



MEMORIAL DAY — Nome Veterans of the Armed Forces lead the 2015 Memorial Parade to the Belmont Point Cemetery. See more on page 12.

Photo by Diana Haecker

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Photo by Keith Conger

**FLYING HATS**— Graduates from the NBHS Class of 2015 perform the traditional hat toss in the Nome-Beltz Gym as part of their graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 21. See story and photos starting on page 9.

## Nome Port Commission boos state's offshore dredge report

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Port Commission made no waves at its regular meeting May 21, but did review several issues afloat where Norton Sound laps the Golden Beaches.

The panel did not think much of two reports fattening their meeting packets. A proposed waterfront park plan they found impractical; they considered a Nome suction dredge study performed by the State of Alaska thin and without nourishment for their hope of robust state support for getting a deep-draft port at Nome for increased resource development, cargo and emergency services.

The Nome Suction Dredge Study stemmed from two state miners' surveys and responses from some of the dredge operations in Nome and information from the City of Nome.

Large scale commercial offshore

dredging operations and recreational suction dredge mining have grown significantly since 2011 driven by state mining lease sales, climbing gold prices and pumped by gold mining reality TV shows, including the locally filmed Bering Sea Gold.

Concerning the suction dredge report, the Commission thought it would have been more useful to have received such information in 2011, when the gold rush started with the state offshore lease sale.

"I am disappointed in the amount of time it took to get it," Commissioner Brian Hamilton said, noting that the report had been out for months. "It is not as extensive as I had hoped."

"Most of it seems to be common knowledge to anyone paying attention in Nome," Hamilton said.

Commissioner Charlie Lean, act-

ing chair at the meeting said the report seemed a rationale from the State of Alaska on why they felt they didn't need to contribute to Nome's port needs.

"It's not a useful document," Lean said. "It doesn't capture the total number of people involved."

"It's junk," said Commissioner Ken Hughes, commenting that the report said there was some impact of mining and Nome would have to adjust. "Well, duh!"

Several folks new to town had told him the document was useful to them, Nome Harbormaster Lucas Stotts told the Commission.

The dredge report came out of the state Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development, Anchorage office. According to the report,

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## NES principal Paul Clark resigns

By Diana Haecker

Nome Elementary School principal Paul Clark unexpectedly handed in his resignation on May 15, just a few weeks shy of the expiration of his one-year contract with the Nome School District.

Superintendent Shawn Arnold said in a phone interview with The Nome Nugget that Clark submitted his resignation via email, as he was with his wife and three children in Spokane, Washington, awaiting the birth of their fourth child. (The baby Quincy Everett Clark was born on Thursday, May 21; Ed.)

In an email correspondence with The Nome Nugget, Clark said that due to the declining health of his father in Washington, "we realized that

being near family was a need that we had to honor."

"When we moved to Nome, we didn't realize that family health needs would be cutting our time here short," Clark wrote. "We are saddened that we won't be in Nome longer, because it certainly grew on us quickly and in meaningful ways. Our family is thankful for the warmth of the entire community as we have called Nome home this last year."

Clark's wife Giorgia worked at the Nome Preschool.

In parting thoughts, Clark said that he felt thankful to have worked with what he called the "incredible" staff at Nome Elementary. Asked if there were things he'd like to see im-

prove, he answered, "We can always improve upon what we do and how we do it, but the best thing about the culture in our school district is that everyone knows this and aims to be in a continuous cycle of improvement for our students."

Clark has been with the Nome school district for the 2014/2015 school year. Prior to serving NES, he was the principal in Noorvik and Buckland schools.

The resignation now leaves school administrators scrambling to hire a replacement. Arnold has appointed Jon Berkley as the acting principal of NES. The last day of school was on Friday, May 22.

As soon as Clark's resignation be-

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## Richard Beneville retires from 21 years at Nome schools

By Sarah Miller

"Don't be afraid to fail. You will. Embrace the failures. They give you grit, stamina and allow you to continue on. At one point in my life I had everything I wanted, and then I failed. I drank it all away. But now, I'm standing here, saying 'I won'. I made my life something out of what was nothing. Don't be afraid to fail."

These words of wisdom were of-

fered to the graduating seniors of Nome-Beltz High School at Thursday's commencement ceremony. Their messenger was one of Nome's best-known and most beloved residents. Richard Beneville, retiring from 21 years of service with the district, was asked to give the commencement speech at graduation this year. "I'm graduating myself, from 21 years with all of you," said Beneville to the seniors. "All the success I thought I wanted, has been here, with you. These have been among the very best years of my life."

Earlier in the week, Beneville sat down to an interview with the Nugget to reflect on his time with Nome Public Schools. However, Beneville's story, with all of the twists and turns that have brought him to this time in his life, has a much earlier beginning than 1994, the year he was first hired as Community Schools Coordinator.

"How Richard Came to Be Here in Nome. It's a really cool story. Someone once told me it should be a musical!" laughed Beneville, as he sat in his office at Nome Elementary School, his desk surrounded by a jumble of theater props, his walls adorned with fliers from past performances and a giant white tulle wreath straight out of Dr. Seuss's Who Ville. As he talked, classes of children trooped by his open door on their way to the cafeteria, greeting him with waves, shy smiles and even a few "Hello Central!" salutes.

"These kids, for over twenty years, have been very much a part of the bounce in my step. When I see them waving, when I see their bright eyes..." Beneville paused as he became choked up, then continued, "I will miss that daily uplift. I feel like I'm a grandfather to these kids."

Beneville moved to Nome in

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Photo by Sarah Miller

**THANK YOU**— Superintendent Shawn Arnold presented Beneville with the portrait that will be part of the Wall of Elders in the Nome Elementary School Commons.

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Letters

Dear Editor:  
It is time to clean up our messy yards, The City workers are nice enough to haul our old vehicles, old snowmachines, washers and driers, 4-wheelers and all of our junk that we have accumulated for a long time.  
These items not only create an eye sore but are also a health & safety hazard. Let's do something for a change and get rid of the trash and refuse we just let pile up.  
The City provides the Yellow Bags for the smaller trash and items, all you have to do is stop by or call the city. Dial them now: 443-6603. Upon filling them up, a call to the City again, 443-6603 and they will pick them up. Here are a few of the worst places in town: 603 W 4th, 600 W. 4th, 106 & 108 W 4th, 507 Steadman, 514 Steadman & 5th, 707 Steadman, 4th and F St., 4th and SW G St., 703 E 4th, 709 & 711 E. 4th, 902 E 4th, 1002 E 5th, 408 E. 5th, 110 W 5th, 500 W Tobuk Alley & Spokane, 619 W Lomen, 205 W E St., 210 W C St., The Old City Morgue W D & 3rd, 413 Division St., 600 W D St & Sepala Alley, and there are more. I hope that you property owners will begin to take pride in your property, your yards, our town and clean up. Please take advantage of this Cleanup week and lets begin beatify our town.  
Erna S. Rasmussen  
PO Box 2  
Nome, Alaska 99762

Dear Editor,  
My Name is Chip Sharpe and I will be the principal at Nome Beltz MS/HS this fall. I recently visited Nome this past week for the first time and had a wonderful experience. My purpose was to come and see what I could do to get an early start on next school year. I did not expect the reception that I received as I met staff, students, and community members. I was amazed at the quality of the school and community. I asked many students if they would share with me two things they liked about Nome Beltz school? Teachers, Lunch Friends, and Sports were my four top answers. I also asked them for one thing we could change? It was a resounding more time to use cell phones in school! I am not sure we can add cell phone time but we can sure add new technologies to our instruction I asked teachers what was it that they liked about Nome? It was amazing to see them light up

and talk about the quality students who walk the halls. I was also amazed by the longevity of the staff.  
I was very impressed with the quality of the instruction that is taking place in Nome. I have been in many areas of Alaska and Utah over my career and Nome is at the top. The number of opportunities for students at Nome Beltz is hard to find these days in the midst of severe budget cuts. Choir, Band, JROTC, numerous CTE classes, advanced classes in most subjects. I was as-

tounded by the choices that are offered. The staff has really worked some magic putting together the current schedule with the monies that are available.  
Graduation was a special treat for me to see community support and the help of so many agencies in getting our students on to the next level.  
The seniors radiated a positive upbeat feel for the future. Nome is blessed to have the generosity that comes through the many scholarships that were given out. I am not

sure there is another school anywhere that received so much from so many. I also enjoyed the support I saw at the 6th grade and 8th grade promotions from parents and family. Nome schools are definitely a class act.  
I want to say thank you to Superintendent Arnold, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Bushey, Mrs. Perrigo, Mrs. Matson and the teachers and staff at all the schools for putting up with my many

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

Editorial

Political Embarrassment

New Jersey Governor Chris Christy waits to see if the will be indicted for the New York-New Jersey bridge cluster clutter. High water in the North Slope oil fields tells us we still have a lot to learn about climate change.  
The simple logic of Erin's Law is in its efforts to explain how it would protect children from sexual abusers. It became a major mess after an ill-conceived attempt to attach it to a load of parents' bill of rights. What are we doing with all the special and extra special sessions? Makes no sense! How can we explain the legislature's unwillingness to expand Medicaid and fund our public schools? How can we make them see that education is more important than big business financial finagling and the crazy concessions to big corporation crapshoots?  
Where is the good judgment and compassion of our leaders? Where is the desire for good government? Let's show the legislators where their responsibilities lie and then vote them out of office. Get out the recall petitions and vote the bums out of office. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



BRASS BAND– The Nome Brass Band poses for photographer F.H. Nowell on May 30, 1906.  
Photo courtesy of Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	05/28/15	5:01 a.m.	High Temp	+58	05/22/15	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	06/03/15	4:44 a.m.	Low Temp	+29	05/22/15	
Sunset	05/28/15	12:59 a.m.	Peak Wind	28 mph, ESE,	05/20/15	
	06/03/15	01:17 a.m.	Total Precip. for 2015 (as of 5/26)	4.35"		
			Normal Total to Date	3.97"		

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)

Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
5/28	Th	155am	+1.0	215pm	+1.4	722am	+0.4	915pm	+0.4
29	Fr	300am	+1.0	246pm	+1.4	806am	+0.5	951pm	+0.4
30	Sa	402am	+1.0	314pm	+1.4	847am	+0.6	1024pm	+0.3
31	Su	502am	+1.0	338pm	+1.3	928am	+0.7	1057pm	+0.2
6/01	Mo	559am	+1.1	358pm	+1.3	1007am	+0.8	1130pm	+0.1
02	Tu	651am	+1.1	413pm	+1.3	1047am	+0.9		
03	We	737am	+1.1	427pm	+1.3	1205am	0.0	1130am	+1.0

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).

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Sound Off: Erin’s Law is an overdue ounce of prevention

**By Donna Walker**  
We were lucky, my sister and I. As kids we were inseparable and had that built-in buddy system not all kids have. Still, we had some close calls. Our parents were more reactive than proactive. Had we known the reasoning behind their reactions, we would have been better equipped. Only when we mentioned that “nice man” who repeatedly pulled over at our bus stop to chat and give us candy, were we told to run into the house the next time it happened. We did and that was the last time he stopped. Once, Mama found our uncle holding us both a bit too snug on his lap. She knew there was history

there and took us aside and said, “Don’t ever let Uncle Ron touch you. Why? Because I said so.” As 6- and 7-year-olds, we were delighted that the 13-year-old boy from the next neighborhood came over to buy our mud pies. We were mad when our parents told him to scram and that was not their word choice. A few years later, he was convicted of raping a young girl. At 10 and 11, we walked into Jimmy Gardner’s Bakery to get our favorite doughnuts. A man at a corner table motioned us over and said, “Pick out all you want. My treat.” The cashier caught my eye and firmly shook her head, “No!” I pulled on my sister’s arm and de-

manded, “Let’s go now!” A year later, my sister entered puberty. We walked to the gas station behind our home to buy penny candy and the male attendant grabbed her breast. We ran home and told our parents. Our dad, the former linebacker, hightailed it up the hill and punched his lights out. Southern justice. You see, this occurred in the Bible Belt in the 1950’s and 60’s. Times have changed and not for the better. Every six minutes, a child is sexually abused in the United States. Alaska has one of the top five child abuse rates in the nation. It usually occurs without a witness. It is usually a practice of grooming and

not an act of violence. And while many parents teach about stranger danger, over 90 percent of the time, the perpetrator is someone the child knows and trusts. In 2014, Bill and I applauded then-Governor Sean Parnell’s support of Erin’s Law, which was unanimously passed by the Senate. Despite having 21 co-sponsors in the House, the bill got stuck in committee. I recall a post-session interview with Governor Parnell, where his disappointment that the bill died was palpable. In 2015, to the rescue came the bipartisan efforts of two Republican and two Democrat legislators who introduced four versions of Erin’s law. House Majority Leader Charisse Millett (R) sponsored and Representative Geran Tarr (D) co-sponsored

HB 44 known as the Alaska Safe Children’s Act because of the inclusion of Brie’s Law addressing teen dating violence. It passed the House by a vote of 34-6. The photo capturing Representative Tarr in tears with hands clasped in gratitude after the vote was taken also brought me to tears. She has been unwavering yet gracious, patient and indefatigable in her mission to protect Alaska’s children. Despite the efforts and advocacy of Senator Lesil McGuire (R) and Senator Berta Gardner (D), in contrast to the unanimous vote of support in 2014, HB44 was parked in the Senate at session’s end. Knowing many of our public

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questions. It was a great experience. I also want to thank those students who cheered on Mr. Sharpe during the staff volleyball game, you are great! I am excited for the opportunity to come and serve the students of Nome, they are Awesome! I look forward to my return in the fall and meeting with more of the community. I especially want to thank parents for the involvement that was so obvious in the lives of their children. Keep up the great work! Sincerely, Chip Sharpe Principal Nome Beltz MS/HS

Dear Editor, It was so good to see the news in our latest Nome Nugget that the new school at Shaktoolik has been named the “Paul F. Asicksik Sr. School”, and to see the photo of Kipi and their children. Nell and I taught with Paul and Kipi in Savoonga, a time we remember so fondly! They were great teachers, and contributed so much to Alaskan education over the years! Joe and Nell Martin Caroline, Wisconsin To the Editor: As a Sitnasuak shareholder I have watched the corporation evolve throughout the years. SNC has had

its highs and lows, from near bankruptcy to the recent shift toward shareholder benefits, including a discount for fuel and shareholder rent, elder dividends and an increase of shareholder dividends (from .50 cent to \$6.16 per share in 2013). SNC is a for-profit corporation, owned by SNC shareholders, and its board is entrusted with ensuring profitability, while incorporating our traditional Inupiaq values. It’s a tenuous balance to maintain. While there are those dissatisfied with the corporation, as evidenced on social media, and in advertisements posted in this newspaper, it would be advantageous to point out that the actions (discretionary proxies, excluding candidacy) this board is implicated of, aren’t new, they have been used in previous elections. Ask past board members to share their experience in utilizing these actions while they served on the SNC board. As the election nears, I hope shareholders will make decisions based on the performance of SNC and our subsidiaries. Our future depends on it. Sincerely, Susie Delgado 7032 Linden Circle Anchorage, AK 99502 Dear Editor We see in the news every day about how the legislature is working on deep cut backs for fire, police,

road maintenance, schools and all the other state departments. However, there is no mention of cut backs on the state giving hundreds of millions of dollars to the oil companies in tax credits. They have special exemptions from cut backs. What’s up with that? How come they don’t have to have deep cut backs like all of the state’s departments do? Perhaps if the state did not give so many hundreds of millions of dollars to the oil companies in tax credits, then the state would not have to have such deep cut backs in the state budget. I wonder why the state legislature does not consider that option. If the legislature gave cut backs to the oil companies by trimming the tax credits they receive from the state, they will still make hundreds of millions of dollars per year in profit from the state’s oil. The rich and powerful in the lower 48 who own the stocks of these oil companies are the ones who can most easily afford some cut backs. They can afford these cut backs a lot easier, than say Alaska’s schools. How come Alaska’s schools can’t have exemptions from the states cut backs like the oil companies get? Shouldn’t Alaska’s schools get the same deal as the stockholders of the oil companies get from the state and be fully funded? John Suter P. O. Box 670144 Chugiak, AK 99567

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 28

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
*Nanook Basketball Camp(2-5 grade)	Nome-Beltz Gym	8:30 a.m. - noon
*Nanook Basketball Camp(6-8 grade)	Nome-Beltz Gym	12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Summer Reading Craft Kick Off	Kegoayah Kozga Library	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kawerak Electronic Waste Event	Kawerak Lot/Seppala Dr.	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 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.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Nome Common Council:	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
Rescheduled Meeting		

Friday, May 29

*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.
*Nanook Basketball Camp(2-5 grade)	Nome-Beltz Gym	8:30 a.m. - noon
*Nanook Basketball Camp(6-8 grade)	Nome-Beltz Gym	12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Kawerak Electronic Waste Event	Kawerak Lot/Seppala Dr.	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 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.

Saturday, May 30

*Rec Center Closed Weekends Until Labor Day		
*Nanook Basketball Camp(2-5 grade)	Nome-Beltz Gym	8:30 a.m. - noon
*Nanook Basketball Camp(6-8 grade)	Nome-Beltz Gym	12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Spring Clean Up Raffle Day	Old St. Joe’s	noon - 4:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 31

*Rec Center and Pool Closed Weekends Until Labor Day		
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
*Simon Lyngne in Concert	Mini-Convention Center	7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 1

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Zumba Toning	Nome Rec Center	6:20 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Library Story Hour (ages 3-7)	Kegoayah Kozga Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*PM Laps	Pool	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
*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	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Nome Planning Commission	City Hall	7:00 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, June 3

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 10:00 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum  
Hours available by appointment. Call 907-443-6630  
Kegoayah Kozga Library: noon - 8 p.m. (M-Th) • noon - 6 p.m. (F-Sat)  
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**Avengers**  
4:00 p.m.



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## • Port Commission

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offshore mining has financially benefited City of Nome through tax revenue, but by how much and at what cost was unknown, according to the report. Fifteen dredge operators among those fueling the report said they had paid a total of around \$9,500 in taxes to City of Nome in 2013.

Still, the report makes suggestions to the City of Nome for unfunded improvements in infrastructure and administration without a share of state fees or other state-generated revenue for which City administrators have been lobbying since the state sold leases on Nome's offshore waters: The city suggested to retain a position that could be paid for by revenue from the mining industry; and to join with state Dept. of Natural Resources in advocating for basic safety training classes by the U.S. Coast Guard and to set standards for dredging industry maritime knowledge.

The USCG has set up an inspection program. Starting this current season, all dredges fall under commercial vessel standards and safety rules effective next week, June 1. Any vessel on the water to turn a profit from gold mining, will fall under commercial regulations, not recreational guidelines. The use of dive lights and dive flags will be strictly enforced, according to Stotts. Other requirements will differ according to vessel size like tonnage, length, and areas of operation and means of propulsion. According to Stotts, the DNR has a new boat on the water this season, but the DNR cannot enforce USCG rules, he said. The Coast Guard is going to deal gradually in instituting change with owners of the small dredges starting with basic "new stuff" like lights on lifejackets for easier emergency response with bigger changes coming in one or two years, according to Joy Baker, port director. "It will be a one to two year education process,"

Stotts agreed.

Dredge operators can go to the USCG District 17 Web site for information.

Other suggestions of the report include to incentivize offshore leaseholders to require miners operating on their claims to carry workers' compensation or health insurance, tools with which the City could recover the costs of emergency response services.

The report also suggests to include public toilets and shower facilities into expansion plans for Port of Nome and other locations to lessen effects of beach camping—human waste and garbage. However, a big beef from miners is the lack of camping space since East Beach and West Beach are private property or were withdrawn from public use stemming from abuses like leaving garbage or raw sewage, according to owners.

That brings the discussion to housing. Housing is tight in Nome and the cost of living high, according to the report. The dredge report cites 1,503 housing units in Nome with a homeowner vacancy rate of 2.2 percent and a rental vacancy rate of 8.8 percent, quoting 2011 figures from state labor statistics.

The report suggests to pursue a strategy and framework aimed at finding solutions for regional housing supply. "New housing stock would alleviate the city's perennial shortage of accommodations," the report says. Indeed, the Nome Planning Commission has discussed ways to "incentivize" paint-up, fix-up on vacant buildings to put the town's many empty structures on the housing market, but no concrete plan has been adopted.

On a more positive note, Baker reported that the first barge en route to Nome is bringing the contractor's equipment and materials to get started on Port of Nome's Middle Dock project. The dock will join West Gold Dock and City Dock on

the east side of the causeway to accommodate more commerce landing in Nome.

In other news, an outer harbor dredging project will begin this summer and continue through next season. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been able to alter Nome's harbor dredging contract with \$2.6 million in program money, Baker told the Commission.

Among other summer repairs, port personnel are planning to find a time when the barge ramp can be closed down for work, a project waiting in the wings for several years but delayed by demands on the ramp to host goods coming and going out of the port. Work will involve removing concrete planks and pouring grout into voids to shore up the ramp's sinking belly.

Port administrators hopes to glean construction funds and known quantities of armor salvaged from the Middle Dock project to repair seawall erosion at the port. The project would likely go to bid this fall with a winter construction schedule.

Finally, the commission picked up their copies of the Middle Beach Conceptual Plan, a project the Nome Planning Commission has been working on for several months. The plan would put a multi-use recreation area at the beach adjoining River Street west of the Mini Convention Center. The concept, drawn up by an architect, presents a pavilion, lawns, shrubs, playground equipment, public restrooms, amphitheater, and still keeps the dog lot in the area for Iditarod Sled Dog Race teams. There would be "poop stations" for de-

positing canine digestive remnants.

Five names have been proposed before a formal naming process officially opens: Bryan Timbers Memorial Park, Ada Blackjack Golden Beach Park, Sand Spit Park, Nome's Golden Beach Park, and Golden Sunshine Park.

The City has no money yet to execute the plan, but intends to use the concept plan to attract funds. The public provided a great part of the impetus for the plan at a Planning Commission open house last year. City administration asked the Nome Planning Commission to take up the Middle Beach project.

Commissioners reached for the cold water and doused the plan liberally.

"It's ambitious," Commissioner Mike Sloan said of the concept.

Lean followed up.

"Whoever drew up the plan is unfamiliar with the climate and actual situation," he said, starting with maintaining trees and shrubs in the cold and vulnerable Norton Sound saltwater as ill-advised.

"I can't believe this is a serious plan," he added, remarking that the site was hard tack industrial gravel. "Vegetation doesn't live in that zone. Lawns? Are you kidding me?"

"The dog poop stations would fill up quick during Iditarod," Sloan quipped. He added that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers used the Middle Beach for equipment during summer dredging activities.

Ken Hughes, also a member of the Nome Planning Commission, sat in the audience hearing the Port Commission pooh-poo the planners' work.

work.

The shrubs are designed to withstand salt water and gravel, he commented.

Lean agreed the town needed a public recreation site like ball fields, but "this isn't the place," he declared.

Hamilton wondered about the costs of maintaining the park against high-water events. He was a fan of green areas and parks, but he didn't know if this was the suitable design, he said.

Hughes had an idea about public restrooms—to pipe them into the Nome Joint Utility System lift station at the east end of the park. The planners had considered high water events, he said.

"Anything put there will have to survive them, otherwise, it's stupid," Hughes conceded.

Bathrooms would provide policing and supervision as well as crime issues, Sloan opined.

Commissioners agreed it would be good to have a place for recreation, but better something compatible with the Middle Beach terrain.

Commissioners agreed with a letter in their packets from Merrill Sanford, Juneau's mayor, to Alaska's federal delegation protesting the fact that most of the oceanic and fishery research on Alaska has the organizations based in Oregon and Washington.

Programs based elsewhere could not appreciate the local cultural impact of resource development, Commissioner Doug Johnson said.

Commissioners Iura Leahu and Jim West Jr., chairman, had excused absences from the session.

## • Sound Off

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school teachers personally, I appreciate the responsibilities they shoulder and understand the concern about tasking them with more. However, it seems this is an opportunity where an ounce of prevention would be worth a pound of cure.

Equipping children to ward off abuse sparing them from trauma and the resulting emotional, physical, psychological ills should put healthier, safer, more stable and learning-focused children in the classroom. Teachers should eventually be able to spend more time teaching and less time disciplining, intervening, comforting and counseling.

Many community partners such as the Alaska Children's Trust, the Rasmuson Foundation, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault are stepping up to offer assistance in implementation of this law. Age-appropriate implementation should include techniques to teach children to recognize child sexual abuse, equip them with skills to reduce vulnerability and encour-

age them to report the abuse.

It is suggested that this should be an annual program with more than one, and ideally four, classroom sessions.

Twenty-one states have adopted Erin's Law. Alaska should have been among the first. Knowing how many times my sister and I encountered risky situations in a small rural community a half-century ago, I cringe thinking of what far too many of our children are encountering today.

Parents, we must do our part to equip our children with age-appropriate awareness and skills to assure their safety. Sadly, this will not happen in every home.

Therefore, I join the sea of Alaskans urging the immediate passage of HB 44.

*As First Lady, Donna Walker serves as the Honorary Chair of the Alaska Children's Trust. She is a mother, grandmother, attorney and a former Office of Children's Services caseworker. She spent many years as a youth leader and Sunday School teacher.*



## Orphaned Wildlife

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Nome reminds the community no one except ADF&G and the Alaska State Troopers are authorized to take orphaned wildlife into possession. Here are steps to take when coming upon orphaned wildlife during spring travel.



### Do Not

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• Do Not approach muskox groups. Newborn muskox calves are easily trampled and killed when groups run.

• Do Not approach cow moose and new calves. Cow moose can be aggressive and dangerous.

### Do

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# Nome Common Council wants to lower property tax

By Sandra L. Medearis

Chances are Nome's property owners will be paying lower tax bills next year.

The Nome Common Council has vowed to cut the current property tax mill rate from the current 12 mills to 11 mills.

The City is in good shape financially with figures in the black, City Manager Josephine Bahnke told the Council at a budget work session on May 22. In fact, the City had around \$700K to the good, temporarily, according to Bahnke.

"The City is in good shape. Our ship is moving forward. We are doing a good job," Bahnke declared.

Even with expected draws on the \$700,000, Bahnke expected the City to finish Fiscal Year 2015 in the black ink by about \$500,000.

The solid financial standing did not support keeping the mill rate at 12, several council members thought.

One mill equals about \$248,854, according to Julie Liew, the City's finances director. That means the Council and the City's administrators would have to pare back the budget by about \$250,000 to lower the tax rate to 11 mills.

But wait a minute. The City stands to collect another approximate \$450,000 from the University of

Alaska for lots the North West Campus college bought in the City's public land disposal late last year. Bahnke expected the sale to be final soon, pending quiet title action on some of the lots.

"We will be \$450,000 to the good with the land sales," Bahnke said.

Liew could not predict the finishing balance precisely, but based her best estimate on revenue expectations and what had been spent so far, she said. With input from department heads and City's administrators, Liew had put together a 57-page budget package covering next year's spending plans.

Bahnke wanted to take some of the money from the lot sales for an account to meet deferred maintenance.

Councilmember Stanley Andersen agreed.

"Some [lot sales proceeds] should go to the taxpayers and some into deferred maintenance," said Andersen. Andersen and Councilman Randy Pomeranz are coming up for re-election in October if they decide to run.

"Seems like looking at a black finish, we could at least drop it to 11 mills, Pomeranz said.

The preliminary budget was drawn up on 12 mills. Lowering the mill rate came up at the Council's second budget work session last Fri-

day. The Council was to hold another work session before voting the spending plan into first reading at a regular Common Council meeting slated for May 28. However, the Council must set the mill rate at that meeting.

The Council cannot vote during work sessions, but "it seems like the consensus is 11 mills" and half the college land purchase proceeds would go into the budget to compensate for the one mill value of \$248,854, Councilman Tom Sparks said toward the end of the meeting.

Bahnke said she would prepare a list of deferred maintenance items for the other half of the college money.

In other news from the work session, the Council has fee hikes on their worktable for consideration. Some fees must be raised by ordinance; increases in non-code fees can be built into the upcoming budget.

Andersen noted that the Nome Rec Center and the community swimming pool were not paying their way, that use and therefore fees were "going south."

Swimming pool and recreation center were quality of life issues, Mayor Denise Michels hastened to comment.

# Nome woman dies unexpectedly at Diomedede

By Diana Haecker

On May 19, 33-year old Evita Samuels of Nome was found dead in the library of the Little Diomedede school, where she was staying while in the island.

According to Alaska State Troopers, Samuels had experienced health problems prior to her death and foul play was ruled out. "There were no overt indications of foul play," said AST Sergeant Charlie Cross. "She had complained about not feeling well to a friend on the island prior to her death."

Samuels traveled to Little Diomedede on May 4, following the request of the only Little Diomedede graduate, to hold the commencement speech during the graduation ceremony on May 8.

According to Bering Strait School District Superintendent Dr. Robert Bolen, Samuels did deliver the commencement speech and was supposed to fly back to Nome on May 11. However, the helicopter to transport her back to Nome underwent maintenance repairs and did not fly to Little Diomedede that Monday. The BSSD website announced that the chopper was out for maintenance until May 14. Once the helicopter was functional again, bad weather prevented the flight to the island on May 18.

Erickson Inc. has the contract to

deliver the only scheduled passenger transportation to Little Diomedede with a weekly helicopter flight from Nome to Little Diomedede and Wales, weather pending.

On Tuesday, May 19 in the morning, the school's principal found Samuels unresponsive in the library, where she had set up her sleeping quarters while visiting Little Diomedede.

AST received the notification of Samuels' death and sent two troopers via a chartered helicopter flight to Little Diomedede that day, but the first attempt to make it there failed due to bad weather. Later, the helicopter tried a second time to reach Little Diomedede and succeeded in delivering a trooper to the island as weather was cooperating.

The trooper investigated and returned to Nome with Samuels' body. "When we have reports of unattended or unexpected deaths, we inform the medical examiner's office," AST Sgt. Cross said. Samuels' body was sent the next day to Anchorage to the State Medical Examiner for an autopsy. Speaking with the Nugget on Friday, Sgt. Cross said the autopsy was performed, but a report detailing the cause of death has not been completed yet.

Next of kin were notified immediately.



Nugget file photo

**LEAVING—** Nome Elementary School principal Paul Clark handed in his resignation for family health reasons last week.

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came known, the process to hire a new principal was set in motion. As of last week, Arnold said, the human resources department received and reviewed 35 applications for the job. "But it's a very shallow hiring pool," Arnold said. Of all applicants, only one potential contender made it through the most basic review of screening references, assuring qualifications are met and that a background check is satisfactory.

Arnold said the school district is looking internally, state and nationwide for candidates. "We are looking for a person who is qualified, experienced and the right fit for the Nome Elementary School," said Arnold. He added that it is a challenge to find a new principal at this time of the year, since all education professionals career fairs are over. Arnold also said that other factors are at play when hiring and retaining top administrative employees. "We are one of the lowest paying districts for administrators," Arnold said. He said that most rural school districts start their principal salaries in the six figures and that Nome's principals are being started out at a ballpark figure of \$88,000 per year. "If they don't come to Nome for the love of it, we have to lure them in with an attractive package," Arnold said. In addition, cost of living expenses are high in Nome

and so are rents.

The process to hire a new principal include that the HR department filters applications and those who are qualified and pass a background check will advance to the next round. An interviewing committee, consisting of representatives of teachers, the community, the school board and district administration, will interview the prospective candidate. The interview is normally facilitated by the superintendent.

Arnold said he hopes to hire somebody as soon as possible and in time to move to Nome, become acclimated and to be ready to take the reigns at NES when the next school year begins on August 24.

The Nome-Beltz Jr./Sr. High School also will see a change in leadership. Harlan Heinrich gave his resignation earlier this year and a replacement has been found and hired. The new NBHS principal is Chip Sharpe, who moves to Nome from Mountain Village, where he worked at the Lower Yukon School District's Ignatius Beans Memorial School. Sharpe was in Nome last week, to meet teachers, attend graduation ceremonies and to get acquainted with the school, the students and the community.

Doug Bushey, assistant principal, also resigned. Beth Sandefur, moving from the Annette Island School District, will be the new assistant

principal at NBHS.

Rochelle Bushey, counselor at NES, also resigned and will leave along with her husband Doug Bushey to Mountain Village. Her replacement is Julie Falle from Wrangell, Alaska.

## Dear Shareholders of Sitnasuak Native Corporation:

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

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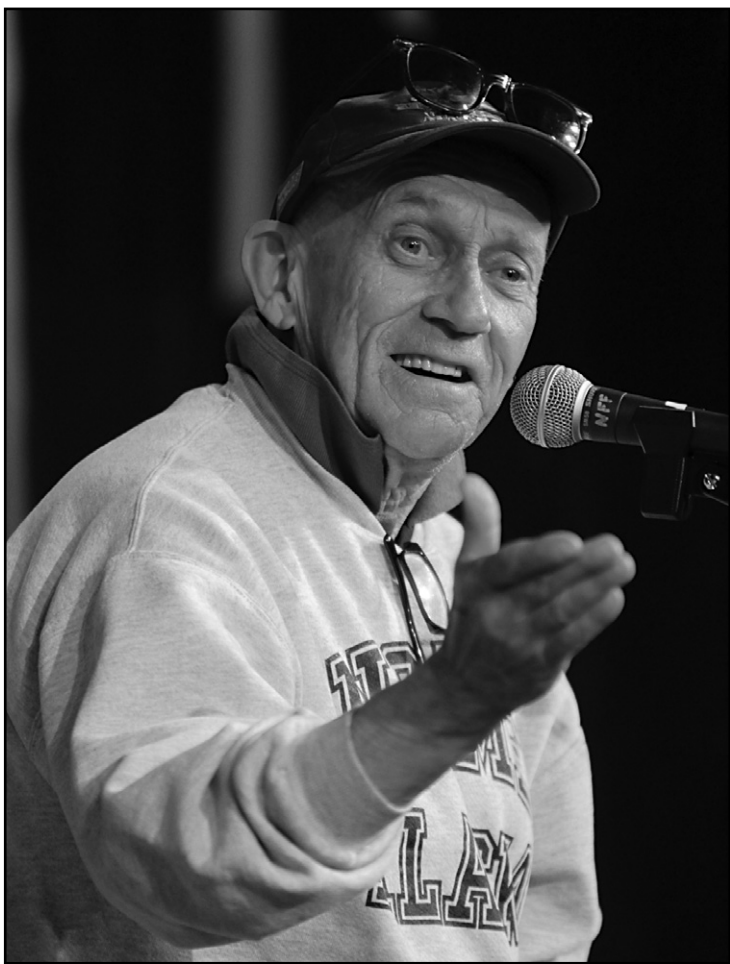


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**GUEST SPEAKER (top)** Commencement Address presenter Richard Beneville congratulates one of the Nome-Beltz Class of 2015 graduates at the ceremony held in the Nome-Beltz gym on Thursday, May 21.

Photo by Diana Haecker

**SINGING (left)**— Richard Beneville performed during the 2014 Midnightsun Folkfest.

## • Richard Beneville

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1988. Prior to that, he lived in Barrow for six years, working as a sales manager at the AC company. Beneville's arrival in Barrow was precipitated by an intervention staged by family and friends to deal with his alcoholism. At the time, he had built a successful career as a Broadway actor. "I was right where I wanted to be. I was successful in my career, I had the respect of my peers, I had a relationship, I was making okay money, I was a much fulfilled man, but the drinking took over," said Beneville. "In four years, I was nowhere. What had taken me fifteen years to accomplish was gone. I was penniless, with a chair propped under the door to my apartment so I could avoid the eviction notices. The electricity had been turned off, so I ran an extension cord running out of my window across the way to a friend's apartment. That way I could keep the TV and the fridge on, keep my beer cold and have ice for my scotch. It was like a bad B-movie. A terrible time," he recalled.

Beneville's family bought him a one-way plane ticket to Anchorage, where his brother was living at the time. His brother arranged an interview with the president of the Alaska Commercial Company, who offered Beneville a position with the store in Barrow. "I arrived in Barrow on the first of February in 1982. It was forty degrees below zero, and there I was in a three-piece suit with a tie and a fedora! Like Indiana Jones. I'm sure the fine Eskimo people of

Barrow looked at me and said, 'What is that?'"

Beneville's journey to sobriety began there in Barrow. While he was still drinking heavily, he became connected to the people in the community and began to take stock of his life. "There was one moment, a searing moment, I'll never forget. One day I was in AC selling something to an Eskimo couple, and suddenly I remembered something my grandmother used to say to me. When I was mouthing off to her, she would get angry and shake her finger at me saying, 'You know Dick, one of these days with your mouth, you're gonna end up selling freezers to the Eskimos!'" So this memory comes back as I'm in the AC in Barrow, and it just knocked the breath out of me. I started to laugh and cry at the same time. And the woman, she poked her husband in the side and said, 'He's a crazy man!' But it was a moment of absolute clarity for me, because I could see everything. I saw my life, where I was, where I had been. And I came up short."

Over time, there were friends in his new home who came alongside and confronted Beneville about his alcoholism. "People talked straight to me. Would that have happened anywhere else but rural Alaska? I don't know. I just thank God that He brought me here." Though Beneville continued to struggle with alcoholism, he began to piece together a life for himself in Alaska that included his greatest passion: theater. "When I came to Barrow, I thought I had left acting behind forever," recalls Beneville. But gradually he be-

came involved with community theater projects, directing plays for children and doing community productions. "Without acting, I think I would have died. It's an incredibly important part of my life," he emphasized.

In Nome, Beneville found even more opportunities to share his talents and interests with the community. He began applying his love for the arts, theater, and performance in a range of venues. His flair for the dramatic, his love for performing and his ability to captivate an audience lent itself well to Beneville's successful business, Nome Discovery Tours. He has become well known around the state for this, as well as for his activity in the state tourism in-

dustry, in the Nome Arts Council and for the television show "Hello Central" that was broadcast on GCI's cable network in years past.

Beneville frequently serves as a visible participant and unofficial emcee of many community events, such as Open Mic Night and the Saint Patrick's Day parade. And of course, there is theater. Beneville has directed the children of Nome in countless plays, including twenty productions of "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas". He's also directed adult community theater, made cameo appearances in several productions and most recently played the role of Lady Bracknell in The Importance of Being Earnest.

"It was the first time I've acted in

thirty years," he said. "One of the things I've loved about Nome is that it's allowed me to use the things that I do, just by virtue of being myself, to give back to the community. I'm so tickled that I can use my tap dancing, my singing, my knowledge of costumes and lighting and all of that. I've used those talents for thirty years in a place where you wouldn't think those talents would be of much use. In fact, quite the opposite is true," he said.

Beneville's love for acting, singing, and dancing began early on. "I started tap dancing when I was six, and I haven't stopped yet! I've slowed down a lot though," he joked.

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## CITY OF NOME Spring Clean-Up:

**Raffle Day: Saturday, May 30.**

Free hot dogs and pop in the Lions Club Bus at Anvil City Square from noon to 4 p.m. for all trash collectors! Prizes for all trash collectors and a **prize drawing will be held at 4:15 p.m. at Anvil City Square!**



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## • Richard Beneville



Photo by Diana Haecker

**PERFORMING—** Beneville played Lady Bracknell in the recent community theatre performance of Oscar Wilde's play "The Importance of Being Earnest."

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At 13, Beneville was performing with the USO for American troops in Japan.

His father, a dentist, was drafted into the Air Force and moved his family from their home in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, to a number of places around the world including Japan and England, but Beneville sought opportunities to perform all throughout his childhood. He returned to the United States to attend college at Butler University in New York, and then went on to pursue his acting career on Broadway. Now that he's lived in Nome for nearly thirty years, it's in part thanks to Beneville that the performing arts are a vibrant and thriving part of the town's character.

"Theater brings people together, allowing individuals to get out of themselves and get a whole new outlook. All of a sudden people see themselves doing something they never thought they could do. Theater can have a place anywhere, if you let it. And it's been very well accepted in Nome. It's about personal growth, it's about community pride, and it's the culture and the arts. I'm proud to be connected to that. Being identified with a good thing is not a bad thing," he reflected.

1992 was the year Beneville stopped drinking, with the help of Alcoholics Anonymous. He had undergone aversion treatment to curb his addiction to hard liquor, but during his first four years in Nome, was still drinking more than a case of beer per day. "When I finally sobered up with AA, I got a new relationship with God. It's very, very personal. People would be surprised at how much I pray. I talk to God all the time, every day. Because if I didn't, I might go out and experiment. 'Maybe I can have a drink', I say to myself. It's out there, it wouldn't take much. But God has blessed me

and helped me so that I don't have the cravings for it," he reflected.

Beneville is aware that, as a familiar town personality, his battle with alcohol addiction is public knowledge. "I know that I'm well-known in town, and I'm humbled by that. I hope to a degree, that it comes to some people's attention, and that it helps them," he said. "Sometimes people say to me 'It's easy for you to say that, Richard, because you're sober', and I say to them, 'Well, you could be saying it, too.' I'm on a list of people they can call if they need support. My walk is every day. My walk is being sober in a town with huge problems as a result of alcohol. I just do what I do, and what I do is sober."

A significant part of Beneville's recovery from addiction, he says, is being connected to Nome, the town, its people, and the landscape. "I've lived here in Nome longer than anywhere else in my whole life," says Beneville. "It truly has become my hometown. For me, home is a sense of belonging, feeling as if you are part of the land. With the Native culture here, home is a beautiful tapestry woven of many things — the language, the culture, the religion, the environment, and these things together give it such depth and color and beauty."

In his time here, Beneville has become knowledgeable of the Alaska Native cultures, the environment, the flora and fauna, and particularly, the political and social issues that revolve around resources, land use and subsistence. He is an advocate for the use of natural resources to benefit the economy of Alaska, but only to the point that it does not jeopardize the traditional lifestyles of the Native people who are finding it ever more challenging to continue their traditions. "That's part of my goal with my tour company. God gave me a voice and the opportunities to

use it. Maybe I can change hearts and points of view, and maybe in just a teeny way affect the way people think of this region. It's just so important. The world is here."

Beneville brought up the importance of being informed and involved about issues affecting their community to the graduating seniors in his commencement address. "Nome has incredible importance because of its strategic location in the Arctic, its resources, the changing climate. There's a world out there and it's coming here. I find myself deeply concerned for the future of Nome, but excited at the same time. I pray that people can be mature enough to listen to one another and find ways, difficult that it may be, to find common ground," he said.

Much can be learned from simply listening, Beneville believes. Among the many anecdotes he shared was a story, which illustrates this belief perfectly. One of his tour guests, a woman on her first trip to rural Alaska, was enthralled with the region, the unique challenges of living in rural Alaska, and in particular, the

musk oxen. "This lady had what I call tourist envy. Everything was charming, everything was quaint, and the musk oxen, were just so free, so independent, the most spectacular and magnificent animal on the planet. She iconized these animals all the way to Teller, and when we got to Teller, she sat in Sarah Kakaruk's kitchen and told her how lucky she was to be able to live with the musk oxen right there. And Sarah thought about this, then said to her, 'Well yeah, but they don't make very good neighbors. They crush the berries. Their hair gets in everything. They scare the old ladies and the kids! They're not so good to live with.' And on the ride back to Nome, the woman was quiet for a while, and then she said to me, 'Thank you for this trip. I think Sarah gave me the kick in the butt I really needed.' I looked at her, and my whole opinion of her changed. I said, 'Thank you for listening.'"

Upon his retirement from NPS, Beneville was presented with a framed portrait of him, which will hang in the elementary school commons on the "Wall of Elders". The gift has great significance for Beneville. "I brag all the time to my

clients about the Wall of Elders. It's one of my favorite things to show off about Nome. And now they've got some new blood- they've got me up there, and I can't even tell you, what a nice group of people to be among. I knew a lot of them, I worked with some, and I just love the idea of honoring the elders this way."

Beneville's assignment with the district was originally to arrange after-school activities for "latchkey" kids. However, over the years Community Schools expanded to include a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities open to any child interested in exploring new interests. Activities Beneville either coordinated or provided included theater, "Weird Science", Native arts and crafts, Native Youth Olympics, sports and art. "It's all about bringing the community into the school, and we have truly accomplished this. We have community events in the school almost every night of the week, with all kinds of activities," he said.

Beneville explained the origins of his signature catch phrase "Hello

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**GUIDING—** Richard Beneville, middle, doing what he loves to do on a sunny Nome summer day: guiding tourists through Nome and showing them the secrets of panning for gold.

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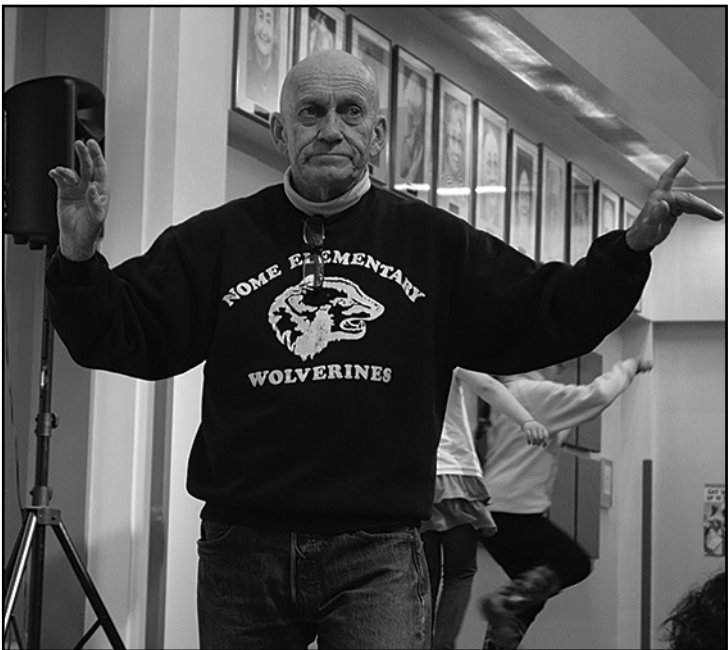
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SUMMER'S HERE— Two swallows check out a swallow's box in hopes of starting a family soon.

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**EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL— "Quiet on the set!" Beneville cues the performers at his final production with elementary school students.**



**DIRECTING— Beneville directs Nome's youngest actors in the play "Two Nursery Rhymes and a Song".**

# Winter crabbers harvest record amount of red king crab

By Diana Haecker

The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game by emergency order closed the commercial winter red king crab fishery on April 30 after a record of 98,300 pounds of crab were harvested out of Norton Sound. The exvessel value of the crab for fishermen was close to \$600,000.

The previous harvest record was set in 2013 with 62,000 pounds.

ADF&G Area fishery biologist Jim Menard said that is an incredible amount of harvest. He attributes the large number of registered fishermen and large amounts of pots being deployed to the record harvest. Also, ice remained more conducive to through-the-ice crab fishing than in most recent years. In 2014, there were only 34,000 pounds of crab harvested due to poor ice conditions and a late start to the fishery. That year more than 100 crab pots were

lost due to unstable ice.

This year, Menard said that out of 47 registered fishermen, 43 actually went out fishing for crabs. An estimated 700 commercial pots have been fished this year and initial numbers suggest commercial fishermen lost more than 100 pots this year as well.

Currently, there is no limit on how many pots a commercial fisherman can deploy.

This could change as an amendment to a proposal to the Board of Fish seeks to limit commercial pots to 20 per fisherman.

Since red king crab fishery issues are only addressed by the Board of Fish every three years, the advisory committee put in a request for an agenda change to include the limitation because of the conservation concern.

In March, the Board of Fish

adopted an ADF&G proposal that established new season dates for the winter commercial crab season with a closure date of April 30, unless extended by emergency order.

The BoF also considered a proposal submitted by Adem Boeckmann of Nome. The proposal asked the board to develop a guideline harvest level for the winter fishery. The BoF granted the winter commercial red king crab guideline harvest level of 8 percent of the harvest, which is set at 577,000 pound annually.

During the summer, commercial crabbers can harvest up to 394,000 pounds. Subsistence harvests account for 20,000 to 30,000 pounds.

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## • Beneville

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Central", or his "shtick" as he refers to it. "It has two origins. Number one, in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, we didn't have dial telephones. You picked up the phone, there was a hum and a New Jersey voice would say, 'Hello Central! Number please!' Then they'd plug the wire in to the number and connect you. So that's the first thing." The second influence comes of course, from Beneville's time as an actor in New York City. "My first Broadway show was called Red, White and Yiddish. I just love the Jewish sense of humor. It's just a wonderful culture and in Yiddish, all the meaning is in the inflection. So today, I'm in the van and I see beautiful scenery, I come up over the crest of the hill and there's a gorgeous view looking out fifty miles, and I say, 'Hello Central'. You know, there it is. I think Central turns out to be God. And then I'm at school, I see the kids running, it's winter, it's icy, I don't want them to fall, and I don't want to say what body part they might break, so I just say, 'Don't run, you'll slip on the ice and fall and break your... Hello Central!' They know exactly what I mean. It's the inflection, the face, the voice, the tone, the attitude, the picture, it's everything."

Although Beneville is retiring from his job with NPS, and has just

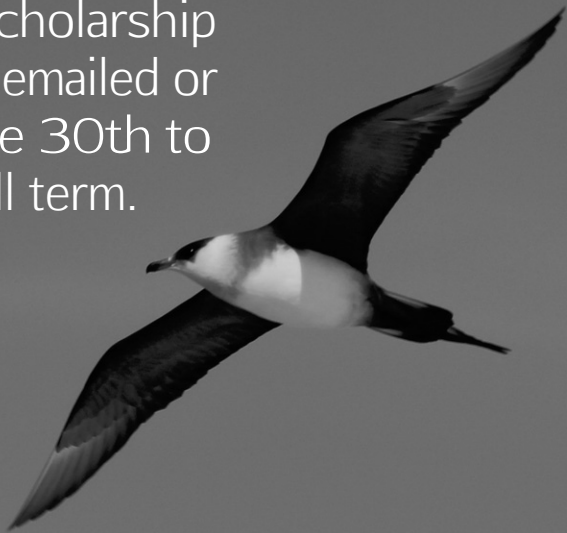
turned 70 years old, he is not finished yet. He has no plans to retire from public life and intends to remain active in the community. "I've got some things I want to do. I plan to stay in Nome. This has become my home. I've been very active within the Alaska travel industry, and I'm passionate about that, about tourism and the potential for cultural tourism, and I will continue with it. I want to promote Nome. And I want to take a vacation. I'd love to do a European river cruise, revisit some of the places I saw in my childhood, and see the spring flowers. As much as I love the tundra, I miss the tulips and hyacinths and daffodils. And when I die, I plan to be buried here, up on Boot Hill, so I can keep track of who's coming and going at the airport."

When asked what he will take from his experience working with the children of Nome, Beneville began to answer, but broke down in tears. He finally managed to respond. "It has enriched my life. I have such wonderful memories of these kids. If you ever told me in 1981 that I'd be living in rural Alaska, working with children, I would have said you couldn't be more wrong. But I am, I have, and I've been blessed for it. Hello Central."

Hello Central, indeed.

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NOME-BELTZ CLASS OF 2015— The Class of 2015 stands in front of the Nome-Beltz Highschool.

Photos by Sarah Miller

# Nome-Beltz celebrates the Class of 2015

**By Sarah Miller**

On Thursday evening, 43 seniors anxiously awaited their turn to walk through the blue and silver tinselled archway, presenting themselves as the Class of 2015.

Some entered with solemnity, others with fanfare, high fives and shooting arrow poses.

All were proudly regarded by the crowds of loved ones who filled the gym. The Nome-Beltz Band played “Pomp and Circumstance” for the procession, which was followed by the presentation of colors by JROTC.

Nome Public Schools Board President Betsy Brennan, Superintendent Shawn Arnold, NBHS Principal Harlan Heinrich and Community Schools Coordinator Richard Beneville presided over the commencement ceremony.

Ron Horner led the high school band in the national anthem, the Alaska state song, and a performance of “Mon Coeur Se Recommande a Vous” (I Give to You All of My Heart) by Orlando di Lasso, conducting some of the graduates in their final performance with the school choir.

The seniors gifted NBHS with a flag that will hang in the gymnasium. The graduates were addressed by two of their peers, Salutatorian Isaiah Klay Baker and Valedictorian Daniel E. Head.

Baker recalled some of his fond memories with classmates and encouraged his fellow graduates to be open to discovering new interests and passions. Head gave a touching address in which he mentioned each of his classmates by name and identified their individual skills, talents, interests and achievements. The tone of the student speeches reflected the tight friendships and bonds that have developed among the small class of students as they completed their childhood journey together.

Following the speeches was the presentation of scholarships, a lengthy process, which highlighted the remarkable achievements of the graduates. Twenty-three students were awarded scholarships based on academic achievements, athletic achievements, community involve-

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CELEBRATION— Graduates celebrate during the festivities on Thursday, May 21.



GRADUATES— Nome-Beltz Class of 2015 members Louis Seeganna, left, Jaylen Gologergen and Sara Iyapana proudly display their diplomas during the graduation ceremony in the Nome-Beltz Gym on Thursday, May 21.

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**MAKING AN ENTRANCE**— Nome-Beltz Class of 2015 members Jason Gilder, left, and Anthony Koweluk enter the gym with flair at the graduation ceremony in the Nome-Beltz Gym on Thursday, May 21.



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**COLOR GUARD**— The Presentation of Colors is performed by members of the Nome-Beltz JROTC at the graduation ceremony in the Nome-Beltz Gym on Thursday, May 21.



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**MAKING AN ENTRANCE**— Nome-Beltz Class of 2015 member Tiffany Habros enters the gym with flair at the graduation ceremony in the Nome-Beltz Gym on Thursday, May 21.



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**PAPARAZZI**— Family and friends line up to take pictures of the 2015 Nome-Beltz graduates during the graduation ceremony in the Nome-Beltz Gym on Thursday, May 21.



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**DIGNITARIES**— Presiding over the graduation ceremony in the Nome-Beltz Gym on Thursday, May 21 were School Board Chair Betsy Brennan, Superintendent Shawn Arnold, NBHS Principal Harlan Heinrich, and graduation speaker Richard Beneville.



*Photo by Keith Conger*  
**BIG DAY**— Nome-Beltz Class of 2015 members Jannelle Trowbridge, left, Daniel Head, and Cydney West share a fun moment during their graduation ceremony in the Nome-Beltz Gym on Thursday, May 21.



*Photo by Keith Conger*  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**— Pioneer Igloo #1 representative Lew Tobin awarded scholarships to 11 Class of 2015 graduates at the graduation ceremony in the Nome-Beltz Gym on Thursday, May 21.



# Lip Sync 2015

Presented by the Nome Elementary 56ers



**AIR GUITAR (top)**— Nome Elementary 56er student Bethany Thomas performs during Lip Synch 2015 in the NES Commons on Friday, May 22.

**COWGIRLS (right)**— Nome Elementary 56er students, left to right, Mary Ahnangnatoguk, Allison Komonoseak, and Rene Ozenna perform during Lip Synch 2015 in the NES Commons on Friday, May 22.



**CAN'T TOUCH THIS**— Nome Elementary 56er students Daniel Buffas, left, and Martin Kimoktoak perform during Lip Synch 2015 in the NES Commons on Friday, May 22.



**BACK IN BLACK**— Nome Elementary 56er student Martin Kimoktoak performs during Lip Synch 2015 in the NES Commons.



**CRUISIN'** — Nome Elementary 56er student Celeste Tagle performs during Lip Synch 2015 in the NES Commons on Friday, May 22.

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**PARADE (top)**— Veterans of US Armed Forces led the parade down Front Street. *Photos by Diana Haecker*

**FOR THOSE LOST AT SEA (right)**— Trent Allison, left, did the honor of laying down a wreath into the Snake River in honor of servicemen lost at sea as Peggy Darling stands by.

## Sun shines on Memorial Day Parade in Nome

By Diana Haecker

Nome residents turned out in great numbers to honor the ultimate sacrifice and service of fallen servicemen in the United States armed forces during a Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 25.

At 10 a.m., current and retired servicemen led a parade by carrying the colors from Front Street, up Bering Street, Seppala Drive to the Belmont Point Cemetery. There, Peggy Darling led through the ceremony. Father Vince Burns with St. Joseph's Catholic Church held a prayer that asked for wisdom of world leaders to end war and violence in the world, that asked for the safety of U.S. military personnel and for protection from those who want to harm the United States and its citizens.

Nome Mayor Denise Michels read Governor Bill Walker's Memorial Day proclamation.

Chick Trainor held a speech that centered around the Pledge of Allegiance and its meaning.

A truly touching moment came when, for the lack of a performer singing the "Star Spangled Banner", Richard Beneville led the crowd that had gathered around the red, white and blue decorated speaker's podium at the cemetery in singing the national anthem.

From there, the parade marched to the beach at Belmont Point, where young Trenton Allison gently put a red, white and blue wreath in the water of the Snake River that honored those servicemen who lost their lives at sea.



**ADDRESSING THE CROWD**— Peggy Darling speaks to those gathered in observance of Memorial Day in Nome.



**PRAYER**— St. Joseph's Catholic Church Priest Vince Burns led a prayer during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Nome Cemetery.



**NATIONAL ANTHEM**— Richard Beneville directs the crowd in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

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• Graduation

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ment and pursuit of unique interests including theater, HAM radio, Alaska Native culture and community service.

Presenters of the scholarship awards wished the graduates well and some gave even more personal messages. Don Stiles of Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. took the opportunity to thank the entire community of Nome for its support of his family as his young grandson Rylan Lewis begins medical treatment for leukemia. “We all face challenges in life, and this requires support from our family and community,” said Stiles. On behalf of NSEDC, he then presented 19 graduates with academic scholarships of \$2,500 per semester, per student, for four years of college.

Northern Air Cargo, in addition to

awarding a \$500 scholarship to Oliver Hoogendorn, also provided the seniors with leis of fresh Hawaiian flowers.

Nome Alumni presented ten \$200 scholarships in memory of Evita Samuels, a Nome Beltz graduate of 1999, who recently passed away.

University of Alaska Scholars awarded \$12,000 to graduates finishing in the top ten percent of their class, which may be used at any UA campus. Recipients were Nathaniel Appolloni, Isaiah Klay Baker, Alyssa Bushey and Daniel Head.

Baker was also awarded the BP Principal’s Scholarship of \$4,000, an award selected by a statewide panel of school principals based on academic performance, leadership, community involvement and financial need.

Norton Sound Health Corporation awarded continuing scholarships of

\$1,000 each to 18 students.

Thirty-six percent of the graduating class qualified for the Alaska Performance Scholarship, meeting the criteria of GPA, coursework completion and test scores. The award may be used for collegiate or certification programs.

Numerous other community businesses and organizations awarded scholarships to the graduates, an indication of the collective pride and support for Nome’s youth.

According to guidance counselor Janeen Sullivan, 63 percent of the graduates plan to pursue post-secondary education, in either colleges or vocational schools. Seven percent will join the military, while the other 30 percent plan to pursue employment, many choosing to remain in Nome.

Following the presentation of scholarships was the commencement

address by Richard Beneville, who was invited to speak by the students. Beneville retires from 21 years working with the district as the Community Schools Coordinator, and has known many of the graduates since they began attending school in Nome. “I’m personally very proud of each one of you,” said Beneville. “In a way, I’ve had you as my own kids.”

Beneville’s message to the seniors highlighted the depth and richness that membership in the community of Nome has given to their lives thus far, and encouraged them to carry these experiences in their future journey. “Stay involved in the community. Its spirit, its culture brings you depth, strength, and a little bit of a heads up over those in the lower 48,” said Beneville. “You’re the future of Nome. It is part of you, and you are part of it.”

Following a student slideshow featuring photos of the graduates as children and including their senior pictures, diplomas were presented. As they received the hard-won certificates, the seniors celebrated the moment in ways as unique as each of them.

Emery Booshu’s spontaneous backflip captured the mood of pride, joy and excitement, before caps were tossed, balloons came down, and the graduates celebrated with their loved ones. “It’s a wonderful night for them,” said school board president Betsy Brennan. “I’m very proud and wish them all the best.”

“A huge congratulations to the students, but also to the community, the staff, the tribal organization. None of this would have happened without their support,” said Superintendent Arnold. “As Richard said, these truly are our future leaders.”

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Time	MONDAY JUNE 1
7:30-8:30am	Registration & Breakfast
8:30-8:45am	Posting of Colors Alaska Song/National Anthem
8:45-9:00am	Welcome to Conference/Nome Opening RPC Remarks Invocation
9:00-9:45am	KEYNOTE: Intergenerational Trauma ~ Past is Present
9:45-10:00am	Video Address
10:15-11:00am	Circle Talks
11:00-Noon Workshops A	A1 – Stand Up and Speak Out Against Domestic Violence
	A2 – Youth and Artist
	A3 – A Journey into Wellness
	Justice 1 – So You Want to Start a Tribal Court
1:15-2:45pm Workshops B	B1 – Carving a New Design on an Ancient Path to Wellness
	B2 – Youth Curriculum
	B3 – Making Good Choices to Prevent Alcoholism
2:45-3:00pm	Family Wellness Warrior DVD
3:15-4:30pm Workshops C	C1 - Alaska Native Language Preservation Council
	C2 – Building Relationships to Heal Oppression
	C3 – Decided & United to Stop Tobacco
	Justice 2 – Tribal Jurisdiction in Alaska

Time	TUESDAY JUNE 2
7:30-8:30am	Registration & Breakfast
8:30-8:45am	Announcements/Daily Overview
8:45-9:00am	Alaska Legislature House of Representatives
9:00-9:45am	KEYNOTE: Racial Equity
10:00-11:00am	Circle Talks
11:00-Noon Workshops D	D1 – What Can We Do About Heroin in Our Communities
	D2 – Be [You] Most Alaska Teens Choose Not to Drink
	Justice 3 – Family Law and ICWA Issues
1:15-1:30pm Workshops E	E1 – Office of Indian Alaska Energy Update
1:30-2:15pm Workshops F	F1 – US Coast Guard GEOTRACES Project
	F2 – Importance of Youth Involvement
	F3 – Youth and Artist
	F4 – Strengthening Families
2:15-3:00pm Workshops G	G1 – Inuit Circumpolar Council Food Security Project
	G2 – Lingit Tundatani
	G3 – Plant Medicine: Tea and Salve Making
	G4 – “Zoning In” on Communication
3:15-4:30pm Workshops H	H1 – Elder General Assembly
	H2 – Exploring the Traumatic Brain’s Wiring & Firing
	H3 – Gender FAB

Time	WEDNESDAY JUNE 3
7:30-8:30am	Registration & Breakfast
8:30-8:45am	Announcements/Daily Overview
8:45-9:00am	NYO Demonstrations
9:00-9:30am	KEYNOTE: Community Involvement: Building Character
9:30-9:45am	Division of Community and Regional Affairs
10:00-11:00am	Circle Talks
11:00am-12:00 Workshops I	I1 – Healing Our Future
	I2 – Parenting ~ Stabilizing Our Efforts
	I3 - Rural and Indigenous Academic Pathway
	Justice 4 – Alaska Criminal Justice Commission: Listening to You
1:15-2:30 Workshops K	K1 – Standing Up for Healthy Communities
	K2 – PC-CARES: Building on Community Strengths and Developing Practical Steps to Prevent Suicide
	Justice 5 – Office of Victims of Crime, Resources for Your Community
2:45-5:00pm Workshops L	L1 – Uksum Cayai (The Drums of Winter) Film
	L2 – Hands-On Cultural Activities
	L3 – NSEDC Small Business Initiative
6:30-10:30pm	Reindeer Stew Feast – BRING A DISH!

TIME	THURSDAY JUNE 4
8:00-8:30am	Breakfast
8:30-8:40am	Announcements/Daily Overview
8:40-9:00am	Special Recognitions
9:00-9:30am	KEYNOTE: Embrace with Change
9:30-10:00am	Closing/RPC 2016
10:15-Noon	Commitment Ceremony

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All Around The Sound

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Nome's own Peter Bente, with the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game recently received the Co-Worker Recognition Award from the State of Alaska. Scott Rankin, Commissioner with the Alaska Department of Ad-

ministration last week announced the Governor's Denali Peak Performance Awards. Hundreds of State employees from across Alaska were nominated by their co-workers and the public for the prestigious recognition. "Evaluated in six different

categories, the individuals and teams who were selected as winners and honorable mentions represent the best of State service. Some of them are being recognized for extraordinary actions taken under extreme duress – critical situations where

lives and safety were at stake, and time was of the essence. Others are being honored after years of quiet, unassuming dedication to a job well-done and treating others right. From Tok to Western Alaska to the Kenai to our capital in Juneau, these State

employees are all people you can be proud to work with. It is my privilege as Commissioner of the Department of Administration to recognize their achievements," Rankin announced. Co-worker Recognition Award: Peter Bente (Fish and Game).

Obituaries

Margie M. Warnke  
March 20, 1936  
– January 22, 2015

Margie M. Warnke passed on January 22, 2015 in Anchorage, Alaska. Marge was born on March 20, 1936 in White Mountain, Alaska to Robert and Martha Apok. She was the fourth of nine children. At a young age, she left her family and moved to Nome, but always cherished the memories of her youth in White Mountain and on the Fish River.

In Nome, Marge met Virgil Warnke and they married in October 1954. Together they raised six children: Dennis, Denise (Tissy), Diane (Oupa), Dawn (Birdie), Dana (Cootus) and Darla. During this time, Marge worked as a dorm attendant at the Beltz High School, corrections officer, and for many years as ticket agent for both Wien and Alaska Airlines.

In 1978, Marge met William (Bill) Troffer and they married on April 10, 1984. They were blessed with over thirty years together until Bill's passing in July 2009.

Marge had the opportunity to accompany Bill to many construction sites throughout Alaska and the Pacific Northwest, finally settling in Anchorage in the mid 1990's. Bill continued in the construction field and during this time, they found joy together during their many summer outings camping, boating and fishing throughout southcentral Alaska. Marge also cherished the time spent clamming and berry picking with her daughters and grandchildren. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and quilting. One of her favorite holidays was Thanksgiving so she could enjoy her favorite recipes that she and Virgil passed down to their children. "I'm going to eat LOTS," she would say.

Since Bill's passing, Marge spent much of her time with her daughters and getting to know her many great grandchildren.

Marge is preceded in death by the father of her children, Virgil Warnke, son Dennis Warnke, daughter Diane Warnke and granddaughter Tyese Warnke.

She leaves behind daughters Denise Barengo, Dawn Warnke, Dana Warnke, Darla Warnke and Mindy Troffer-Cooper (Vancouver, WA), son-in-laws Rick Barengo, George Leckband and Jay Cooper. She also leaves behind five sisters and one brother, twenty grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren.

A private viewing was held on January 27, 2015. Our mother will be

laid to rest beside her husband Bill at the Angelus Memorial Park in Anchorage on June 5, 2015. "THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR MOM".



Margie M. Warnke

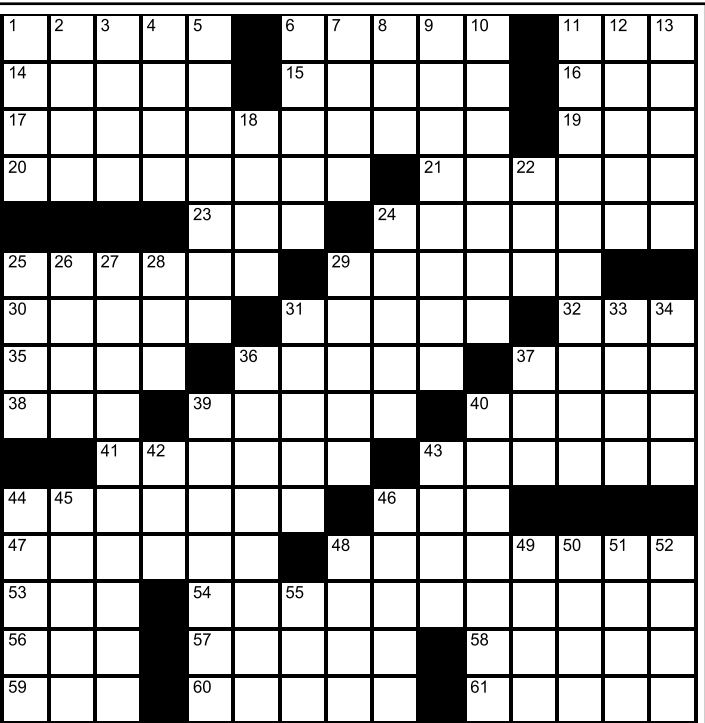
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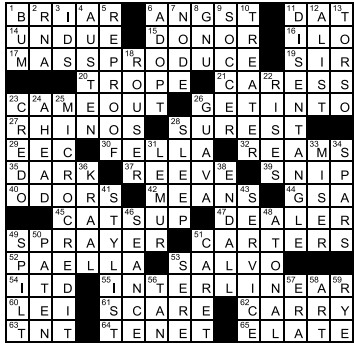
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8. Back, in a way  
9. Relief provider (2 wds)  
10. Bishop, e.g.  
11. "They thought only of \_\_\_."  
12. Smooth transition  
13. Articles used on stage  
18. Catch  
22. \_\_\_ Wednesday  
24. Carried  
25. Havana's home  
26. \_\_\_-friendly  
27. Commit  
28. Good times  
29. Peter, Paul or Mary  
31. Pasta choice  
33. Aug. follower  
34. Squirrel's nest  
36. Check a car's performance in actual operation (2 wds)  
37. Victorian, for one  
39. Triumvirates  
40. Halloween wear  
42. Density symbol  
43. Charlie, for one (Starkist mascot)  
44. Secret scheme  
45. Love deeply  
46. \_\_\_ of Caracalla in Rome  
48. Sped  
49. "Thanks \_\_\_!" (2 wds)  
50. Hyperbolic sine, mathematics  
51. "What's gotten \_\_\_ you?"  
52. Long, long time  
55. Artist's asset

Previous Puzzle Answers



Summer Products

- Dog life jackets
- Bird dog training dummies
- Wild bird seed
- Bird feeders & bird houses
- No-smell waterproof collars
- Auto-water bowls
- Pooper scoopers

Nome Animal House

443-2490

M-F: 9am-6pm, Sat: 10am-2pm,  
Sun: closed

HOROSCOPES  
May 2015 — Week 5



December 22–January 19

Some promises were meant to be broken, this one, in particular, Capricorn. What is being asked of you is not what you signed up for.



March 21–April 19

All's fair in love and war, Aries. Take whatever measures are necessary to achieve your goals. An investment pays off. Celebrate with friends.



June 22–July 22

Doggone it, Cancer. Your hands are tied. You can't help, but someone you know can. Ask them. A loved one sends mixed messages. Read between the lines.



September 23–October 22

Look out, Libra! Someone is eyeing you for a lucrative opportunity. Do not say no. It will not come around again. Purchases meet demand.



January 20–February 18

Brace yourself, Aquarius. An announcement is about to be made. Be positive. There is more to it than revealed. The battle for an heirloom begins.



April 20–May 20

Efficiency is the name of the game, Taurus. You've got a lot to do in a short amount of time. Scheduling is crucial. A phone call provides the missing piece of the puzzle.



July 23–August 22

Lie, Leo? No way! Not even to spare someone's feelings. The truth must be told if any changes are to occur. A dish is a delight, thanks to a senior's suggestion.



October 23–November 21

Responsibilities increase at work. If you want to be noticed, Scorpio, now is the time. Don't take on more than you can handle, however.



February 19–March 20

Affairs of the heart take precedence this week, Pisces. Rearrange your work schedule to allow for more together time at home. Your family needs you.



May 21–June 21

You can dodge the issue all you like, but it isn't going away. Confront it, Gemini, and take the steps necessary to resolve it once and for all.



August 23–September 22

Do you practice what you preach, Virgo? You better. A youngster is watching. Design plans come together with a valuable addition to the team.



November 22–December 21

You've got it, Sagittarius. Now all you have to do is prove it. Start with something small and work your way up from there. A date is set.





Photo by Bret Hanson  
NINJA— Nick Hansen trains on the warp wall in Unalakleet.

Saying It Sincerely

By Pastor Charles Brower  
Community United  
Methodist Church

What do you think of when you think of Memorial Day - the beginning of summer vacation, barbecues, family get-togethers?

In many churches Memorial Day is ignored because it is not one of the holy days. It would be good to consider what Memorial Day represents, for its very name calls us to remember.

The ability to remember is a wonderful gift from God. In a flash, we can be a child again, skipping rocks across a pond, or walking in a meadow. Through memory we can fall in love, get married and enjoy our children all over again.

All this is possible through the blessing of memory. Some of our memories are happy as we recall wonderful experiences. But some are sad, and we may weep as we remember them.

Memories are also very practical. If we couldn't remember that a STOP SIGN means "stop" we'd be

in trouble. If we were not able to remember what day it is, or our anniversary or spouse's birthday – we would be in big trouble. So memories are practical.

Here are a few memorial reminders in the bible from God.

After God destroyed the earth in a flood, He told Noah, "I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." (Genesis 9:11)

Then God stated, "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." (Genesis 9:13) So every time we see a rainbow, it reminds us of God's promise.

A memorial was erected when Joshua led the people of Israel across the Jordan River. The Jordan River stopped flowing just as the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant stepped into the water at the river's edge. Then they stood in the middle of the river until the people had crossed safely into the Promised Land.

While they were crossing, Joshua told twelve men, one from each of the tribes, to go into the middle of the riverbed and to select twelve large stones. The men brought those stones up onto the riverbank and made a monument out of them there.

Joshua then tells them, "In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever." Joshua 4:6-7

Plain Bagels

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

Makes 12-3" bagels  
Preparation Time: 1 hour  
Bake at 425°F for 20 minutes  
Difficulty Level: Hard

Ingredients:  
¾ c. Warm water, divided  
2 ¼ tsp. (1 pkg.) Active dry yeast  
1 tsp. Sugar  
1 c. Whole-wheat flour  
1 ½ c. Bread flour  
1 Tbsp. Olive oil  
1 tsp. Salt  
2 lg. Eggs  
½ gal. Water

- Directions:
1. Combine ¾ cup warm water with yeast and sugar in a small bowl. Stir together and let stand 5 minutes, until bubbles form.
  2. In a food processor with a steel blade, add whole-wheat flour, bread flour, oil, and salt to the bowl. Pulse to mix. Add yeast mixture and 1 egg to the bowl. Pulse about 10 seconds to mix.
  3. While the processor is on, slowly drizzle the remaining warm water through the feeding tube. A dough ball will form; continue processing until it is smooth and turns around the bowl about 30 times.
  4. Place dough in a lightly oiled bowl and cover. Let stand in a warm area for 15 minutes to rise.
  5. Divide the dough into 12 small balls. Roll each ball until it is about 6 inches long. Moisten the ends to connect create a doughnut shape. Place the bagels on a greased pan and let sit for 15 additional minutes.
  6. While the dough is sitting, bring the water to boil in a stockpot. Once dough has risen for the last time, place 4 bagels into the boiling water. Let boil for 1 minute, turn over and let boil for another minute. Bagels will become puffy. Remove bagels from the water and place on a greased pan. Complete the same process with the remaining bagels.
  7. Bake bagels at 425°F for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool on a wire rack before serving.



Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size	1 Bagel
Amount of Servings	12
Calories	118
Total Fat (g)	2
Saturated Fat (g)	0
Cholesterol (mg)	23
Sodium (mg)	203
Total Carbohydrate (g)	20
Fiber (g)	2
Protein (g)	4
Vitamin A (%)	1
Vitamin C (%)	0
Calcium (%)	1
Iron (%)	3

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- Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
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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.  
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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  
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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.



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5.21.2015



**Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for one (1) position located in Nome, AK:**

• **Executive Director:** exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is Depending on Education and Experience. The application deadline for the recruitment period is Monday, June 08, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Native preference per Public Law 93-638

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

For any questions, please contact the Human Resources Manager, Cathy Lyon, at **907-443-9131** or by email to [cathylyon@gci.net](mailto:cathylyon@gci.net)

May 28, June 4

## Legals

### 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.

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE  
5.14-21-28,6.4

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

On May 20, 2015, the Nome, Alaska, **Seventh-day Adventist Church** tendered for filing with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. an application for a construction permit for a **new noncommercial FM station** to serve **Gambell, Alaska**. The proposed new station will broadcast on 89.3 MHz with an effective radiated power of 90 watts. The transmitter will be located at the site described by the geographic coordinates 63°46'41" north latitude, 171°43'52" west longitude (NAD 27). The antenna will operate at a height of nine meters above average terrain.

The officers, board members and persons with a 10% or greater ownership interest in the applicant are: Mike Owens, May Barren, Ryan Woehler, Dennis Barron and Shoni Evans.

**The application and related relevant materials are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Nome Seventh-day Adventist Church, 501 Round the Clock Dr., Nome, Alaska 99762 (907) 443-5137.**

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## Real Estate



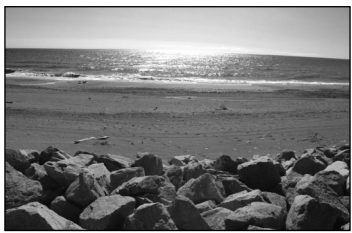
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## • Employment



**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.

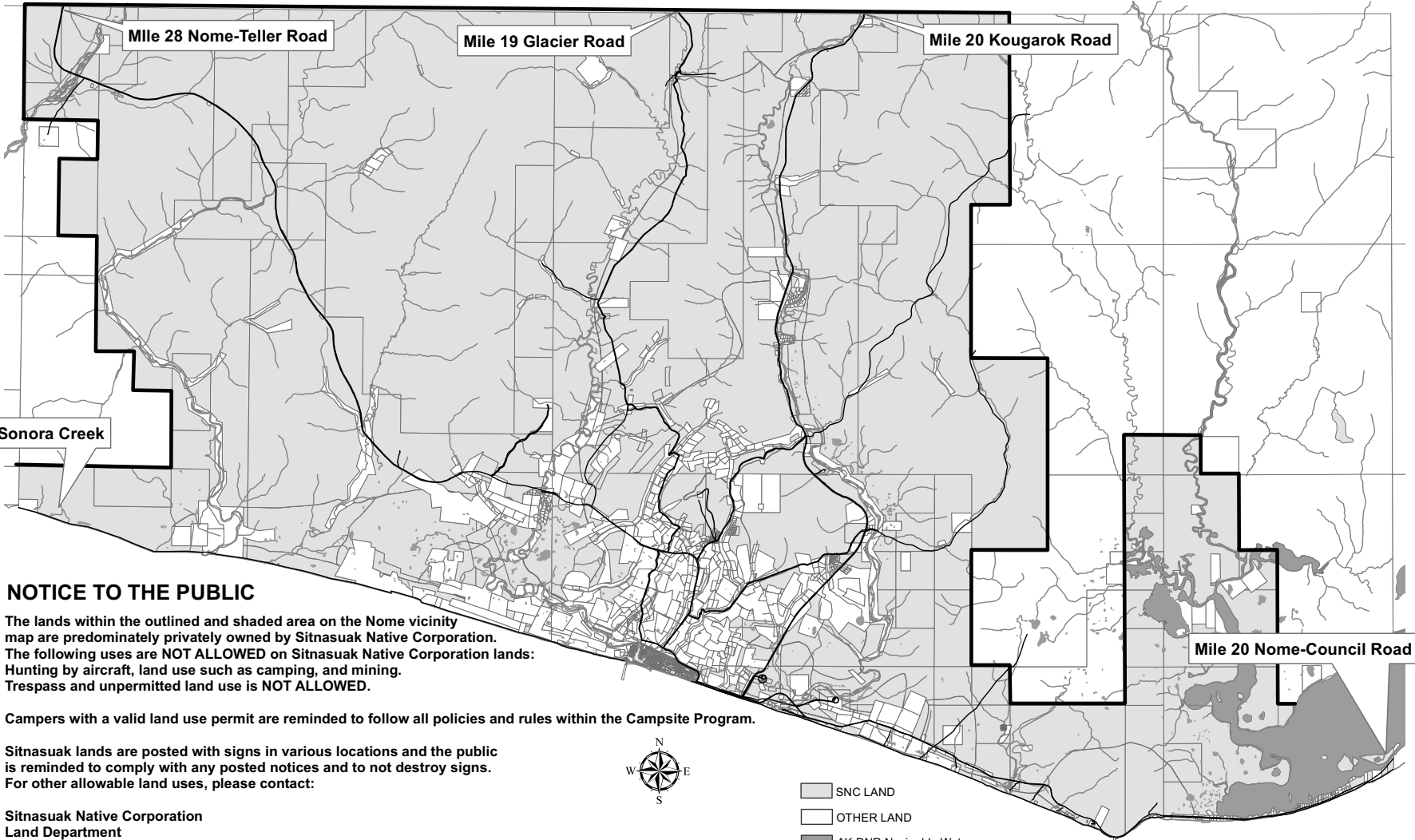
**Qualifications Include:** Highly self-motivated and organized individual with past experience running a non-profit; MBA or Bachelor's in Business or Public Administration preferred, with minimum of 3 years experience in administration of tribal government, non-profit or Public service agency or minimum 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: Valcaroe 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**



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**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**.

Campers with a valid land use permit are reminded to follow all policies and rules within the Campsite Program.

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**



Trooper Beat

On May 19, at approximately 10:30 a.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a death in Little Diomedede.

Evita Samuels, 33, of Nome, died at the school where she was staying. Samuels experienced health related issues prior to her death. Foul play is not suspected, next of kin have been notified. Samuels' remains were sent to the State medical Examiner for an autopsy and the investigation continues.

On May 24, at 12:36 a.m. hours the Alaska State Troopers received a report of an intoxicated person in Gambell. Ernest Apangalook, 32 of Gambell, was subsequently arrested for probation violation, assault 4, and resisting arrest.

On May 24 at 11:13 p.m., Alaska State Troopers in Unalakleet received a report of a dog attack in Unalakleet. A seven-year old girl was reported to have been petting a tied dog in a dog lot on the beach in Unalakleet when that dog and another loose dog attacked her. An adult intervened in the attack and the child was brought to the clinic. The child sustained severe injuries to her neck and face. The attack victim was transported to Anchorage via med-evac where she is receiving treatment. The dogs were killed by their owner on May 25, 2015.

### Sitnasuak Native Corporation

## Notice of the 42nd Annual Meeting of Shareholders

- Saturday, June 6, 2015
- 10 a.m.
- Nome Elementary School
- Nome, Alaska

**BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:**

- 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](mailto:devans@snc.org)



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### Domestic Violence Shelter Deferred Maintenance Project

#### Request for Statement of Qualifications to Pre-Qualify (RFSQ) For Bidding on Deferred Maintenance Projects for Domestic Violence Shelters located throughout Alaska May 13, 2015

**Statements of Qualifications (and forms) are due by 3pm on June 5, 2015.**

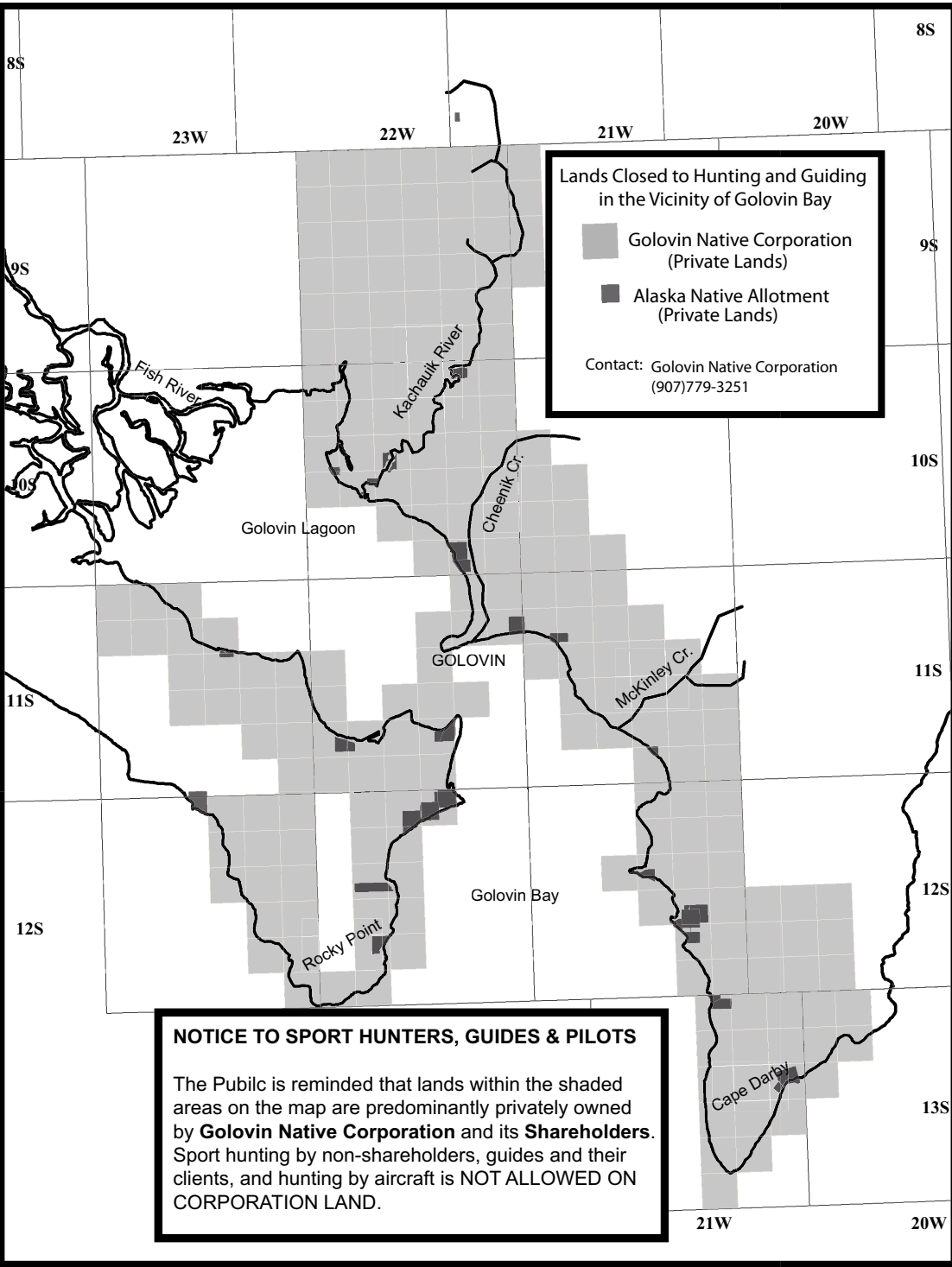
The purpose of this RFSQ is to pre-select contractors with the best past performance, regional experience, and experience with projects this scale to perform the deferred maintenance projects to a high quality standard and cost effectively.

Contractors may submit qualifications for single sites or the following packages as identified on the attached forms:

1. Nome, Kotzebue
2. Bethel, Emmonak
3. Dillingham
4. Unalaska
5. Homer, Kenai, Kodiak
6. Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka
7. Fairbanks
8. Palmer, Valdez

For project overview and forms, contact Bering Sea Women's Group at 443-5491.

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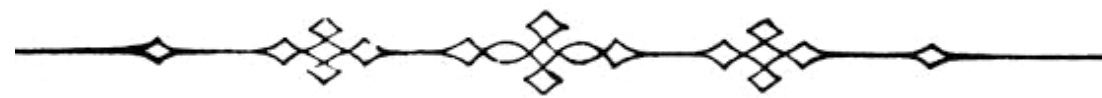


**NOTICE TO SPORT HUNTERS, GUIDES & PILOTS**

The Pubilc is reminded that lands within the shaded areas on the map are predominantly privately owned by **Golovin Native Corporation** and its **Shareholders**. Sport hunting by non-shareholders, guides and their clients, and hunting by aircraft is **NOT ALLOWED ON CORPORATION LAND**.

### 2015 Alaska Press Club Awards for The Nome Nugget:

- **Best Sports News Story**  
First Place  
**by Diana Haecker**  
"Dallas Seavey wins second Iditarod championship"
- **Best Sports Game/Event Story**  
First Place  
**by Diana Haecker**  
"Iditarod 42 is underway"
- **Best Sports Game/Event Story**  
Second Place  
**by Keith Conger**  
"Collins first to emerge from fog at 36th Anvil Mountain run"
- **Best Environmental Reporting**  
Third Place  
**by Diana Haecker**  
"DEC looks for innovative water and sewer solutions"





# Court

**Week ending 5/22**  
**Civil**  
Verbridge, Richard G. and Verbridge, Colette P.; Dissolution w/out Children  
Minor Party v. Minor Party; Civil Protective Order  
Segock, Eleanor v. Takak, Marvin; Civil Protective Order  
**Small Claims**  
Alaska Prepaid Card, LLC, Peacock, Lahka, Peacock, Debbie v. Johnson, Michelle; Small Claims Less Than \$2500  
Alaska Prepaid Card, LLC, Peacock, Lahka, Peacock, Debbie v. Cleveland, Wade; Small Claims Less Than \$2500  
Alaska Prepaid Card, LLC, Peacock, Lahka, Peacock, Debbie v. Custer, Merle; Small Claims  
Alaska Prepaid Card, LLC v. Beasley, Audrey; Small Claims Less Than \$2500

**Criminal**  
State of Alaska v. John A. Fagerstrom (4/11/74); Judgment and Order of Commitment; Probation; CTN 001: AS11.41.425(a)(1)(C): Sex Assault 3- Contact w/Unaware Victim, Class: C Felony; Offense Date: 2/19/14; DV: Yes; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date): 5/19/15 with counsel, PD James Ferguson, and the DA presence; Sentence: CTN 001: 10 years, 2 years suspended; Unsuspended 8 years shall be served immediately; 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); After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in Order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: No Bail Posted; Must register as a Sex Offender upon release from incarceration.

State of Alaska v. William Iyakitan (12/16/88); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113672961; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time.

State of Alaska v. Kristen D. Kulowiyyi (11/2/83); 2NO-13-759CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500451; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 12 months flat; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-13-899CR (10 months flat).

State of Alaska v. Kristen D. Kulowiyyi (11/2/83); 2NO-13-899CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113671404; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 months flat; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-13-759CR (12 months flat).

State of Alaska v. Jacob Seppilu (7/13/85); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 4/17/15; 180 days, 150 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days CTS plus defendant is time 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 5/18/16; 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. Reva Boolowon (5/30/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114188148; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 5/19/16; No action.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Lynn Tucker (6/6/86); Dismissal; Count I – 11.56.757(b)(2) Violation of conditions of Release for a Misdemeanor, Courtney Lynn Tucker – 001; Filed by the DAs Office 5/15/15.

State of Alaska v. Jenna Toolie (5/3/89); Dismissal; Count I – 04.16.040 Drunken Person On Licensed Premises, Jenna Toolie – 001; Filed by the DAs Office 5/20/15.

State of Alaska v. Charles Alvanna (5/31/93); 2NO-15-147CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Resisting Arrest; Charge 002: Criminal Trespass; Charge 003: Drunken Person On Licensed Premises; Filed by the DAs Office 5/20/15.

State of Alaska v. Charles Alvanna (5/31/93); 2NO-15-211CR Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 4/25/15; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; 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. Anthony R. Gandia (7/19/76); 2NO-15-27CR Harassment 2, offensive physical; DV; Date of Violation: 1/12/15; 90 days, 90 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 until 5/20/16; 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 contact, directly or indirectly, M. Kakaruk; Shall not consume or buy alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe he has consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause.

State of Alaska v. Anthony Gandia (7/19/76); 2NO-15-152CR Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 3/20/15; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Give credit for time served to date; 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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ify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114798861; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 29 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Ladd Soonagrook (11/24/59); 2NO-15-181CR Harassment 2; DV; Date of Violation: 4/5/15; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 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 5/20/16; 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 contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of William Soonagrook without consent; Shall not possess, consume alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires.

State of Alaska v. Kevin J. McDonald (8/14/78); Dismissal; Count I – 04.11.499(a) Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area, Kevin J. McDonald – 001; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions 5/21/15.

State of Alaska v. Denise Keyes (3/10/88); Dismissal; Count I – 11.41.230(a)(1) Assault In The Fourth Degree, Denise Keyes – 002; Count II – 11.61.120(a)(1) Harassment In The Second Degree, Denise Keyes – 003; Filed by the DAs Office 5/22/15.

State of Alaska v. David Nattanguk (11/6/83); 2NO-13-889CR Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 11/17/13; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served; Report to Nome Court on 5/28/15, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; 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 5/21/16; 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 contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Komonaseak without written permission, without consent; 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 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.

State of Alaska v. David Nattanguk (11/6/83); 2NO-14-684CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 3/21/15.

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NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 05/18/2015 through 05/24/2015

**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 142 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 51 (36%) involved alcohol. There were 10 arrests made with 7 (70%) alcohol related. NPD responded to 22 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. 7 were remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and 5 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.**

**There were 11 ambulance calls and 0 fire calls during this period.**

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## Monday, May 18, 2015

3:30 a.m., NPD responded to a reported assault at an apartment complex on the west side of town. Officers arrived on scene and further investigation revealed that the reported suspect, identified as Robin Fagerstrom, had physically injured another person. Both Fagerstrom and the victim required medical assistance and both were transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation. Charges for Assault in the Fourth Degree will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

05:06 am, NPD received a report of an intoxicated female refusing to leave a residence on the north edge of town. Upon arrival officers contacted the reported suspect, identified as Irene Kowchee, who was found to be highly intoxicated and impeding the movement of a motor vehicle. Charges for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

06:41 am, NPD received a request for a welfare check on a person reportedly making statements threatening self-harm. Officers contacted the individual, who indicated that they did not wish to harm themselves and did not wish any further assistance.

10:39 am, NPD conducted a traffic stop on Seppala Drive with an All-Terrain Vehicle and the driver was issued a verbal warning for operating an off road vehicle on the state high way.

01:22 pm, NPD received a report of an alleged individual violating their conditions of release. Officers arrived on scene and searched the area and made no contact with any such individual or report; the report was left unfounded no further action taken.

02:42 pm, NPD received a report of a possible intoxicated driver heading west into town. Officers searched the area and conducted a traffic stop on the reported vehicle and the driver was found to have not consumed any alcohol and was released on scene, no further action taken.

03:34 pm, NPD received an agency request for assistance for an intoxicated male on the east side of town. Officers arrived on scene and transported the individual to safe and sober residence, no further action taken.

09:02 pm, NPD responded to a report of an assault and theft on the west side of town. The investigation led to the cellular telephone being returned and the reporting party being warned for False Information on a Report.

09:59 pm, NPD responded to a request for assistance on the west side of town. One adult male was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation.

10:19 pm, NPD responded to a report of an adult in need of assistance on the west side of town. He was provided transport to his residence.

10:39 pm, NPD responded to a report of vandalism on the west side of town. The scene was documented, no suspects were identified at the time. The investigation is open, pending additional information.

## Tuesday, May 19, 2015

00:32 am, NPD responded to a report of an assault taking place at Norton Sound Regional Hospital. The investigation led to a report being taken, which will be forwarded to Juvenile Justice.

00:54 am, NPD responded to a report of a notable amount of marijuana being found in the possession of a patient at Norton Sound Regional Hospital. The investigation led to the substance being confiscated and a report forwarded to the District Attorney.

01:42 am, NPD responded to a request for an ambulance on the west side of town. Officers provided assistance until EMS staff arrived and took custody of the intoxicated individual.

10:41 am, NPD received a report of a theft of property on the far west end of town. Officers met with the reporting party and a report was taken, the investigation is ongoing.

11:04 am, NPD received a report of a theft of money on the west end of town. Officers met with the reporting party and the alleged party and the issue was found to be resolved in the Nome Trial Courts in a civil matter, no further action taken.

01:53 pm, NPD conducted a traffic stop near Port Road. Officers issued a citation to Stephen Payne for failure to provide motor vehicle insurance, and was released on scene.

02:42 pm, NPD received a request to move abandoned vehicles on city property on the east end of town, the registered owners will be contacted and the vehicles will be removed and impounded if necessary, no further action taken at this time.

03:47 pm, NPD received a report regarding an individual violating their protective order out of another state with no bail amount set. Yevgen Chepurco was arrested for two counts of Fugitive of Justice for two outstanding felony warrants from the state of Washington. Chepurco was also found to have two additional warrants totaling four active warrants. Chepurco was remanded to AMCC.

04:32 pm, a welfare check was requested for a minor who lived on the east side of town. Officers made contact with the individual and all was safe and secure and no issues were found, no further action taken.

05:30 pm, NPD conducted a traffic stop on the east side of town. Officers made contact with James Longley who was found to have been driving with a re-

voked driver's license and on felony probation, the report will be forwarded to the adult probation office, no further action taken at this time.

## Wednesday, May 20, 2015

02:25 am, NPD received a request for an officer's presence on the west side of town. Officers arrived on scene and a report was taken and OCS was also contacted.

02:58 am, NPD received a report of an intoxicated male sleeping on the west end of town. Officers made contact with the individual and he was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital and left in their care, no further action taken.

08:01 am, NPD conducted a traffic stop on Bering Street resulting in Garrick Fuller being issued a citation for operating an off road vehicle on a state high way.

02:26 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated male passed out on the west end of town, NVAD was dispatched and transported Andrew Ozenna to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment and then remanded to AMCC for a Title 47 hold.

## Thursday, May 21, 2015

12:18 pm, NPD impounded an elderly dog, the owner was contacted and they came to pick up the animal shortly after impound, no further action taken.

12:18 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated female needing assistance on the west end of town. Officers made contact with Courtney Amaktoolik and she was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then remanded to AMCC for a Title 47 hold.

01:55 pm, NPD received a request of assistance from the Nome Elementary School. Officers arrived on scene and resolved the situation, no further action taken.

04:48 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated male down inside an establishment on the west end of town. Officers responded to scene with the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and Ladd Soonagrook was arrested for being Drunk on a Licensed Premises, as well as being in Violation of Conditions of Probation. He was then remanded to AMCC, where no bail is set.

05:30 pm, NPD received a report of two intoxicated males disrupting a business on the east end of town. Officers arrived on scene and they were removed from the establishment and warned for Criminal Trespass, no further action taken.

## Friday, May 22, 2015

01:37 pm, NPD was informed by a citizen of items that had been stolen. Further interview of the reporting party revealed that the theft had taken place outside of city limits. The Alaska State Troopers were notified and took over the investigation.

02:13 pm, NPD received a report of prescription medication that had reportedly been stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

06:39 pm, NPD was notified of a toddler wandering on the east side of town without any visible adult supervision. Upon officers' arrival, the child's guardian had already arrived on scene and took custody of the child, who had exited the residence through an unlocked door. The adults were advised to ensure the doors to their residence were secure to prevent any future incidents of the same nature.

08:08 pm, NPD received a REDDI report of a possibly intoxicated driver on an ATV on the west side of town. Officers conducted a traffic stop and the driver, identified as Jennifer Russell, was found to be too impaired to drive and further refused to submit to a chemical test of her breath. Russell was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence (alcohol) and Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test (breath), where she was held on \$2,000 bail. Russell was also issued a citation for Refusal to Submit to a PBT While Driving.

11:58 pm, NPD responded to an apartment complex on the west side of town for a noise complaint. Upon officers' arrival, one of the intoxicated occupants of the home was identified as Kenneth Smith, who was found to be on current conditions of Felony Probation that prohibited the consumption of alcohol. The on-call Adult Probation Officer was contacted and was informed of the situation, at which time Officers were requested to remand Smith to AMCC for the Probation Violation, where he was held without bail.

## Saturday, May 23, 2015

00:44 am, NPD was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle driving north on Nome-Teller Highway with expired registration tags showing on the license plate. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver, identified as Rochelle Ferry, was issued a citation for Driving with Expired Registration and was released at the scene.

01:19 am, NPD received a report of a male lying on the ground on the west side of town. The male was found to be a 15-year old juvenile who was intoxicated. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department was requested at the scene and the male was transported to NSRH for medical evaluation. He was cited for Minor Consuming Alcohol and was released to a parent who arrived at the hospital a short time later.

01:48 am, NPD responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of a male who was unconsciously lying on the ground. Upon arrival, the male was found to be intoxicated and was roused awake. Once identified, the male provided his address and he was provided transport home, where he was left in the care of a sober family member.

03:16 am, NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed an intoxicated female walking in the middle of the road on the west side of town. The female was contacted, identified and was provided a courtesy transport to her residence, where she was left in the care of a sober member of the household.

03:22 am, NPD was dispatched to the west side of town for an intoxicated individual who was visiting Nome and not sure where he was staying. The male was transported to several residences that matched the description given; eventually identifying the apartment complex he was staying at. The male was left in the care of the sober occupant and no further action was necessary.

05:15 am, NPD responded to a request for a welfare check to be conducted on an intoxicated male lying on the ground. Upon contact, the male was observed to be walking under his own power and denying any offer of assistance.

05:18 am, NPD received a report of someone trying to break down a door of

a residence on the east side of town. Upon arrival, the suspect had fled the scene after causing damage to the doorway of the reporting party's residence. Further investigation revealed that the damage to the doorway was preexisting and the homeowner, who identified the suspect, refused to press any charges.

08:27 am, NPD responded to the west end of town for a report of a stolen ATV. The ATV was recovered and returned to the owner however. The investigation is ongoing.

04:24 pm, NPD officers responded to the west side of town for the report of a male who was unconscious on the ground. Upon arrival, officers identified the male, who indicated he was only taking a nap. Further assistance offered was denied and the male was released at the scene.

08:37 pm, NPD received a complaint of a barking dog on the west side of town. The owner of the dog was not at home, but the Nome Police Department Dispatch Center was able to contact a friend of the family who was able to bring the dog inside to prevent further disturbance to neighbors. The owner was warned regarding the noise created by the animal and no further enforcement action was necessary.

09:15 pm, NPD received a report of an ATV driving on the east side of town with multiple passengers. The ATV was located and a traffic stop was conducted. The driver of the vehicle was contacted and found to not possess a driver license. The driver was given a verbal warning regarding the offense, the vehicle was parked and the driver was transported to their residence until a licensed driver was able to retrieve the ATV.

09:25 pm, NPD received a report of a female being dropped off by a local cab company on the outskirts of town. Officers responded to the area and contacted the female, who was found highly intoxicated. The female was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and once cleared, was transported to a sober acquaintance's house for the evening.

10:06 pm, NPD received a request for a welfare check to be completed on two juveniles who were reportedly home without supervision of a sober adult on the east side of town. Upon arrival and further investigation, the children were found to be at a sober babysitter's residence for the night. No further action was necessary.

10:39 pm, NPD responded to the west side of town for the report of a male that was unconscious on the ground. Upon arrival, officers contacted a group of four individuals, the reported individual being identified as Delbert Oozevaseuk. Oozevaseuk was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and was then remanded at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center for a Title 47 Hold. The remaining three individuals did not require any assistance and were released at the scene.

## Sunday, May 24, 2015

02:07 am, NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle traveling on the north edge of town with only one taillight operational. A traffic stop was conducted and upon contact with the driver, identified as Scott Kent, was found to be too impaired to operate the vehicle. Kent was subsequently placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence (Alcohol) and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$1,000 bail.

04:01 am, NPD responded to an apartment complex on the west side of town for the report of a male pounding on resident's doors and causing a disturbance. Upon arrival in the area, a male was contacted and was identified by one of the residents as the person causing the disturbance. The male was warned regarding the behavior and was transported to his residence without further issue.

05:20 am, NPD was dispatched to the report of several individuals attempting to get a person to leave an apartment complex on the east side of town. Upon arrival, the individual was contacted, identified and removed from the residence without further incident. The subject was then transported to a sober family member's residence for the evening.

10:51 am, NPD responded to the west end of town for a report of an assault. During the course of the investigation, Darla Swann was found to have caused physical injury to another member of the household and was placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence. Swann was taken to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and was later remanded to AMCC, where she was held without bail.

06:01 pm, NPD received a report of a female that required unspecified assistance on the east side of town. Upon arrival, officers contacted the female, who was found to be highly intoxicated, and provided transportation for the female to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation. The female was left in the care of the hospital due to her level of intoxication.

06:49 pm, NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle traveling faster than the conditions at the location warranted. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was given a verbal warning for the violation after providing all current paperwork requested.

08:23 pm, a citizen arrived at the Nome Police Department to report an individual possibly stalking them. The citizen was interviewed and a suspect was identified. The reporting party was also provided paperwork to apply for Stalking Protective order and asked to report any further instances of contact immediately. The investigation is ongoing.

09:40 pm, NPD officers responded to a residence on the north edge of town for the report of an intoxicated male threatening members of the household. Upon arrival and further investigation it was revealed the subject reported, identified as Andrew Karmun, had placed a member of the household in fear of physical injury. Karmun was placed under arrest and transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation, then later remanded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV, where he was held without bail.

09:12 pm, NPD was informed of an unsecured door at a business on the west side of town. Officers arrived and cleared the building of any persons. No damage was observed and the proprietor was contacted to inform them of the open door, which will be examined upon reopening.

11:50 pm, NPD officers observed a vehicle travelling well below the posted speed limit and weaving within the lane of travel. A traffic stop was conducted, the driver was contacted and found to be sober and was released at the scene after being informed of the behavior observed. No further action taken.



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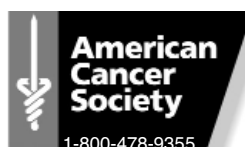
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TRAINING GROUNDS - Two of Nick Hanson’s American Ninja Warrior training devices stand at the edge of Unalakleet. Hanson participated in the popular NBC television show which aired May 25.

# Nick Hanson shows grit on grueling American Ninja Warrior course

**By Keith Conger**

“They come from all walks of life, for the chance to be legends,” stated NBC’s “2015 American Ninja Warrior” trailer, which had been airing for several days leading up to the season seven premier on May 25.

“I’m an Eskimo,” stated the first contestant’s voice in the promo. Another contestant stated he was an Eagle Scout and still another said she was a mom.

The Eskimo was Unalakleet’s Nick Hanson, a 27-year old college student and recipient of the 2015 NYO Games Alaska Healthy Coach Award. He told of his experiences with the show in an interview with The Nome Nugget the weekend before the popular obstacle course program was to air.

Last year Hanson, who had been dabbling in martial arts training, received encouragement from people in his hometown to apply for NBC’s unique sports entertainment competition. In August of 2014 Hanson started the application process by submitting an email. “What do I have to lose?” he thought.

In January, American Ninja Warrior asked Hanson to submit a video. This gave him a chance to showcase some of the obstacle course training apparatus he had built on the beach in Unalakleet. In February he received a call from the show’s head producer, who ended up bringing a cameraman and a soundman to Unalakleet.

Hanson said the film crew stayed two nights and got to experience subsistence life in Western Alaska. They walked on sea ice, followed Hanson

on a seal hunt and went ice fishing. Hanson said they filmed “basically what I do on a daily basis.”

The commercial for this year’s premier has a short clip of Hanson using one of his training structures. Modeled after one of the show’s staple obstacles, Hanson’s Salmon Ladder utilizes two 14-foot driftwood logs that he planted three feet into the beach. Rising vertically from each log are pegs on which a bar is laid. The objective is to move the bar from the lowest set of pegs to the highest in superman pull-up fashion.

Hanson traveled to California to do the filming in mid-March. “All the big names go to Venice Beach,” he said. Hanson said it was amazing to hang out with the dedicated participants who train year-round for the show. He was even invited to the house of contestant Arnold Hernandez to practice on Hernandez’s state of the art, backyard obstacle course.

American Ninja Warrior is based on the hit Japanese show “Sasuke,” which first aired 31 years ago. Contestants attempt to work their way through a series of six obstacles, against the clock. The top 30 finishers advance to the next round. This season’s champion can take home \$1,000,000.

Of all the contestants, Hanson traveled the farthest to get to California for the season premier. He blazed through the first four obstacles on the course, but was tripped up by the Hourglass Drop, which the announcers had nicknamed the “ninja killer.” After his run, Hanson was “on the bubble” in 30th place with six contestants remaining. The next

five failed to meet Hanson’s spot, but veteran American Ninja Warrior Kevin Bull, the last competitor on the show, not only passed Hanson, but set the top time of the day by a whopping 32 seconds.

“You get the opportunity to be apart of that, it’s just amazing,” said Hanson. “I was a rookie getting lots of tips.”

Hanson is accustomed to games where contestants are competing while at the same time acting cooperatively. For the last five years he has been Unalakleet’s head coach for NYO, or Native Youth Olympics, which is noted for its collaborative sportsmanship.

“That’s exactly the same vibe you get when you get to American Ninja Warrior,” he said.

Hanson is also a regular at WEIO, the World Eskimo Indian Olympics, which take place each July in Fairbanks. The contests there are meant to celebrate and demonstrate people’s preparedness for Native survival. While he takes part in many of the events at the WEIO competition, Hanson’s specialty is the Scissor Broad Jump. He holds the world record in the event at 36 feet, 7 inches.

Several young people from Unalakleet are training with Hanson for WEIO 2015. One of his coaching methods is to tell stories that depict the importance of each traditional event. “If they miss one seal, they have to knuckle hop to the next hole,” he said.

“I want to get the vision in their head. Get them to say ‘I want to be like my elders and be like my ances-

tors’,” Hanson said.

“The way I see it is to motivate them,” Hanson continued, “This is their culture. The biggest thing I do is to tell them where they came from.”

“Very little happens in Unalakleet in regards to youth without some influence from Nick,” stated longtime Unalakleet Athletic Director Jeff Erickson. “He excels in preparing each athlete individually, highlighting their skill set while working on their weaknesses. The high expectations he has for kids is nothing more than he asks of himself as he prepares year-round for athletic competition.”

Hanson had time to train for the American Ninja Warrior competition despite his dedicated involvement with three other school sports throughout the year. His participation with the show adds to the list of impressive accomplishments Hanson has had both as a high school athlete in Unalakleet, and as a coach for the school there.

While attending high school, Hanson earned the regional championship three times and placed as high as 17th at the state competition. He has been at the helm coaching cross-country running the past five years.

The week-long overlap of the cross country running and volleyball seasons means Hanson has no break in the fall since he also coaches the volleyball squad. Unalakleet won the state mixed-6 title in 2013 with Hanson as the assistant coach. He took over as head coach the next year, and the Unalakleet squad again captured first place at state. As a high school senior during the 2005-2006 school year, Hanson’s mixed-6 squad placed

first in the regional tournament, and second at state.

Hanson only gets a few days respite in early winter before he moves into his role as head coach of the Junior Varsity basketball team. That sport’s season is not even complete in the spring when Hanson begins training his NYO group.

“Nick is an exceptional young man who has become an integral part of Unalakleet’s community health,” said Erickson. “He has sacrificed his time for working with kids in athletic, artistic and general healthy living.”

Erickson noted that Hanson is a talented musician who plays multiple instruments and writes his own music. He is also a skilled artist and craftsman.

Hanson is finding a way to stay in touch with the youth in Unalakleet this summer by offering a running club, which meets three times a week. He is also taking a college math class, which is part of his pursuit toward a master’s degree in secondary mathematics. In a style that seems true to his commitment to youth, Hanson’s goal is to become a high school math teacher in Unalakleet.

“I think that our survival lifestyle, doing the things we do every day just to keep food on the table, gives me the leg up when I go to compete,” says Hanson.

He already has an eye toward the 2016 American Ninja Warrior. “I’m going to train, and submit my application again next year,” he said.



FISH LADDER - Nick Hanson of Unalakleet used several homemade replica obstacles to train for American Ninja Warrior. He appeared on the popular NBC television show May 25.



WARP WALL - Unalakleet’s Nick Hanson appeared on the popular NBC television show American Ninja Warrior May 25. Hanson used several homemade replica obstacles to train for the show’s rigorous course.