



SPRING TIME IN THE ARCTIC — The skies around Nome and the Seward Peninsula are filled with the whoops of sandhill cranes. Photo by Nils Hahn

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Bill seeks to convey Point Spencer property to BSNC

By Diana Haecker
Last week, US Senator Lisa Murkowski introduced a bill titled the "Point Spencer Land Conveyance Act" in the Senate that aims to speed up conveyance of 2,200 acres of federal lands to Bering Straits Native Corporation.

It also would allow the U.S. Coast Guard to retain a foothold at Point Spencer by letting the USCG keep 161 acres including rights to use the airstrip and the ownership of facilities that were boarded up in 2010.

Point Spencer is a narrow sand spit separating Port Clarence from the Bering Sea, near Teller and Brevig Mission. A former LORAN station owned by the Coast Guard was closed and shuttered in 2010. According to a joint press release by Sen. Murkowski and Congressman Don Young, part of the deal would be that the State of Alaska would receive 110 acres of federal lands, including a shoreline footprint

and a right-of-way for future development of a road from the airstrip to the mainland across BSNC land. Additionally, the tidelands and submerged lands around Point Spencer would continue to belong to the State of Alaska. BSNC would receive 2,209 acres, satisfying a portion of the land entitlement under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Congressman Young introduced a similar bill to the House of Representatives last year, where it was heard at several committee hearings. It unanimously passed through the House Natural Resources Committee in the 113th Congress.

The bill finds that major shipping traffic is increasing through the Bering Strait, the Bering and Chukchi Seas and the Arctic Ocean and this would continue whether or not development of the outer Continental shelf resources is going to take place.

"There is a compelling national, State, Alaska Native, and private sector need for permanent infrastructure development and for a presence in the Arctic region of Alaska by appropriate agencies of the Federal Government, particularly in proximity to the Bering Strait, to support and facilitate search and rescue, shipping safety, economic development, oil spill prevention and

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A MURDER MYSTERY— The Inspector, kneeling, played by James Horner, works to determine who killed Mysterious Host, played by Klay Baker, in the NBHS production of "Murder in the Knife Room" on Friday night in the Nome Elementary Commons. See story and photos on page 20.

Five medevaced from Koyuk with botulism

By Diana Haecker
The Alaska Division of Public Health reported that five people were flown from Koyuk to Anchorage, with suspected botulism after having eaten fermented seal flipper on two occasions. As of press time, two people remain hospitalized and are recovering in Anchorage, while the other three patients were released. According to Nome Public Health Nurse team leader Deanna Mocan, the first patient was identified on May 8 after having eaten a meal of fermented seal flipper with seven others on May 4. The patient was sent to Nome for evaluation because she experienced low blood pressure, nausea, vomiting, shortness of breath and abdominal pain. When the patient complained of a dry mouth, the signs pointed to botulism, she received an antitoxin to block the action of the botulinum toxin and was medevaced to Anchorage. Mocan was notified through the Dept. of Health and Social Services' Public Health Division, Section of

Epidemiology that day and started investigating. For ten days the other seven people who shared the meal on May 4 were daily monitored, but nobody other than the first patient showed symptoms. On May 9, four people in Koyuk ate another seal flipper — a fermented flipper from a different seal — and this time, all four showed symptoms. On May 11, two people of the four were medevaced from Koyuk to Anchorage with symptoms of dry mouth, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and shortness of breath. The other two people had symptoms of dry mouth and hoarseness, Mocan said, and were also flown to Anchorage to monitor their health. Two of these patients were also given the botulinum antitoxin. The Section of Epidemiology supplies Norton Sound Regional Hospital with the antitoxin and the hospital has three kits on hand at all times. As of May 17, three patients are back in Koyuk. Two patients are still in Anchorage in stable condition

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Crews knock down fire-damaged Umiag apartments

By Sandra L. Medearis
Fire crackled through the Umiag Apartments around supertime on Sept. 25, 2014. Since then, two apartments have hung open and ugly with walls breached by fire and fire fighters. The fire defied about 27 firefighters with axes, chainsaws, a pump truck and a ladder truck trying to quell the flames for about three hours.

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On Friday, neighbors could once again hear crackling, but also snapping and crunching coming out of the building as an excavator's shovel tore into the damaged east end, taking it down. Bering Straits Native Corp., owner of the nine-plex, set about removing the damage that resulted from arson. Bivers Gologergen of BSNC oversaw the removal. After two days, large trucks had taken away the debris. A drive-by Monday found the lot neatly cleared of splintered boards and crushed toilet china and the end of the remaining building closed again. BSNC and its subsidiary, Bering Straits Development Corp. hope to rebuild the apartments, property manager Brian Stockman said Monday. "The first priority was to get the structure down and cleared away so the community could start the healing process," he said. "Safety is also a big concern of ours," he said. In winter, it is not as much a problem, but in the summer when there are kids out and about playing, it is a portal to mischief. "We lost four family-sized three-bedroom apartments. There aren't that many three-bedroom apartments available in the community," he said. Stockman said that BSNC would use the lot for the time being as overflow parking for vans associated with the company's vehicle operation at the nearby Aurora Inn. Kandie Allen, 34, pleaded guilty to one count of assault and one count of Arson — with intent to damage a building, Class C felony — in a plea arrangement. A grand jury had originally handed up indictments on two counts of arson and six counts of assault, all felonies. Allen remains in custody after

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BUILDING BITES THE DUST— Demolition crews take down four fire-damaged apartments at Third Avenue and Moore Street. Kandie Allen, 34, has pleaded guilty to arson and assault associated with the fire set Sept. 25, 2014. Sentencing is slated for July 10.

Photo by Sandra L. Medearis



Photo by Sarah Miller
ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS— *The Nome Nugget* congratulates all graduates in the class of 2015.

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

Editorial

The Future is Yours

Class of 2015, we’ve watched you grow up. We remember the first day of school where you clutched tightly to your mother’s hand as you set out on your path of learning. We’ve watched the joy on your face when you did well on your report card. We chaperoned your dances. We watched you learn to deal with problems and solve them with judiciousness and discretion. We watched you address community concerns. We watched you solve problems in science. Computers became your learning tool and parents marveled at your success. You learned to sing and play a musical instrument and you traveled the state to give your best shot at sports.

We have watched you develop a zest for learning and now you are near the end of what we can provide through public education. It is not the end of your education. The rest of your life is education. It is an open book where you will write the text. You may elect to go immediately into the workforce and raise a family. You may consider becoming a skilled craftsman or tradesman (or woman). You may take the opportunity to earn a college degree and enter a profession—a doctor, teacher, nurse, lawyer, engineer. You may even join the military. There are many career paths available and the choices are vast.

You may spread your wings and opportunities available in our wonderful world. Whatever you do, graduates of the Class of 2015, we are proud of you and know you will become s success. Enjoy the future. It is yours. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past

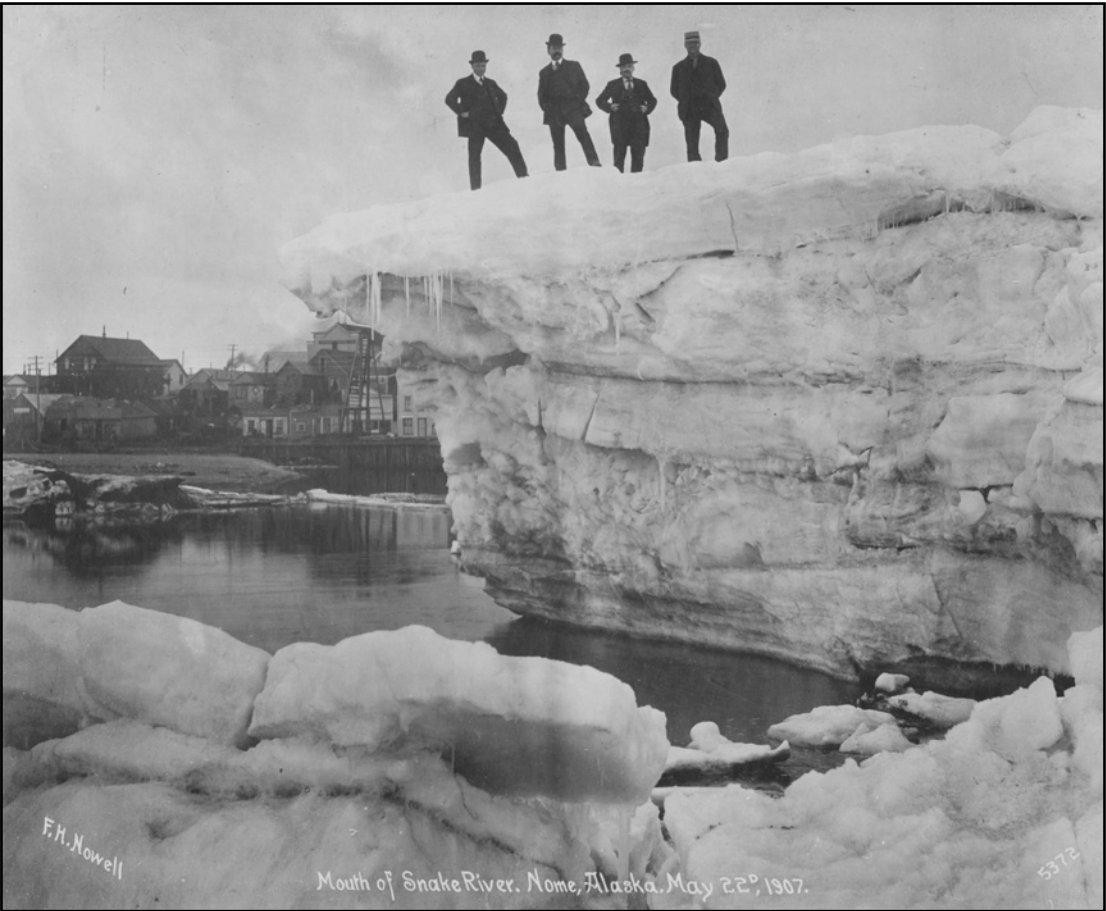


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ICE IN THE OLD DAYS— Four men pose on a tall chunk of ice at the mouth of the Snake River, on May 22, 1907 when photographer F.H. Nowell took this photo. These days, the ice is all but gone from Nome, with only small ice cakes floating in Norton Sound.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)									
Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
5/21	Th	912am	+1.4	728pm	+1.3	154am	-0.2	158pm	+0.9
22	Fr	1005am	+1.4	824pm	+1.2	243am	-0.2	303pm	+0.9
23	Sa	1055am	+1.4	925pm	+1.2	330am	-0.1	412pm	+0.9
24	Su	1141am	+1.5	1031pm	+1.1	418am	-0.1	526pm	+0.8
25	Mo	1224pm	+1.5	1140pm	+1.0	505am	0.0	640pm	+0.7
26	Tu	104pm	+1.5			551am	+0.1	744pm	+0.6
27	We	1248am	+1.0	141pm	+1.5	637am	+0.2	834pm	+0.5
Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).									

Weather Statistics			
Sunrise	05/21/15	5:23 a.m.	High Temp +49 Low Temp +29 Peak Wind 31 mph, ESE, 05/13/15 Total Precip. for 2015 (as of 5/17) 3.74" Normal Total to Date 3.74" Seasonal Snowfall 59.70" Normal 74.90" Snow on Ground 0.00"
	05/27/15	5:04 a.m.	
Sunset	05/21/15	12:36 a.m.	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
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Polar Code: Environmental provisions adopted

The International Maritime Organization’s Marine Environment Protection Committee met for its 68th session last week in London and adopted environmental provisions into the Polar Code.

Ships trading in the Polar Regions will have to comply with strict safety and environmental provisions specific to the harsh conditions in the Arctic and Antarctic, following the adoption of the environmental part of the International Code for ships operating in polar waters, known as the Polar Code, and associated MARPOL amendments to make the Code mandatory by the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the IMO.

The Polar Code spells out the full range of design, construction, equipment, operational, training, search and rescue and environmental protection relevant to ships operating in the two polar regions.

The newly-adopted environmental provisions cover: Prevention of pollution by oil: discharge into the sea of oil or oily mixtures from any ship is prohibited. Oil fuel tanks must be separated from outer shell. Prevention of pollution by noxious liquid substances: discharge into the sea of noxious liquid substances, or mixtures containing such substances is prohibited. Prevention of pollution by sewage; discharge of sewage is prohibited unless performed in line with MARPOL Annex IV and requirements in the Polar Code; and prevention of pollution by garbage: discharge of garbage is restricted and only permitted in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and requirements in the Polar Code.

The adoption of the environmental provisions follows the adoption, by the Maritime Safety Committee, in December 2014, of the safety-related requirements of the Polar Code and related amendments to make it mandatory under the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, known as SOLAS.

The complete Polar Code, encompassing the safety-related and environment-related requirements, is expected to enter into force on January 1, 2017.

The Polar Code will apply to new ships constructed on or after that

date. Ships constructed before that date will be required to meet the relevant requirements of the Polar Code by the first intermediate or renewal survey, whichever occurs first, after January 1, 2018.

US Arctic Research Commission names top Arctic research goals

In response to rapid changes in the Arctic, scientific research should be expanded and focused on six major themes according to the “Report on the Goals and Objectives for Arctic Research 2015 - 2016 for the US Arctic Research Program,” a report released last week by the US Arctic Research Commission.

Fran Ulmer, who was just reappointed Chair of the Commission by President Barack Obama, will present Secretary of State John Kerry with the report on May 21 at the Department of State, which is hosting a reception in celebration of the U.S. Chairmanship of the Arctic Council. Last July, Kerry named Ulmer “Special Advisor on Arctic Science and Policy.”

The six priority research goals are to: 1. Observe, Understand, and Predict Arctic Environmental Change; 2. Improve Arctic Human Health; 3. Advance Knowledge of Arctic Natural Resources: A Focus on Renewable Energy; 4. Advance the Arctic “Built Environment”; 5. Explore Arctic Cultures and Community Resilience; 6. Enhance International Scientific Cooperation in the Arctic.

The Commission’s research goals help shape the national Arctic Research Plan. The most recent version was released by the White House on February 19, 2013. Implementation of this plan, developed by the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) under the auspices of the National Science and Technology Council, involves 12 teams from 14 federal agencies and nonfederal partners, constituting over 250 individuals. IARPC is currently considering how it will update this research plan. The Commission’s goals report will also inform the work of the Arctic Executive Steering Committee that was created by an executive order released by President Obama in January. The USARC’s mission is to develop and recommend US Arctic research policy to the President

and to Congress and to build cooperative links in Arctic research within the federal government, with Arctic residents, the State of Alaska, researchers and international partners.

House passes Coast Guard Act

The House of Representatives on Monday passed the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015.

The bipartisan legislation authorizes U.S. Coast Guard funding and priorities for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017.

The bill advances a number of issues of interest for Alaska: Legislation to authorize the conveyance of U.S. Coast Guard housing facilities in Tok, Alaska to the Tanana Chiefs’ Conference to ensure the continuation of the region’s only behavioral health clinic. Fishing Vessel Classification: An amendment created an alternative vessel classification compliance program for the construction of new fishing vessels and fishing tenders from 50 to 79 feet in length.

Since coming into effect, new classification rules have caused uncertainty in classification costs, which has had negatively impacted the construction of newer, safer fishing vessels.

Through alternative compliance, safety can be achieved without arbitrarily expensive requirements.

The Maritime Lien Reform Act prohibits maritime liens from being imposed on fishing permits. Current Alaska law prohibits liens of Alaska limited entry permits, but court rulings have subjected fishing licenses to maritime lien under the Federal Admiralty Law.

Icebreakers: Language to advance the nation’s icebreaking fleet was included within H.R. 1987. The language requires a determination on the feasibility of refurbishing the USCG POLAR SEA by the USCG within 270 days of enactment.

Further, the bill enlists the National Academy of Sciences to do an in depth cost comparison of various options to meet our immediate ice-breaking needs.

Specifically, the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 would: Authorize the Coast Guard for Fiscal Year 2016 and 2017 at currently authorized levels, ensuring the Service has the resources it needs to success-

fully conduct its critical missions. It would alleviate administrative burdens on mariners by requiring the Coast Guard to harmonize the expiration of merchant mariner credentials, radar observer endorsements, and medical certificates. It also will require the Coast Guard to certify local physicians to make medical fitness determinations of merchant mariners. The act would bolster shipyards and mariners by requiring the implementation of a program to promote the transportation of LNG on U.S. flag vessels, using U.S. mariners. Ensure Coast Guard officers and enlisted service members receive access to the same benefits as their counterparts in the Department of Defense.

Coast Guard to hold teleconference for proposed gold dredge vessel inspections

The Coast Guard Sector Anchor-

age, will host a telephone conference to share information and solicit comments about proposed gold dredge vessel inspections on May 20.

The teleconference is open to the public and will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The proposed inspections will allow the Coast Guard to regulate the gold dredge fleet using national commercial vessel standards in Nome, Alaska.

Enforcement of the inspections is scheduled begin June 1.

The toll-free conference line number is (877) 931-0688, pass-code 2221313.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 21

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
*Nome Common Council: Work Session	City Hall	12:00 p.m.
*Weekly Women’s Circle	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*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.
*Port Commision: Regular Meeting	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Nome-Beltz Commencement	Nome-Beltz Gym	6:00 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 22

*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 - 8:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Adult drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Saturday, May 23

*Rec Center Closed Weekends Until Labor Day		
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 24

*Rec Center and Pool Closed Weekends Until Labor Day		
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Holiday
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	Closed for Holiday
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Holiday
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Holiday
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Holiday
*Zumba Toning	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Holiday
*Water Aerobics: Independent	Pool	Closed for Holiday
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed for Holiday
AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Library Story Hour	Kegoayah Kozga Library	10:30 a.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*PM Laps	Pool	Closed for Training
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	Closed for Training
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
*Adult drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	Closed for Training
*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	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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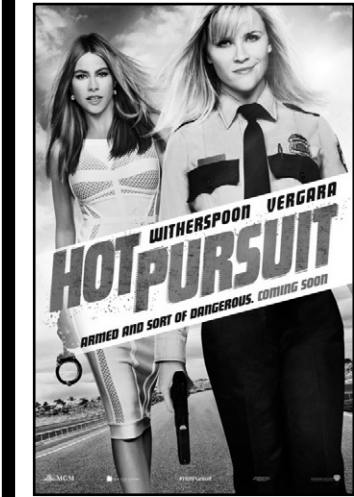
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response, protection of Alaska Native archaeological and cultural resources, port of refuge, Arctic research, and maritime law enforcement on the Bering Sea, the Chukchi Sea, and the Arctic Ocean,” reads section 2 of the bill.

The bill allows for public and private sector partnerships to develop facilities and infrastructure “to support purposes that are of benefit to the United States.”

Section 5 of the bill would establish a Port Coordination Advisory Council, consisting of representatives appointed by the State of Alaska and BSNC. The council is charged with developing a Port Management Coordination Plan which will spell out infrastructure development and construction, land use planning, funding eligibility and “public interest use and access, emergency preparedness, law enforcement, protection of Alaska Native archaeological and cultural resources, and other matters that are necessary for public and private entities to function in proximity together in a remote location.”

The plan is to be updated annually for the first five years, then every two years.

BSNC Vice President of Resources and External Affairs Matt Ganley said in an email to the Nome Nugget that the first step requires a great effort to see that this legislation will pass. “Once the legislation is passed, then BLM will need to complete the conveyance process to BSNC and the state,” wrote Ganley.

Last year, BSNC commissioned a study to determine the feasibility of infrastructure construction at Point Spencer. Ganley reiterated that the study revealed that support for oil and gas exploration and development would be central for the construction of facilities at Point Spencer. “We anticipate a gradual, phased build-out of facilities to meet the growing needs in Arctic waters, whether it is oil and gas development, maritime

emergency and spill response, research, or national security,” Ganley wrote. “Critical to our study, and any infrastructure along the U.S. Arctic shoreline, is the ability for these developments to be economically self-sustaining.”

In his comments accompanying the bill’s introduction Rep. Don Young said, “Unfortunately, under the current fiscal constraints of the federal government, there is no clear path to development without public and private participation.” The bill however does not spell out what the parameters of a public-private partnership are, other than the establish-

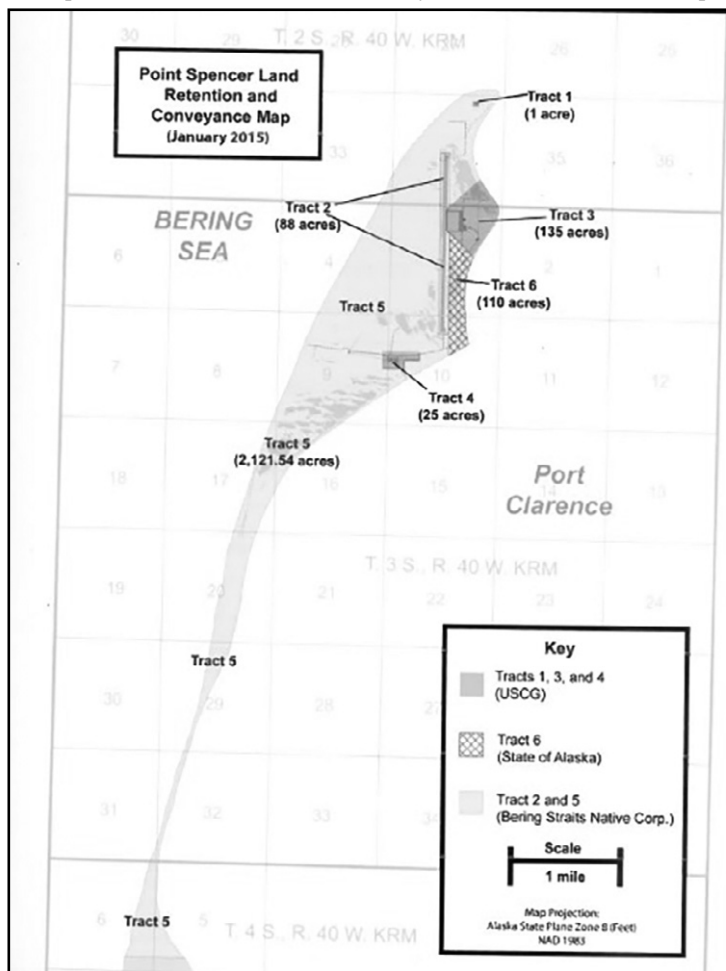
ment of the port coordination advisory council, which does not mandate local representation.

When asked about BSNC’s vision how to utilize the land at Point Spencer, BSNC’s Matt Ganley said that there are many uncertainties concerning the future of the Arctic. “Chief among them is whether the expectations for increased shipping are realistic, and what markets will be served by the growing vessel traffic,” Ganley wrote to the Nugget. “Add to that the highly speculative role of resource development in the north, for example mining, and it is very difficult to create a concise pic-

ture of where Point Spencer will be in this future. To move ahead with development of infrastructure in a sustainable way is to secure commitment by industry and government in projects that are economically sustainable over the long term.”

The one certain thing for Ganley is that real estate holdings in key places in the Arctic will secure at least some amount of control for regional and local stakeholders. “BSNC has advocated that the communities and residents of the region

need to grasp the benefits of the opening of the Arctic, while also mitigating the risks that come with increased marine traffic,” Ganley wrote. “A primary tool, or means, for local involvement in mapping the future is to secure and hold the property and assets that will be needed for developing an economy based on the opening Arctic.” Ganley said that Point Spencer offers an opportunity and that by anticipating trends and recognizing an opportunity, BSNC is fulfilling the intent of ANCSA.



Nugget file photo

POINT SPENCER— The sand spit named Point Spencer separates Grantley Harbor, right, from the Bering Sea, left. The strategically important location has been used by the US Coast Guard for a LORAN station, with airstrip and facilities.

• Botulism

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and on the road to recovery. A patient who was daily monitored in Nome developed symptoms such as dry mouth and blurry vision on May 15 and received the antitoxin at NSRH. The patient was admitted for one night, discharged and is now back in Koyuk, according to Mocan.

When Mocan was alerted to the botulism outbreak, she went to Koyuk to investigate, provide public outreach education on the dangers of botulism.

The NSRH medevac crew took the remaining May 9 flipper to be analyzed by the laboratory. Mocan and two other Public Health Nurses interviewed residents about traditional food processing methods and viewed one resident’s seal oil rendering. While there, they also provided immunizations and conducted botulism investigation and education.

There was no sample left of the flipper eaten on May 4.

The laboratory confirmed that the sample from the May 9 meal contained the *C. botulinum* bacteria type E.

The smallest amount of botulinum toxin in food can be life threatening, said Mocan. “There is no way to smell, taste or see it,” Mocan said. Botulism is caused by bacteria that create under certain circumstances a poison in food. While the department is not cautioning against consuming traditional Native foods, Mocan said, “We just want people to be aware that there is a risk associated with the consumption of fermented foods.”

The department suggests to use salt when preparing aged Native foods, as salt discourages the growth

of the *C. botulinum* bacteria. The Public Health division also advises against using plastic containers or sealed plastic bags to age foods, because the low oxygen environment encourages the bacteria to grow. They also advise to age foods at cold temperatures, below 37°F. Boiling or cooking food would be the safest method to kill the botulinum bacteria, but this is with fermented foods not always a palatable option.

If symptoms develop, it is necessary to immediately seek medical care, Mocan stressed.

According to the Alaska Division of Public Health, symptoms can show as early as six hours and up to ten days after the botulinum-contaminated meal to develop symptoms. Because of the potential deadly outcome, botulism is considered a public health emergency, Mocan explained.

Dr. Louisa Castrodale with the Section of Epidemiology said that botulism affects the ability of nerves to function, leading to inability to swallow, breathe and in bad cases can cause breathing and digestive system malfunctions, leading to death.

According to a botulism report called Botulism in Alaska Monograph published in 2011, there were 283 cases of botulism in Alaska between 1950 and 2010, with 20 deaths. Type E botulism was by far the most frequent toxin type documented, associated with 83 percent of the outbreaks, 80 percent of the cases and 17 of the 20 deaths.

The cases were reported mostly from coastal villages in the western and Southeastern parts of Alaska.

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Case closed: Settlement agreement ends neighbors' legal dispute over sled dog kennel

By Laurie McNicholas

A lawsuit filed in Nome Superior Court by Kevin Bopp and Lynn DeFilippo against their neighbors, Nils Hahn and Diana Haecker, seeking removal of about 30 sled dogs from the Hahn-Haecker property at Arctic Sky subdivision about 4 miles outside Nome city limits was dismissed with prejudice May 12.

The suit had been slated for trial June 1-5 in Nome.

Plaintiffs Bopp and DeFilippo through their counsel, Christopher Cromer, gave notice to the court that the case is being dismissed with prejudice and that each side is to bear their own costs and attorney's fees. "The parties have stipulated and agreed to a Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims, whether accrued now or in the future, as detailed in the Agreement," the court document states.

When a lawsuit is dismissed with prejudice, the court has made a final determination on the merits of the case, and the plaintiff is therefore forbidden from filing another lawsuit based on the same grounds.

Myron Angstman, attorney for defendants Hahn and Haecker, said the agreement mentioned in the court's stipulation to dismiss the case with prejudice clarifies the terms of the settlement, but the agreement was not filed in court, so he cannot comment on it.

Angstman said the ruling Judge Paul Roetman of Kotzebue issued April 30 that denied the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction

to enjoin the defendants from keeping dogs on their property was thorough and broad and gave Bopp and DeFilippo little hope of winning the lawsuit.

"The judge did not have to write a lengthy decision—he could just have written 'denied,'" Angstman noted.

Instead, Judge Roetman wrote a 12-page order that included a detailed evaluation of testimony and evidence presented on Jan. 21-23, 2015 at a hearing in Nome and citations of pertinent legal cases.

In the motion for preliminary injunction, the plaintiffs complained that noise the dogs made and odors from animal feces and urine created a nuisance that interfered with sleep, relaxation and enjoyment of their home.

However, Judge Roetman found that evidence presented by plaintiffs at the hearing showed the dogs are loud at times and the dog noise disturbs them, but the evidence did not demonstrate that a reasonable person within the community also would be substantially disturbed.

In regard to the smell of dog waste, Judge Roetman found there are days when it is present. "However, it appears those days are infrequent and limited to the warmest days of summer," he wrote. "As to Defendants' management of the waste, the Court heard testimony and reviewed photos, and finds that Defendants' kennel is exceptionally clean and the dog waste has been collected and used with organic matter in a working compost pile."



DOG YARD IN QUESTION— Pictured is the disputed dog yard, located several miles outside of Nome city limits.

"The results of such a hearing give you a pretty good idea how a judge will rule at trial," Angstman noted. "If a judge rules against you in a preliminary hearing, there is little chance to win at trial. It would have cost tens of thousands of dollars in addition to attorney's fees, and I'm sure tens of thousands of dollars already have been spent. There's a

chance they would have to pay the other side tens of thousands of dollars."

"I am delighted for my clients with the results, only I am NOT delighted they have spent a huge amount of money and effort getting to where we are today," Angstman continued. "That could have been avoided by more meaningful discus-

sions of where we are a year ago, but that just never happened."

The complaint was filed a year ago, on May 7, 2014.

The *Nome Nugget* did not receive a reply to a request for comment on the dismissal of the case from the plaintiffs' attorney Christopher Cromer.

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being denied release to third-party custody by Judge Tim Dooley at a bail hearing April 9. Her sentencing hearing is set for July 10 following the court's receipt of a presentence report.

Investigation on Sept. 27 by the state Dept. of Public Safety, Fairbanks office, yielded a report that the origin of the fire was on or above a dresser in a south bedroom of the three-bedroom unit occupied by Allen.

Significant fire damage was on the wall behind and above the dresser.

Twenty or so people had to find

other lodging following the fire. The community responded with generosity according to Preston and Sophia Dixon who lost all their household and personal belongings in the fire. The fire shot up through the Dixons' apartment above the apartment occupied by Allen. Their three children were home at the time.

In the immediate days following the fire, Nome turned out with donations for the people who lost their belongings to the blaze. Nome Baptist Church, Methodist Thrift Shop, the American to share with the people who had no place to go and nothing to use for everyday activities. BSNC opened ten rooms for the displaced

people in the corporation's Aurora Inn hotel. The fire caused no deaths. Two persons went to the hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation.

Persons whose apartments were

not destroyed had to find temporary lodging also because of smoke damage.

Preston Dixon had a comment Friday concerning the apartment demo-

lition.

"Tell them to let me know if they find any keys. I sure would love to have mine back that I lost in the fire," he said.



DEMOLITION— Crews demolished the fire-damaged structure.

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SPRING MIGRATION— Migratory birds arrive in great numbers at the Seward Peninsula, while the last remnants of rotting sea ice melt in the ice-free Bering Sea in front of Nome.

GraphiteOne to form Subsistence Advisory Council

By Diana Haecker

In the first week of May, representatives of the Canadian-based exploration company GraphiteOne Resources visited Teller and Brevig Mission to present information on the proposed graphite mine near the Imuruk Basin at the northern flanks of the Kigluaik Mountains.

According to GraphiteOne community liaison Joy Huntington, they visited with the community and had then closed door meetings with the corporations, the Brevig Mission and Teller Traditional Councils and the city councils.

In addition to Huntington, GraphiteOne Resources Executive Chairman Doug Smith and General Manager Dave Hembree brought Kotzebue's Walter Sampson to advise them on forming a Subsistence Advisory Council.

Sampson, as former land manager and Vice President of NANA, offered insight on how such councils can work as he had experience with the Red Dog mine subsistence advisory panel.

During their visit, Huntington said, they proposed to form such a 12-person advisory council with four participants appointed from Brevig Mission and Teller and three participants from Mary's Igloo. Nominations are to come from the city councils, the IRA councils, the local corporations and the Elders advisory council.

Doug Smith reported that the group would be back in June or July to form the committee to seat the subsistence advisory council.

The goal is to meet with the council on a quarterly basis. "The value of the council is that it is a very focused group of subsistence experts," said Huntington. Smith added that it also would function as a point of contact between the communities and GraphiteOne. "This council would have a lot of weight," said Smith. "It becomes one of the means for us to engage the community."

But first, he said, GraphiteOne needs to determine if there will be a mine and that is why they are hoping

to finish a Preliminary Economic Assessment by October.

The PEA was supposed to be out earlier this summer, but it was delayed until October because they still have to examine the characteristics of the graphite resource.

Once the characteristics are determined, they will know what physical shape the graphite is, and what it can be used for in an end product. This in turn will determine the selling price. Dave Hembree pointed out the growing need for graphite, not for pencils, but used in aluminum smelting, for advanced fuel cells, large storage and lithium-ion batteries, including for Tesla's Gigafactory producing large lithium-ion batteries for cars.

So far, there are no concrete plans put forth by GraphiteOne nor have there been mining permit applications been filed with state or federal regulators.

The state has issued exploration permits. The deposit is on public lands mining claims.

There are encouraging metallurgical analysis for the company, but if the quality and quantity of graphite in the ground, and the price paid at market offsets the investment to build a mine and mill complex, possibly a road and getting the product to market, is yet to be answered. "We know we have a sufficient source and quality to have a mine," said Hembree. "But now we need to determine on a high level if that project is economically feasible."

Time line shows that the company hopes for production to begin in 2018.

Hembree said the mine would be an open pit mine. The mill would be a floatation mill, powered by onsite diesel generators.

When asked about plans to transport the graphite from the mine to market, Dave Hembree said that they realized that Imuruk Basin is frozen for the most part of the year. "We lean towards building a road," Hembree said. "The product would be barged out of Nome rather than Port Clarence."

The company expects to produce

50,000 tons of graphite concentrate to be trucked to Nome for shipment.

If it proves profitable, they will even keep the Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway open during winter time to allow trucking to continue year-round.

The company's powerpoint presentation shows the completion of a drill program, a resource update, engineering studies and metallurgical test work. In 2014, GraphiteOne began environmental baseline stud-

ies.

There was no winter exploration done last winter.

This year's work program includes to complete the resource estimate and other studies that will flow into the preliminary economic assessment, including engineering, access and infrastructure, processing and metallurgy, an environmental permitting review, wetland surveys, community outreach and cultural and subsistence studies.

In the field, the plan is again to set up camp at mile 50 of the Teller road, do wetland surveys for a potential access road; more environmental baseline studies and cultural resource surveys.

GraphiteOne recently hired Cal Craig to oversee their environmental compliance program. Craig most recently worked on NovaGold's proposed Donlin Creek gold mine and the Upper Kobuk copper project of NovaCopper.



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Nome Public Schools winds up the year, plans for next

By Kristine McRae

At their meeting last Tuesday evening, members of the school board wished a fond farewell to Richard Beneville, who is retiring from his position with Community Schools after 21 years. Board president Betsy Brennan recognized Beneville for his dedication to students, staff and the community. "It's wonderful to be part of such a team," Beneville said, accepting a plaque and a bouquet of flowers. "If anybody had said to me [many years ago] that I'd be living in rural Alaska and working with children, I would have said you had the wrong guy. But I've been blessed. Truly blessed," Beneville said.

The district is also saying goodbye to Nome-Beltz science teacher Brian Marvin, but he's not going far. Marvin will be working with NACTEC (Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center), just next door, starting in the fall. Marvin has taught in the region for many years, starting in Shishmaref, then Brevig Mission and for the last five years with Nome Public Schools.

Summer school will again take place during the month of June, and will focus on the state standards for reading and math. Student enrollment for summer school is based on teacher recommendations and parent applications. "We want to give the kids a rich experience," said district technology director Robin Johnson, who is coordinating the program. "Each child will have an independent learning plan with individual goals, and we'll develop project and learning tasks around the needs of the students."

Superintendent Shawn Arnold updated the board as to the negotiated contract with the Classified Employees Association. Arnold explained that district's classified employees

had agreed to an extension of the current agreement, with few edits. When the state legislature finalizes education funding the district may be able to increase the wages of those employees next year. "Hopefully we'll be in a better place next year and we can revisit the pay increases," Arnold said.

Another cost-saving measure being taken by the district is to contract the facilities maintenance services with NMS (NANA Management Services), the same company with whom the district currently contracts for food services.

NMS is owned by NANA Development Corporation and Sodexo USA, which gives them an edge when it comes to savings because they can order large quantities at lower prices, and they pass that saving onto their customers.

This decision, which aims to save the district about \$100,000 in the first year, was met with skepticism by some employees, including NPS maintenance foreman Bill Potter. "After reviewing the proposed contract with NMS, several points don't add up," Potter told members of the board. Potter indicated that the language in the contract claims \$107,000 in savings that would, in fact, result in an additional \$108,000 in expenditures. Potter also took issue with the language "money and time saved could be put toward updating equipment and repairing facilities" in the contract. "What do you think we have been doing for the last ten years?" Potter asked. He referenced several capital improvement projects for which, upon their completion, the district is reimbursed by the state including the LED light upgrade, boiler replacements at Beltz, interior remodels and several siding projects. "Every seven years the EED [Alaska Department of Educa-

tion & Early Development] does an on-site inspection and on the last one the inspector was impressed how things looked and how we did this with so few staff."

In closing, Potter addressed the language, which suggested he and his staff are unable to keep up with requests for preventative maintenance. Potter said that roughly half of the work orders he received are for preventative maintenance and, with few exceptions, all were finished on time.

For the district, the decision appears to be purely a financial one. Superintendent Arnold told the board he was conflicted about the decision. "It's with a heavy heart that I look at the NMS contract for facility and maintenance services," Arnold said. "Previously I wouldn't have supported this, but financially and for the health of the district, it's an option that came to the table." Arnold also said that he has looked very closely at the budget and seen costs spiraling in several areas. "Earlier, Bill Potter was right, all the savings won't come up front, but looking ahead there will be cost savings," he continued.

Ted Mala, Senior Director of Business Development for NMS, was at the meeting to answer questions and to describe the services he hopes to provide. "We plan to be a resource to the team that NPS currently has in place," Mala said. "We have a team that works around the state, coming through a company that could create some synergies," he continued, referencing the lower buying options that a multimillion-dollar corporation like Sodexo can provide. In terms of who will actually employ the workers, the situation is the same as when NMS took over the kitchens. Current employees will have the option of remaining employed with Nome Public Schools or they can move over to NMS. There was a stipulation that anyone who came to work with NMS could not, upon termination, then work for the district for a certain amount of time. Mala said that they would revisit that language and consider the employees on an individual basis. To that, Arnold added, "We don't want to lose any current employees, or to have them lose benefits. But turn over will happen,

and when it does, down the road, that's when we'll see the cost saving."

The district anticipates spending \$1.3 million to run its facilities next year. The school board voted unanimously to move forward with the contract so that district administrators could work with NMS to "iron out the details," according to Mala.

Five Beltz students gave a short presentation to school board members about their recent visit to North Pole High School, just south of Fairbanks. Social Studies teacher Kent Runion accompanied the students, who were sponsored by the Alaska Humanities Forum through the Sister School Exchange. The program matches students from urban and rural communities to engage in an exchange that promotes cross-cultural understanding. During their five-day visit, Nome's young cultural ambassadors attended several classes at the high school and visited the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where they cooked curried chicken in a culinary class and tried their hands at the flight simulators. They visited the thermal powered greenhouses and Chena Hot Springs and learned about the oil pipeline. Students Oliver Hoogendorn and James



Photo by Nancy T. Analook

STUDENT OF THE MONTH—Kenean Outwater was awarded Junior High Student of the Month for April 2015.


Horner agreed that what struck them the most about the exchange was the sheer number of students at the school.

Among his final duties as principal of Nome-Beltz, Harlan Heinrich presented student-of-the-month honors for the Junior High to Kenean Outwater and to Daniel Head for the Senior High.



Photo courtesy of Kent Runion


PERMAFROST TUNNEL— Nome students visited the Permafrost Research Tunnel on a recent cultural exchange to Fairbanks. Pictured are Tehya Tucker, James Horner, Jannelle Trowbridge, Oliver Hoogendorn and Gabe Smith.



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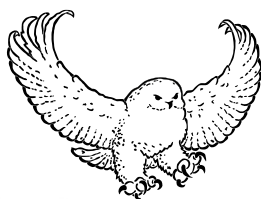
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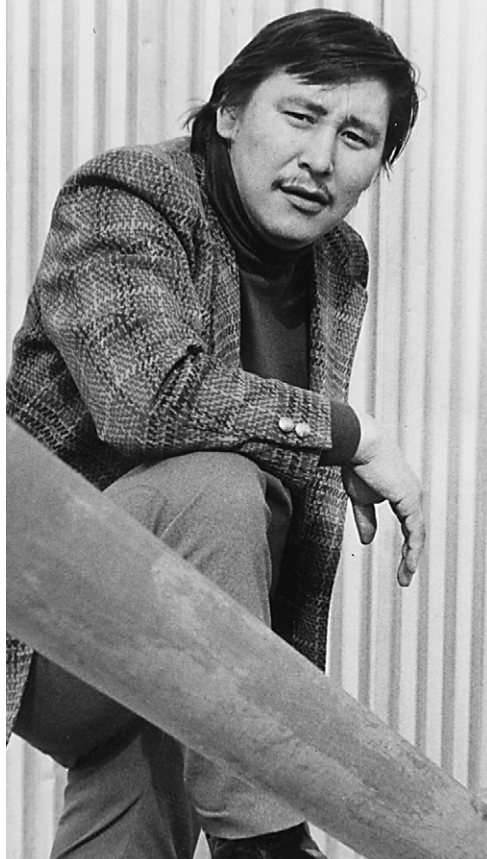


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The long road to healing

By Kirsten Swann

Allen Sagoonick repeats the same words often, like a mantra of hope within the sterile walls of the children's ward at Providence Alaska Medical Center: Yes, it's leukemia. No, it's not the worst kind. Yes, it's very treatable. No, it's not in his spine.

For the past two-and-a-half years, Sagoonick's world has revolved around the little boy who now sits crying in a hospital bed, wrapped in tubes and wires and surrounded by matchbox cars and stuffed animals and medical equipment.

Thomas Paul was diagnosed with leukemia the same day Sagoonick and his wife, Myrna, learned the adoption was finally going through. That week was a blur of flights and meetings with doctors and long nights and stress. Now, settled into a room at Providence, the family faces six months of chemotherapy away from home and three years of follow-up treatment. It's difficult to think about that future, Allen said. The present is hard enough.

Surrounded by pillows, Thomas Paul watches a cartoon on a corner TV and clutches a toy airplane. When a nurse enters the room to draw blood, the baby wails. It hurts to see him in pain, Allen says. Myrna crawls into bed next to the little boy and pulls him onto her chest, holding him and rubbing his back until the crying stops. Thomas Paul finally dozes off in her arms, head on her shoulder, hands clasped around her neck.

Finishing up her work, the nurse smiles. She wishes there could be more parents like this, she says; babies need that kind of love. Too many of them don't get it enough.

That's how it was for Thomas Paul, who spent the first months of his life inside a tent in the Providence Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. His stomach was not fully developed, and he had health troubles from the start. When he finally gained enough

strength to make the trip back home to St. Michael, he traveled in a car seat—and he didn't leave the car seat much over the months to follow.

His legs grew frail and thin. He developed a flat spot on his skull from laying in the same position for hours, day after day. He was fading away. The extended family worried and talked. Living in Seward at the time, Myrna Sagoonick heard about what was happening in St. Michael and pleaded with her husband to take the baby. Allen was uninterested: He had three other children, all but grown, and a career as an instructor at AVTEC. He didn't want an infant; he wanted to be riding down the highway on a Harley with his missus.

But Myrna was persistent.

Finally, he agreed to give it a try, and the couple made the trip to Anchorage to pick up the baby from a traveling family member. They drove him back to Seward, where they undressed him for a bath, took one look at his tiny body and hurried him off to the local emergency room.

The little boy, just a few months old, had "one foot in the grave." They didn't know if he would make it. But then he pulled through, Allen says, and when the baby looked him in the eyes and spoke his first word—"dada"—he fell in love.

"We've gone a long way since," Allen says.

The next two years were a roller coaster ride punctuated by frequent trips to the emergency room and long waits as the adoption process inched forward. Thomas Paul had a weak respiratory system, speech delays and other problems. Nursing the baby back to health was an arduous process, but the Sagoonicks fell into a routine. Every morning, Myrna would cook breakfast while Allen held the baby; rocking him and talking to him before leaving for work. Then Myrna would take over.

Letty Swanson, a former child development specialist with the Alaska Infant Learning Program, watched

the transformation in the child's life.

"He just went from lifeless—not even responsive—to just a happy, smiley, content, exploring little man," Swanson says. "He was recovering so quickly."

In her role with the Infant Learning Program, Swanson helped connect families with educational and health services, making referrals, sharing advice and dropping off diapers when necessary. She saw, firsthand, the effects of child neglect—a serious problem throughout the state.

On average, the Office of Children's Services receives more than 2,400 allegations of child neglect every year, a number that has more than doubled over the past decade. In March 2015 alone, the division substantiated 259 victims, the majority of whom were under the age of nine.

Poverty and a lack of childcare options can contribute to problems, Swanson says. Family centered, home-based solutions can help resolve them.

When Allen and Myrna Sagoonick first took Thomas Paul into their home, there were weekly trips to the hospital. With love and attention, his health improved and the hospital visits decreased. Swanson credits the "kangaroo care"—the constant companionship and the hours Thomas Paul spent in the Sagoonicks' arms.

In 2013, the family moved back to Unalakleet. Thomas Paul was much stronger. The adoption process dragged on, but things were looking up. The fragile infant had grown into an inquisitive, energetic toddler who loved planes and playing with his older sister.

Then, one day a few weeks ago, Thomas Paul's eye became so red and irritated it swelled shut. Mysterious pink spots began appearing on his body. He seemed tired and sickly. Allen got scared and contacted the community health aide, who—eventually—arranged a visit with a doctor. The doctor realized something was very wrong and put Thomas

Paul and Myrna on a flight to the Nome. The tests came back positive and Myrna called Allen, crying, to tell him the news.

That night, Thomas Paul was medevaced to Anchorage. Allen saw the lights of the plane flying over Unalakleet and wished there was a way to join his wife and child. With the help of his community, there was: Friends came together to help buy him a ticket.

Myrna, who held a job at the Unalakleet AC Value Center, had left work to travel to Anchorage with her son. Allen, employed in seasonal construction work, was off the job when the diagnosis came through. Then there was a problem with the insurance.

With money running thin, the Sagoonicks' Unalakleet neighbors came together to support the family. They hosted a fundraiser at the local church, then a Saturday night cake-walk that brought in more than \$2,400. The generosity poured in from all corners.

In the midst of all the worry, family members clung to each other. Gerald Sagoonick, 24, began spending the night in his brother's Providence hospital room so his parents could get some much-needed sleep at

the nearby Hickel House.

Meeting Thomas Paul two years ago was the best day of his life, he says, because he finally had a little brother. The diagnosis scared him at first, but he kept a positive outlook because the three-year-old needed him to be strong.

"He's young and he doesn't know any better," Gerald says. "If he has a lot of positive energy, love and support around him, then he'll do just fine."

So Gerald talks about their future—hunting and camping and teaching his brother the finer points of mechanics. Allen tries to think about the bright side of things; like the finalized adoption and the community support. There's been a lot of bad news lately, but there's been some good news, too.

"We've been living off the good graces of people and God's grace," he says, sitting beside his son's hospital bed.

It's not the worst kind of leukemia, and they have each other.

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Legislators called to Anchorage

The Alaska Legislature will reconvene regular floor sessions at the Anchorage Legislative Information Office starting Thursday, May 21. The Senate will gavel in at 11:00 a.m. and the House at 1:00 p.m.

Both bodies are tasked to finalize a funded budget for FY16 and consider the Alaska Safe Children's Act and Medicaid Expansion.

Governor Walker issued a special session proclamation on April 27 to take up the issues. That proclamation stated the session was to occur in Juneau. On Monday, May 18, the House and Senate majorities notified legislators that the Legislature would convene this week in Anchorage for floor sessions.

Senator Bill Wielechowski (D-Anchorage) requested a legal opinion from the non-partisan Legislative Legal Services regarding the consti-

tutionality of holding floor sessions in Anchorage when the Governor's proclamation declared Juneau as the session location. An opinion from Legislative Legal Services offers that if voting were to occur in Anchorage when the proclamation specifically called for convening in Juneau, the action would likely violate Alaska's Constitution.

"It is my advice that a court faced with this situation, absent an agreement between the legislature and governor, would find that the legislature may not meet in floor sessions in Anchorage during a special session called by the governor in Juneau," said Director of Legal Services Doug Gardner. Director Gardner concluded, "So, the legislature must meet in Juneau under the Governor's current proclamation of April 27, 2015, to comply with the Constitu-

tion."

Director Gardner noted that even attempting to simply adjourn the session *sine die* in Anchorage was potentially illegal.

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For first time, NPS recognizes outstanding teachers and staff

By Sarah Miller

Nome Public Schools launched a new tradition last week as district employees, friends and family gathered for the first annual Employee Recognition Ceremony.

"We hustle through the year, and we take time to recognize our students and parents, but we don't always take time to notice the hard work of those quiet folks that goes on behind the scenes. This night is about saying 'Thank you' to all those who support the district in amazing ways," said NPS Superintendent Shawn Arnold.

The event came together with the efforts of individuals and businesses, donating time, money and refreshments to honor the hard work of NPS staff members. Kitchen staff workers prepared the food, which was donated by AC, Hanson's and Norton Sound Seafood Company. JROTC Cadets volunteered to provide table-side service. Nome Education Association also donated funds toward the event. "We put the word out asking for donations, and anticipated receiving a few, but we were offered much more than we ever expected," said Arnold.

Two NPS employees were awarded the first "Teacher of the Year" and "Educational Support Professional of the Year" awards.

Sandi Keller, a first-grade teacher at Nome Elementary School, and Sylvia Matson, Attendance Secretary at Nome-Beltz, received the honors.

At the event, a number of teachers and classified staff members were recognized for longevity with NPS. Those recognized were Robin Johnson and Josie Bourdon for 25 years of working with Nome Public Schools. Also honored were Ian McRae and John Mikulski, each having been NPS employees for fifteen years. Pat Callahan was honored for ten years of service. Those recognized for five years of service included Victoria Ketchum, Josh Vaughn, Brian Marvin, Sylvia Matson and Kent Runion.

Marvin was also recognized for a retirement award, but his days with the district are not over as he recently accepted a position with NACTEC.

The awards were open for nomination by district employees and community members. Candidates were recognized for their dedication, compassion, and effectiveness at working with students and the public

to represent the best of Nome Public Schools. Sylvia Matson was described by her nominators as "always pleasant, friendly, resourceful, and willing to go the extra distance to make sure the day runs smoothly."

Sandi Keller, who received several nominations, was described as "an outstanding educator in all regards who meets the social, emotional, and academic needs of her students with thoughtfulness." Keller received her award with by inviting current and past students to stand up with her. "I'm humbled, I'm honored. Quyanna," said Keller.

Also recognized at the event was Lisa Leeper, recipient of the B.P. Teacher of Excellence Award. Leeper received the award at an official ceremony at Old St. Joe's on Saturday.

The spotlight then focused on Richard Beneville, who will retire this year after 21 years of service as the district's community schools coordinator.

Arnold presented Beneville with a framed portrait, which will hang on the Wall of Elders in the elementary school commons. Beneville was surprised and overwhelmed with the portrait, commenting, "I always brag

about how Nome honors its elders. I guess I'm one. This means so much to me."

Jake Kenick recited a poem written especially for Beneville. "You're sewn into our fabric; you've aged

like brilliant wine; You've made us all eclectic; and that makes you divine," read part of the poem. Several stood up to toast Beneville and thank him for his work with Nome's youth. Beneville reciprocated the apprecia-

tion, commenting, "I've learned so much from working in the schools. Classroom teachers are next to saints, and I admire every last one of you. Keep up the great work, and keep the arts going."



Photo by Sarah Miller

Honorees (left to right) — Sandi Keller, voted "Teacher of the Year", and Sylvia Matson, voted "Educational Support Professional of the Year", stand with their proud families Hattie Keller, Joshua Keller, Sandi Keller, Sylvia Matson, Tony Matson, Jenae Matson

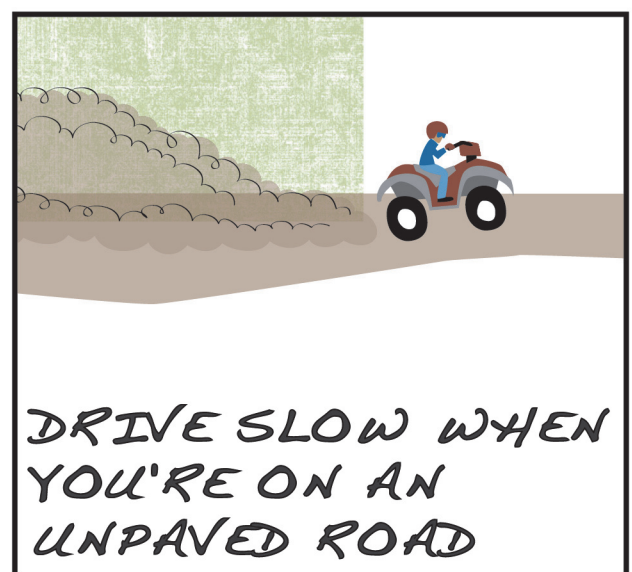
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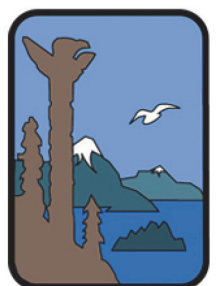
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Photo by Diana Haecker
WELL DONE — Lisa Leeper was honored with the BP Teacher of Excellence award at Old St. Joe's hall on Saturday, May 16. Anvil City Science Academy Principal Todd Hindman presented her with the award. Leeper also received a "Champion of the Arts in Education" award from the Alaska Arts Education Consortium, a non-profit organization, sponsoring teacher and administrator workshops to integrate the arts into all subjects.

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2015 NOME-BELTZ GRADUATING CLASS (left to right) — Back row: Jason Gilder, Cody Mork, Jarod Tozier, Alyssa Bushey, Louis Anowlic-Seeganna, Wink Winkelmann, Hunter Bellamy, Daniel Head.
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Row 3: Alexis Hutson, Lacy Erickson, Tasha Hukill, Tiffany Habros, Klay Baker, Joe Cross, Gabe Smith, Micheal Lyon, Emery Booshu, Alex Gray, Oliver Hoogendorn
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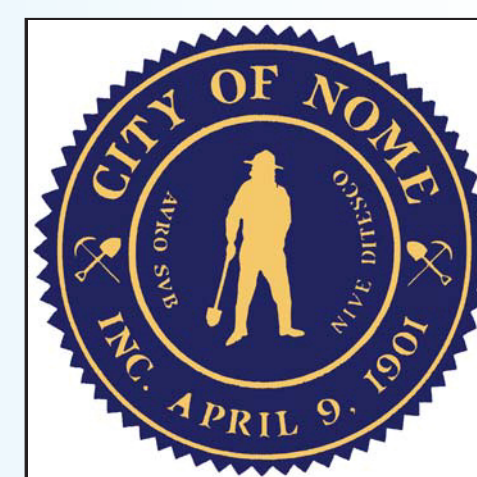


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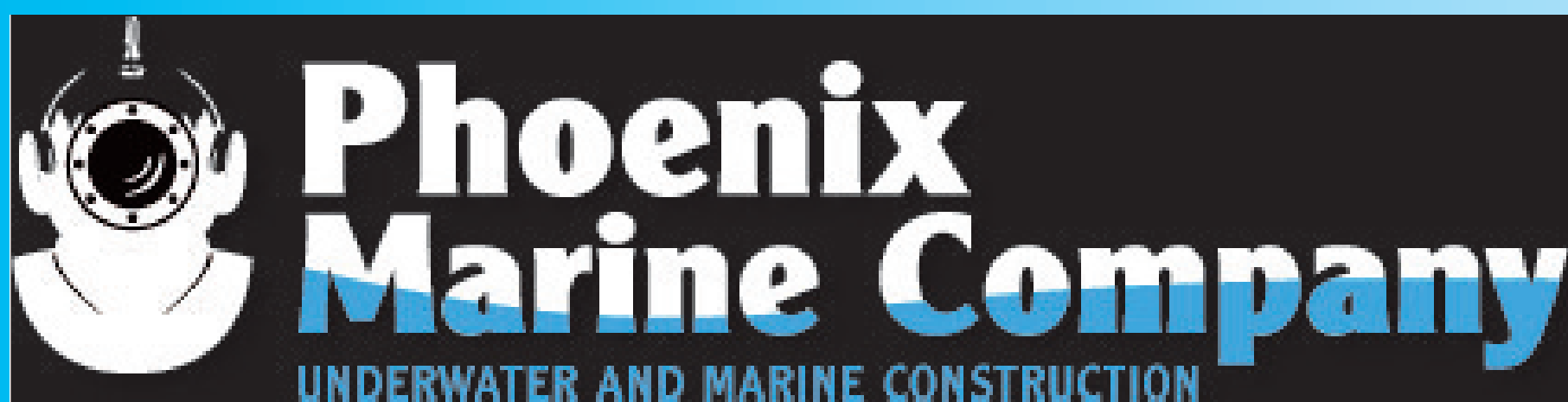


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Booshu named Athlete of the Year as Nome-Beltz honors sports participants

By Keith Conger

The Nome-Beltz High School Athletic Department brought coaches and players from all sports together in the Nome-Beltz gym to recognize student athletes at the annual Athletic Awards Dessert Potluck on May 14. The yearly ceremony had outgrown the cafeteria and took place for the first time in the north half of the gym. Family, friends, and fellow students were treated to an array of sweet items as they listened to words of praise given by coaches in each of eight sports.

The prestigious "Athlete of the Year" award went to Emery Booshu, who participated in both wrestling and basketball. Nome-Beltz Athletic Director Pat Callahan said this award, which was voted on by the

coaches, was the easiest to determine in years.

In wrestling, Booshu went 34-0 in his division this year, and was crowned state champion in his weight class all four of his years in high school. He became only the tenth wrestler in the state of Alaska to do so, and only the second 3A wrestler to accomplish the feat. His overall record during his high school career was 132-5.

Booshu received high praise from longtime Nanooks wrestling coach Dudley Homelvig. "First of all," said Homelvig, "Emery is a great young man off the mat. I know nobody who dislikes him. Some of his opponents, maybe, because he's a dream-wrecker. He has a humble approach and people like being around him."

Homelvig also said, "He makes no excuses. This year he had a severely bruised knee that limited what he could do. So he figured out what techniques he could do and what he should avoid and went with that. No one but his teammates knew he couldn't put a knee on the mat without severe pain, but he hid it well."

"Emery has demonstrated almost all the technique we teach for the last three years," continued Homelvig. "He could easily coach the team. I've never had anyone work harder, on and off the mat. Leif Erikson is a close second. His is one of the top two or three wrestlers I have ever seen in Alaska in 31 years of coaching. A coach is extremely lucky to get one Emery Booshu in a lifetime, so I've been blessed."

"Girls Athlete of the Year" went to Kimberly Clark who participated in volleyball and NYO.

Callahan said Oliver Hoogendorn was voted by the Nome-Beltz High School teachers to receive a special award for his commitment to academics and athletics.

Coach Lucas Frost was recognized as the Region I "Volleyball Coach of the Year."

Cross country, Swimming, Wrestling

Head coach Crystal Tobuk and assistant coach Corey Erikson handed out awards to the cross country running team. The recipients of the "Most Improved" awards were Mary Fiskeaux and Harrison Moore. Leadership awards went to Oliver

Hoogendorn and Bianca Trowbridge. Wilson Hoogendorn was honored for setting a new record on the Nanooks course. Alexis Hutson was recognized, along with Trowbridge and both of the Hoogendorn brothers, as being team captains. Coach Tobuk said there were eleven letter winners on the team. She also praised the boys squad for winning the regional cross country running title.

Nome swim team coach Kirsten Bey honored her squad of three swimmers. Lacy Erickson was recognized as a four-year letter winner, while Madison Johnson and Kurtis Bushey were noted as first-year letter recipients.

Wrestling coach Dudley Home-
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Photos by Keith Conger
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – Emery Booshu received top honors at the annual Athletic Awards Dessert Potluck on May 14 in the Nome-Beltz gym.



RECOGNIZED – NBHS student athletes gather together at the annual Athletic Awards Dessert Potluck on May 14 in the Nome-Beltz gym.

DANCING IN UNALAKLEET



Photo by Bret Hanson

DANCING IN UNALAKLEET— Unalakleet residents were treated to a dance performance after Unalakleet school students as well as community members participated in three-week long Dance Intensive workshops and classes. Instructors Leslie Kimiko Ward from Oregon, the lead Instructor and Hip-Hop specialist, and Emily Loscocco from MA, a Ballet specialist, were teaching dance in April 2015. Dance instruction for all students took place during physical education classes. The students held a performance on May 1. The instructors also offered after school dance instruction and community dance instruction in the evenings, as well as mini Cheer and Dance Camps on Saturdays.

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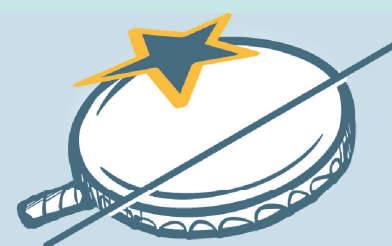
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GIRLS BASKETBALL (left)– Lacy Erickson, left, won the girls basketball team's **Most Improved Player Award** at the annual Athletic Awards Dessert Potluck on May 14 in the Nome-Beltz gym. Teammate Rayne Lie was honored with the **Most Inspirational Award**.

STANDING OVATION – NBHS Athlete of the Year recipient Emery Booshu receives a standing ovation at the annual Athletic Awards Dessert Potluck on May 14 in the Nome-Beltz gym.

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Ivig and assistant coach Corey Erikson recognized Sam Cross, Ethan Kelso and Nolan Horner as the most improved wrestlers. A special “Coaches Award” was given to Gabe Smith for his pursuit of excellence in the sport. Emery Booshu earned the “Hardest Worker Award” as well as the “Most Valuable Wrestler Award”. Homelvig recognized Booshu, Oliver Hoogendorn and Leif Erikson as team captains.

Volleyball, Skiing, Mushing, NYO

Head volleyball coach Lucas Frost handed out six awards. Kailey Witrosky received the “Defensive Player of the Year Award.” Alyssa Bushey earned the “Most Improved Award” and was recognized for having the team’s highest attack percentage. Jane Tidwell was recognized as the Nanook player with the most kill shots. Rene Merchant earned the team’s “Most Valuable Player Award”, and Megan Contreras was honored as the team’s “Most Improved Junior Varsity Player.”

Nome ski team members were honored by head coach Keith Conger. Christine Buffas was given the “Rookie Skier of the Year Award”. Emelyne Hobbs was recognized for earning a medal at the Alaska Biathlon Championships. Alexis Hutson was acknowledged as the leading biathlon shooter at state for both 2014 and 2015. Jannelle Trowbridge received high praise for her biathlon bronze medal at state. Both Bianca Trowbridge and Wilson Hoogendorn were honored for earning trips to the 2016 Arctic Winter Games in Greenland. Bianca Trowbridge was also recognized as having been crowned rural state ski champion.

Although dog mushing is not a school sport, Jannelle Trowbridge was praised for having completed her second consecutive Junior Iditarod sled dog race. She was the highest placing girl this year, and

earned a fifth-place finish in the 132-mile race.

Native Youth Olympics head coach Hank Ireland and assistant coach Marjorie Tahbone honored their NYO members. Ivory Okleasik, Kimberly Clark, Emily Pomrenke, Madison Johnson, Kalani Suemai and Timothy James were all recognized as state tournament participants. Ireland had high praise for James who made great gains in his One-Foot High Kick. Ireland, who announced that he is stepping down as head coach, received a keychain with a small mukluk and feather from Tahbone, who will be taking over head coaching duties next year. Ireland will serve as her assistant.

Cheerleading and Basketball

Cheerleading coach Rebekah Albertson mixed traditional awards with some creative ones. Kyrie Milline-Cardenas earned the “Most

Improved Award”. Kelsey Immingan picked up “The Best Cheer Hair Award” as well as the “Best Cheer Face Award.” Allaryce Agloinga was honored with the “Most Encouraging Award”, while Trisha Llesis earned the “Best Personality Award.” Bailey Immingan-Carpenter was honored three times - winning the “Spirit Award”, the “Leadership Award”, and the “Best Voice Award”. Both the “Most Dedicated” and “Most Valuable Awards” were earned by Cydney West. Albertson noted that all her girls, including Kalani Suemai and Audra Murdock, received letters.

Girls basketball awards were given by assistant coach Steffen Verdin. The “Most Improved Player Award” went to Lacy Erickson. Ivory Okleasik received the “Defensive Player of the Year Award”. Rayne Lie was honored with the “Most Inspirational Award”, while Senora Ahmasuk picked up Most

Valuable Player honors.

Boys Basketball head coach Pat Callahan gave out four varsity awards. The “Most Inspirational Award” went to Josh Gologergen. Klay Baker picked up the “Best Defensive Player Award”. Callahan announced that this year he was giving Co-MVP honors to Baker and Alex Gray. He also noted Gray’s hard work resulted in great game improvements. He was given the “Most Improved Player Award”. Assistant coach Dan Sullivan gave the “Junior Varsity Coaches’ Award” to Bobby Koezuna.

Callahan said 21 Nome-Beltz High School student athletes had an

accumulated Grade Point Average of 3.7 or higher after the first three quarters thus earning recognition by ASAA, the Alaska School Activities Association. Each of the student athletes received a pin for their achievement. The list included Trisha Llesis, Tate Coler, Tehya Tucker, Kailey Witrosky, Klay Baker, Daniel Head, Oliver Hoogendorn, Alexis Hutson, Jane Tidwell, Jannelle Trowbridge, Katie Kelso, Harrison Moore, Katherine Scott, John Wade, Bianca Trowbridge, Christine Buffas, Kimberly Clark, Wilson Hoogendorn, Jillian Stettenbenz, Ethan Kelso and Nathaniel Apolloni.

**Dear Shareholders
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Please consider writing my name in as a candidate for the 2015 Annual election to be held June 6th in Nome, Alaska.

I submitted my candidate application to the Sitnasuak Board of Directors before the established deadline. When on March 18, 2015 a majority of **the Board voted to exclude my name from the Board solicited proxy**, I asked for an explanation. The only reply I received was an email which stated, “We spoke with our attorney regarding your requests...the choice to not place you on the Sitnasuak 2015 board solicited proxy is not information that [the] corporation needs to disclose.”



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I was so proud and happy when my eldest son **Kenean Outwater** got awarded Junior High **STUDENT OF THE MONTH** for April 2015 at school board meeting May 12. I want to say thank you to the teachers who had elected him, who recognized Kenean also for doing an awesome job teaching. Most of all I want to congratulate my son, of his hard work and achievement. Kenean was one of 13 students who had gone to Washington D.C. on Close Up trip program (which was a lot of work and dedication) this spring and is one of many who will be promoted from Junior High to High School. Of course as a parent of 4, I am very proud and honored to share my children's success. Kenean's three younger brothers look up to him and follow his examples. :) Also huge thank you to the board members, principles, councilors and to those who make a difference in education.

**Thank you,
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Sunday, May 31**



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Otten and Gilder receive Musician of the Year awards

By Keith Conger
Student recognition for musical participation took place in the Elementary School Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 12, as Nome Public Schools Band Director Ron Horner

gathered his Nome-Beltz musicians for the Music Awards Potluck Dinner.
Horner began the festivities by honoring every member of the Junior High band. He also honored the members of the High School Choir,

the Pep Band and the High School band.
Jadyn Otton was honored with the Nanook Choir Musician of the Year Award. Jason Gilder earned the Nanook Band Member Musician of the Year Award.

Horner noted the following as solo or ensemble qualifiers for the state competition: Jadyn Otton, vocal solo, vocal ensemble; Jason Gilder, vocal solo, trumpet solo, piano solo; Alyssa Bushey, vocal solo, vocal ensemble; Bailey Immingan-Carpenter,

vocal solo; James Jorgensen, vocal solo, vocal ensemble; Jannelle Trowbridge, vocal solo; Megan Contreras, clarinet solo; Oliver Hoogendorn, tuba solo; James Horner, tuba solo; Nolan Horner, baritone saxophone solo and John Wade, trombone solo.

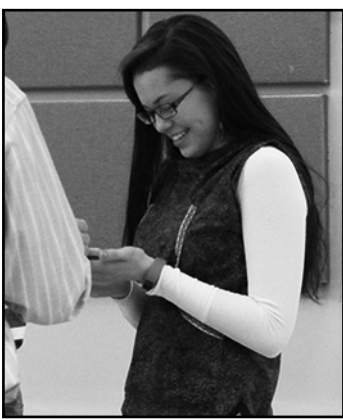
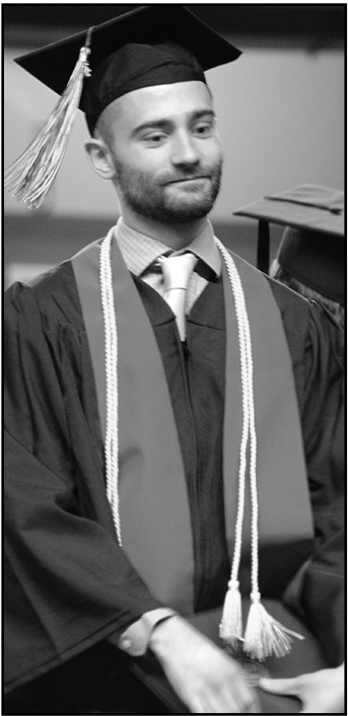


Photo by Keith Conger
TOP HONORS (left)— Band Director Ron Horner presented the Nanook Band Member Musician of the Year Award to Jason Gilder at the Music Awards Potluck Dinner on May 12.

DESERVING MUSICIAN (top)— Band Director Ron Horner recognized band member Megan Contreras.

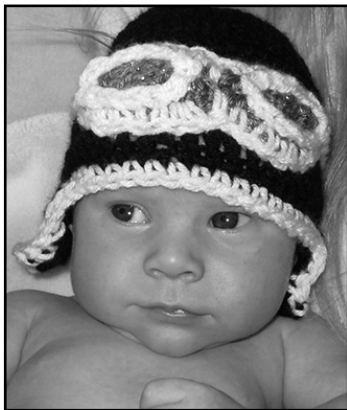
All Around The Sound

Graduation
Nome resident Milton “Kellen” Baker was presented with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education, Summa Cum Laude, during the University of Alaska Fairbanks commencement exercises held on May 10, 2015. Kellen is a 2009 graduate of Nome-Beltz Jr./Sr. High School, and he is the son of John and Becka Baker of Nome.



Milton “Kellen” Baker

New Arrival
Rick and Heidi Hanebuth were blessed with the birth of their son Josiah Jeffrey Hanebuth, born at Providence Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska on February 17, 2015. He weighed 7pounds 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. His sisters are Rhonda and Nina Hanebuth, brothers are Nick and Chase Gray, all of Nome. Josiah’s paternal grandparents are Don and Sharon Hanebuth of St. Joseph, Missouri. His maternal grandparents are Jim and Kay Hansen of Nome, Alaska.



Josiah Jeffrey Hanebuth

My family and I are so thankful for the outpouring of love and support from everyone since my leukemia diagnosis. We have no words to express how grateful we are for your prayers, kind words, and donations. A special thank you to Becka Baker, Rena Gologergen, Rayne Lie and Katie Tomter and to all who participated in the bake sale, and Mckenzie Hickerson and Kallie King.

Rylan Lewis & family

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December 22–January 19

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Aries
March 21–April 19

Mind over matter, Aries. Picture yourself pushing through the obstacles, and you will. A special treat sets the stage for a loving weekend.

Cancer
June 22–July 22

You could, Cancer, but why bother when there is someone else so eager? Pass the reins. Romance burns bright at home. A gift could be in order.

Libra
September 23–October 22

Lunacy reigns at home. Sidestep it, Libra. Life will return to normal by week's end. An assignment proves trickier than thought. Attack it in stages.

Aquarius
January 20–February 18

Feeling down, Aquarius? Not for long! A blast from the past is about to rock your world. An auto issue persists. Look to a pro for the quick fix.

Taurus
April 20–May 20

Budget concerns ease considerably with a promotion of some sort. Travel plans of long ago are finally set into motion, thanks to a dear friend, Yahoo, Taurus!

Leo
July 23–August 22

Pish-posh, Leo. Your idea is weak, and you know it. Take some time to fine-tune it before the presentation and make sure it has some wow factor.

Scorpio
October 23–November 21

Tired of being heckled, Scorpio? Stop passing the buck. Do the work yourself, and you can rest assure it will be done right and on time.

Pisces
February 19–March 20

Beggars can't be choosy, Pisces. Be grateful for what you are given. A change in venue boosts the popularity of an event. Prepare for a crowd.

Gemini
May 21–June 21

Get a move on, Gemini. The pace is picking up. A family conflict comes to a quick resolution, allowing for a home improvement project to begin.

Virgo
August 23–September 22

You didn't, Virgo! You did not agree to do someone a favor and then renege on it at the last minute. If you did, you better make amends now. You could soon need their help.

Sagittarius
November 22–December 21

Confession time, Sagittarius. You've kept a few issues hidden for far too long. Be more open, and the solutions you seek will come. A deadline is met.

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Obituary

Robert Anderson McGuffey
December 8, 1946
– April 27, 2015

Longtime Nome resident Bob McGuffey died in his home surrounded by his family on April 27, 2015.

Bob was born in Gridley, California to Leslie and Thelma McGuffey. He graduated from Hawthorn High in Nevada. Bob was also in the US Air Force. Bob completed the apprenticeship program with the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union and when the pipeline started he relocated to Local 375 Union in Fairbanks and worked on the pipeline until its completion.

After starting their family they would travel to where the work was. Bob always insisted that kids were portable and they would learn by experience. We have many fond memories of packing up and living in Nevada, California, Washington and Hawaii.

In 1994 they relocated to Kotzebue, where both worked for the City running the Teen Center, Adult Center and Bingo Hall. The best memories are the ones they made with the local teens who frequented the Teen Center, to Bob they were like an extended family.

In 2000 the family moved to Nome. With friends and family they built their home 16 miles out of town on the Council Highway and lived there year-round for four years before moving into Nome. Bob was his happiest there. Bob enjoyed fixing things, there was nothing he couldn't make work. He also enjoyed being out gold mining or metal detecting. Bob loved the outdoors. Bob was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He had a great sense of humor. He loved being around his family, especially during birthdays and holidays when everyone was together. He had a heart of gold, very compassionate and caring. He will be missed dearly.

He is survived by his wife Omie McGuffey, children Duke (Mercie), Niki, Micheal, Shannon, Shawn, Shance, Shiloh and Adam. His grandchildren Duke, Ryder, Trent, Sadie, Mike Jr., Tiffany, Kyle and Sharla.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents Leslie and Thelma McGuffey and by his in-laws Rodney and Doris Lincoln.



Robert Anderson McGuffey

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CRANES— Two sandhill cranes practice their synchronized flying skills.

Mexican Stromboli

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

Makes 8 Servings
Preparation Time: 15 minutes*
Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes
Difficulty Level: Hard

Ingredients:
1 recipe for Easy Whole Wheat Bread Dough (or Store-bought Pizza Dough)
1 Tbsp. olive oil
½ lb. ground moose
2 Tbsp. taco seasoning
2 Tbsp. water
½ cup red onion, chopped
¼ cup orange bell pepper, chopped
¼ cup yellow bell pepper, chopped
½ cup pepper jack cheese, grated



Nutrition Facts

Serving Size	1 slice
Amount Per Serving	8
Calories	309
Total Fat (g)	7
Saturated Fat (g)	2
Cholesterol (mg)	29
Sodium (mg)	915
Total Carbohydrate (g)	43
Fiber (g)	2
Protein (g)	17
Vitamin A (%)	3
Vitamin C (%)	28
Calcium (%)	10
Iron (%)	9

- Directions:**
1. Follow the recipe for Easy Whole Wheat Bread Dough.
 2. Preheat oven to 350°F.
 3. While the dough is rising, pour olive oil into an iron skillet and spread to coat. Combine ½ Tbsp. olive oil, onion, and all peppers. Cook until peppers are tender and onions are golden brown. Add meat and cook until brown. Stir in taco seasoning and water. Let simmer for 5 minutes then set aside.
 4. Spread dough out into a thin, circular layer, about 1/8th inch thick. On half of the dough spread out the cooked meat and vegetables. Sprinkle cheese on top of the meat. Fold the dough over to close the large pocket. Pinch the edges of the dough to seal off.
 5. Spray a baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray. Transfer the uncooked Stromboli to the baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes.

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Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church
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

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

Nome Church of the Nazarene
3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-4870
Pastor Dan Ward
Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE and CREDENTIALS:

Education	Degree
	High School Diploma or Equivalent
Program	
Experience	General (Non-supervisory):
Amount:	3 year(s)
Supervisory	0 year(s)
	<i>Must have both general and supervisory experience if indicated.</i>
Credentials	Licensure, Certification, Etc.:
	N/A

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NSHC will apply Alaska Native/American Indian (under PL 93-638 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 for all positions. NSHC is a drug free workplace and performs pre-employment drug screening. Candidates failing to pass any of the pre-employment requirements will not be considered for a position.

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Legals

Invitation for Bids: Mechanical/Plumbing Supplies

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) seeks to procure mechanical and plumbing materials from a qualified vendor. The scope of work is to provide mechanical and plumbing parts, equipment, and materials to BSRHA for a project wide mechanical system replacement project to be performed in Elim, AK.

IFB packets can be picked up at BSRHA's office during normal office hours (8:00 am- 5:00 pm), on our website www.bsrha.org or requested by calling 907-644-6633. Sealed bids must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday May 28, 2015, at the office of Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority, 415 E. 3rd Ave., Nome, Alaska 99762 or mailed to Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority at PO Box 995, Nome, Alaska, 99762.

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 reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for this work and to waive any informality if deemed in BSRHA's best interests.

5.14-21

THE CITY OF NOME

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

O-15-05-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Property Owned by the City of Nome (Block 80A, Lot 5A)

This ordinance had first reading at the regular meeting of the City Council on May 11, 2015 and was passed to second reading/public hearing/final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for June 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the Office of the City Clerk.

5.14-21-28,6.4

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

2/26/2015 ttn

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

5.14 – 8.27

Trooper Beat

On May 14, at 10:25 a.m., the White Mountain VPSO arrested Richard Titus, 39, of White Mountain, with two arrest warrants for \$1,000 each. The warrants were for probation violations resulting from original charges of driving under the influence and assault 4. Titus was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.



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JUNIOR BOTANIST— Lizzy Hahn and her trusty dog "Arrow" look at a *Anemone multiceps* on a recent tundra hike.



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OPENING FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ORUTSARMIUT NATIVE COUNCIL, ONC, a Federally-Recognized Tribe in Bethel, Alaska, is seeking qualified applicants for its EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

The Executive Director Position starts September 1, 2015, with a minimum two-year commitment/contract.

Any resume must be post-marked or hand-delivered before August 1, 2015. The ONC board will be interviewing select applicants and choosing such applicant before September 1, 2015.

Qualifications Include: Highly self-motivated and organized individual with past experience running a non-profit; MBA or Bachelor's in Business or Public Administration preferred, with minimum of 3 years experience in administration of tribal government, non-profit or Public service agency or minimum of 5 years successful experience in administration of tribal government with demonstrated skills in Verbal/Writing, Budgeting, Grants, Contracts. Yup'ik speaking preferred but not mandatory.

Qualified individuals are encouraged to apply by submitting a resume/vitae with a letter of introduction. Such resume/letter should be mailed to: Valcarlos Law Office, Attorney for ONC, PO Box 409 Bethel, Alaska 99559 or hand-delivered to 900 3rd Ave Bethel, Alaska 99559.

A full job description may be obtained from
ONC, P.O. Box 927, 117 Alex Hatley, Bethel, Alaska 99559 (907) 543-2608

DOT warns of road washouts

The Dept. of Transportation warned on Tuesday that the Pilgrim River has breached the dike and water is running half a mile down the Kougarok Road, making travel beyond unsafe. The DOT recommends not to travel through the running water as potential washouts in the

roadway are hidden. The DOT road crew will continue to work on the road beyond mile 59 once the water level has dropped and made the road passable for heavy equipment and other vehicles.

The Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller highway is open. The Nome Council

Highway is open to mile 48.5.

The DOT still warns that there are partial washouts, soft spots, ruts, ice and pot holes. The department asks to use caution when driving around crew and their equipment.

Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASES
05/11/2015 through 05/17/2015

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 140 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 43 (31%) involved alcohol. There were 8 arrests made with 7 (88%) alcohol related. NPD responded to 11 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. 5 were remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and 4 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment. There were 17 ambulance calls and 0 fire calls during this period.

Monday, May 11, 2015
00:46 am, a citizen walked into NPD to report that a light was left on in his residence that he was sure was not his doing. Officers accompanied the homeowner to his residence where the house was searched for any signs of forced entry, damage or theft. Nobody was found within the residence and no items were disturbed or stolen. No further police assistance was required.
01:36 am, NPD responded to a noise complaint at an apartment complex on the West side of town. Two intoxicated individuals were contacted and warned verbally for Disorderly Conduct regarding the excessively loud noise. Both parties remained at the residence and no further action was taken.
04:38 am, NPD was dispatched to a residence on the West side of town for the report of an intoxicated family member attempting to gain entry into the home, which violated his terms of probation. Upon arrival, officers located the individual, who was not on the property or within the home. The subject was warned regarding the conditions set forth in his probation and was released at the scene.
07:09 am, NPD received a report of an unknown dog being tied to a porch on the East side of town. The dog was impounded at the Nome Police Department until the owner was identified and later arrived at NPD to claim the animal. He was warned for Animal At Large.
11:09 am, NPD was requested to conduct a welfare check at a residence on the west side of town for a young child that was reportedly home alone. Upon arrival, Officers spoke with the guardian of the child, who was at the residence and sober. No further action was required and the reporting party was notified that the child was safe.
01:18 pm, NPD officers conducted a traffic stop on an ATV at the North end of town for failing to come to a complete stop at a stop sign. The driver was issued a verbal warning for the violation, as well as basic speed, and was released on scene.
06:52 pm, NPD was requested to check on two juveniles, brother and sister, who had been in a scuffle at youth center on the West side of town. The reporting party indicated that adult supervision was not confirmed upon their return home. Officers arrived at the residence and spoke with the parents of the children, who indicated they would address the altercation. No further action was necessary.
07:16 pm, NPD responded to a residence on the East side of town for the report of someone trespassing within the home. Upon arrival and further investigation, it was found to be a lack of communication between several tenants of the home regarding the visitor. The subject left the home upon request and no further action was necessary.
07:16 pm, NPD officers were dispatched to a residence on the East side of town for the report of a verbal dispute between two individuals. Upon arrival, Officers contacted an intoxicated Manuela Meyer, 52, who was found to be on current probation conditions that prohibited the consumption of alcohol to excess. Meyer was subsequently placed under arrest for Violating her Probation and was remanded to AMCC, where she was held without bail.
09:09 pm, NPD responded to a residence on the East side of town for the report of an assault occurring between two individuals. Upon arrival and further investigation one of the involved parties, identified as Dawn Oozevaseuk, 31, had placed another member of the household in fear

of physical injury. Oozevaseuk was then placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and was remanded to AMCC, where she was held without bail.

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
07:08 am, NPD received a report of a weapon that was found on the West end of town, Officers responded and impounded the weapon to NPD, no further action taken.
10:45 am, NPD responded to a disturbance call on the West end of town, officers arrived on scene and one individual was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical care and treatment.
01:35 pm, NPD responded to a report of two intoxicated individuals not leaving a certain area and blocking an exit way, officers arrived on scene and the two individuals left the scene upon request, no further action taken.
01:47 pm, NPD made contact with Leanna Apasingok, 37, during a security check on the West end of town, Leanna was arrested for violating her conditions of release and was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, where she is held without bail.
03:05 pm, NPD responded to a disturbance on the West end of town, officers made contact with the reporting party and the situation was resolved by separation and a referral will be written and sent to the District Attorney's Office, no further action taken.
07:25 pm, NPD responded to a report of criminal mischief on the West end of town, officers took a report from the reporting party and during the length of the call, NPD also made contact with Alexie Morris Jr., 40, and was arrested for Violating Conditions of Probation and taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then remanded to AMCC where no bail is set.
08:51 pm, NPD received a report of a missing minor on the West end of town who did not come home from school. Officers searched multiple areas and he was located at 09:37 pm and returned to his residence where he is safe and secure, no further action taken.

Wednesday, May 13, 2015
00:22 am, NPD received a report of a noise disturbance on the West end of town, officers arrived on scene and the two individuals dispersed upon arrival.
00:41 am, NPD received a report of an intoxicated male down on the West end of town, officers made contact with Richard Titus, 39, and he agreed to find another location to stay in, report was also taken for Violating Conditions of Probation and will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office.
00:43 am, NPD received a report of an intoxicated minor on the West end of town, Officers made contact with Venessa Koonooka and was is-

sued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol, and transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment, no further action taken.
03:05 am, NPD received a report of intoxicated male needing assistance on the West end of town, officers made contact with the individual and was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment, no further action taken.
04:37 am, NPD received a report of an individual trespassing on property on the East end of town, officers made contact with the reporting party and the alleged individual and they were given a warning for criminal trespass and released on scene.
10:08 am, NPD received a report of a suicide threat on the East end of town. Officers made contact with an intoxicated female. She was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then onto AMCC for a Title 47 hold, no further action taken.
12:16 pm, NPD received a report of a possible domestic violence report occurring on the West end of town. Officers arrived on scene and made contact with two individuals and no domestic violence was reported. Only a verbal altercation had occurred and the situation was resolved by separation, no further action taken.
06:00 pm, the Nome Police Department along with Nome Volunteer Fire & Ambulance department conducted a Transportation Hazmat Drill.
11:41 pm, NPD received a request for a welfare check on a highly intoxicated female on Front Street. Officers contacted Freida Okoomelingok. Okoomelingok was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and was transported to AMCC; bail was set to \$250.
08:52 pm, NPD contacted three individuals on the West end of town for a report of a disturbance. Investigation led to the arrest of June Koonuk, 52, for Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree. She was transported to AMCC and bail was set to \$500. Anthony Gandia, 38, was also arrested and brought to AMCC. Mr. Gandia was charged with two counts of Violating Conditions of Release; bail was set to \$2000.

Thursday, May 14, 2015
07:19 am, NPD received a report of an unsecured premise. Officers searched the residence and no one was located inside. The door was shut and secured upon leaving, no further action taken.
06:19 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated female trespassing at an apartment complex on the East side of town. Upon arrival officers contacted the female and investigation revealed that she was no longer residing within the apartment. The female was provided transportation to a friend's residence and was left in their sober care without further incident.
09:12 pm, NPD officers were contacted in regard to reported harassment. The reporting party indicated that the harassment was conducted over

the telephone and had not been physically approached. The reporting party was informed to contact the court system to file a protective order and to call with any further issues that arise.
10:15 pm, NPD received a report from a juvenile that they had been abused by their parents on the West side of town. Upon speaking with both the parents and the reporting juvenile; the claim was deemed unfounded as both parents and child admitted that the only time the juvenile was disciplined was when rules or actual laws had been broken. No further action was necessary.

Friday, May 15, 2015
11:12 am, NPD received a report of items being stolen from inside a dwelling on the East side of town. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.
11:47 am, NPD received a call from the Nome Public School regarding a student misbehaving. Upon arrival, the juvenile was transported to the residence of their parents and left in their care. No further enforcement action was necessary.
06:24 pm, NPD received a report of several minors playing on the receding sea ice on the East side of town. Officers arrived and contacted three

juveniles, all were located on land. The three juveniles were warned regarding the danger of playing on the ice. No further action was taken and the juveniles left the area shortly thereafter.
07:30 pm, NPD was notified of a vehicle that had left the roadway and had collided with a road sign in the process. Officers responded to the scene and contacted the driver of the vehicle, identified as Brandon Kuhnkey, 41, who was found to be intoxicated. Kuhnkey did not report any injuries and was subsequently placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence (Alcohol) and remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$1,000 bail. Kuhnkey was also issued two citations; the first for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance and the second for Driving with Expired Registration.
08:28 pm, NPD Officers responded to a reported trespass at a residence on the East side of town. Upon arrival and further investigation, one of the parties had fled the scene prior to officers' arrival while the other subject had been invited in-

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Notice of the 42nd Annual Meeting of Shareholders

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- 10 a.m.
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- Nome, Alaska

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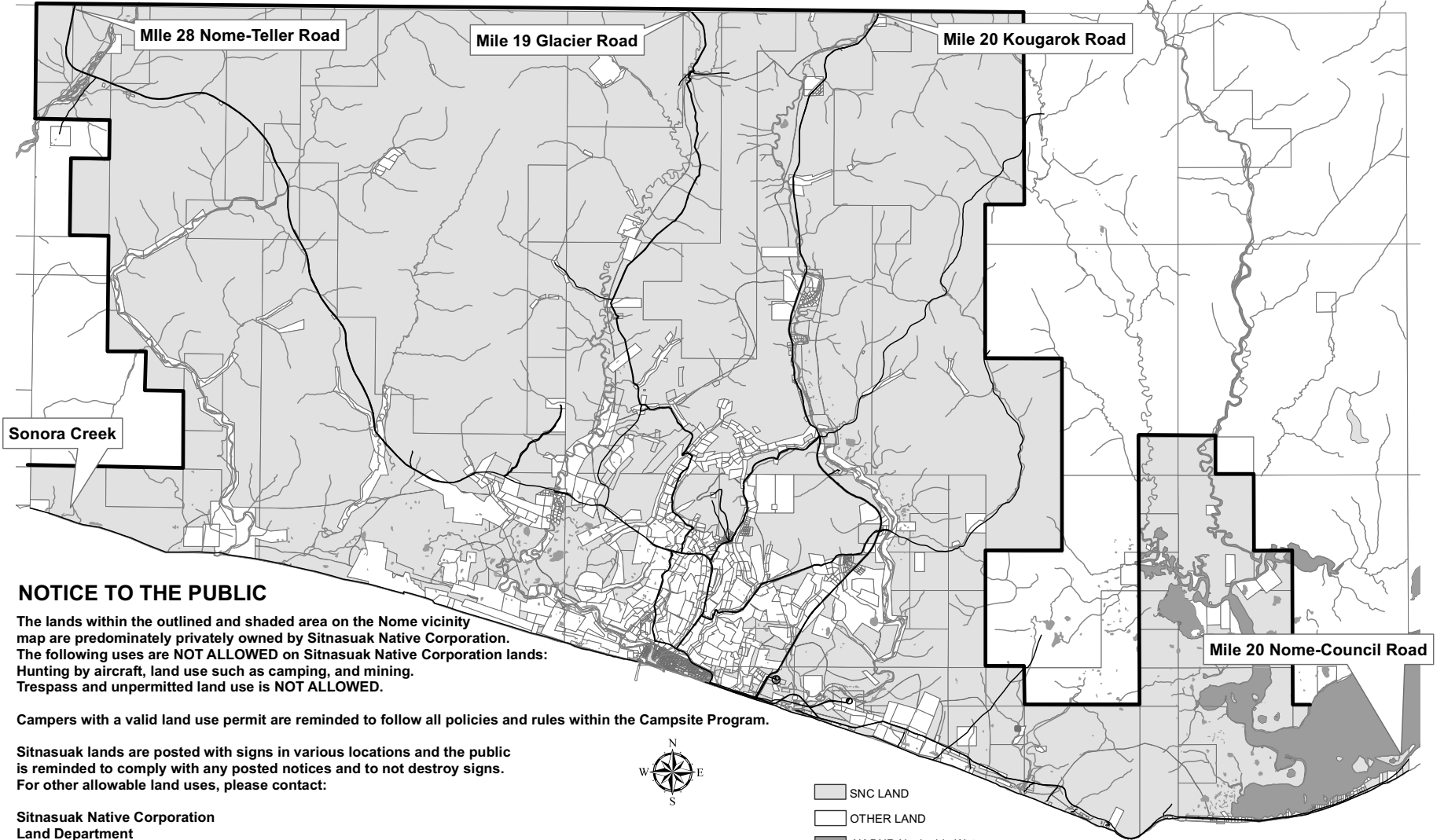
- Election of Four (4) Directors for three year term
- Other shareholder business

Any questions please contact **Dave Evans**, Shareholder Liaison, for more information at 387-1226 or devans@snc.org



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5.7-14-21-28



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The lands within the outlined and shaded area on the Nome vicinity map are predominately privately owned by Sitnasuak Native Corporation. The following uses are NOT ALLOWED on Sitnasuak Native Corporation lands: Hunting by aircraft, land use such as camping, and mining. Trespass and unpermitted land use is NOT ALLOWED.

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Sitnasuak lands are posted with signs in various locations and the public is reminded to comply with any posted notices and to not destroy signs. For other allowable land uses, please contact:

**Sitnasuak Native Corporation
Land Department
P.O. Box 905
Nome, Alaska 99762
(907) 387-1220**

Legend:
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OTHER LAND
AK DNR Navigable Waters

• Seawall

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side. The remaining subject was provided transportation to the residence of a family member, was left in their sober care and given a drunk on licensed premises warning.

10:07 pm, NPD received a report of an assault that occurred two days prior to the reporting party's call to Police. The reporting party was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation, per their request and information regarding the altercation was gathered. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

11:05 pm, NPD received a request for a welfare check to be completed on a female who had yet to return home from a visit with a friend. The female in question was located while walking back to her residence and indicated she was running behind schedule. No further assistance was necessary.

11:48 pm, NPD received a report of a highly intoxicated male who was unconscious behind a business on the West side of town. Upon arrival, officers contacted and identified the male as Andrew Ozenna, who was not able to adequately care for himself due to his level of intoxication. Ozenna was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and was remanded to AMCC on a Title 47 Hold.

11:58 pm, NPD responded to an apartment complex on the East side of town for the report of an intoxicated female that required assistance. Officers arrived and contacted June Koonuk, who was found to be highly intoxicated and unable to adequately care for herself. After multiple attempts at several residences around town, Koonuk was then transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and was later remanded to AMCC on a Title 47 Hold.

Saturday, May 16, 2015

03:09 am, NPD responded to the East side of town for a requested welfare check on an intoxi-

cated female possibly requiring assistance. Upon arrival in the area, the female was contacted and identified as Dorcas Okpealuk, who was also found to have consumed alcohol while under the age of twenty-one. Okpealuk was issued a Minor Consuming Alcohol Citation and was provided transportation to her residence without further incident.

08:42 am, NPD officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle displaying expired registration tags. The driver was given a verbal warning for the violation, as he had just returned from an extended trip and the DMV was not open to update the tags.

10:05 am, NPD received a report of a subject found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound within a residence on the East side of town. Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and Nome Police Department personnel responded to the scene, at which time the victim was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. The body will be sent to the State Medical Examiner's Office for Autopsy and the next of kin was notified.

05:02 pm, NPD received a report of a loose dog by a local establishment on the West side of town. The dog was located, captured and taken to the dog kennel at NPD. The owner of the dog was notified and picked up their dog. They were warned for Animal at Large and instructed to keep their animal secured.

06:58 pm, NPD received a report of a dog that had been captured by a local resident. Attempts to locate the owner were eventually successful and the dog owner later arrived at the Public Safety Building to pick up their dog. The owner was warned for Animal at Large and was requested to attempt a different method of securing the dog to prevent future escape.

09:36 pm, NPD received a report from a female who had been bitten by a dog on the West side of town. Investigation into the incident revealed that the victim had wandered onto private property, where the dog was chained up and was bit on the hand. The owner of the dog provided proof of up-to-date vaccinations and the dog was left in the

care of the owner. The victim, who was also found to be intoxicated, was warned regarding trespassing onto private property and further refused any medical treatment.

09:51 pm, NPD conducted a traffic stop on a four-wheeler on the West side of town that was observed driving on a state highway. The driver was identified and found to be visiting town and unaware of the law requiring a valid driver license to operate a motor vehicle upon city streets. The driver was given a verbal warning for the violation and was instructed to no longer drive a motor vehicle until receiving a valid license to do so.

10:29 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated female lying in the road on the West side of town. The female was contacted, identified and then transported to her residence, where she was left in the care of a sober family member.

11:42 pm, NPD received a report of a group of juveniles playing on abandoned buildings on the North side of town. The juveniles were contacted, identified and given a verbal warning regarding trespassing on the property. The juveniles were instructed to return home as curfew was in effect by the end of the contact.

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00:26 am, NPD conducted a welfare check on a juvenile who allegedly made threats of self-harm. Officers made contact with the juvenile and their guardians, and both stated that no threats of harm were made and that the reporting party misconstrued what was relayed via social media. All parties involved were informed to call NPD if there were any further issues that required assistance.

01:13 am, NPD received a noise complaint from an apartment complex on the West side of town. The renter of the offending apartment was contacted and given a Disorderly Conduct warning and agreed to keep the noise down for the night. No further enforcement action was necessary.

01:52 am, NPD received a REDDI report of a vehicle travelling on the North side of town. The vehicle was located and a traffic stop was conducted. Further investigation revealed that the

driver was not intoxicated and was the designated driver for the evening. The driver was released at the scene without further incident.

02:23 am, NPD responded to a local establishment on the West side of town for the report of an individual violating conditions of probation by entering a licensed premise. The male, identified as Timothy Brown, was located inside of the licensed premise and admitted to consuming alcohol; which was also a violation. Brown was released at the scene and a Summons request will be submitted to the District Attorney's office.

02:08 pm, NPD officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had committed a moving violation. Upon contact with the driver, identified as Hence Stettenbenz, he was unable to provide proof of current motor vehicle insurance. Stettenbenz was cited for Failure to Exhibit Proof of Insurance and was released at the scene.

03:35 pm, NPD officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle operating without license plates on the vehicle. The driver, identified as Jenelle Menadelook, was unable to provide proof of current motor vehicle insurance. Menadelook was cited for Failure to Exhibit Proof of Insurance and License Plates Improperly Displayed. She was released at the scene without further incident.

03:58 pm, NPD officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with several equipment violations. The driver, Michele Yager, was issued verbal warnings for the equipment violations, but was unable to provide proof of current motor vehicle insurance. Yager was cited for Failure to Exhibit Proof of Insurance and was released at the scene.

06:14 pm, Nome Police Department and Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department personnel responded to a local hotel on the West side of town for the report of an unresponsive female. Upon arrival, the female was alert and found to be highly intoxicated. EMS took custody of the female, who was then transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation.

06:34 pm, NPD responded to a residence on the West side of town for the report of male refusing to leave a residence upon request. Upon ar-

rival, officers determined through investigation that the reported trespasser resided within the home. The reporting party was provided information regarding landlord/tenant laws and the process of eviction. No further action was taken, as the issue was civil in nature.

07:53 pm, NPD was informed of a found wallet at a business on the West side of town. If you, or someone you know, is missing a wallet please contact the Nome Police Department at (907) 443-5262 to describe and claim.

08:13 pm, NPD responded to a parking lot outside of an apartment complex on the West side of town for the report of several highly intoxicated individuals causing a disturbance. Upon arrival, two females were contacted; one required medical assistance. The female, later identified as Amy Takak, 34, was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation. While inside the E.R., Takak began causing a disturbance within the building and continued this behavior after being informed it was disturbing other patients. During this time, Takak also became physically resistive to E.R. staff, placing two employees in fear of being physically harmed. Takak was placed under arrest for two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree and one count of Disorderly Conduct. She was then transported to AMCC, where she was held on \$1,250 bail.

10:03 pm, NPD responded to a residence on the East side of town for the report of a juvenile who had harmed themselves. Upon arrival, the juvenile was found without life-threatening injuries and was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation. The juvenile, with the permission of parents, was held at the hospital in the care of Behavioral Health.

10:21 pm, NPD received a report from a parent that their child had not returned home before curfew. Officers searched the area and were able to locate the juvenile at a business on the west side of town. The juvenile was issued a warning for curfew and was instructed to return home, which the parent confirmed.

Court

Week ending 5/15 Civil

Talley, Stephen v. Duncan, Elizabeth; Civil Protective Order
Bonnar, Maurice G. and Bonnar, Evelyn R.; Dissolution w/out Children
Ione, Simon T. - Old Name; Ozenna, Simon T. - New Name; Ozenna, Summer – Parent

Washington, Vivian V. v. Smith, Kenneth D.; Civil Protective Order
Verdin, Sharon v. Titus, Isaiah; Civil Protective Order
Duncan, Elizabeth v. Talley, Stephen; Civil Protective Order
Prince, Thomasine v. Peter, Cheyenne; Civil Protective Order
Kuzuguk, Hannah J. v. Takak, Amy; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims

No current claims filed (start 2NO-15-00020SC)

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Sidney Kulowiyyi (6/9/91); CTN 001: Criminal Mischief 4; Date of Violation: 4/22/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 2 and 3; 90 days, 45 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 5/12/17; 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 or buy alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires.

State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevaseuk (8/30/83); Dismissal of Criminal Charges; CTN 001: AS11.41.230(a)(3); Assault 4-Cause Fear Of Injury; Offense Date: 5/11/15; Dismissal code: DPA; If dismissed by prosecution: Prosecutor: Earthman; All charges in this case are now disposed; It is ordered that any bond posted in this case that has not been ordered forfeited is exonerated; Reason: Dismissed by Prosecution – CrR 43(a); (DPA).

State of Alaska v. Craig Weston (8/17/83); 2NO-14-262CR Notice of Dismissal; PTRP filed 4/22/15; Filed by the DAs Office 5/8/15.

State of Alaska v. Craig Weston (8/17/83); 2NO-15-201CR Dismissal of Criminal Charges; CTN 001: AS11.41.220(a)(1)(B): Assault 3- Cause Injury w/Weap; Offense Date: 4/19/15; Dismissal code: DSCD; All charges in this case are now disposed; It is ordered that any bond posted in this case that has not been ordered forfeited is exonerated; Reason: Delay in Transfer to Superior Court – CrR 43(b or 5(e)); (DSCD).

State of Alaska v. Cylas Alex Okitkun (7/12/96); Minor Consuming/Possessing Alcohol Underage Consuming (Non-Criminal AS11.81.900); Date of Offense: 4/18/15; Court Surcharge: \$10 due to the Nome Court by 5/19/15; Fine: \$400 with \$200 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court 12/1/15; License: Defendant's driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 9 months with 6 months suspended; Defendant must immediately surrender any current driver's license to the court; Alcohol Information School (First offense only): Defendant must attend the following alcohol information school: if it is offered by Stebbins Clinic by 6/1/15; Probation from date of this judgment until 5/12/16 subject to the following conditions: Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.015(b).

State of Alaska v. Courtney Tucker (6/6/86); 2NO-14-697CR Disorderly Conduct; DV; Date of Violation: 11/1/14; 2 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 2 days CTS plus no further jail is imposed; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Tucker (6/6/86); 2NO-14-697CR; Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 1/14/15; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 5/12/15); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol, state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause.

State of Alaska v. David Angi (4/27/67); 2NO-14-837CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114800724; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: balance of any and all time to serve is imposed; Defendant must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. David Angi (4/27/67); 2NO-15-233CR Notice of Dismissal;

Charge 001: Assault 3, AS 11.42.220(a); 002, 003, 004: Assault 4, AS 11.41.230(a); 005: Reckless Endangerment, AS 11.42.250(a); Filed by the DAs Office 5/11/15.

State of Alaska v. Harry Tocktoo (6/2/88); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Mischief 4; Filed by the DAs Office 5/11/15.

State of Alaska v. Jenny Kuzuguk (10/20/76); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 5/11/15.

State of Alaska v. Dan Koonuk (1/25/56); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 5/11/15.

State of Alaska v. Rebecca Barr (8/21/79); Withdrawal of Petition to Revoke Probation; COMES NOW the State of Alaska, through undersigned Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Slattery, and hereby withdraws the Petition to Revoke Probation without prejudice; Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this 8th day of May, 2015.

State of Alaska v. James Bloomstrand (3/18/80); 2NO-14-150CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114797628; Violated conditions of probation; ATN: 114797628; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: balance of sentence, 300 days.

State of Alaska v. James Bloomstrand (3/18/80); 2NO-15-71CR Assault 4; Date of Violation: 2/2/15; 360 days, 360 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not 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 5 years, 5/14/20; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause.

State of Alaska v. James Bloomstrand (3/18/80); 2NO-15-92CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 5/14/15.

State of Alaska v. James Bloomstrand (3/18/80); 2NO-15-229CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001 and 002: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 5/14/15.

State of Alaska v. Trevor Tunjiyan (6/5/91); 2NO-11-495CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110670282; Violated conditions of probation; Sentence is imposed as stated in the attached supplemental judgment.

State of Alaska v. Trevor Tunjiyan (6/5/91); 2NO-11-495CR Supplemental Judgment and Commitment; CTN 001: AS11.46.360(a)(2): Vehicle Theft 1- Damage \$500+ Or 7+ Days, Class: C Felony; Offense Date: 1/25/11; DV: No; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: AS11.46.130(a)(1): Theft 2-Value \$500-\$24,999; Offense Date: 1/25/11; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date): 5/8/15 with counsel, PD Ferguson, and the DA presence; Sentence: CTN 001: 15 months flat; Surcharges: Police Training Surcharge: 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, it is ordered that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; 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); Any appearance or performance bond in this case: No Bail Posted.

State of Alaska v. Lena Elachik (7/3/83); 2NO-15-212CR AS11.41.460(b): Indecent Exposure 2 – Attempt; Date of Violation: 4/24/15; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days served; Defendant is credited with the at initial arrest plus with time May 2-May 8; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Lena Elachik (7/3/83); 2NO-15-232CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 5/13/15.

State of Alaska v. Alexie Morris, Jr. (9/18/74); 2NO-12-859CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113671035; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 150 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Alexie Morris, Jr. (9/18/74); 2NO-15-8CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114800445; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Bruce Johnson (3/29/63); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation:

11/26/14; 180 days, 130 days suspended; Unsuspended 50 days have been served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 5/13/16; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause.

State of Alaska v. John Koozaata (3/23/86); 2NO-15-219CR CTN 001: Theft 3rd; Date of Violation: 4/26/15; 120 days, 100 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days CTS have been served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not 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; Restitution: Defendant 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; \$86.25; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 5/13/15); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires.

State of Alaska v. John Koozaata (3/23/86); 2NO-15-219CR CTN 002: Trespass; Date of Violation: 4/26/15; 120 days, 120 days suspended; Consecutive to Count 1; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year until 5/13/16; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires.

State of Alaska v. David Nelson (1/23/61); 2NO-15-217CR DUI-Operate Vehicle Under Influence; Date of Offense: 4/26/15; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Pay to Clerk Of Court, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep: Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Due: \$1,500, due date: 11/1/15; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; Due: \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; Due: \$50; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: NSHC BHS; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 11/15/15 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 11/15/15 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for (no number indicated) months; AS 28.35.030(b) and AS 28.35.032(g); Cost of IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the fine due date; Probation for 1 year, until 5/15/16; 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 6 months until 11/15/15; 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 reasonable cause.

State of Alaska v. David Nelson (1/23/61); 2NO-15-231CR CTN 001: Harassment 2; Date of Violation: 5/2/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: count 2; 15 days, 0 days suspended; Consecutive to 15-217CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

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BATTLESHIP STRATEGY (top)— Respected General, center, played by Nolan Horner, uses the game of Battleship to help his war strategy in the NBHS production of “Murder in the Knife Room” on Friday night in the Nome Elementary Commons. His soldiers are played by (left to right) Bobby Koezuna, Chad Callahan, and Joe Kinneen, Alexis Hutson.

BIG CAST (right)— The Nome-Beltz High School cast of “Murder in the Knife Room” takes a bow after their show Friday night in the Nome Elementary Commons.



NBHS theatrical performers solve the “Murder in the Knife Room”

Story and photos
by Keith Conger

Who killed Mysterious Host in the Knife Room? Was it Stand Up Comic, Spooky Pirate, Santa Claus or another suspect?

The answer was provided by a company of high school performers in an Agatha Christie-like mystery parody called “Murder in the Knife Room,” on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16.

The Nome-Beltz Drama Department production took place on the Nome Elementary School stage, and was directed by Lucas Frost with help from assistant director Susanne Thomas.

In the Nome-Beltz version of the play written by Johnathan Rand, a room with dozens of knives hanging on the wall is the backdrop to a large gathering of people with cartoon-

character-style names. As the drama unfolds, the party’s organizer Mysterious Host, played by Klay Baker, displays a perplexing wooden box to his guests. Just as the players finish introducing themselves, the lights go out. When the stage is re-illuminated, the audience discovers that a murder has been committed.

As Mysterious Host lies dead at center stage, the audience finds out that Deaf Mute, played by James Horner, has really been faking his afflictions and is actually a person named Inspector. After Inspector rules out the phenomenon of “Spontaneous Thrust of Knife,” as suggested by Decrepit Invalid, played by Wilson Hoogendorn, an investigation to each character’s dealings with Host ensues.

In classic murder mystery structure, there is an unusually large cast

of suspects. Each would like to keep hidden his or her past dealings with the murdered Mysterious Host. And each is worried that the evidence of a past misdeed lies inside the wooden box.

Perhaps the culprit was Pompous Millionaire, played by William Herzner, because Mysterious Host had discovered the secrets to his fortunes? Or could it be Respected General, played by Nolan Horner, because Host discovered the General had been using the Magic 8-Ball toy to drive his military decision-making? It could be any one of the 12 suspects.

The play relied on the stage skills of Ashton Brashier and Gabe Smith to create lighting that portrayed flashbacks for many of the characters. In these sequences, a troop of eight versatile actors represented

people from a time in each suspect’s past. Mysterious Host was in all of the flashbacks. As every dark sequence concludes, Inspector reveals another secret motive for murder. After discovering that all the characters had a motive, the play concludes with a most unexpected ending.

Baker has been participating in Nome-Beltz drama productions for three years. The demands of his lead role, which included laying still on the floor for lit scenes, and quickly entering the flashbacks during the dark scenes, may not have been evident to the audience. “It was very hard to not breathe,” said Baker in reference to having to appear dead. During the dark scenes he had to, “take a big breath before the lights go on.”

After the opening performance, Jannelle Trowbridge, who played the part of Dirty Hippie, said “The challenge of the play was to be off on the side all the time, be part of the environment.” She was pleased by the crowd’s reaction. “The audience laughed more than I expected.”

“I’m glad that Lucas jumped in,” said Susanne Thomas in reference to Frost taking the drama reins when the former high school play director moved from Nome three years ago.

“It is a challenge to find something the kids enjoy and the community will respond to,” said Frost. “I try to find a play that has a lot of characters because I want a lot of kids to participate.” Frost says he typically finds three or four plays that he thinks might work and then reads them with the kids. He said it is important to have his actors make choices on what they perform.

“The Murder in the Knife Room” program was testament to the success of involving a high number of

students. The cast list contained the names of over 20 actors.

After the Friday night show lead actor James Horner said, “The most fun I had was tonight’s performance. Everybody got into character.”

Ethan Kelso, who played Spooky Pirate, said, “Mr. Frost and Ms. Thomas got everybody the right part.”

“The last month was especially busy,” added Horner alluding to how tricky it is to practice when a production has a high number of the school population in the cast.

Frost echoed that sentiment. “This was a most difficult year because there were so many schedule challenges.” He explained that much of his cast lost time during rehearsals because they were out of town on academic, extra curricular, or sports related trips.

Thomas explained that the missing cast members meant the director had extra work to do. “Lucas had to read a lot of parts and jump in,” she said.

“What the students were really good at were the little changes to draw some of their fellow actors into action,” said Thomas. “This was significant.”

Thomas said the actors made the play their own. She made special mention of Sam Cross’s ability to improvise and the great stage voice presented by Chad Callahan. Thomas also mentioned the fine job Tanis Bjorgen did as the Laugh Hole Announcer.

“The kids are great,” said Frost after the weekend’s productions had concluded. “I like the fact that they were willing to try and do different things. I am fortunate to have this group of kids.”



KEEP MY SECRET – Spooky Pirate, played by Ethan Kelso, tells Mysterious Host, played by Klay Baker, not to give up his secret in the NBHS production of “Murder in the Knife Room” on Friday night in the Nome Elementary Commons.



NOT NSYNC – Boy Band Reject, center, played by Sam Cross, belts out a tune in the NBHS production of “Murder in the Knife Room” on Friday night in the Nome Elementary Commons. The bandmates are played by, left to right, Bobby Koezuna, Alexis Hutson, Chad Callahan, and Joe Kinneen.

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