

Run up Norton Sound coast sets stage for Iditarod finish

By Keith Conger

Esther Kimoktoak has the perfect name for an Iditarod fan. "My name means 'pulling'," said the 84-year-old Koyuk Elder as she waited patiently for the sled dog race leaders on Monday morning.

She was taking a break from the near zero temperatures by slowly sipping a cup of coffee inside the Koyuk City Building that had been transformed into a Iditarod Trail sled

dog race checkpoint.

Kimoktoak says she is the oldest resident in the beautifully wooded, coastal Norton Bay community where she was born, and her love of mushing goes way back. Her husband Albert was the last person in town to own a dog team, and she doesn't have a favorite musher. "I try to love them all," she says.

Kimoktoak never misses the first musher arriving in Koyuk.

This year she almost watched Aaron Burmeister come into town as the race leader, but the Nenana-based musher, who was born and raised in Nome, was passed on the trail by Dallas Seavey of Willow out on the sea ice just a half-mile outside of Koyuk.

Blaze-orange topped stakes line the trail like matchsticks, standing in stark contrast to the overcast skies. At 12:34 p.m. they led Seavey, and three minutes afterwards Burmeister, off the ice and past the checkpoint

building to a small, level patch of road where the dogs rest.

Darin Douglas has been the head checker in Koyuk since taking over the job from his father Raymond in 2006. He and his crew of 15 quickly delivered bales of straw along with the food drop bags.

Although only a few feet apart, the Seavey and Burmeister were unable to see each other as the throng of heavily clad mushing supporters, media reporters, sightseers and a crowd of Koyuk's school-aged children on spring break created a human wall down the center of the road.

As three Iditarod veterinarians examined each of Seavey's and Burmeister's 12 dogs, the mushers performed their checkpoint dog care duties and entertained questions from the media. Burmeister had left the last checkpoint an hour and 20 minutes prior to Seavey and had prepared to make his big move when he

left Shaktoolik. He told reporters that everything had gone right in the race until this last run. "I was expecting high winds, but I wasn't ex-

pecting a snow squall to dump six inches of fresh snow on us, too,"

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Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

THE SEAVEY CLAN— Defending Iditarod champion Dallas Seavey leaves Koyuk, front, just as his father Mitch Seavey, 2004 and 2013 Iditarod champ, drives his dog team into the checkpoint, on Monday, March 16. Aaron Burmeister's dog team is bedded down for a rest on the side.

Letters

Nancy,
It has been about 40 years since I visited Nome my one and only time. I have never forgotten it or the people. I grew up in Fairbanks. In high school (Lathrop, class of 75), I was in a rock and roll band. The people of Nome flew us all the way with our music equipment to play for a senior prom and a town dance. We were just high school kids. I remember the weather was rough so we landed in Kotzebue before going on to Nome.
From the moment we landed in Nome, we were treated so well. It was such a friendly and lively community. I remember walking down the streets and talking to folks. Our little band of musicians was split up and housed in local homes where we were treated like family. People took us out and showed us around the town. One of the guys in the band climbed a gold dredge and hung off the end of it just to show us that he could.
I still cannot believe all the people who turned out for the dance. To this day, it is still the largest group of

people I have ever played for. It was a night I will never forget. Such a great dance! I remember singing the song that was the hit of the night: (I'm Not Your) Steppin' Stone by Paul Revere and the Raiders.
This year I have been following the Iditarod online. I was remembering Nome, so I was reading about it and looking at pictures and maps. When I typed in the only name I remembered from my visit, I came across The Nome Nugget . I read several volumes of The Nugget. What a wonderful small town newspaper! And, what an active community!
I left Alaska about 30 years ago; it will always be home to me. When people ask me about it, I always explain that Alaska isn't what you see on TV. They always ask, "Wasn't it cold?" It is cold in the Winter, but that alone certainly could never define Alaska. To me it will always be that there were so many things to do, if you just got out and did them. There was a feeling of being separate from the rest of the world, in a good

way. And of course, the wonderful people.
Nome left a very big impression on me. I haven't been to a lot of places in this world. I am always happy to remember that one of those few places was Nome. I never took the time to properly say thank you, so I am saying it now.
Thank you,
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To the editor,
Kudos to our legislature for passing, last year, the one-time grant funds for K-12 and the first increase in the base salary allocation (BSA) in 5 years. I only hope they have the courage this year to reinstate the one-time grant funds that are in danger of being cut from the budget. We can all understand and be humbled by the difficulties our State officials are having to grapple with in terms of budget cuts due to declining oil prices.

While I believe our state officials hold all of our children in their hearts when making these critical decisions, in times of crises we can all lose site of what will really make a difference in our communities and our world. It's easier to invest in something tangible like roads and harder to invest in our children's growth and development, because we can't always see the immediate rewards. But if we don't make our children a priority, the rest eventually will become meaningless. We can all endure a bumpy road; but we cannot afford to decrease our investment in our children's future.

According to Georgetown University's Center for Education and the Workforce, every child who graduates high school will earn an average of half a million dollars more in their lifetime than those who do not. The social savings from outcomes such as: reduced grade retention and special education placement, decreased reliance on public assistance, and decreased costs associated with crime and the justice system, must not be overlooked. Then, of course, there are the immediate economic benefits from educators, para-educators and support staff, who earn modest wages, yet spend their wages paying property and other taxes and consuming goods and services in their communities.

In addition, continuing to have the State strategically invest in early learning opportunities (pre-school and Best Beginnings and Parents as

Teachers programs) assist our little ones to come to the K-12 system ready to learn. According to the McDowell Group, investing in children at young ages results in economic benefit later. Dr. James Heckman, a recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economics, stated "investing in early childhood education...shows a 7% to 10% per year return on investment..." He further states, "...one of the most effective strategies for economic growth is investing in the developmental growth of at-risk young children..."

We have known since the 1970-s, based on the "Effective Schooling Research," what makes education successful. It is time to start funding such evidence-based outcomes. The United States is dropping behind the rest of the developed world in investing in their children. According to Alaska Kids Count, Alaska ranks 33 out of 50 states for child well being, while having the highest child abuse and neglect rates. The easy decision is to cut unilaterally across the board, the idea that everyone should share in the cuts; but we need to look beyond what is convenient, or even what appears fair. We need to use our wisdom to make long-term and systemic decisions, because it is the right thing to do. Please, help our legislators understand the importance of supporting our children's future.

Alex Pastorino, is a 38-year resident of Alaska, retired educator (taught at all levels, elementary, middle school, high school, and university) and professional mediator, currently living in Juneau.

To the editor,
At noon, Friday March 13, 2015, the Alaska Board of Game unanimously denied an Emergency Petition from a number of Alaska organizations and individuals asking it to re-establish a buffer zone on state lands east of Denali National Park, to protect park wolves from hunting and trapping .The National Park Service data show a steep decline in wolf numbers and visitor viewing success since the Board removed the protective buffer in 2010.
The wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 – a drop of almost 2/3 in just six years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count.
Under the Joint Board Petition

Policy, (5 AAC 96.625(f)), an emergency is defined as "an unforeseen, unexpected event that...threatens a fish or game resource."

The petition argued that this is clearly the case, and that the "resource" that is threatened in this case is the viewing success of Denali wolves by the 400,000 + visitors that come to the park each year.

The Board and ADFG disagree that the viewing success of Denali wolves constitutes a "resource," and that although numbers and viewing success are greatly reduced, this does not constitute an "emergency" for which they can enact a regulatory closure.

I disagree.
I had also petitioned new ADFG Commissioner Sam Cotten on September 1, 2014 to issue an emergency closure of the area, but he declined as well, invoking the same logic.

Clearly, the Walker/Cotten ADFG is as intransigent on this issue as the old Parnell/Campbell ADFG, and the Board of Game. All are selectively misinterpreting the emergency regulation statute to define "resource" as a biological population, when in fact, nowhere in the emergency statute does it state such. In fact, ""resource" can be defined as the 20-30 wolves that constitute the viewing resource in Denali National Park, as the petition argues.

We will now pursue the option we first proposed 11-27-13 to Governor Parnell and Secretary of Interior for an exchange or purchase by the State of Alaska to the US Dept. of Interior of a permanent conservation easement for a wolf buffer at Denali.

Significantly, Board Chairman Ted Spraker cited that proposal as perhaps the best, and at this point only, option to resolve this long-standing controversy.

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Editorial

Bitter Partisan Politics

Forty-seven Republican United States Senators, including Alaska's Koch Brother's-bought-and-paid-for Senator Dan Sullivan recently signed a letter putting them in a disgusting light. Why would Sullivan stick his ignorant nose into President Barack Obama's effort to set up a multinational deal for a nuclear agreement?

The 47 Republican Senators claimed their letter showed "bipartisan concern." How do they figure bipartisan concern, when the 47 are all Republicans? Bipartisan is outrageous. These Senators plan to communicate directly with the Ayatollah Khomeini. What a crock! These 47 Senators should be charged with high treason, disrespect of the President of the United States, and blatant interference with the State Department's efforts to control nuclear proliferation. Surely the Ayatollah is laughing at these Bozos from behind his security tent. Do the 47 Republican traitors think the Ayatollah will take them seriously?

Where does Alaska's Senator Sullivan get off aligning himself with Muslim extremists? Did he sell his soul to the Koch brother devils? Sullivan has embarrassed himself and our fine state of Alaska. He flaunts his ignorance in the shadow of high stake negotiation. Back to the kiddy table, Danny. Shame on you. —N.L.M. —

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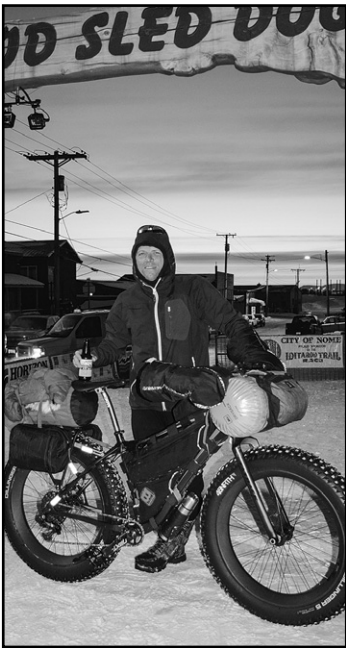
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Photos by Sarah Miller
MADE IT (top)—Jay Petervary proudly hoists his bike at the finish of the Iditarod Trail Invitational.
SMILING (left)—Jeff Oatley is content to be in Nome.

Iditarod Invitational bikers roll into Nome

By Sarah Miller

Nome's famous burl'd arch welcomed its first finishers Monday evening, as Jay Petervary and Jeff Oatley pedaled up Front Street on fat tire bicycles in their final sprint of the Iditarod Trail Invitational.

The two bikers endured a grueling trip along the trail starting in Knik, and finished the 1,000-mile race after 15 days, 6 hours and 29 minutes.

Oatley completed the race last year in just 10 days, setting an all-time record, but this year marked the first time that a crowd had gathered to welcome the finishers into Nome. "This is totally different from last year. I was a little freaked out when I saw all the people here," joked Oatley. Both Oatley and Petervary were pleasantly surprised at the considerable turnout of race fans who were there to see them ride up Front Street just before sunset.

At the finish, the two spoke about the considerable challenges this year's race posed in comparison to other years. "This year, we definitely earned it," commented Oatley, referring to nights spent camped out at -40°F, wind, and hours of pushing bikes through deep snowdrifts.

The riders rode much of the race together. "Jeff and I happen to travel

well together, so it was definitely welcoming, when it's negative forty and you're looking for the next move, and your buddy is with you. No one can ever experience that unless they've been there," said Petervary.

The pair crossed the finish line together, and when asked who won, both shrugged. "Jeff and I never talked about competition. This is a competition, but I'm here way beyond those reasons. It's a competition against myself and the terrain." This is Petervary's third time completing the race.

Commented Oatley, "When the going is tough, you have to really dig deep and grab on to whatever you can to keep yourself going. Sometimes it's just that there is no other option- you're in the middle of nowhere, it's forty below, how else are you going to get home? But the big thing for me is that the takeaway is unforgettable. You've spent time in the land, you've crossed Alaska and experienced the land on its terms and that experience goes with you, you'll always have it. It's indescribable. That's why I do it."

A small number of Iditarod Trail Invitational competitors will continue to make their way to Nome

throughout the week.

Nome resident Phil Hofstetter, completed the race Tuesday afternoon.



Photo by Nils Hahn
NOMEITE— Phil Hofstetter waves to the crowd as he biked up Front Street on Tuesday.

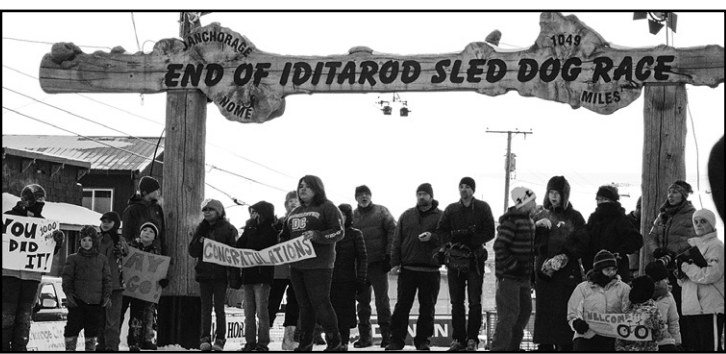


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WELCOME COMMITTEE—An eager crowd gathered to welcome the riders Jeff Oatley and Jay Petervary to Nome on Monday night.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

IDITAROD WEEKEND (for more events refer to Iditarod Calendar)

Thursday, March 19

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*Lunch Laps	Pool	Closed for Iditarod
*Weekly Women's Circle	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Wiffleball (grades 3-6)	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
(grades 5-8)	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*PM Lap Swim	Pool	Closed for Iditarod
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*Nome Food Bank	Bering and Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Iditarod Open Mic Night	Bering Sea Bar & Grill	7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 20

*AM Lap Swim	Pool	Closed for Iditarod
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*Ski Team Race	Greg Kruscek Ave.	Noon
*Nome Kennel Club:	Greg Kruscek Ave.	3:30 p.m.
Businessman's Race		
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21

*Nome Girls Scouts:	XYZ Center	8:00 a.m.
Sourdough Pancake Breakfast		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 22

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Iditarod
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	Closed for Iditarod
*Family Swim	Pool	Closed for Iditarod
*PM Laps	Pool	Closed for Iditarod
*Iditarod Awards Banquet	Rec Center	4:00 p.m.

Monday, March 23

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 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.
*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.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Library Story Hour	Kegoayah Kozga Library	10:30 a.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 a.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.
*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.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	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.
*Nome Joint Utilities: Reg. Meeting	City Hall	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 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 - 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.

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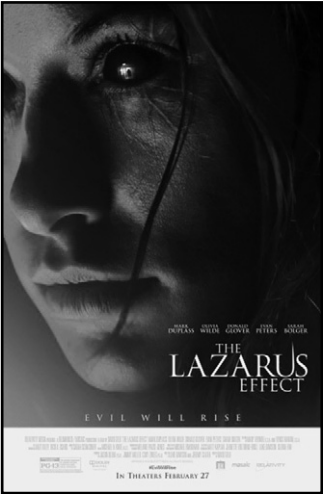
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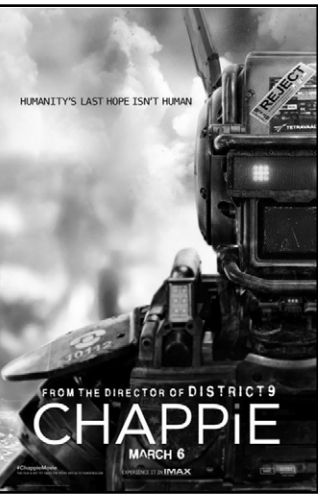
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House Finance Subcommittee favors deeper Nome port

By Sandra L. Medearis

A deep-draft port study team presented a tentatively selected arctic port improvement plan centering on Nome before the Alaska Legislature's House Finance Transportation Subcommittee on March 12.

Bruce Sexauer, head of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District civil works division presented the plan along with Lorraine Cordova, ACE project director and lead economist for the deep-draft study, and Mike Lukshin, project manager for the Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities. Port of Nome's Project Director Joy Baker and Nome Mayor Denise Michels also testified at the Juneau session.

Rep. Neal Foster chaired the meeting.

The tentatively selected plan for a deep-draft improvement project in Nome was announced Feb. 20. It calls for dredging Nome Harbor down to minus 28 feet Mean Lower Low Water, extending the current 2,700-foot causeway by 2,150 feet and adding a 450-foot dock. The project would serve the needs created by increased shipping traffic, larger ships coming into the harbor, and it would provide a facility for oil spill response and a base for search and rescue.

Make the Nome port deeper than the proposed minus 28 feet, said sub-

committee members. Minus 28 feet doesn't make sense, Rep. Shelley Hughes and Rep. Louise Stutes announced.

Why not accommodate larger ships?

An additional \$100 million added to the current estimate of \$212 million was one reason, Sexauer said. For another, the planning team was bound to laws and policies laid down by Congress on cost and benefit analysis.

"It seems peculiar if you are going to this length and volume of dollars you wouldn't accommodate larger vessels and Coast Guard icebreakers," Stutes said. "If it is going to be on the polar route, it doesn't make sense to me if you don't accommodate ice breakers. If it gets iced in, are you going to call Canada to bring in an icebreaker?"

Rep. Matt Claman gave the idea an assist.

The port wouldn't totally exist to serve ships coming in to serve the region's communities. "More and more are going through the [Bering] Strait as the ice recedes, Russia and other countries looking at the polar route," Claman said. If you don't have a deeper port to take in larger ships, there would be "all kinds of disasters at sea."

"The bigger picture addresses the needs of bigger ships in the future,"

Claman declared. "The current plan seems a bit shallow."

Rep. Shelley Hughes agreed. "When I think of a road project of \$311 million, another million is not that much way out there," she said.

The study looked at the volume of ships and the number of trips into port. At minus 23 feet, a foot deeper than the current maximum depth in the protected area of Nome's harbor, there would be more ships and more trips; at minus 24 feet, there would be more and at minus 25 feet, more ships and more trips.

"There comes a point when it goes an increment deeper, the numbers fall off and the benefit does not justify the cost. That number is 28 feet," Sexauer said.

A federal policy demands the ACE make a recommendation with the greatest net benefit, he added.

"We are going to put forth a project that we know passes muster," Sexauer said. "Our recommendation will be in policy compliance."

Sexauer added that Congress or another agency could decide otherwise, but that would not be within the requirements he had to follow. He added that the Coast Guard would continue to weigh in on what they perceived their needs for the Nome deep-draft port improvement would be.

The study looked at a rate of

growth not wholly based on current growth figures, but a range looking at a no-growth scenario as well as a future growth, Sexauer said.

The causeway extension could be built in such a way to extend it when numbers of larger ships needing more than minus 28 feet increased making the cost-benefit relationship more feasible.

Hughes asked Sexauer if the analysis had taken into consideration the melting of ice increasing the number of large ships and that perhaps a deeper port would cause shipping companies to be more attracted to choose the polar route with greater numbers of deeper-draft ships.

The City of Nome agrees that the deep-draft port would be more useful at minus 35 feet, Mayor Denise Michels told the House Finance Transportation Subcommittee. The port at its current development at minus 22 feet has the U.S. Coast-guard icebreaker traffic and cruise ships standing off in the roadstead shuttling passengers back and forth over the water for crew changes and sightseeing. A Shell Oil drill ship stopped to fly crews in and out of Nome Airport she said.

Joy Baker provided a rundown of increased traffic over the last five to six years. The port had gone from hosting a barge for half a day and a handful of fishing boats to serving

for fueling, crew changes, resupply, staging and serving the Arctic fleet, oil tankers, Coast Guard and icebreakers from Canada and Korea.

Baker thanked the ACE and the DOT for the effort going into the study. "The demand and the need are there," she declared.

Foster threw the meeting open to public comment.

Benefit-cost analysis is used now almost by law on the federal side and the state is getting that way, said Jeff Ottesen, program director for DOT.

"Benefit-cost ratio is the scourge of big thinking," Ottesen said. "Benefit-cost ratio takes us out of big thinking and into bean counting."

Ottesen provided an anecdote concerning the Panama Canal. That planning group had sustained disapproval of Congress at the turn of the last century when they proposed to make the Panama Canal 1,500 feet long with channels 150 feet wide, Ottesen said. Congress reduced the project to 1,000 feet long with channels 100 feet wide. Now the canal is being enlarged, but because Congress didn't follow cost-benefit guidelines so closely, the canal as it was built was good for 100 years of service, Ottesen concluded.

AMCC inmates go to Anchorage for the weekend

By Sandra L. Medearis

On Friday, 26 inmates left the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome on a chartered airplane to Anchorage for temporary assignment to other facilities in the state Dept. of Corrections system.

Over the weekend, prison staff moved about 10 others to the Seaside Center, a rehab residence on Nome's Front Street, in time for them to hear, if not see, the first dog mushing team to finish the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

A week's water shortage stemming from water flow issues at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center had caused the rehousing of the 36 inmates in custody. The move followed several days of water rationing at AMCC that reduced showers and laundry loads.

Tuesday brought good news when a new pump installed by NJUS filled up the reservoir for the AMCC water supply.

"We have made good progress now," John Handeland, NJUS manager said Tuesday morning.

Gene Marshall, acting director of the Dept. of Corrections Division of Institutions, said Monday that the department had evaluated prisoners for evacuation to other state facilities considering level of security needed, release dates and the seriousness of pending charges and crime convictions attached to the inmates.

The inmates transferred to Seaside Center were individuals eligible to reside there, Marshall said Tuesday.

For now they will remain there.

Another group of 32 inmates were slated to move from AMCC to Seaside on Tuesday, but that transfer had been cancelled, according to Marshall, while DOC kept close monitor on the water supply at AMCC. The inmates transferred out of Nome went to facilities where there were programs to fit individual inmates' needs, Marshall said, giving substance abuse as an example, or closed custody at Spring Creek.

Marshall confirmed that the air travel charter had cost the state \$15,000. He did not expect a \$15,000 return trip, because some of the transported inmates would come up for release from custody outside of Nome and elect not to return to Nome. Transporting on charter basis had saved money over scheduled flight tickets.

Inmates with the farthest out court

dates had been a consideration in choosing inmates for evacuation, according to Marshall. DOC had been working with the Nome on upcoming court appearances, he said.

"We did touch base with the courts, working with them for telephonic appearances. The court will decide whether a hearing by telephone would be appropriate," he said. "Clearly this is an unusual emergency. We are striving to address it with the most efficiency until the water issue is solved," he said Monday.

The state has a contract with Seaside halfway house treatment program for a certain number of beds. Monday, DOC was working with the facility to reactivate more beds to accommodate more AMCC inmates pending water repairs, according to April Wilkerson, DOC director of administrative services. Negotiations

had cleared the way for 32 inmates to take temporary housing Tuesday, should that need still exist.

Both Handeland and Marshall, who have been working on the issues this go-around, said the flow issue had been recurring over some time. Nome Joint Utility System supplies water to AMCC. Staff blamed the low water level on inadequate pumps on the state side and airlocks in the

lines. Moonlight Water Co. trucked additional water by the 1,500-gallon tankful from Friday through Monday to help keep water in the storage tank at a useable level.

The AMCC water transfer has been problematic for some time, according to Handeland. This summer engineers from both NJUS and the

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Department of Corrections met on potential solutions, as this issue has been periodic for several years, but DOC capital funding to make immediate changes was not available. Personnel from both facilities met over the past few days to try to solve the recent crisis.

NJUS serves AMCC with a 1-1/2 inch service line connection with assisting pumps located within the AMCC maintenance facility, several hundred feet away from the Moonlight Springs main. They were not able to take on water from an extended duration, this necessitated the facility implementing their water reduction plan and emergency procedures, according to Handeland.

Water from Moonlight Springs, after being pumped into a collection gallery, normally flows by gravity to town. The constant flow of water by gravity from the Moonlight wells typically ranges between 450 and 600 plus gallons, depending on the community's water requirements. Community use was normally in the 450-550 gallon range during the day, dropping off at night, allowing replacement of any excess water which may have been drawn from the two 1-million gallon storage tanks during the course of a day to meet community demand, Handeland explained. Water use is typically greater in winter than in summer.

When AMCC reported a lack of water flow, despite assisting pumps, NJUS pushed water back under pressure toward AMCC, which would also purge air that may have been in the supply pipeline, from the system or which is naturally part of the water that may have been released during the water movement.

"While this backflow or a raise in line pressure has been successful in the past, it did not restore the flow to AMCC this week," Handeland said in a prepared release. "In that process, thousands of gallons of water is pumped back uphill toward AMCC from the town reservoirs and Nome must stop filling its own tanks. With current town system demands, this backflow attempt, and resulting non-fill of town tanks (while Nome continued to draw from the reservoirs), used a significant quantity of water and brought tank levels down to a point that NJUS had

to discontinue back-pumping and resume filling town supply tanks."

On Monday, NJUS installed another pump to help get the water to AMCC showers, washing and cooking facilities. During the water issues NJUS has been in constant contact with DOC to determine potentially effective short-term solutions, Handeland said.

"Reconfiguration of the AMCC service feed line to place a pump at the main to push water, instead of the current system of AMCC pulling water a great distance, is underway with a pump NJUS ordered," Handeland said Monday. The pump arrived over the weekend and was in the process of being installed. "While this may not be the final solution, it is believed this additional pump closer to the source will improve the water volume AMCC is able to receive," Handeland said.

Marshall confirmed that DOC maintenance personnel had been working with NJUS personnel and had found the interaction productive.

Over the past several days NJUS has pumped water to town under pressure as opposed to simply using gravity which did increase water flow and refilled tanks. Meanwhile, NJUS has been working on a longer-term solution.

NJUS had a manifold designed that it has under fabrication to allow switching more easily between pressure pumping and gravity flow from Moonlight wells should there be a need to increase water volumes. Tests over the past several days, using temporary piping for pressure pumping, did improve water flow. The utility determined that making this a permanent switching option would be wise.

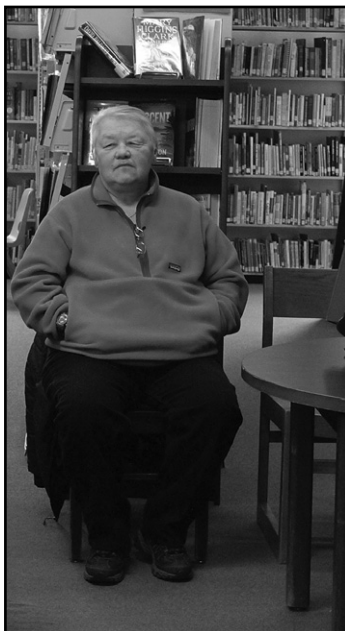
Handeland made it clear that there was no relation between the current AMCC water issue and testing activity planned by Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation to test an abandoned well and collection gallery, not to begin for several weeks.

"Nome's municipal water tank levels have returned to normal. Moonlight wells' capacity remains sufficient to provide water needed to supply both the community and AMCC, and all efforts are being made to restore and improve capacity," Handeland said Monday.



Photo by Lizzy Hahn

THE FIRST TEN YEARS— Jo Crane, left, was one of the members of the "Old Gang" to present the new book "Iditarod - The First Ten Years" at a book event on Monday, March 16, at the Kegoayah Kozga Library in Nome. Nome City Manager Josie Bahnke holds the hardbound copy of the book.



Photos by Lizzy Hahn
MEMBERS OF THE OLD GANG (top)— Barb Moore was one of the early women mushers to complete the Iditarod.

HISTORIAN (top right)— Howard Farley, middle, tells stories of how the Last Great Race started.



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ATTEMPTING THE CROSSING— Mike Lair and James Bingham attempted to cross the Bering Strait between Wales and Little Diomed by cross-country skis.

British duo attempts Bering Strait ice crossing

By Sarah Miller

It's March in Nome, the time of year when longer days and sunshine draw us outdoors for all manner of adventures— snowmachine rides, cross country skiing and fat tire cycling, dogsledding, perhaps a walk across the Bering Strait.

Two adventurers from the United Kingdom found themselves recovering from frostbite and a fractured arm in Nome last week after attempting to do just that.

James Bingham of Wales and Mike Laird of Scotland attempted to cross twenty-five miles of ice between Little Diomed and Wales on foot last week, but were bested by treacherous conditions that made the trek impossible. "We were on middle ground ice — too thin to walk on, too thick to paddle our kayaks through. At some points, we were hauling our sleds over pressure ridges five to six feet high, and other times we were constantly breaking through the ice. It's difficult to stay warm, dry. It's a very difficult environment. This is possibly one of the most dangerous places to put in an expedition," said Bingham.

The trek was a scouting trip for a larger expedition that Bingham and Laird will attempt in spring of 2016.

This year, the goal was to become familiar with the terrain and the conditions, make connections with local residents and lay groundwork for the following year's journey. According to the team's website, www.thedeadiestjourney.com, the 2016 expedition will encompass crossing the entire Bering Strait at its narrowest point of 51 miles, starting on the Chukchi Peninsula in Russia, skirting the Diomedes and ending in Wales, Alaska.

The total distance of the crossing

will depend on the currents, however, which may cause sea ice to drift away from the narrowest part of the strait. This will be one of the trickiest parts of the journey, particularly when the team is camping at night, and the ice may be moving north or south as quickly as two miles an hour beneath them.

Bingham and Laird expect to be accompanied by at least four other adventurers, one of whom hails from Russia and has a background in sports medicine. The other team members, like Bingham and Laird, all have experience in extreme recreational endeavors including mountaineering, water sports and cold weather expeditions. Several have walked to the Magnetic North Pole from Canada, an adventure, which involves similar aspects to the Bering Strait crossing, including variable ice conditions, frigid Arctic weather, and encounters with polar bears.

However, according to Mike Laird, this partial trek was proving in many ways to be far more difficult than the North Pole trip.

Bingham came together through social media. Bingham has twice climbed Mt. McKinley, and in studying the geography of Alaska, became intrigued by the idea of crossing the Bering Strait.

Meanwhile, Laird, who had long held the dream of crossing the Bering Strait, had begun recruiting interested parties for the crossing, and the two connected on an explorer's website after Laird put out the call for an expedition. This trip is the first for both to this region of Alaska.

Why attempt this crossing? Perhaps the challenge lies in the fact that

so few have been able to do so successfully. As the team's website reads, "Several thousand people have climbed Everest. Less than six hundred have been in space. A few hundred have reached the North or South Pole. But only eight people have crossed the Bering Strait on foot or by ski."

The unpredictable nature of the expedition is the other challenge that lures the adventurous pair. "As soon as you step off the shore ice, you're in a totally dynamic environment. The ice is always moving, and you're at the mercy of the currents. You don't actually know which direction you're going to be traveling. There's an element of luck. As much as you can control certain things, you don't know where you'll end up. You could get washed pretty far north or south. It could work in your favor but you just can't control some of this stuff. But that's the challenge I guess."

Another challenge the team faces as it ponders next year's expedition is the bureaucratic hurdles posed by obtaining visas and travel permission on the Russian side of the Strait. "One of the reasons so few people have done this crossing is because of the incredible amount of red tape in the Russian permit process. Navigating that bureaucracy is an expedition in itself," said Bingham. Despite this, Laird and Bingham still hope to cultivate relationships with Russian adventurers such as their current team member, in order to help facilitate the enterprise.

The two are no strangers to extreme conditions and challenges. Laird, in addition to his trek to the North Pole, has traveled to 72 coun-

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UNSTABLE ICE— James Bingham pulls a sled laden with supplies and skis on the unstable sea ice between Little Diomed and Wales. The treacherous conditions made the trip unsafe and forced the duo to abort the mission.

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DANCING— Erica Outwater dances to the sound of the newly made drums, on Friday, March 13.

School district faces funding uncertainty

By Kristine McRae

At last week's school board meeting, Nome Public Schools' superintendent Shawn Arnold echoed the sentiment of many school districts around the state, which is the challenge of funding uncertainties. With many unknowns until the legislative session wraps up in April, it's difficult to make firm budget decisions for the 2015-16 school year.

Last week several community members gathered at the legislative information office in Nome to testify about cuts in funding to programs

from pre-K to broadband services.

Arnold announced that the lobbyist working with the City of Nome in Juneau will also work with Nome Public Schools on restoring some of the budget.

Nome Elementary school principal Paul Clark reported positive news about the afterschool tutoring program. The program started in November and is sponsored by Nome Eskimo Community. It works with seventeen third through sixth graders.

"They are focusing on math flu-

ency," Clark told the board, "and we can see the results of kids mastering the math facts." Clark said that there has been increased engagement from the kids who attend the sessions and that their grades have shown improvement. "It's fair to guess that kids are being more engaged and confident in the classroom," Clark said.

The school is also getting closer to adopting a new math curriculum and will share samples with the community once the materials arrive in Nome.

The new state assessment, Alaska Measures of Progress (AMP) will be administered starting March 30. Since the AMP is a computer-based assessment, each grade will have scheduled testing days and testing will take place over three weeks.

Nome-Beltz principal Harlan Heinrich presented the student-of-the-month award for the junior high to Charles Leroy David Brown and to Elsa Angeline Prince for the high school.

Other news from Nome-Beltz included an after school project that

has students making their own Eskimo drums based on instruction from a master drum builder who visited Ms. Alicia Lang's class; high school Social Studies teacher Kent Runion will travel with a group of students to Fairbanks for an exchange with their sister school in North Pole.

The board will meet for a work session on March 24.

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tries, ridden 2,000 miles across the Australian outback, retraced the journey of Chris McCandless to the abandoned bus in Denali National Park where McCandless met his tragic end and attempted to swim the English Channel.

Laird's journeys also include charitable projects in Morocco, working to provide capital improvements to medical and school facilities, and to improve water and sewer infrastructure in several communities. Laird's remarkable resume also includes his work as an embedded photographer with Coalition troops during combat in Afghanistan, and a stint on a Scottish reality show.

Bingham has an extensive background in mountaineering, including ascents to Mt. Everest and Afghanistan's highest peak, Mt. Noshag, among several others. Bingham also runs and coordinates ultra-marathons, such as the 131-mile Ring O' Fire Ultramarathon in his native Wales, and a 400-mile race through the Wakhan corridor of Afghanistan.

Bingham and Laird came physically prepared and well-equipped for the Bering Strait crossing. Towing buoyant sleds loaded with camping equipment, safety gear including flares, locator beacons, a gun and satellite phone, the two also carried inflatable kayaks, skis, wetsuits for the points at which the two expected to have to swim, and insulated outerwear to contend with surface conditions.

Nonetheless, the going was slow and the two made it only few miles off the coast of Little Diomedede before it became clear that crossing the ice under existing conditions would be impossible. Cold, exhausted and injured, Laird and Bingham called for the helicopter to bring them back to Diomedede after only two days out.

"We do need to find some better gloves," remarked Bingham as he contemplated the blackened fingertips of his right hand. "Mountaineering gloves are usually insulated with down and they're warm, but when they get wet, they lose their insulation. And the neoprene gloves we had didn't keep my hands warm enough. This is the hand I was working with, getting our stove going and the constantly wet and windy conditions were really

tough."

The two returned to Little Diomedede, where they spent two days with the residents of the village before flying back to Nome on an Erickson Aviation helicopter. The timing of the trip was fortunate in that Erickson's helicopter flights to the island have only recently resumed. The village was left without air-service for over a month due to helicopter repairs, helicopter maintenance issues and bad weather. Erickson has come on board as a sponsor for the expedition, and the team was grateful not only for the sponsorship, but for the company's support along the way. Erickson dropped maps for the team indicating current ice conditions just before they started out.

While in Little Diomedede, Bingham and Laird camped in the school gymnasium, where they unpacked their equipment kits and shared their experience with schoolchildren,

community members and village leaders. "When we tell people what we are trying to do, they usually just laugh and shake their heads," commented Bingham. "However, the people in Little Diomedede were surprisingly supportive. We thought they might be dismissive of it, but after we unpacked our kits and gave our presentation about the trip, they saw that it could be possible and have been very supportive."

"We spent a lot of time talking to people like Robert Soolook, on the tribal council, listening to their advice and we really respect their knowledge. He's expressed an interest in joining our team next year," said Bingham.

Soolook was part of the 1989 Bering Bridge Expedition, which sought to reconnect Natives from the Diomedes to those of similar Inupiat heritage living in Russia, bridging relationships that were forced apart by US and Russian foreign policies dur-

ing the Cold War. That expedition traveled a thousand miles by dogsled, skin boat and ski.

Laird and Bingham spent the two days in Diomedede hearing from the locals about their heritage as ice travelers. "Some of the locals have made the trip we were trying to make themselves. In the past, when the ice was better, they would make the journey to Wales for supplies in less than twenty-four hours. But the ice is changing, and they haven't had an ice run for a number of years."

Bingham and Laird spent the last few days of their trip in Nome, reflecting on their experience while awaiting a return flight to the UK. It was only after five days of being injured that Laird finally went to the hospital and discovered his arm was fractured. Now, the two will move forward with the planning for next year's expedition with the advantage of experience on their side.

Despite the lack of a successful

crossing this time, the team's spirits were buoyed by their time getting to know the residents of this part of Alaska. "It's nice to be able to go to places like this and share this place with others. We've met people in Alaska who don't even know where Little Diomedede is, never mind people in the UK. So to be able to go there and put pictures up of the school and share the people and their stories is fantastic. And the people there like it as well- they are keen for the world to see their little island. They are very proud of it," said Bingham.

"In a sense, the success or otherwise of this partial crossing wasn't the be-all or end-all. Just traveling to Little Diomedede, meeting the locals, staying in the school, being with the community was an incredible experience. Their generosity toward us, how they supported us and looked after us was phenomenal," he commented.

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White Mountain hosts Ski and Biathlon Championships

By Keith Conger

White Mountain is a busy place in March. Not only does the picturesque Seward Peninsula village welcome Iditarod mushers and Iron Dog and Nome-Golovin snowmachine racers each year, but it is home to one of the state's longest running ski and biathlon competitions.

Last Thursday and Friday, 60 young athletes from seven regional communities gathered together there for the 37th Annual Bering Straits School District Ski and Biathlon Championships. The three-day event featured a ski race, a biathlon race and a marksmanship competition.

Nome Ski and Biathlon, sort of a regional skiing "cousin" to the BSSD ski teams, has been invited to the event for the last 12 years.

Nome, a team that typically lags behind the powerhouse squads from White Mountain and Unalakleet, had its best overall finish at the 2015 meet. Nome athletes claimed gold medals in all four divisions of the ski races and biathlon races, and captured two of the four gold medals in the marksmanship competition. They returned home with all four of the Skimeister Awards - given to the top overall performer in each age category. Nome Ski and Biathlon won team trophies in the only two divisions in which they fielded a complete team.

Nome sophomore Bianca Trowbridge won her third straight BSSD Skimeister Award. On Thursday, Trowbridge, racing on White Mountain's challenging Sweetheart Mountain Loop for the first time, bested three-time rural state champion Alyeska Daniels, a Unalakleet senior, by 4 minutes, 12 seconds in the 7.4-kilometer ski race.

Trowbridge's sister Jannelle, a senior, took the bronze medal in the event.

Trowbridge completed her double-gold performance by hitting 8 of 10 targets in Friday's 5.4-kilometer biathlon. She won by 5 minutes, 23 seconds over Daniels, who was forced to do eight penalty laps for her misses.

Jannelle Trowbridge completed her double-bronze weekend by taking third place.

First year biathlete Christine Buffas, a junior from Nome, led all girls with 9 shots made. The Nome girls won the high school team trophy.

Sophomore Wilson Hoogendorn, a top-25 state cross-country runner, executed an easy transition into winter cross-country sports. He made the most of his first weekend in a Nome ski uniform by capturing the High School boys Skimeister Award. His weekend was highlighted by a 12 minute, 14 second victory over Aaron Bergamaschi in the High School boys ski race.

White Mountain sophomore Julius Ione earned the bronze medal.

Hoogendorn and Shishmaref junior Sam Tocktoo were the top high school boys shooters in the biathlon, connecting on 8 out of 10. Hoogendorn used that accuracy to build a commanding 8 minute, 10 second lead over White Mountain junior Sigfred Brown, who hit six shots. Hoogendorn easily skied away with his second gold medal of the meet, and was later named Skimeister.

Bergamaschi found the target five times en route to his bronze medal and helped White Mountain win the high school boys top spot.

Nome seventh-grader Mallory Conger recorded the fastest overall junior high time by racing around the 3.9-kilometer course in 16 minutes, 53 seconds. Her time was 2 minutes, 6 seconds faster than the top junior high boys racer.

Silver medalist eighth-grader Summer Sagoonick of Unalakleet, and bronze medalist seventh-grader Ava Earthman of Nome produced times that would have earned them the same medals in the junior high boys division.

Conger was outshot by Sagoonick 8 shots to 9 in Friday's biathlon, but still she was able to ski away with the gold medal in a time of 28 minutes, 6 seconds. Her time would have earned her the silver medal in both of the high school divisions. Conger's victory helped secure her second BSSD Skimeister Award.

Earthman found the target eight times in the biathlon to earn her second bronze medal.

White Mountain eighth-grader Felicia Ione was the only shooter during the event to "shoot clean," as she connected on all 10 shots on the way to a fifth place finish.

Earthman - who received the meet's most improved award - and Conger, helped lead the Nome squad to the first place junior high girls trophy.

Tobin Hobbs, a first year ski racer with Nome Ski and Biathlon, won the gold medal in the junior high boys ski race with a time of 18 minutes, 59 seconds. He beat Unalakleet seventh-grader Tony Haugen by 2 minutes, 16 seconds. Unalakleet fifth-grader Carter Commack was the youngest medal winner over the weekend, earning bronze in the race.

The biathlon brought similar results for Hobbs as he connected on 8 shots, and won the with at time of 18 minutes, 59 seconds. His gold medal performance bested silver medalist Haugen by 4 minutes, 23 seconds, and earned him the Skimeister Award.

Sixth-grader Hugo Apatiki earned Gambell's first BSSD skiing medal - a bronze.

After his fourth place finish in the ski race, White Mountain eighth-grader Percy Agloinga earned the Most Improved Skier Award. He and Apatiki were the only junior high boys to hit 9 of 10 shots in the biathlon. Haugen and Commack led the deep Unalakleet squad to the junior high boys team title.

The Unalakleet team was honored with the Sportsmanship Trophy.

Savoonga ninth-grader Vadim Yenani, Jannelle Trowbridge and Nome seventh-grader Shayna Warnke-Green joined Apatiki as winners from their respective divisions in the Marksmanship competition.

The race was officiated by former ski racer Irving Ashenfelter. He was assisted by former two-time national cross country ski champion Jim Ok-sutaruk.

Qualifiers for the Bering Strait School District are: Aaron Bergamaschi, Julius Ione, Sigfred Brown, Mike Simon, Anjoli Agloinga, Percy Agloinga, Melody Bergamaschi, Yvette Barr-Apok, Felicia Ione from White Mountain; Sam Tocktoo from Shishmaref; Vadim Yenani from Savoonga; Alyeska Daniels, Anthony Haugen, Carter Commack, Michael Haugen, Payton Commack, Bruce Eakon, Summer Sagoonick, Jewel Wilson, Karlee Katchatag and Margo Daniels from Unalakleet; Hugo Apatiki from Gambell; Emmanuel Charles, Megan Henry and Virginia Nassuk from Koyuk.

Nome qualifiers are Wilson Hoogendorn, Bianca Trowbridge, Jannelle Trowbridge, Christine Buffas, Emelyne Hobbs, Mallory Conger, Ava Earthman, Shayna Warnke-Green, Maya Kralik and Tobin Hobbs.

The BSSD and WISA biathlon races are run with managed ranges. A volunteer stays with the gun at each shoot-



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SHARP SHOOTING SKIER- Gambell sixth-grader Hugo Apatiki (130) leads Unalakleet sixth-grader Michael Haugen, left, and Unalakleet fifth-grader Kanayaq Ivanoff in the 5.4-kilometer biathlon race at the 37th annual Bering Strait School District Ski and Biathlon Championships in White Mountain on Friday, March 13. Apatiki took the bronze medal by hitting 9 out of 10 shots. He also earned a gold medal in the Marksmanship competition on Thursday.

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FRONT RUNNERS— Dallas Seavey, left, and Aaron Burmeister reach Koyuk on Monday, March 16, 2015 as the first and second team in this year's Iditarod. *Photo by Keith Conger*



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom
LEAVING UNALAKLEET— Four-time Iditarod champion Martin Buser leaves the checkpoint of Unalakleet on Monday, March 16, 2015.



Photo by Keith Conger
DOG CARE— Dallas Seavey, first musher to Koyuk, tends to his dog team while Iditarod veterinarians start examining his team.



Photo by Keith Conger
TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS— Nome musher and top competitor Aaron Burmeister is in good spirits taking care of his dogs while two Iditarod veterinarians perform a routine examination of his dog team at the checkpoint of Koyuk on Monday, March 16, 2015. Burmeister reached Koyuk in second place just minutes behind the leading team of two-time Iditarod champion Dallas Seavey.



LOCALS— Nome musher Aaron Burmeister visits with a fan in Koyuk.

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 10am-6pm • **Fine Arts Show** • Old St. Joe's
 10am-11:30pm • **LOIBC Tournament** • Nome Recreation Center
 10:30am • Health Aide Training: Response to a Need • Northwest Campus
 10:30am • NPS Movie • NPS Office, Sitnasuak Building
 11am • Museum Highlights • Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
 11:30am-1:30pm • Nome Rotary Reindeer Dog Grill Out • Visitors Center
 12pm-6pm • Young Living Essential Oils Presentation • VFW
 1pm • NPS Learn Inupiaq w/Kunaq Workshop • NPS Office, Sitnasuak Building
 1pm • Spirit of the Wind Screening • Nome Elementary School
 1:30pm • Bering Strait Seals, Sea Lions & Walruses • Northwest Campus
 2pm • Meet & Greet w/Howard Farley • Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
 3pm • NPS Skins & Skulls Roving Ranger • NPS Office, Sitnasuak Building
 3:30pm-5pm • Qiviut Processing & Spinning Demonstration • Visitors Center
 4:30pm-5:30pm • Robert Service Reading • Mini Convention Center
 6pm • Spirit of the Wind Screening • Nome Elementary School

7pm • Make Your Own Bikini Contest • Polar Bar
 7:30pm • **Open Mic Night** • Bering Sea Bar
 7pm • Texas Hold'em Poker • ANB Club
 10pm • Hawaiian Night • Breakers Bar
 Time TBA • Challenge Life Iditarod Basketball Clinic • Nome Eskimo Community

Friday, March 20

10am-5:30pm • Bearing Song's Make & Take a Craft • 310 Bering St.
 10am-7pm • **Arts & Crafts Fair** • Old St. Joe's
 10am-7pm • **Fine Arts Show** • Old St. Joe's
 10am-11:30pm • **LOIBC Tournament** • Nome Recreation Center
 10:30am • NPS Movie • NPS Office, Sitnasuak Building
 1pm • Meet & Green w/Martin Buser • Kegoayah Kozga Library
 1pm • NPS Mushing Isn't Simply Standing on a Sled Talk • NPS Office, Sitnasuak Building
 2pm • Meet & Greet w/ Howard Farley • Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
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 GOING TO THE DOG RACE— Mary Huntington checks on Aaron Burmeister's dogs at the Koyuk checkpoint on Monday, March 16, 2015.



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3:30pm • **Nome Kennel Club's Annual Businessman's Race** • Bypass Rd. near NSHC
5pm-7pm • Fine Art's Show Reception • Old St. Joe's
7pm • Chili Cook-Off & Games • VFW
10pm • Bering Straits Jackets • Bering Sea Bar
10pm • Husky Hoe Down • Breakers Bar
10pm • Live Music w/the Usual Suspects • Polar Bar
Time TBA • Challenge Life Iditarod Basketball Clinic • Nome Eskimo Community

Saturday, March 21
8am-11am • Girl Scouts Pancake Breakfast • XYZ Center
10am-5:30pm • Bearing Song's Make & Take a Craft • 310 Bering St.
10am-7pm • **LOIBC Tournament** • Nome Rec. Center
10:30am • **Bering Sea Ice Golf Classic** • Sea ice behind Breakers Bar
10:30am • NPS Movie • NPS Office, Sitnasuak Building
12pm • Friends of the NRA – Nome Drawing • Carquest
2pm • Musher Signing • Mini Convention Center Dog Lot
7pm-10pm • Beer Tasting • ANB Club
9pm • Acoustic Oosik • Bering Sea Bar
10pm • I-did-a-Bear-Run • Bering Sea Bar
10pm • Live Music w/the Usual Suspects • Polar Bar

Sunday, March 22
4pm • **Iditarod Awards Banquet** • Nome Recreation Center

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START— Racers are lined up at the start of the 2015 Nome-Golovin 200 snowmachine race.

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Rookie Andrew Harrelson wins Nome-Golovin 200

By Sarah Miller

Crowds gathered on the sea ice Saturday afternoon under a cloudless blue sky to witness the 47th running of the Nome Golovin 200.

Undeterred by the subzero temperatures, riders took off for a fast and bumpy ride toward Cape Nome and points east. The race featured competitors in three classes this year.

Andrew Harrelson, a 25-year old rookie competing in the Open Class finished first back in Nome and had the race’s fastest time, at 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Harrelson rode a new 2015 Ski Doo Renegade SRS 800. “It’s my first race ever,” smiled Harrelson at the finish line. “The trail was rough, the whole way. It was hard not to get antsy and pass people, but I just tried to stay in front. I was following Mike Morgan, he was really cooking for a while but seemed to slow down after Cape Nome. Bob Sacchues was in the lead after White Mountain, and I passed him after Golovin, and after that, I didn’t see nobody. I kept looking back and I didn’t see anyone.”

The trail contained some surprises, said Harrelson. “Earlier in the week the trail seemed like it was smoother on the way back to Nome, so I planned to take it easy going in to White Mountain and go faster coming back, but the trail got all rutted out. So my strategy then was to just stay in front and take it sort of easy, letting off my throttle when I needed to.”

At speeds topping 115 to 120 miles per hour on the road sections of the trail, Harrelson has a broad definition of “taking it easy”. He arrived a good three minutes before second-place finisher Mike Morgan. “It was definitely a fun race today,” said Morgan, who completed his run at 2 hours 18 minutes. “This young kid over here, he was really moving,” Morgan commented, indicating Har-

relson. “When he passed me I thought, wow, that kid’s on a mission. He wants it more than I do. I kind of like my life and my bones in one piece, so I just let him go ahead. I wanted to play it safe and have fun, and make it back in one piece. That was my number one goal. I wanted it, but not as much as that guy. Good job, props to him.”

This was Morgan’s eighth run in the Nome-Golovin 200, and he boasts three previous wins. He rode a Polaris Indy 800 this year. Morgan described some of the challenges faced by the racers. Even with clear skies, good visibility and fresh snow, riders encountered wind, dust and holes in the ice. “I saw guys hit holes at 100 plus miles an hour today,” said Morgan. “I hit one myself and went about ninety degrees in the air, but somehow I came out of it and rode it out. I don’t know how. The helicopter was right behind me, so I hope the guys got it on camera.”

Some racers weren’t as fortunate. Of the 47 racers, 18 scratched due to crashes or mechanical problems with the sleds. “Most of the scratches were crashes, but some machines had broken undercarriages or engines overheating, mechanical difficulties,” said Kevin Bahnke, race chairman. Those racers who crashed are recovering from minor injuries and concussions, but doing well, said Bahnke.

In the Open Class, Jarvis Miller and Sean Octuck, Jr. took third and fourth places within just over a minute of one another, clocking times of 2 hours 21 minutes and 2 hours 22 minutes respectively.

Four riders in the 0-600 CC class pulled off finish times separated only by tenths of seconds. First place went to Steven Williamson, finishing at 2:25:34, followed by Amos Cruise at 2:25:39, Erik Johnson at 2:25:42, and Donny Johnson, at 2:25:43.

Five riders in the Class C, Fan-

Cooled group completed the race after an exciting group start launched with firecrackers. Quinn Schaeffer won the group title with a finish time of 2 hours 46 minutes. Winter Jones arrived at 2 hours 48 minutes, followed by Jason West at 2 hours 50 minutes, Alex Morgan at 2 hours 55 seconds, and Dylan Pomerence at 3 hours 32 minutes.

The race record stands at 1 hour 57 minutes, a title held by Calvin Schaeffer of Kotzebue.

There were not enough entrants to run a women’s-only class, but Dora

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START ON THE SEA ICE— Competitors in the Nome-Golovin snowmachine race line up on the sea ice in front of Nome on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

Photo by Sarah Miller



READY?— Kevin Bahnke checks the watch while Erik Johnson is ready to go.

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RACERS— Drivers are lined up for the start of the Nome-Golovin 200.

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DRIVER MEETING— Nome-Golovin racers gather for the drivers meeting before the start of the race.



Photo by Sarah Miller

WINNER— Andrew Harrelson crosses the finish line in Nome for first.



Photo by Sarah Miller

FIRST PLACE— Andrew Harrelson talks to the press after taking first place in the Nome-Golovin snowmachine race on Saturday, March 14.

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Hughes and Elizabeth Sours started in the B-Class. Hughes finished in 2 hours, 52 minutes; Sours scratched.

The trail was an exciting mix of terrain, including rough ice, hard packed ice, wind-driven snowdrifts, deep holes, hills and valleys.

"Conditions in the Golovin lagoon change every year. There can be jumble ice, snow, a lot of dust which affects your visibility," described Kevin Knowlton, Bering Sea Lions Club President and Race Marshal.

"I've seen a lot of different things happen in this race," said Kevin Bahnke, who has served as Chairman for the last ten years. "The weather, people finishing the race with no seats on their machines. Then there were the guys who were notorious for running out of gas right before the finish line. That was a stroke of bad luck," he recalled.

"The big thing about this race is how the machines have changed over the years," said Knowlton. "They all used to need refueling before White Mountain, most of them had a range of less than 70 miles. Now machines can achieve speeds of over 120 miles per hour and can go over one hundred miles without needing to refuel."

The Nome-Golovin snowmachine race is the only 200-mile race in the region, besides the Archie Ferguson race in Kotzebue and one of the few opportunities for local racers to compete.

The Nome Golovin 200's entry fee is only \$350, which makes it accessible to hopeful competitors. "The entry fee is the lowest in the state for snowmachine races," explained Knowlton. "We've kept it like that to draw young racers in to the sport." Fuel is donated and provided for racers by Sitnasuak Native

Corporation, Bonanza, and Crowley.

The Bering Sea Lions Club fundraises year-round to provide the prize money, and the entry fee for each class goes toward that class's prize as well. This year, the Lions raised \$20,000, to be split at 50, 30, and 20 percent for first, second and third places in each class.

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RACING— A Nome-Golovin racer makes good time on his way to the finish line.

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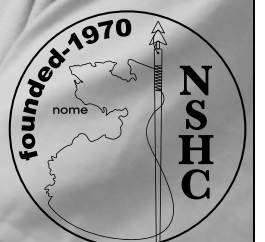


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Environmental Conference focuses on need for watershed monitoring

By Sarah Miller
Representatives from 18 villages in the Norton Sound region gathered at last week's Regional Environmental Conference, held at the Mini-Convention Center in Nome to hear about the future of coordinating efforts to protect the environmental health of the region and its people.

Norton Sound Health Corporation's Office of Environmental Programs and Kawerak Inc., which are both recipients of federal funding through IGAP (Indian Environmental General Assistance Program), put on the conference in order to bring a sense of unity to those involved in programs focused on monitoring and protecting the local environment.

One of the most important topics of the conference was the newly developed Bering Strait/Norton Sound Watershed Alliance, an inclusive, regional cohort designed to bring together efforts to protect the health of the regions watersheds, which in turn impacts other environmental protection efforts and programs, as well as the future of subsistence in Norton Sound.

IGAP provides grants to tribal associations to assist with developing environmental protection programs for Native areas. NSHC's Office of Environmental Health currently focuses on water quality, while Kawerak's focus is on solid waste management.

The Alliance will bring these efforts together more closely, and according to Anahma Shannon of Kawerak, "all current efforts of IGAP might be housed under this new alliance in the future."

Watersheds are shared among the region's communities, and the concerns about what impacts their health is mutual. Along with naturally occurring contaminants such as arsenic and uranium, watersheds are also being impacted by pollutants caused by poor mining practices and waste from abandoned military operations. The disposal of hazardous materials in landfills and trash burning contributes to the pollution of local tributaries as well. "These affect our subsistence resources to the point where people just can't do subsistence in some of the traditional places," said Shannon. "They are also the cause of health problems in many of our villages, where there are elevated cancer levels."

Shannon explained that the Alliance will help collecting data about the conditions of local rivers, streams and lakes. This information is critical to monitoring other areas of the environment, including air quality, climate change, and wildlife health. This data can be used to inform programs and councils about the effectiveness of their environmental stewardship efforts and will enable them to advocate for the subsistence needs of the residents.

The conference featured presenters from all around Alaska, including keynote speaker Eric Morris of White Mountain, who sounded the

call for collection of baseline environmental conditions data for the Bering Strait and Norton Sound areas. "The residents of this region are keen observers of what is going on out there," said Morris in his keynote address. However, Morris highlighted the need for formal research and data collection. "Except for perhaps the weather, data describing the baseline environmental condition of the land and water on which we depend barely exists. The best we got is traditional knowledge. And while I say very strongly that traditional knowledge is an essential partner with science, traditional knowledge is no substitute for science. If we want to effectively communicate with others to protect local subsistence resources, if we want to maximize the power of our voice, then we have to have numbers to back up our words."

The numbers to which Morris refers include ongoing records of the watershed quality in the region. Knowing the temperature of the streams and rivers, and their pH levels, turbidity, and volume matters not just for the present, but also for the future. When these numbers can be monitored and tracked over time, changes and trends that are impacted by other decisions, such as the impact of resource use and land development, become more apparent. This allows policy makers to make more informed decisions for the economic and environmental health of the region and its people. Unfortunately, explained Morris, those numbers don't exist yet. "At present, we can't say for sure how cold the water used to be, how much water used to flow in that king salmon creek, or how the pH has changed over time," he said.

Morris emphasized that the work of monitoring conditions and collecting data can and should be done by those most impacted by the results- the locals. "The people who live in a place have the primary responsibility to take care of that place," said Morris.

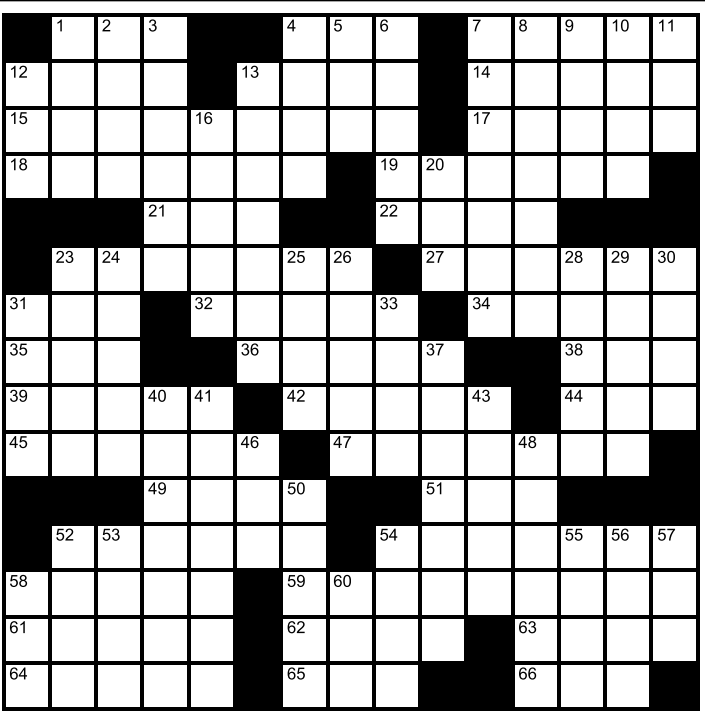
Furthermore, the capacity for learning the skill set for this task exists locally, with groups including the Western Alaska Landscape Conservation Cooperative, which recently completed and released its own study that included minimum standards for stream temperatures and data collection protocols.

Other resources for learning to collect environmental conditions data include the University of Alaska system, with courses designed to train students in water and environmental data collection available at Nome's own Northwest Campus. The funding is there for these efforts, said Morris, through IGAP and entities including NSEDC, which share a common interest in clean water, land and economic development. He pointed out that federal money through IGAP has been available to tribal councils for twenty years, but has not been utilized. "I give responsibility to the tribal councils, but of course it is really we, the people. If there is no action, we can always vote in a new council," he said. Morris also explained the importance of ensuring the data is collected with professional, scientific methods, calling the conference attendees to reach for the goal of "bona fide, world-class science performed by local technicians."

The immediate impact of developing a baseline environmental dataset on the region's watersheds will be its impact on decisions for

land and resource use, in particular subsistence. As Morris explained in his speech, "The fundamental moti-

vation for building an environmental dataset is to bolster the subsistence portion of the local economy."

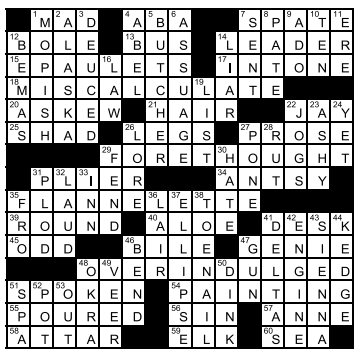


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27. View from Jidda (2 wds)
31. Certain digital watch face, for short
32. Belt
34. Long
35. Aged
36. "Super!"
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47. Partly submerged ridge of loose material in a river
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62. Bolted
63. 1/500 of the Indianapolis 500
64. Square
65. "Comprende?"
66. A pint, maybe

- Down**
1. Hit the bottle
2. Become unhinged
3. Wooden spinning child's toy (2 wds)
4. "Unimaginable as ____ in Heav'n": Milton
5. Appear
6. Bake, as eggs
7. Nonsense
8. Rise or fall of sea level in the same direction as the wind (2 wds)
9. Face-to-face exam
10. Kind of service for syndicated news
11. Appetite
12. Balaam's mount
13. Placing a wager
16. Handles, esp. on knives
20. Propel, in a way
23. Scarlett O'Hara, e.g.
24. Calculator, at times
25. Breed
26. Ashes, e.g.
28. Mideast native
29. Overthrow, e.g.
30. Soon, to a bard
31. Balcony section
33. Spanish appetizer
37. Kind of strength
40. Armed plane attack (2 wds)
41. State when juvenile characteristics are retained by the adults of a species

Previous Puzzle Answers



43. Decree
46. ____ v. Wade
48. Hindu god
50. Apartments
52. Pigeon's home
53. Affirm
54. 100%
55. Dirty
56. Exclusive
57. "____ to Billie Joe"
58. Masefield play "The Tragedy of ____"
60. ____-eyed

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HOROSCOPES

March 2015 — Week 3

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Lady Luck is smiling on you this week, Capricorn. Enjoy all the good things that come your way. A gift of gratitude gets the weekend off to a rocking start.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

All aboard, Aries. The train to success is about to depart. A switch in personnel will make an activity run more smoothly. A new recipe flops.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Ouch, Cancer. A loved one cuts to the chase, and it is not easy to hear. Try to absorb the information and learn from it rather than just dismissing it.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Say what you will, Libra, but that special someone has got the knack. Encourage them to put their talents to good use. A foe-turned-friend makes an announcement.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Looking for your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow? Look no more, Aquarius. A windfall is headed your way. A change in venue revs up the party plans.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

No more stressing, Taurus. You did your best, and now it is up to someone else to decide. A debt is repaid with interest. Spend it wisely.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Push on, Leo. Don't let what others have to say impede your progress. They don't know what it's like to be where you are. They are merely onlookers.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Sweet Scorpio. You reach out repeatedly and get bit every time. Some people are just not interested. Turn your attention to someone who is.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Yearn no more, Pisces. That which you seek will soon be yours. Painstaking efforts to finish a home improvement project bring about dazzling results.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Baloney, Gemini. You have heard a lot, but not all of it is true. Take the time to differentiate between fact and fiction before you act.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Pity, Virgo. You gave it your all up until the very end, and look where it got you: nowhere! Strategy means everything. Time to get back to the drawing board.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Wow, Sagittarius. A shopping trip turns up some really nice finds. Spread the wealth and make someone's day. Whispers begin at the office.

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- Dog Jackets
- Dog Beds
- Straw

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Sun: closed

Obituaries

Helen Mary Kiksiuq Pootoogooluk
Helen Mary Kiksiuq Pootoogooluk was born on October 17, 1956 to Alvin and Anna Pootoogooluk in Nome, Alaska. She went to be with the Lord on February 11, 2015 in Nome, Alaska.

“Sista” graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka, Alaska. She attended college to the University of Alaska Fairbanks where she earned her Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in Rural Development. Education was very important to her.

Throughout her lifetime, she worked in numerous places. Most recently she worked part-time as an Office Assistant at Kawerak, Inc. She was employed at various entities including: Transcriber/Research Assistant at Kawerak, Executive Director for Shishmaref Native Corporation, Tribal Initiatives Officer for Norton Sound Health Corporation, Chief Operating Officer (COO) for NSHC, Acting President/CEO for NSHC, Planner Analyst for NSHC, Fellow Intern, Community Health Survey Coordinator for NSHC, Assistant Vice President for Community Health Services, Inuit Circumpolar Conference Coordinator, Elders Conference Coordinator for Kawerak, Grant writer for Shishmaref IRA Council, Rural Coordinator with the Clinton-Gore Campaign, Rural Coordinator with Alaskans for Hensley Cam-

paign, Cultural Coordinator for Shishmaref Native Corporation, Legislative Aide for Eileen P. MacLean, Rural Coordinator for Hensley for Lt. Governor, Legislative Aide for Senator William L. Hensley.

She also had notable accomplishments which included: Conference Officer for SPLM, Member of Alaska Federation of Natives Resolution Committee, Community Safety Award from the American Red Cross, Shareholder of the Year for Shishmaref Native Corporation, Executive Leadership Development Training, AFN Public Service Award, and Henry J. Kaiser Native American Health Policy.

Sista was a strong leader and a positive role model. She was very caring and always willing to help whenever and wherever she can, including in any of the surrounding communities.

She made weekly visits to the Youth Facility to provide support. She provided food for the homeless and got family involved in giving food. Most of all, family was very important to her. Sista cared very much for all her nieces and nephews. She would always speak of Abigail every time she was around family and friends. She provided so much for her immediate family and made sure

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All Around The Sound

New arrivals

Vanessa Johnson and Rayne Aukangak of Nome are proud to announce the birth of their daughter **Is-**



Isabella Kataleya Key Johnson

abella Kataleya Key Johnson. Isabella made her debut on February 11 in Nome weighing 9 lbs. 8 oz., 20 inches in length. Her brother, Skylar Martin Johnson, welcomed her home in time for his fourth birthday party. Her family from Nome, Wales and Golovin are blessed to have her join their family.

Janelle Cothorn and Harvey Miller Jr. of Nome are proud to announce the birth of their daughter **Leyla Lehora Miller.** She was born on March 5 at 7:40 p.m., weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz., 19 inches in length. Her big sister is Brielle Ningeulook.

Alexandria M. Okpealuk and Dave F. Ongtowsruk of Wales, announce the birth of their daughter

Alice Everly Okpealuk (after great grandma Alice), she was born on March 2, 2015 at 2:40 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20 1/2” length. Siblings: Caleb Emmanuel Roy, 11; Creedence Taylor April, 9; Dave Frederic, Jr. (6) and Cameron Clyde, 2. Maternal grandparents Michael and Marie Lawlor, of Soldotna; and paternal grandmother Michele Ongtowsruk of Wales.

Felicia J. Larsen and Andrew L. Johnson, of Nome, announce the birth of their daughter **Lizzie Lorraine Larsen**, born January 29, 2015 at 2:44 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 21 ¼” in length.

Saying It Sincerely

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

My wife and I moved to Nome last September. We are excited because, after many years of devotedly following the Iditarod, we are going to get to see the mushers as they come in. We are eagerly looking forward to cheering them on as they finish.

It takes a special kind of passion to run this “Last Great Race.” Months of planning, together with endless hours of training and preparation happen before any of the racers even begins the grueling journey to Nome. Whether you hope to finish first, or just want to finish, it takes a lot of work to get ready to travel nearly a thousand miles across the wilderness; just you and your dogs.

Still, no matter how much you prepare, things will happen for which

you did not plan. The Bible calls these trials, and says that they will come into all of our lives.

Trials come into our lives for a variety of reasons. Sometimes we experience trials because we live in a fallen world. Sometimes they are the result of our own actions. And, sometimes, like Job, we have trials to deepen our faith. God often uses trials to get our attention.

No matter the reason God is there, and he uses them for our good. Jesus’ brother James tells us that when we face trials of various sorts we should consider it joy (James 1:2-4); not that the trial itself should bring us joy but, that our trials give us a chance to grow closer to God, and being closer to God will always bring us joy. He also tells us that trials are inevitable, they are going to come.

I don’t know where you are in your life right now. I know that you are either in the middle of a trial, just coming out of one, or about to enter into one. I know this because that’s

the way life works; especially if you are racing a thousand miles through some of the roughest, and most beautiful, country in the world in sub-zero temperatures.

I also know that, just as God used the seeming defeat of Jesus’ death on the cross to bring salvation to the world, He will not let your pain and suffering go to waste, even if it was your own actions that brought them on. (Romans 8:28) Open your eyes and have faith. God is with you no matter how vast your wilderness seems.

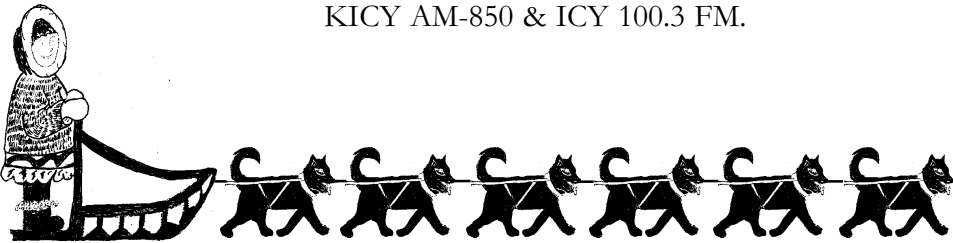
I want to leave you with the words of an old Gaelic Prayer:

“As the rain hides the stars, as the autumn mist hides the hills, as the clouds veil the blue of the sky, so the dark happenings of my lot hide the shining of your face from me. Yet, if I may hold your hand in the darkness, it is enough. Since I know that, though I may stumble in my going, you do not fall.”

Team-By-Team Coverage.

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443-2144

Sunday School: 10 a.m./Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Community United Methodist Church
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865
Pastor Charles Brower
Sunday: Worship 11:00 am
Monday: Thrift Shop 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

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

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

River of Life Assembly of God
405 W. Seppala • 443-5333
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Last Sunday of each month Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Worship: 7:00 p.m.
For more information contact Pastor Austin Jones

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

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

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Icy View • 443-5137
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Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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Pastor Dan Ward
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DEPARTMENT: Community Planning & Development (CPD)
JOB TITLE: Community Development Specialist
POSITION STATUS: Regular Full-Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 12-13-14 (\$25.57 to \$33.36) DOE
REPORTS TO: CPD Program Director

The **Community Development Coordinator** is responsible for the facilitation and coordination of regional initiatives, projects, trainings, and, when appropriate, the development of multi-village grant proposals. The position is also responsible for assisting other CPD staff in the implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) through project coordination and grant activities.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provide project development and coordination assistance to the Community Planning and Development Department.
2. Assist in providing technical assistance and training to village IRA and Traditional Councils and staff to aid them in planning, developing and submitting of grant applications for needed village programs, services and facilities, and as needed managing awarded grants.
3. Assists village planners, environmental coordinators, and other Tribal staff in researching sustainability strategies.

4. Work with tribal entities and other community organizations to coordinate staff training and technical assistance in understanding, program development, advocacy, program management, and grant conditions.
5. Assist in coordinating annual grant writer training with appropriate organizations and agencies.
6. Assist CPD Program Director in the management of CPD initiatives and activities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must have two years experience working in development and community services in rural Alaska;
2. Prefer experience in community development and coordination in regional programs;
3. Educational background in rural development (or related field);
4. Demonstrated experience in providing technical assistance or training programs;
5. Working knowledge in the art of negotiation, in particular, between multiple agencies;
6. Experience in ToPS facilitation methods a plus;

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638 (Approved 3/6/15)

Interested individuals may contact **Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231**. For a full copy of the job description please see our website or contact HR. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org

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Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for three (3) positions located in Nome, AK:

Subsistence Specialist: non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$23.79/hour - \$26.78/hour (DOE). The application deadline for the recruitment period is Friday, March 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Youth Services Director: non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$26.78/hour - \$30.14/hour (DOE). The application deadline for the recruitment period is Friday, March 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Housing Director: non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$26.78/hour - \$30.14/hour (DOE). The application deadline for the recruitment period is Friday, March 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

To ensure the safety of children who receive services, Nome Eskimo Community will complete a Criminal History Background Check on all applicants considered for the Youth Services Director position.

To be considered for employment, the report must be free of crimes involving sexual assault or sexual abuse of a minor, unlawful exploitation of a minor, indecent exposure, crimes of violence against persons, and must show that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony within the past ten years.

Native preference per Public Law 93-638

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

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

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Real Estate

Property for sale East End and mid town. 307 Second Avenue and 502 East 3rd. Contact Patrick Krier 1-907-304-5012 or 1-907-443-2661.

3.12-19

Legals

Invitation for Proposals

The **Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA)** is soliciting written proposals from qualified Prime Contractors to provide Design-Build Services for the development and construction of up to 5 single family detached homes in Brevig Mission, AK.

BSRHA envisions that the selected Prime Contractor's Project Team will work with the owner and designated agencies to develop and complete the project designs documents and construction details, the scopes of work, the project budgets, project financing and other unknown matters. BSRHA intends to partially finance the project by utilizing the HUD "Title VI Indian Housing Services Loan Guarantee Program".

The Project Team offered by a respondent shall include, at least, the services of a highly experienced: Civil/Structural Engineer, Mechanical Administrator, Electrical Administrator, Architectural Designer and an Energy Efficiency Expert.

This is a qualifications based solicitation having a maximum 100 points possible in several categories of which Price and Native Preferences are a part. The work to be performed under a contract resulting from this RFP is subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e (b)) including applying preference to Native Alaska/American Indian, small, minority and women-owned individuals and firms. Proposals from non-Indian owned individuals or firms are invited and encouraged.

BSRHA's team will evaluate all proposals against established criteria and will enter into negotiation with the responsive Project Team Proposal having the highest score.

A pre-proposal meeting has been scheduled for 3:00 pm ADST on March 25, 2015 at the office of BSRHA.

The BSRHA will receive sealed proposals, in triplicate (one with original signatures), until 4:30 pm, April 3, 2015. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. Proposals received by the deadline will be noted as received and Will Not be opened publicly.

Proposals are to be delivered to the **Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority, PO Box 995, Nome, AK., 99762** or may be hand delivered to the offices of **BSRHA at 415 E. 3rd Ave., Nome**. Proposals shall be sealed in a large envelope (separate from the mailing envelope), labeled "2015 Title VI Housing Project for Brevig Mission" and bear the proposer's name and address. BSRHA reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals or to waive any informality in the RFP process.

Copies of the Request for Proposals are available at:

The Plans Room LLC
 4831 Old Seward Hwy, Suite 202, Anchorage, AK. 99503
Phone: (907) 563-2029, **Fax:** (907) 562-0956
Email: mail@theplansroom.com
Website: www.theplansroom.com

Electronic PDF proposals can be found on the BSRHA website: www.bsrha.org.

Limited hardbound copies of the Request for Proposals may be obtained from BSRHA and are reserved for distribution within the Bering Straits Region.

Technical questions pertaining to this project should be addressed to:
 Shane Morris, Construction Manager BSRHA
 P O Box 995, Nome, AK. 99762
 Phone: (907) 644-6633, fax (907) 644-6686
 Email: smorris@bsrha.org

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PROPOSED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC CONSOLIDATED FIVE-YEAR PLAN
 SFY2016-2020

AND
State Fiscal Year 2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public is invited to participate in the development of State of Alaska's SFY2016 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan (HCD), and the SFY2016-2020 five-year Strategic Plan.

The Annual Action Plan is required to receive federal funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Emergency Shelter/Solutions Grant (ESG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

The Annual Action Plan and the five-year Strategic Plan are prerequisites to receive federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). The geographic areas covered by the Strategic Plan are all areas of the State outside of Anchorage. The five-year strategy (SFY2016-2020) will be adopted in 2016. The five-year strategy provides general principles and priorities and is implemented by a series of one-year action plans.

The **SFY2016 Annual Action Plan** is the first annual implementation of the proposed 5-Year HCD Plan. The draft specifically details how CDBG, ESG and HOME annual funding allocations will be used to carry out the strategy of the HCD Plan. It includes information on state programs that enhance these HUD programs.

The SFY2015 Annual Action Plan and the five-year Strategic Plan (draft) will be available for public comment from March 13, 2015 through close of business (5:00 p.m. Alaska time) on April 13, 2015.

Submit comments in writing to Oscar Cedano at AHFC; PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK, 99510-1020; by FAX at 1-907-338-2585; or by e-mail to ocedano@ahfc.us.

View the Plan at www.ahfc.us by selecting "For Pros," "Reference," "Plans" then clicking on the link to the Plan by name. This document can also be reached by following this link: <http://www.ahfc.us/pros/references/plans/>. Hardcopies may be downloaded or requested by contacting Toni Butler at 330-8280; outside of Anchorage at 1-800-478-2432.

AHFC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or special modifications to participate in the public comment process should call Toni Butler at 330-8280.

3.19

BREVIG MISSION NATIVE CORPORATION

BREVIG MISSION NATIVE CORPORATION has begun its reconveyance program under section 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The reconveyances will be for the land around BREVIG MISSION, Alaska, which was occupied by individuals, who were 18 years of age or older, or organizations on December 18, 1971, as either a (1) Primary Place of Residence, (2) Primary Place of Business, (3) Subsistence Campsite, (4) Headquarters for Reindeer Husbandry, or (5) site of a Non-Profit Organization.

Application forms and further information are available from Brevig Mission Native Corporation P.O. Box 84024, BREVIG MISSION, AK 99785, (907) 642-3382 or email ktsbmnc@gmail.com.

Applications will be accepted until October 1, 2015.

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

Available position:

EVs/Maintenance workers

Norton Sound Health corporation is seeking people with experience in housekeeping and light maintenance in the following villages:

- Brevig Mission
- Elim
- Gambell
- Golovin
- Koyuk
- Savoonga
- Shaktoolik
- Shishmaref
- Stebbins
- Teller
- Wales

Please fax your application to 907-443-2085.
 Or email to jnorris@nshcorp.org.

Please contact Jeanette Norris at 907-443-4530 or email her at jnorris@nshcorp.org to receive an application.

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

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

Available position:

Certified Nursing Assistant, Quyanna Care Center

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

Assist professional nursing staff by performing simple treatments and related bedside patient care as well as transporting patients and performing some clerical duties.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE and CREDENTIALS:

Education	Degree
	High School Diploma or equivalent
	Certified Nursing Assistant Training
Experience	General (Non-supervisory):
	0 year(s)
	Supervisory:
	0 year(s)
	Type:
	Must have both general and supervisory experience if indicated.
Credentials	Licensure, Certification, Etc.
	Alaska State Certification as Nursing Assistant

Starting pay \$19.91 + DOE

For an application, detailed job description or more information, please contact us: recruiter@nshcorp.org

(907) 443-4573
 (907) 443-2085 fax
www.nortonsoundhealth.org

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2.26

Start your career in the fishing industry! Get trained in April for potential work this spring Training dates: April 20-29, 2015, AVTEC, Seward, AK



Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSDC) is sponsoring entry-level seafood processing training for Norton Sound residents. NSDC will pay tuition, employment documentation costs, transportation, food, and lodging expenses for selected applicants.

Details and application available at www.nsedc.com.
 Application Deadline: April 9, 2015. Questions? Call (800)385-3190

Classifieds

WANTED—Muskox horn, moose/caribou antler, old ivory, Eskimo artifacts. **Call Roger 304-1048.**

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Trooper Beat

On March 8, at approximately 10:10 a.m., Alaska State Troopers in Nome received a report that a snow-machine was located abandoned on a trail near White Mountain. The temperature with the wind chill was approximately -28 degrees. The machine was identified as belonging to Randall Castiel. AST contacted family members of Castiel and they verified that he was overdue. Searchers left from White Mountain and located Castiel walking on the trail. He was brought back to White Mountain and reportedly in good condition.

On March 9, at approximately 1:30 a.m., Douglas Henry, 37, of Gambell was arrested after investigation by the VPSO determined that he recklessly place family members in a hazardous condition and he assaulted two family members while at his residence in Gambell.

On March 9, Nome Alaska Wildlife Troopers summonsed Scott F. Kleinsmith, 47, of Lowden, IA, for Fail to Obtain Drawing Permit - Brown Bear. (DB885 2014.) Arraignment in Nome District Court March 26, 2015.

• Obituaries

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they had everything they needed. She also made beautiful kuspiks and parkies for those near and dear to her heart.

Sista had strong faith that sustained her throughout her life. She learned many things from the Elders and the church leaders. She was very adamant about how conferences should be and it was very important to her to keep them traditional.

Sista was well known for making homemade jam and bread. She always brought baked goods to community gatherings and gave to many friends and family to show her appreciation.

She volunteered and donated to many communities. She formed the Safety Patrol in Nome, which is held during Iditarod and Dividend Days.

Helen is survived by her father Alvin Pootoogooluk Sr., brothers Gilbert,

Robert and Alvin Jr.; sisters Ellen, Diane (Brian, JoAnne, Donnie, Wesley), Gloria (Warren, Jordan, George, Esau) and Jennifer (Sam, Janelle, Aria, Herman); nephews Gilbert, Darin, Donnie, Wesley, Jordan, George, Esau; nieces Penny, JoAnne, Janelle, Jolene, great nephews Darin, Riley, Bradley, Evan, Justin, Zachari, Mason; great nieces Haley, Melody, Tory, Daralin, Taiden, Addison, Vivien, Anna, Aria, Lexie, and Abigail Cadence.

Helen was preceded in death by her mother Anna Pootoogooluk, sister JoAnne Pootoogooluk, grandparents Alfred and Irene Olanna, Ruth and Tom Pootoogooluk, uncles Melvin and Jacob Olanna, aunts Martha Kiyutelluk and Rebecca Olanna; and nephews Darin Olanna and Devan Pootoogooluk.



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom
BEST PALS— Aaron Burmeister gets a kiss from one of his dogs in Koyuk.

Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 03/09/2015 through 03/15/2015

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 128 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 52 (40 percent) involved alcohol. There were 12 arrests made with 12 (100 percent) alcohol related. NPD responded to 17 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. 1 was remanded to AMCC as a protective hold; and 1 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment. There were 9 ambulance calls and 0 fire calls during this period.

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

09:38 a.m., the Nome Police Department received a request of assistance at the Nome Elementary School involving an altercation between two students. Officers arrived on scene and assisted the principal with his request, no further action taken.

10:37 a.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of a missing wallet from an employee at the hospital. The location of the loss is unknown. The wallet is described as leather and containing identification. If you found or heard of anyone finding a wallet, please contact us at 443-5262. If you find any missing items you may at any time drop them at Nome Police Department, 102 Greg Kruschek Ave or call 443-5262 for an officer to respond to your location.

10:49 a.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of a disturbance on the west side of town involving a mother and child. Officers arrived on scene and everything was safe and secure, no further action taken.

At 11:26 a.m., NPD received a request to locate a juvenile who had left the care and custody of their parent. After checking several locations, the child was located.

1:18 p.m., the Nome Police Department received multiple complaints about a dog out in the cold weather near Bonanza Express. A black husky was located and impounded to the animal shelter. The dog was later returned to the owner.

1:25 p.m., the Nome Police Department responded to a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Bering and 3rd Avenue between a cab and a personally owned vehicle. There were no injuries; however damage to one of the vehicles is estimated at \$15,000. One of the drivers, Paul Haskell, was issued three citations including Driver to Exercise Due Care to Avoid a Collision.

1:57 p.m., the Nome Police Department responded to a report of an intoxicated female on the west end of town at a licensed establishment. Officers arrested Peggy Outwater for being Drunk on Licensed Premises and she was remanded to AMCC. Bail was set at \$500.

3:30 p.m., the Nome Police Department responded to a report of an intoxicated male passed out in a business on the west end of town. Officers made contact with the male, identified as Al Wayne Koonooka, who left upon request. No further action taken.

4:00 p.m., the Nome Police Department responded to a report of two intoxicated individuals causing a disturbance and interfering with a business on the east end of town. Officers arrived on scene and the individuals had left, no further action taken.

5:31 p.m., the Nome Police Department responded to a request of a welfare check on an individual on the west end of town. Officers made contact with the individual and all is safe and secure, no further action taken.

7:14 p.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance on the east end of town between a parent and a child. Officers responded and provided information regarding resources that may be available to assist. The situation was resolved with no further action taken.

9:35 p.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance on the west end of town when a female called and indicated that she was not being allowed to leave her apartment. Officers responded and determined that no crime was committed. The parties involved were separated and the situation was resolved.

9:37 p.m., NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated male at an apartment complex on the

west side of town. Upon arrival, Officers identified the male as Dennis Soolook, who was transported to a friend's residence and left in their sober care. No further action necessary.

10:46 p.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance on the east end of town where an intoxicated person was yelling and being disorderly. The individual was contacted and identified as Delbert Okbaok. He was given a Disorderly Conduct warning. Okbaok agreed to go to sleep for the evening. No further assistance from NPD was needed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

3:36 a.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated person who was found sleeping outside in the -20 degree weather. NPD and NVAD responded. The subject declined transport to NSRH and was left in the care of his mother.

7:22 a.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of an individual trespassing whom was sleeping in the entry way of an establishment on the west end of town. Officers arrived on scene, identified the male as Eathen Ellanna and removed him from the business. Ellanna was then transported back to his residence, no further action taken.

3:50 p.m., the Nome Police Department received a loose black lab running around Nome that attempted to 'attack' a person walking near Steadman and 3rd Avenue. Officers searched the area and could were unable to locate the animal, no further action taken.

4:14 p.m., the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop the west side of town near the post office. Officers made contact with the driver, who was given a warning for double parking and released on scene.

6:36 p.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of an intoxicated male walking in the middle of a street in the center of town. Officers arrived on scene and did not locate any individual matching the reporting party's description, leaving it unfounded, no further action taken.

6:49 p.m., NPD received a report of a male violating a protective order on the east end of town. Investigation led to the arrest of 47-year old Raleigh Ahkvaluk for Violating a Long Term DV Protective Order. He was taken to AMCC, no bail amount was set. From information gathered, Ahk-

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the annual meeting of shareholders of Koyuk Native Corporation, will be held **April 25, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the Koyuk Community Hall, for the following purposes:

1. Election of four(4) Board of Directors

And the transactions of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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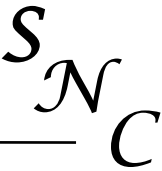
Notice to All Guides, Transporters, Hunters and Other Persons

Shishmaref Native Corporation hereby provides notice to all guides, transporters, hunters, and other persons that Shishmaref Native Corporation lands are private lands and are closed to guiding, transporting and hunting unless a valid written Permit is obtained in advance from the Corporation and appropriate fees paid to the Corporation. Any guiding, transporting and hunting on Corporation lands is also subject to the requirements of the Corporation's Land & Natural Resources Management Policy, and all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations, including, without limitation, the requirements of Alaska Statute 08.54, which governs licensed guides and transporters. Included below is a map that generally depicts the Corporation's land boundaries. Any person wishing to enter the Corporation's lands for the above purposes is required to ascertain for themselves the actual boundaries and whether they are entering on Corporation lands. Copies of the Corporation's Land & Natural Resources Management Policy, Permit forms, appropriate fee schedules, and other applicable information are available from the Corporation's office located at Shishmaref Native Corporation Office, P.O. Box 72151, Shishmaref, Alaska 99772. Information can also be obtained by calling the Corporation's office at (907) 649-3751/2030. Individuals are required on their own to be aware of, understand, and comply with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.



The above requirements will be strictly enforced by the Corporation. Any violations are subject to trespass and damage actions, reporting to applicable state and federal authorities, and other legal and equitable remedies available to the Corporation. The Corporation provides no guaranty that a person applying for a Permit will be granted a Permit or any rights to enter upon Corporation lands.

PO Box 72151
Shishmaref, AK 99772



NOTICE

To: Shishmaref Native Corporation Shareholders
From: Shishmaref Native Corporation Board of Directors

SNC Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Date: **March 28, 2015**
Time: **1:00 p.m.**
Place: **Shishmaref Community Hall**

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held March 28, 2015 for the purpose of electing two (2) Board of Directors and for transacting other business that may come before the meeting.

Registration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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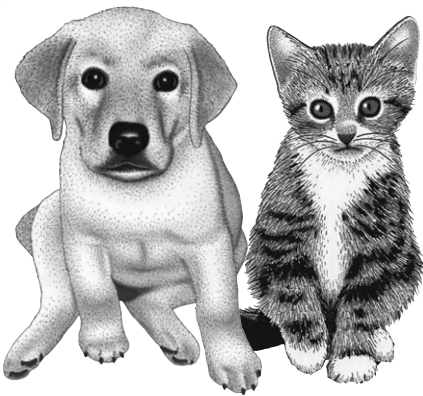
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valuk was the person who was involved in the call at 6:36 p.m..
6:56 p.m., NPD received of a highly intoxicated female passed out on the west end of town. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department & the Nome Police Department both responded and the female was identified as Michele Kulukhon, who was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital by the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department.
10:12 p.m., NPD received a request of a welfare check on the west end of town on several juveniles in the home. NPD responded and made contact with the occupants. The Office of Children's Services responded and took custody of the four juveniles. Further investigation led to the arrest of Nora Brown for Violating Conditions of Probation and Violating Conditions of Release after it was determined that she had been consuming alcohol in violation. She was taken to AMCC and no bail was set.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

08:23 a.m., NPD received a request of assistance rendered from the NEST shelter after monitors found a bottle of alcohol on a person inside. Officers arrived on scene and provided a transport for Blair Okpealuk back to her residence, no further action taken.
10:27 a.m., NPD received a request from the Adult Probation Officer for assistance at RAVN Air. Officers completed the request, no further action taken.
11:30 a.m., NPD received a request for assistance from a group of residents at an apartment at the west end of town. The complainant reported that one of the roommates was acting irrationally and as a result they were being evicted. Officers advised about resources to utilize and how to contact NPD if further actions occur. No further action taken.

12:42 p.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of a stolen vehicle that occurred at the Airport. The vehicle was left running outside. At 1629 hours the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on the west side of town with the identified stolen vehicle. The vehicle was returned to the registered owner and the reporting party did not want to press any charges. It appears the out-of-area guests took the wrong vehicle that was left running for them at the airport. No further action taken.

4:05 p.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of a missing juvenile on the west end of town. Officers located the missing individual on the east end of town with a family member. The 16 year-old was transported to OCS by the family member to determine is services were needed.

4:21 p.m., the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on the west side of town. The driver was given a warning for double parking and then released on scene.

6:26 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated male trespassing on the west end of town. Lawrence Martin was contacted and arrested for Violating Conditions of Release and Violating Conditions of Probation after it was determined he has been consuming alcohol. He was taken to AMCC. No bail was set.

6:55 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated male passed out in front of an establishment on Front Street. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and the Nome Police Department both responded. The male, identified as Al Wayne Koonooka, was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital by the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department for medical evaluation.

7:29 p.m., NPD received a request for a welfare check on an adult and a small child on the west end of town. Officers made contact with both individuals; the adult was sober and the small child was being taken care of. No further police assistance was required.

8:39 p.m., NPD received a request for a welfare check done on an adult female who was reported to not have contact with family members for approximately three days. She was located and found to be okay, in a safe environment, and she was also sober. No further police assistance was required.

9:07 p.m., NPD received a report of an assault that occurred on the west end of town the prior day. Officers spoke with both parties involved. Investigation indicates an assault occurred. A summons will be requested for Robert Bahnke for Assault in the 4th Degree.

9:34 p.m., NPD received a disturbance at a residence on the east end of town involving an intoxicated male who was in a rage and being violent. Investigation led to the arrest of Larry Sherman for Assault in the 4th Degree, DV. He was transported to AMCC and no bail was set.

10:14 p.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance on the east end of town. The individual, Al Wayne Koonooka, was contacted by officers and was given a ride to the NEST Shelter. Koonooka was given a Drunk On Licensed Premises warning. No further police assistance was required.

10:21 p.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance at a local business on the east end of town. Officers contacted the individuals involved and they were asked to leave the business. The individuals complied; they were given Criminal Trespass warnings. No further police assistance was needed.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

Court

Week ending 3/13
Civil

Osgood, Jessica E. v. Osgood, Charles E.; Civil Protective Order
Peterson, Jaila v. Richards, Teresa; Eviction District Court
Burgo, 3RD, Alfred v. Timm, Kay; Civil Protective Order
Miller, Jessie E. v. Gomez, Monica; Civil Protective Order
Iyatunguk, Kirsten v. Alvis, Wayne; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims

No claims filed (start 2NO-15-00008SC)

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Aaron Milligrock (9/10/89); 2NO-15-40CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114803181; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: substance abuse assessment at Pt. Hope through Manillaq by 3/31/15; Appear at Nome, 1-800-768-2983, 443-5217, court phone 443-5216; Suspended jail term revoked and impose: 10 days are imposed, but those have been served.

State of Alaska v. Aaron Milligrock (9/10/89); 2NO-15-111CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DC; Filed by the DAs Office 3/6/15.

State of Alaska v. June Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-13-701CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113672997; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, consecutive to all others.

State of Alaska v. June Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-13-789CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112399641; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, consecutive to all others.

State of Alaska v. June Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-14-722CR Assault 4; Date of Violation: 10/10/14; 60 days, 0 days suspended; 60 days shall be served, 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. June Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-14-750CR Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 11/22/14; 45 days, 0 days suspended; 45 days shall be served, remanded immediately to AMCC; Consecutive to 14-722CR and all others; 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. June Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-14-777CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass 1- In a Dwelling; Charge 002: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 3/6/15.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-15-56CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: CT 1; Charge 002: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 3/10/15.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-15-95CR CTN 003: Harassment 1; Date of Violation: 2/12/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001, 002; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days consecutive; 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. Courtney Amaktoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-15-95CR CTN 004: Harassment 1; Date of Violation: 2/12/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001, 002; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days consecutive; 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. Kevin Ozenna (3/26/92); 2NO-13-522CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113678865; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to 2NO-15-53CR and 2NO-14-673CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Kevin Ozenna (3/26/92); 2NO-14-673CR Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 10/21/14; 360 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 270 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for two years, 3/10/17; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, Jenna Toolie without consent; Shall not possess, consume alcohol; Recommend in custody treatment for alcohol at AMCC.

State of Alaska v. Kevin Ozenna (3/26/92); 2NO-15-53CR CTN 001: Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 1/26/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002; 180 days, 150 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served consecutive to 14-673CR; 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 two years until 3/10/17; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Douglas F. Henry (6/4/78); 2NO-15-135CR CTN 002: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 3/9/15; 360 days, 240 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for two years until 3/10/17; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume alcohol.

12:16 a.m., NPD received a report of a disturbance on the east end of town. The individual who was causing the disturbance left prior to officers' arrival. The reporting party was advised to go to the courthouse and apply for a protective order. No further police assistance was required.

7:53 a.m., NPD received a report of a reckless driver on the east end of town. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the indicated vehicle on the north end of town and officers found no error in the vehicle driving and driver to be sober. No further action was taken.

8:21 a.m., NPD received a report of a minor in possession of marijuana. Officers contacted the juvenile and notified the parent of the incident. The Public School System suspended the juvenile due to the smell of marijuana. No further action taken.

9:24 a.m., NPD received a report of animal not being taken care of properly on the east end of town; Officers will contact the owner when at home and advise them of City Ordinance requirements.

9:42 a.m., NPD received a report of a juvenile punching a dog on the west end of town. The report was made after the incident took place. Officers patrolled the reported area but were unable to locate the dog or the juvenile. Please immediately report incidents so NPD can respond in a prompt manner. 443-5262.

11:41 a.m., a cell phone was reported stolen from a business on Front Street. It is described as a HTC 1 in a grey Otter Box. If you have any information about this case, please call us at 443-5262.

2:26 p.m., NPD conducted a security check on an establishment downtown, during the check Thomas Koyuk was arrested for Introduction of Alcohol to a Licensed Premises, he was then remanded to AMCC, and his bail is set at \$500.

3:54 p.m., NPD received a report of a minor selling tobacco at the NACTEC house. Officers arrived on scene and the minor was issued a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco. No further action taken.

7:26 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated male passed out on the west end of town. An ambulance was requested for the individual. He was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital by the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department. The male, identified as Mark Buck, was arrested for Violating Conditions of Probation (prohibited from consuming alcohol) and he was transported to AMCC. No bail was set.

10:32 p.m., NPD received a request for a welfare check on a baby on the east end of town. Officers responded; the child was found to be cared for by a sober adult. The mother and child were transported to a residence that was also on the east end of town. No further police assistance was required.

11:38 p.m., NPD received a report of a male at Bonanza Express who reeked of marijuana and appeared to be severely under the influence of marijuana. The male left the area prior to police arrival driving an unknown vehicle and was not located. Please call 9-1-1 whenever you encounter an impaired driver. Impaired drivers cause untold damage, injury and death and are a significant risk to the community.

FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2015

4:43 a.m., NPD received a report of two people arguing on W 3rd Avenue. The parties were contacted and no criminal activity had occurred. One of the participants was provided transport to another location and the situation was resolved by separation.

9:18 a.m., Nome Police Department responded to a report of an argument inside a residence between two roommates on the west side of town. Upon arrival and determining that there was no criminal activity, the incident was resolved by separation of the two involved parties. No further action necessary.

1:42 p.m., NPD was called to a business on the west side of town. It was found that an individual had kicked in a door causing damage to the property. A report was taken and the case is still under investigation.

3:23 p.m., NPD received a report of a hit and run motor vehicle collision, resulting in minimal damage. The driver was identified, was found to be sober and was unaware that she had struck another vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

8:39 p.m., NPD received a request for a welfare check on a family member that had not been in contact for four days. The subject was contacted and found to be in good health and it was requested that he contact his family to let them know he was alright.

9:17 p.m., NPD Community Service Officer responded to the west side of town on the report of a dog tethered outside with no shelter from the below zero cold. Upon arrival the owner was observed placing the dog inside a residence. NPD would like to remind the public with the cold weather at night to please keep an eye on your pets.

9:56 p.m., NPD responded to a report of a highly intoxicated male causing a disturbance at a business on the west side of town. The male, identified as Al Wayne Koonooka, was given a Disorderly Conduct warning and was released from the scene. No further action necessary.

10:44 p.m., NPD conducted a traffic stop/welfare check on a vehicle found on West Beach. The investigation led to several young adults being told to leave the area.

11:51 p.m., NPD Community Service Officer responded to the west side of town on the report of a female holding herself up on a building. Barbara Waskey was contacted, and observed to be highly intoxicated. Waskey refused any assistance and left the scene in a cab after being warned for Drunk on a Licensed Premises. No further action was needed.

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2015

12:00 a.m., NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated female refusing to leave a

local bar. Investigation led to the arrest of Charlene Tate for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree and Violating the Conditions of her Probation (prohibiting alcohol consumption). She was transported to AMCC and remanded to custody; no bail was set.
12:34 p.m., NPD received a report of minors possibly being intoxicated and entering a residence on the east side of town. Upon arrival, Officers contacted the intoxicated parties, but neither were under age. One of the individuals was identified as Dakota Segock, who was found to be on probation that prohibits the consumption of alcohol. A summons will be requested for the probation violation.

2:08 a.m., NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated man harassing someone on the west side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of George Tate for Violating the Conditions of his Probation (not to consume alcohol). He was transported to AMCC and remanded to their custody; no bail was set.

4:24 a.m., NPD, while on routine patrol, contacted a highly intoxicated female, identified as Amanda Noyakuk. Subsequent investigation revealed that Noyakuk had been in a verbal argument with a member of the household and had left to avoid further conflict. Noyakuk was transported to her residence and all members of the home were warned for Disorderly Conduct. No further action taken.

1:15 p.m., NPD was contacted regarding a belated assault, which took place on the east side of town. All parties were contacted and a report will be forwarded to the district attorney.

2:51 p.m., NPD responded to a call on the east side of town for a report stating Charlene Tate was kicking in a door. Officers arrived and observed damage to the door frame of the house. Charges are being filed for Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree and will be sent to the District Attorney for disposition.

3:28 p.m., NPD received a welfare request from an out-of-town family member of a Nome resident. Further investigation revealed that the resident is currently at AMCC. The family member was notified and provided the information to contact the facility, should they choose.

6:51 p.m., NPD received a report of a female that was reportedly intoxicated, in violation of her probation conditions. A check of probation records indicated that the female was allowed to drink. No further action was necessary.

7:19 p.m., NPD responded to the report of a male yelling at a female on the west side of town. Prior to arrival, the pair had already separated. While on scene, a separate female contacted officers stating that the male involved had stolen her debit card. The suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

7:44 p.m., NPD Officers contacted a highly intoxicated male, identified as Donald Oliver, inside a licensed premises. Oliver left upon request and was given a Drunk on Licensed Premises warning. Approximately one hour later, he was reported to be passed out in a restaurant on the west side of town and was provided transportation to his residence. No further action taken.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

12:50 a.m., NPD responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of a man with a knife. Upon arrival, the original report was investigated and deemed unfounded. While on scene, Officers contacted an intoxicated Aaron Milligrock, who was reported by several patrons, to have exposed his genitalia. Milligrock was found to be on probation and release conditions that prohibit the consumption of alcohol. He was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for two counts of Indecent Exposure in the 2nd Degree, Violating his Conditions of Release and Probation Violation. He was held without bail.

3:23 a.m., NPD was informed of an intoxicated female outside an establishment on the west side of town attempting to fight with other patrons. Upon arrival, Officers contacted Janean Barr, who continued to behave in the manner reported. Barr was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct and was held on \$250.00 bail.

4:38 a.m., NPD received a report of a highly intoxicated female causing a disturbance at a business on the east side of town. Upon arrival the female was identified as Jessica Oozeva, who was also found to be in care of a minor. Oozeva was unable to provide a safe place for her and the child to stay and, as a result, she was remanded to AMCC for a T-47 Hold and OCS took custody of the child.

5:10 a.m., NPD received a report of a person chasing another with a bat at a business on the east side of town. Upon arrival, the subject had fled and was not able to be identified and no injuries were reported. Investigation into this incident is ongoing.

6:03 p.m., while on routine patrol on the west side of town, NPD Community Service Officer observed a group of people loitering behind a building. Further investigation resulted in John Saclamana being found in possession of an open bottle of alcohol outside a licensed premise. John was contacted and issued an open container citation. He was released from the scene without further issue.

8:30 p.m. NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed what appeared to be an abandoned vehicle on the west side of town. The owner will be contacted to ensure they are aware of the vehicle's location and that it was not stolen.

11:57 p.m., NPD Officers were conducting a security check at the high school and observed an unsecured door. Officers searched the building to ensure there were no persons inside and secured the door without further incident.

Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Other: Ordered by court to enter Genesis Program in Anchorage where the defendant has secured a bed; Must report to Nome Court on 5/13/15 at 1:30 p.m.; Must remain in contact with his attorney if he leaves the program early or when he is released to insure accountability; Probation for 5 years; General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Bonds: Any appearance or performance in this case: is exonerated when defendant reports as ordered to jail to serve the sentence.

State of Alaska v. Karen Tate (12/13/66); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Plea: Guilty; Plea Agreement: Yes; CTN 001: AS11.41.220(a)(1)(B): Assault 3 – Cause Injury w/Weap; C Felony; Offense Date: 11/5/14; Defendant came before the court on (3/10/15) with counsel, PD Hatton Greer, and the DA present; CTN 001: 24 months, 12 months suspended; Unsuspended 12 months shall be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following surcharge to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, the defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; AS 12.55.041(b)(1); Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Probation for 2 years; General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Bonds: Any appearance or performance in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Brian K. Barker (7/5/78); Dismissal; Assault 4th; Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 3/11/15.

State of Alaska v. Charles Alvanna (5/31/93); 2NO-14-171CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MCA; Filed by the DAs Office 3/12/15.

State of Alaska v. Charles Alvanna (5/31/93); 2NO-14-237CR CTN 001: Criminal Mischief 4; Date of Violation: 4/18/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002, 003; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be 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; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2).

State of Alaska v. Charles Alvanna (5/31/93); 2NO-15-73CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 3/12/15.

State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 1/26/15; 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. Lisa Rose Larsen (4/28/89); 2NO-14-760CR CTN 001: DUI-Operate Vehicle Under Influence; Date of Offense: 12/1/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 3 and 4; 60 days, 40 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 3/16/15 to: Nome Court, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Pay the fines and others costs listed in this chart: Pay to Clerk of Court, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep: Fine: \$3,000; \$3,000, due 2/23/17; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep: : Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1464 (2nd Off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Bail exonerated upon reporting for remand; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 1 year; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for (no time frame indicated) only if available in your community; Costs of the IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the fine due date; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 2/23/15); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess, consume, or buy alcohol for a period ending 2/23/16 from date of this judgment; You are required to surrender your driver's license and identification card; your license and ID are subject to cancellation under AS 28.15.11 and AS 18.65.310; and any new license or ID must list the AS 04.16.160 buying restriction during the restricted period; AS 28.15.191(g); You are subject to a warrantless breath test by any peace officer with probable cause to believe you consumed alcohol, and are subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause.

State of Alaska v. Lisa Rose Larsen (4/28/89); 2NO-14-760CR CTN 002: Assault 4; Date of Violation: 12/1/14; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 3 and 4; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days consecutive shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 3/16/15, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Kent A. Evans (9/29/57); Dismissal; Count I: Reckless Endangerment; Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 3/12/15.

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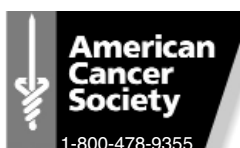
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WELCOME TO KOYUK— A group of happy people from Koyuk and Buckland wait for the first mushers to arrive on Monday afternoon in Koyuk.



Photo by Keith Conger

INTO KOYUK— Nome's Aaron Burmeister mushes into Koyuk, on Monday, March 16.



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

UNALAKLEET LEGEND—Retired musher Clarence Towarak, left, and Iditarod musher Martin Buser teased each other about being famous as Martin said good bye and mushed on toward Koyuk.



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EAT SOME (top)— Front-runner Dallas Seavey feeds his dogs in Koyuk.

SLEEP SOME— Seavey's dogs catch some rest in Koyuk.

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Burmeister said.

"It started about three miles after we left Shaktoolik, and it continued 'til about six this morning," Burmeister said as his dogs gobbled up their food. "It was coming down so hard with a head wind in your face that you couldn't see the leaders most of the time."

"There was no trail," Burmeister said. Norton Bay snow conditions were such that his dogs were at times belly-deep in the snow. "We made the trail. There was the trail we made with the dog team, and everyone just followed me. It's time to give these guys a break, and let somebody else wear their dog team out."

While Burmeister, weary from a nearly 15-hour run from Unalakleet to Koyuk, reluctantly relinquished the lead, Seavey, the two-time and defending Iditarod champion, said he was sure that he would lead out of the Koyuk checkpoint.

He spoke confidently while feeding his dogs, but he was not willing to stake claim to his third title just

yet. "If anyone should have learned their lesson about the race not being over until it's over it should be me from last year. That's still too fresh in my mind to say, 'oh, this is ours'."

As his dogs bedded down in their black coats for a post-meal snooze, Seavey said his team of young dogs had worked hard to be in this position. He noted that if he keeps himself from falling further back than fifth, he would be the first musher since 1990 to have a top-5 finish five years in a row.

Seavey mentioned that his 2015 Iditarod had not been without difficulties. His most interesting and challenging time came in his team's run from Kaltag to Unalakleet. "The hills were backwards," he said, explaining that a tailwind had scoured the windward sides forcing him to use his brake up the hills. And snow had been deposited on the backsides forcing him to pedal and run with his sled down the hills.

After the large crowd had dispersed, the two front-runners headed indoors to dry their gear and grab a meal and a nap. Aliy Zirkle of Two

Rivers and Jessie Royer of Darby, Montana were busy making their way across Norton Bay, with Seavey's father Mitch - himself a two-time Iditarod champion - not far behind.

Zirkle pulled into Koyuk two hours, 41 minutes after the younger Seavey, and 42 minutes ahead of Royer. "I was trying to hit the ball out of the park on the way out of Shaktoolik. I tried to catch Dallas, but we crawled here," she said. She continued dejectedly, "Dallas is no longer in our ball park."

Zirkle said that during the blizzard an unusually placed stake caused her to lose the trail on the way down to the Ungalik River. While in the whiteout she came across the elder Seavey. The conditions were so debilitating that the pair spent a half hour relocating the trail. "We took turns," said Zirkle. "One of us would stay with the parked teams, while the other searched for the trail."

The top five were only in Koyuk together for a short amount of time. After dropping a dog, Dallas Seavey had pulled his team out of the stag-

ing area at 4:48 p.m., and was headed back to the sea ice. At the same time, Mitch Seavey was pulling into Koyuk. The uncanny timing left the two close enough to see each other, but not close enough to speak.

The front-runner left Koyuk after only a four hour, 14 minute rest. Burmeister hooked up his team of 11 dogs and left the checkpoint after a five hour, 25 minute rest. His one-time lead had turned into a one hour, 14 minute deficit.

Mitch Seavey, who dropped two dogs in Koyuk, left third after only resting three hours, 36 minutes.

Zirkle departed after a five hours, 53 minutes rest. Royer followed after resting for five hours and 30 minutes. Only Zirkle left the checkpoint with the 13 dogs in her team she arrived with.

As the top five worked their way back onto the trail, a contingent of Norwegians anxiously awaited countryman Joer Leifseth Ulsom, who was in sixth place, just 20 miles out of Koyuk. Included in the group was Odd Kjosnes, co-founder of the Femundlopet sled dog race, and two-

time Iditarod champion Robert Sorlie.

Traveling with the group was Henrik Wessel, who is originally from Norway and now resides in Fairbanks. He explained the group is traveling the trail by snowmachine as fans of Ulsom and Thomas Waerner. He said the trip has been an amazing cultural experience, and they even saw a seal right on the Iditarod Trail not far from town.

Reflecting on the generosity and warmth of Koyuk and other Iditarod villages, Wessel said, "The hospitality on the trail is amazing. I have a 600-pound sled full of gear and supplies, but I have not had to unload it once. People keep offering us lodging."

Sorlie is the resident prognosticator in the group. As he watched Seavey leave he said, "Nobody can catch Dallas."

But, as the all the top mushers know, including, and especially, Seavey, the race is not over until someone reaches Nome.