

LAZING AROUND - A herd of musk oxen congregate on the sunny side of Banner Peak to soak up the sun, last week.

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### Nome Gold proposes placer mine operation at Dry Creek

By Diana Haecker

Nome Gold Alaska, a corporation that bought 11,500 acres of leases and patented mining claims in and around Nome from Alaska Gold Co. in 2011, for the first time formally introduced itself to the Nome public and held a meeting to inform Nomeites about their plans to begin mining operations at Dry Creek.

Nome Gold Alaska Corp. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nome Gold Co., a Canadian corporation in the Ontario province.

Their owners are an investment company with headquarters in Rus-

Present from the company were Nome Gold Permit Manager Randy Powelson, Nome Gold General Manager Cecil Conner and Erdni Okonov, representing Indigo Capital Partners, a Russian investment company that invests in and manages Nome Gold Alaska.

"Who are you?" was the question asked by the 20 or so people who showed up to the meeting at Old St. Joe's on Tuesday night. "Nome used to be a company town when Alaska Gold owned the land," said local miner Judy Martinson. "Alaska Gold was very involved in the community but then there was Nova Gold and now Nome Gold, we don't know anymore who's who."

General manager Cecil Conner said he's been in Nome for three years. "But all we do is work. I've been to town for dinner maybe three times," he conceded. In hopes to set this straight, the company officials

present stood question and answer during an over two-hour long meeting on Tuesday, April 28.

#### So, who are you?

Russian Erdni Okonov explained that the investor group that owns and manages Nome Gold Alaska has its main office in Moscow, Russia.

He and two other executives often travel to Nome to oversee operations here. Indigo Capital's primary business is to invest in medical, pharmaceutical and medical software companies, Okonov said. In those investments, Indigo Capital investors are minority shareholders.

Nome Gold Alaska is the only company that Indigo Capital actually invests in and manages at the same time. Okonov said that a few years

back, one investor had a strong interest in mining. He sought out Nome, and the investors decided to spent substantial funds on buying Alaska Gold's mining claims, on some heavy equipment and to gather a mining team to run the operation. In 2011, Robert Salna was making those deals.

Signs warning of trespassing keep the public from accessing the company's obvious places of mining and business. According to Conner, the workers are housed at the remodeled Camp 5, located at the Nome-Beltz Highway across from the turnoff to Dexter Pass Road. A power point presentation said that Nome Gold employs more than 50 people, and that 40 percent of them

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### NJUS to crack down on overdue accounts

By Sandra L. Medearis

Folks who have longstanding overdue utility bills could be in trou-

The Nome Joint Utilities Board has entertained informal proposals from two collection agencies at the recent regular meeting. Both Cornerstone Credit, Anchorage, and local Rural Financial Services, owned by Lahka Peacock, have offered assistance in reducing a backlog of accounts receivable.

Nome Joint Utility System is currently undergoing a shortage of cash available for operations. The board attributes this crunch to dwindling power sales, outdated, insufficient utility rates, budget issues and money owed the utility for past services by ratepayers.

Right now, the utility board is

aiming for people with inactive services, who have likely skipped town without paying, before they crank down the turnip press on active overdue accounts run up by current ratepayers under siege of high energy prices. For these accounts, NJUS has several options to coax payment from overdue customers, including warnings, threats of service interruptions and payment plans.

Utility Manager John K. Handeland, compared the two companies offering collection help.

Both agencies, according to Handeland, recommended that accounts not paid after two statements be referred to the collection agency, noting that as more time elapses, it would be more difficult to find the

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#### 2015 PROM ROYALTY — Nome-Beltz senior students celebrated their prom and chose their royal court: Prom King Oliver Hoogendorn, Queen Jannelle Trowbridge, Princess Lacey Erickson and Prince Alex Gray. This year's prom theme was "Star Wars."

# Court denies motion to remove sled dog team from mushers in subdivision outside of Nome

**By Laurie McNicholas** 

A motion filed in Nome Superior Court in May 2014 by Kevin Bopp and Lynn DeFilippo for a preliminary injunction to prevent Nils Hahn and Diana Haecker from keeping their sled dogs on their property at Arctic Sky subdivision was denied

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by Judge Paul Roetman of Kotzebue in a ruling issued April 30.

Judge Roetman said the case will proceed to trial, which is scheduled for June 1-5 in Nome, to decide on a permanent injunction motion by plaintiffs to have the dogs removed.

The plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction asked the court to bar Hahn and Haecker from maintaining a sled dog kennel on their property and sought the immediate removal of all their dogs except for

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

The motion also asserted that an injunction would not harm the de-

Judge Roetman of Kotzebue presided over a hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction Jan. 21-23 in Nome.

The Arctic Sky subdivision is located about 4 to 6 miles outside Nome city limits in an unregulated, unzoned, sparsely populated area that is not subject to any city or borough zoning laws.

The following information is derived from Roetman's order denying a preliminary injunction.

Plaintiffs Bopp and DeFilippo own lot 10 in the subdivision and built a home on the property in

Defendants Hahn and Haecker purchased lots 11 and 12 in 2011 and moved into a home on lot 12 in January 2012. In addition to their residence, Hahn and Haecker spent \$40,000 to \$50,000 to build a kennel

that houses about 30 dogs and is located about 120 yards from the plaintiff's home.

From 2004 to 2008, the defendant's owned lot 4 in the Arctic Sky subdivision and kept a kennel of sled

Industrial activities near the area include mining operations and a landfill that produce noise and odor.

Bopp testified the defendants' dogs bark three to 20 times during the day, on many nights they don't bark, and when the do bark at night, the noise is limited to one to five

He said the longest he heard the dogs bark was from 35 to 40 minutes at daytime.

Due to the dog noise, Bopp said he suffers from anxiety and sleeplessness, cannot enjoy quiet in his home, and that intimacy with his

wife has been affected.

During cross-examination, Bopp acknowledged that the volume of dog noise inside his home with the windows closed is dramatically lower than when they are open.

He also testified that he is a former dog musher and knows that sled dogs typically bark when they are hooked up and at feeding times.

Plaintiff DeFilippo testified that dog noise made her and Bopp relocate their bedroom and that in 2013 she often staved with a friend in Nome for to find peace and quiet.

She said dog noise was a factor, but not a determining factor, in her decision to move to Barrow in 2014.

During cross-examination, she said the dog noise was muffled when she and Bopp were inside their home with the windows closed.

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### Letters

I would like to get a letter in for our son Waylon Z. Okpealuk. Thank you ever so much.

Dear Waylon,

You are gone but not forgotten. May God be with you for you will be forever in our hearts. We all miss you so much, all of us who were close to you. We miss your companionship, your smile, "I Love You Mom", "Bye Dad, I Love You!"

I miss all the things we used to do together. Hunting, fishing, dog teaming, playing ball, taking a walk, or just hanging out. Those of us close to you know you did not commit suicide, we feel the emptiness and it still hurts because you aren't supposed to be gone. And there you are, taken away from us.

Son, I hear good things from those who have dreamt about you. Going to mommy in her dream and telling her "I'm home now, Mom!" We knew then you are in heaven. God Bless. Another, you told your brother, in her dream, "I can hear now," for you were partially deaf on one ear. A boy came up to us and asked if we were your parents, we said yes. His brother wanted us to know in his dream. And told him not to take it so had in his troubled times. Another said, you were wearing all

projects that suck up state money.

Medicare. It makes no sense.

Nancy McGuire

Gloria Karmun

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white. Another said you guys were handing out at the fish racks. You showed him a family picture, and it looked really nice, unlike here on earth and he asked "why did you do that to yourself? You told him you didn't and was gonna give him names, he woke up.

Son, I know, mommy knows, your friends know you didn't commit suicide. Son, when in despair and wanting to give up, I would pray for you to give me a sign, any sign. And these give more inspiration to prove that you did not commit suicide. I will not give up, I will stand my ground, this I promise you.

For you were truly blessed while here on God's green pastures, in heaven. Son, I love, we all loved you and we thank God for you, for time you spent with us, for the things we used to do will be forever embraced in our hearts.

Thank you!!!! Allan J. and Sally V. Okpealuk P.O. Box 85081 Brevig Mission, AK 99785

Dear Editor,

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

**Editorial** 

**Bunch of Slackers** 

Our legislators keep telling us there is not enough money for the things we need -health care, education? Forget it! Alaskans would probably kick in for a state income tax to fund the necessities that we truly need, but that does not include the Knik Arm Bridge and other

The Republicans in Juneau continue to blame the Democrats for all that goes wrong in state government. Well, they need to get over it. It is too old of an excuse. Alaska is handing over benefits to the rich and tax credits to big oil. It's hard to believe the state thinks the feds will reimburse us for the silly Knik Arm Bridge yet won't credit us for

The sloppy, unfinished job done by the legislature is an embar-

For Mother's Day, please, thank you, also would like to put in a poem our son Waylon Z. Okpealuk wrote for his mother.

Mommy, Sally V. Okpealuk

Thank you for giving birth to me, feeding and clothing me. Taking care of me when I was sick. Making sure I'm making my grades, and going to school. Thank you mommy for all the things you have done for me. With that it makes me love you I love you all the more. mommy...Happy Mother's Day.

My Mom My mom helps me, Helping me to push forward. She's the trigger, And I'm the bullet, She's careful with my aiming, She makes sure that she, Is aiming me the right way, She shoots the right way, When it's too far to aim, She steady's the scope, She knows where to aim, And I know she will, Shoot where I'm heading, Because inside the barrel I can see where she's aiming Which is the right way Again she shoots the right way.

-Waylon Z. Okpealuk

#### Nationwide, April is Sexual Assault **Awareness Month**

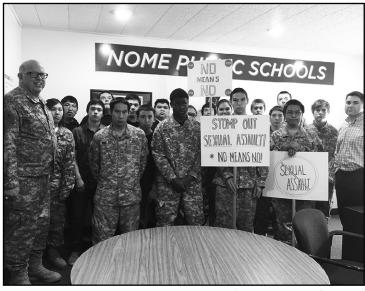


Photo courtesy Barb Amarok

TAKING A STAND- After hearing a presentation by Bering Sea Women's Group staff, Colonel Bob Blake, left, and JROTC Cadets conducted a march at Nome-Beltz High School to bring awareness to April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

#### Clarification

Last week's article on the Shishmaref water situation inadvertently misspelled the quoted Shishmaref City Clerk's name. It is Zena Barr, instead of

### A Look at the Past



Photo courtesy of Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

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WINTER DUMPS - Photographer F.H. Nowell depicts mine tailings at Little Creek in April 1906.

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05/13/15 5:49 a.m.

05/07/15 11:49 p.m.

05/13/15 12:09 p.m.

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### Strait Action

#### Scientists to study the "Blob"

The Alaska Ocean Observing System announced that six Alaskans will be joining more than 70 scientists and resource managers this week at the Pacific Anomalies Science and Technology Workshop, held at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolla on May 5 and 6.

The experts are there to share observations and data about unusual ocean weather and climate patterns observed throughout 2014 and early 2015 across the North Pacific basin. According to Molly McCammon, executive director of the Alaska Ocean Observing System, scientists across Alaska have noted some unusual ocean and atmospheric conditions last year that were even more extreme than the climate change impacts they have seen over the past decade.

Some of the unusual Alaska conditions may be related to areas of the North Pacific that have been as much as 5°C warmer than average, earning the nickname 'the blob', and appear to be impacting pelagic ecosystems, including fisheries.

Some of the Alaska conditions noted in the past year included unusually warm sea temperatures observed for 2014 across the entire Gulf of Alaska, including in Kachemak Bay, central Prince William Sound and offshore from Resurrection Bay near Seward. Temperatures were the warmest since 2005 in many locations. Warm ocean conditions could enhance zooplankton production and the salmon and herring that feed on them. Gulf of Alaska surface waters were generally fresher (less salty) than in prior years, which increases water column stability and could have significant impacts on the phytoplankton that form the base of the marine food web. Air temperatures across Alaska were significantly warmer last year, and some parts of Alaska experienced record low snowpack last winter, and other parts experienced record rainfall. Numerous daily and monthly high air temperature records were set across Alaska in the past year. These conditions could affect wetland tundra habitats, river breakup, fire danger and village water supplies.

This workshop is the first of two designed to understand the timing and scale of these anomalous oceanographic conditions in the North Pacific. The first workshop will focus on research questions to understand the scope of these ocean changes. The second, targeted for next winter, will focus on better understanding the potential weather, resource and economic impacts from the unusual ocean condition and how to better predict their occurrences.

#### Two UAF researchers selected as Arctic Fulbright scholars

Two researchers from the University of Alaska Fairbanks are among 17 scholars selected as the inaugural cohort of the U.S. Department of State's Fulbright Arctic Initiative.

Gwen Holdmann, an energy researcher at the UAF Alaska Center for Energy and Power, and Tamara Harms, a biologist at the UAF College of Natural Science and Mathematics and UAF Institute of Arctic Biology, will join their colleagues from eight Arctic nations next month in Igaluit, Canada, for the launch of their 18-month appointments. Holdmann and Harms were selected from among a pool of more than 100 applicants from the United States and the seven other Arctic Council nations: Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia and Swe-

The Fulbright Arctic Initiative is an interdisciplinary collaborative research program to study the changing Arctic region. Launched to coincide with the U.S. chairmanship of the Arctic Council, which began last week, the initiative supports the U.S. goal of stimulating international scientific collaboration on issues facing the Arctic, while increasing mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Through international exchanges, three group seminars, online engagement and collaborative research, Fulbright Arctic Initiative Scholars will explore public-policy research questions and engage governments, NGOs, businesses and Arctic communities. The group's research will focus broadly on the impact of climate change on the Arctic and particularly on the issues of water, energy, health and infrastructure.

The selected group of scholars includes iunior scholars as well as established experts. Disciplines range from hard sciences, including geology and biology, to law, sociology, global health and art.

#### Bringing back the woolly mammoth?

According to a press release from the Canadian McMaster University an international team of researchers has sequenced the nearly complete genome of two Siberian woolly mammoths-revealing the most complete picture to date-including new information about the species' evolutionary history and the conditions that led to its mass extinction at the end of the Ice Age.

"This discovery means that recreating extinct species is a much more real possibility, one we could in theory realize within decades," says evolutionary geneticist Hendrik Poinar, director of the Ancient DNA Centre at McMaster University and a researcher at the Institute for Infectious Disease Research, the senior Canadian scientist on the project.

With a complete genome and this kind of data, we can now begin to understand what made a mammoth a mammoth-when compared to an elephant-and some of the underlying causes of their extinction which is an exceptionally difficult and complex puzzle to solve," he says.

While scientists have long argued that climate change and human hunting were major factors behind the mammoth's extinction, the new data suggests multiple factors were at play over their long evolutionary his-

Researchers from McMaster, Harvard Medical School, the Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm University and others produced high-quality genomes from specimens taken from the remains of two male woolly mammoths, which lived about 40,000 years apart.

One had lived in northeastern Siberia and is estimated to be nearly 45,000 years old. The other -believed to be from one of the last surviving mammoth populations—lived approximately 4,300 years ago on Russia's Wrangel Island, located in

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the Arctic Ocean. Scientists used sophisticated technology to tease bits and pieces of highly fragmented DNA from the ancient specimens, which they then used to sequence the

Through careful analysis, they determined the animal populations had suffered and recovered from a significant setback roughly 250,000 to 300,000 years ago. However, say researchers, another severe decline occurred in the final days of the Ice Age, marking the end.

"The dates on these current samples suggest that when Egyptians were building pyramids, there were still mammoths living on these islands," says Poinar.

The study is published online in the Cell Press journal Current Biol-

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### Thursday, May 7

\*Open Gym \*Lunch Laps \*Weekly Women's Circle \*Wiffleball (grades 3-6) Pool

(grades 5-8) \*Strength Training \*PM Lap Swim \*Vinyasa Yoga \*Nome Food Bank

\*Strength Training \*7.mba Fitness \*Board of Equalization \*Open Bowling

\*UAF - Northwest Campus: Commencemen

Nome Rec Center Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Bering and Seppala Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center City Hall

Nome Rec Center Methodist Church Old St. Joe's

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#### Friday, May 8

\*Open Gym \*AM Lap Swim

\*Kindergym \*Open Gym \*FitFun Games: Grades K-2

\*Board of Equalization

Open Gym

\*Open Bowling

\*AA Meeting

\*Open Gym

\*AA Meeting \*Open Swim

\*Family Swim

\*PM Laps

\*Kids in the Kitchen: Grades 2-8 \*Open Gym \*Zumba Fitness

\*Open Bowling
\*Artists in Schools Reception \*Adult drop-in Soccer (15+)
\*AA Meeting

Nome Rec Center City Hall Nome Rec Center Old St. Joe's

Nome Rec Center

Lutheran Church(rear)

10:00 a.m. - Noon Noon - 2:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. 3:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. **5:30 p.m.** 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 9

Noon - 8:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Nome Rec Center Airport Pizza (upstairs)

### Sunday, May 10 **Mother's Day**

Nome Rec Center Airport Pizza (upstairs) Pool

2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

#### Monday, May 11

Pool

\*Open Gym \*AM Lap Swim \*Kindergym

\*Open Gym \*Floor Hockey (grades 3-6)

(grades 5-8) \*Zumba Fitness \*Zumba Toning \*Water Aerobics: Independent

\*Open Gym \*Nome Common Council:

AA Meeting

Regular Meeting

Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center

Nome Rec Center

City Hall Lutheran Church(rear) 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. 6:20 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, May 12

Pool

Nome Rec Center Kegoayah Kozga Library

Nome Rec Center

\*Open Gym \*Library Story Hour

\*Lunch Laps \*Team Handball (grades 3-6)

(grades 5-8) \*Strength Training

\*PM Laps \*Yoga \*Nome Food Bank

\*Zumba Fitness

\*City League Volleyball \*AA Meeting

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6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Nome Rec Center 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Airport Pizza (upstairs)

#### Wednesday, May 13

Nome Rec Center

\*Open Gym \*AM Lap Swim \*Kindergym
\*Communications Trade Show

\*Open Gym \*Nome Food Bank \*Zumba Fitness

\*Water Aerobics: Instructor-Led \*Zumba Toning \*Family Swim

Nome Rec Center BSNC Conference Room Nome Rec Center Bering & Seppala Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center

Pool

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### Nome Gold

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are Nome residents. According to company officials, Nome Gold has spent over \$4.2 million with local Nome businesses, and the company's payroll and payroll taxes have totaled \$4.6 million in the last 12 months.

#### **Mining**

After the Nome public witnessed exploration activities shortly after the deal with Alaska Gold was sealed, Nome Gold began operating at several locations. One of the most visible and audible operations is west of the Nome airport, where Nome Gold mines by conducting blasts several times a week around 6 a.m. to loosen overburden and stockpile the pay gravel at the site for processing in the summer. Randy Powelson said since December 2014, they conducted 47 blasts. Four people in the audience testified to the fact that houses shake when blasting goes off, sometimes more extreme than at other times. Just the other day, a couple said, their house swayed back and forth so violently from the blast that they thought the water and sewer hook-up would come undone. Their house is in west Nome, near the old Fire Hall, approximately a mile from the blast site, but sometimes the blasts send their house shaking. Judy Martinson also confirmed, "Every time you have a pop, our bedroom shakes." Another resident, living in Icy View, testified that her house shook during a recent blast. Cecil Conner said "That's odd," but went on to explain that they did not increase their blast load, but that different atmospheric conditions and directions of the blast could make a blast sound very loud.

#### **Mining Dry Creek**

To expand operations, Nome Gold looks at the portion of Dry Creek that extends one mile north from Greg Kruschek Avenue, and that is bordered to the west by the City's public safety building and to the east by the city's snow dump facility. The company proposes to permanently reroute one mile of Dry Creek and to develop a clear water pond

The actual mining activity, the mechanically removing overburden to get to the pay gravel, would take place in the wintertime. "There will be dozers, loaders, backhoes and trucks," Powelson said. The operation would be a placer mine and the gold would be washed in a created pond to processing the gold without chemicals. The operation would employ six people and would be a four-year project. Powelson said they have not yet decided whether work will be conducted 24/7 or limited to

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The footprint of the whole project area would be 151 acres, the mining area itself would affect 48 acres.

Yes, and there will be dust and noise. "We will create dust, but we will also mitigate it," said Conner.

After mining is done, the company proposes to backfill the wash ponds and to grade the mined area to match the surrounding area. Judy Martinson commented that it would make a nice area to walk once the mining is done. Nikolai Ivanoff pointed out that the area is right in front of the new Richard Foster Building, which will house the city's museum. People will be able to look right at a mining operation and once it's done, it should be made into a nice place, not an ugly looking scar left by mining. "This could potentially be a showcase of the positive aftermath of mining," said Martin-

Sue Steinacher commented that while she has no objections to economic development in Nome, she is concerned about the noise, dust and the location of the proposed mine. "This is very different from where you have been operating," Steinacher said. "This is a whole lot scarier because it's where we live and recreate."

Charlie Lean addressed the possibility to turn the mining ponds into a series of cascading fish ponds after mining is done. But he and Steinacher also brought up the fact that the area is sitting smack in the mapped flood zone. Steinacher produced photos that showed the area completely flooded during a highwater event. Another concern was that the proposed area is one of the main trails leading from town to Icy View, prohibiting future use for those, including the Nome ski and biathlon team that frequently trains in that area. A woman from the audience said the company should reach out to the hospital and the Quyanna Care Center, located down the road. "Your operation, dust and noise will affect the quality of the last days in their lives," she said, speaking of the elderly Quyanna Care residents.

Powelson said that he'd be open to sit down with community organizations that are impacted to inform them what they're doing and coming up with solutions that will assure everyone's safety.

The company is seeking necessary permits and are proposing to begin mining in 2016. Powelson said that they company looks at potentially expanding the program to mine the portion of Dry Creek that is on the south side of Greg Kruschek Avenue. That raised a few hackles at the

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meeting, as parts of the area have been fenced off due to unknown contamination and the thought of Nome Gold digging into contaminated ground is of great concern. Nome Gold officials said they first need to come to agreements with other land owners and need to do their due diligence before making a decision.

#### **Assurances**

Mutual assurances were made throughout the meeting. On one hand, the public expressed that they wanted the company to succeed and bless the community with employment opportunities and them spending money in town. On the other hand, Conner and Powelson made assurances that they want to be good neighbors. In response to questions from the public where their offices are and how to reach the company's management or secretary, Randy Powelson stated that they strive to be more open. Cecil Conners said Nome Gold wants to be part of the community. "We want to solve problems not create them," he said.

However, it appeared that the scorched earth left by Canadian exploration company NovaGold Inc. and their failed Rock Creek mine experiment in which they tried to transition from explorer to gold producer, caused even the most promining oriented members of the public to be skeptical of promises made by newcomers. Doug Martinson quietly stated, "We are a local mining family. We all got a black eye from NovaGold. We hope this is different. And I'm glad I'm not mining this close to town."



Photo by Diana Haecker

PROPOSED MINE SITE— Nome Gold proposes to permanently reroute Dry Creek for one mile north of Greg Kruschek Ave, and to mine the area for gold. The duration of the project is to be four years, beginning in 2016, after necessary permits have been secured.

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Bopp and DeFilippo submitted as evidence 15 audio and video recordings of the defendants' dogs barking, howling and yelping. They run from 30 seconds to 11 minutes in length, and begin as early as 5:57 a.m. and as late as 8:56 p.m.

"The Court finds Plaintiffs' exhibits are representative of the noise created by Defendants' dogs as heard outside the Plaintiffs' home or when Plaintiff's window is open," Judge Roetman wrote.

"However, the noise is substantially reduced to a low level when recorded from inside the home with the windows closed.

"As to odor, Mr. Hahn testified about his management practice of regularly cleaning his kennel and utilizing a compost pile to store waste," Roetman continued. "Mr. Hahn also explained how he spent \$7,000 to build a three to four feet gravel pad beneath the dogs so that urine could drain and evaporate during the summer. Mr. Hahn's testimony was corroborated by photographs of the compost pile and kennel, and witness

"Based upon the weight of the evidence, the Court finds that there are days when the smell of dog waste is present," Roetman wrote. "However, it appears that those days are infrequent and limited to the warmest days of summer. As to Defendants' management of the waste, the Court heard testimony and reviewed photos, and finds that Defendants' kennel is exceptionally clean and the dog

waste has been collected and used with organic matter in a working compost pile."

#### Applicable law

Roetman explained that evidence required to obtain a preliminary injunction depends on the nature of the threatened injury. "When the plaintiff faces the possibility of 'irreparable harm' and the opposing party is adequately protected, courts apply a balance of hardships test in which the plaintiff only needs to raise 'serious and substantial questions going to the merits of the case," he wrote. "However, if the plaintiff does not face 'irreparable harm' or where the opposing party cannot be adequately protected, the plaintiff must satisfy a heightened standard of a clear showing of probable success on the merits. In analyzing clear showing of probable success on the merits. courts evaluate the underlying claims and applicable law.

Roetman said neither party in this case addressed whether the plaintiffs face irreparable harm, but the defendants appeared to argue, and the court agreed, that they cannot be adequately protected.

He explained that a preliminary injunction would require Hahn and Haecker to remove and relocate their dogs in cold weather at considerable expense and moderate risk to the health and safety of the dogs. If the dogs were relocated, the defendants also would need to significantly alter their training practices and schedules, he added.

Roetman noted there is no exact

rule or formula for evaluating when barking dogs rise to the level of a

In this case, he said the dog noise is limited, ranging from less than one minute to three minutes during the day, and it appears to be less of an issue when plaintiffs are inside their homes with their windows closed.

He said evidence of Bopp's use of his grill and occasional visits by guests show that the plaintiffs are still able to use and enjoy their property when they are outside.

Bopp and DeFilippo claimed that the defendants' dogs awaken them, but they provided no recordings or specific testimony of dog noise that occurred after 9 p.m., Roetman

"Given Mr. Bopp's testimony that he sleeps irregular hours due to his work schedule and Plaintiff's extensive documentation of dog noise since January 2012, Plaintiffs have not offered sufficient evidence for the Court to conclude Defendant's dogs make noise frequently during a typical night," Roetman wrote. "During the day the extent of harm is daily, but limited in duration. At night noise is much left frequent, but may occur.'

Roetman said the court must use an objective standard to determine whether the noise would significantly disturb a reasonable person in a community. "The City of Nome's ordinance provides an objective standard of what quantities and periods of dog noise are considered reasonable in a nearby area where standards are more stringent than an unzoned

rural Arctic neighborhood," Roetman noted. "The ordinance prohibits dog noise exceeding 20 minutes of animal noise in a hour period during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and 10 minutes per hour between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m."

Roetman said the evidence presented by Bopp and DeFilippo-witness testimony and audio and video recordings-shows that the defendants' dogs are loud at times and the dog noise disturbs the plaintiffs, but it does not demonstrate that a reasonable person within the community would likewise be substantially disturbed.

The plaintiffs submitted no recordings that show the defendants' dogs make noise approaching the limits described in the Nome city ordinance, he added.

Although Bopp testified that he has heard defendants' dogs bark for 30 to 45 minutes, none of the recordings substantiated his testimony, Roetman noted. He said the longest recording presented by plaintiffs last ll minutes and 12 seconds, and was recorded at 6:12 p.m. as the defendants arrived home.

"Most of the exemplars, which Plaintiffs argue are representative of noise typically heard by Plaintiffs, are less that three minutes," Roetman wrote. "Episodes of dog noise occur at predictable times that are typical for sled dogs: during 'hook-ups', feeding times, and in response to people or animals near the kennel. Based on the evidentiary record, Plaintiffs have not offered sufficient evidence to show that a reasonable

person in an unzoned rural community outside of Nome would be substantially disturbed by a level of noise that would be reasonable within the City of Nome."

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Roetman found that the locality a rural Arctic community off the road system with no restrictions governing land use or noise in the neighborhood-is well-suited for the defendants' dogs and the plaintiffs' home.

Roetman cited testimony and photos showing the area is used for both residential and industrial purposes, and that noises and/or odors from mining operations, the landfill, animals, aircraft overhead and vehicles are common. "The unrestricted nature of the property is further demonstrated by Mr. Bopp's testimony that he shoots firearms frequently and has discharged his self-described gas carbide cannon on his property, which might be restricted in a more residential neighborhood," he added.

Noting that society recognizes the inherent value of the plaintiff's use of land for residential purposes, Roetman said several witnesses testified there is significant social value in the defendants' ability to keep their dogs and participate in mushing

Roetman also said there is a burden on plaintiffs to avoid the harm. and they can be expected to use reasonable means to avoid or mitigate the harm. "It appears a significant amount of noise can be greatly reduced if Plaintiffs, though they are

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debtor. This would be good for NJUS and increase the likelihood of profitable collections for collection agen-

Both firms were willing to work on a contingency basis. Rural Financial Services would need 30 percent of the money collected, while Cornerstone wanted 35 percent, but neither would be interested in small delinquencies as they would not bring enough to compensate the ef-

"Both companies indicated their strategy to be to attempt to get voluntary payments or agreements by initial phone and mail contact, prior to credit reporting. However, RFS does not routinely do credit bureau reporting, whereas Cornerstone does," Handeland said in his report.

NJUS has filed small claims actions in court where there has been an address where the debtor could be served. While NJUS has been successful in serving notice, there have not always been assets for payment, Handeland said. The primary source of payment has been PFD garnish-

Handeland recommended the board approve NJUS retaining the services of collection agencies on inactive accounts not paid off after 60

The board is waiting for additional information.

In other business, Handeland had good news for the board. The Norton Sound Development Corp. energy

subsidy provided directly to NJUS on behalf of ratepayers came to

In return, NJUS credited 1,242 ratepayer accounts with \$575 each, effective April 30 for April bills. Any money left over after paying a household's April bill would be rolled ahead against May statements.

NJUS and the City of Nome have tagged prior occupants of Port of Nome land for the cost of cleaning up hazardous contaminants. The subject land lies at the end of the new Snake River Bridge where Jafet Drive meets Port Road, referred to as Lot 7. The letter, to the U.S. Air Force, Chevron Environmental Management Co. and Crowley Petroleum Distribution, Alaska LLC, reminds the three entities that "You are responsible for the costs of response, containment, removal or remedial actions necessary to restore the site to the level required by law [DEC]."

The land, Lot 7, originally belonged to a patent mining claim owned by Alaska Gold Co. The U.S. Air Force used Lot 7 and surrounding properties from 1920 to the 1950s when it was part of Marks Field. Alaska Gold used the property as a laydown yard for various equipment and supplies. In 2005, NJUS acquired ownership of the property.

In 2012, state Dept. of Transbought a part of Lot 7 to build a new road between Port Road and the new Snake River Bridge. An environmental review prepared in December 2014 found there were three possible

sources of contamination on Lot 7. These sources are localized drips and spills from Alaska Gold debris storage, the former West Nome Tank Farm, and buried fuel lines associated with the former facility.

Because each of the organizations is at least partially responsible for the contamination at the Tank Farm and its pipelines, you are likewise responsible for at least a portion of the costs to restore Lot 7," the letter

The City is suggesting in the interest of cost-saving that the Air Force, Crowley and Chevron set up an assessment of the contamination to combine with the City's project to clean up West Nome Tank Farm.

Finally, the federal Dept. of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs has initiated a study on sustainable electricity solutions for rural Alaska. Their contractors were in Nome in the latter part of April. NJUS staff spent time with their contractors explaining the NJUS operadiesel reliance, wind contribution, potential of geothermal energy and so forth. NJUS had also provided the group with information on a prior study on energy alternatives completed in 2008, Handeland

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### School budget finalized and ready for Nome **Common Council**

#### By Kristine McRae

Although the state legislature has vet to finalize its figures for a fully funded operating budget, including the budget for education, members of the Nome school board voted to adopt their FY16 budget in order to present it to the City by the May 1 deadline.

After weeks of scrutinizing costs for everything from support staff to the JROTC program, school administrators presented what they feel is a reasonable response to dwindling education funds.

The board has has approved \$14,376,305 in expenditures for next year."Basically, we've squeezed as much as we could in the budget," Nome Public Schools Superintendent Shawn Arnold told board members. "We've made several changes in staffing, but no instructional staffing will be affected."

Arnold and District Business Manager Paula Coffman worked with state funding formulas and an estimated BSA (Base Student Allocation) to anticipate next year's funding. "It likely won't get any worse than this," Coffman said. The outlook, in the wake of huge cuts and the disappearance of over \$200,000 in one-time funding to the district, isn't the worst-case scenario.

The good news is that a threemonth hiatus in health insurance premiums was granted from Aetna. Insurance plan members used less than the predicted medical services, which resulted in not having to pay premiums for three months.

The savings, which total about \$100,000, are to May, June, and July of this year.

Although the savings won't affect next year's budget numbers, they will decrease the amount the district

needs to pull from their fund balance for the current year. According to Coffman, it will help to offset the \$300,000 they've estimated taking from the fund for the coming year.

The fund balance is the account from which the district pulls operating costs and deposits revenues. Because sources of revenues are paid to the district throughout the year, the fund balance allows for salaries and bills to be paid out in a timely manner, similar to a checking account. At the end of the year, the district retains up to 10 percent of the previous years budget in the balance to ensure that the district maintains fiscal responsibility.

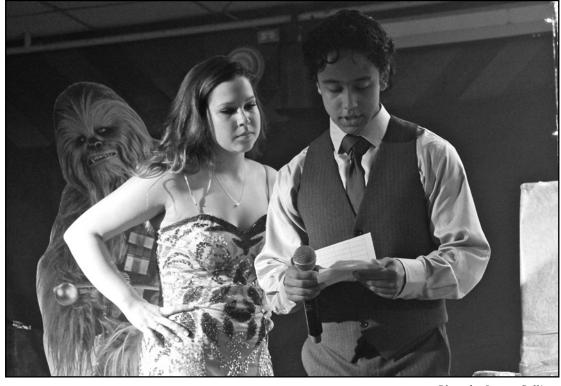
The next step is to present the board-approved budget to the Nome Common Council for review. Then council members will decide what monetary contribution they will make to the school district, based on monies they receive from tax revenues.

Typically the district requests around 60 percent of the amount that the city could conceivably offer, making this year's request just over \$

To get the community's input on how to further save costs, the district created a survey which asks participants to rate their priorities for the

"Other districts are looking at shortening the school year, or the school day, or increasing class sizes," Arnold told the board. "We're going to continue to search for cost saving measures, and having surveys like this will continue to guide us.

The survey is available at http://www.nomeschools.com/.



WHO IS IT? - Rayne Lie and Sam Cross were announcing the prom royalty while Chewbacca looks over Rayne's shoulder at last weekend's prom. The prom theme was Star Wars.



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not required to, close their windows, especially during times when dog noise is predictable such as feeding times or 'hook-ups,'" he wrote. "To the extent Mr. Bopp's actions may cause the dogs to bark, there may be other locations he can discharge his firearms or walk his dog.

Roetman said the final factor is the impracticality of preventing the interference from dog noise.

He noted that the defendants have altered their feeding and training schedule to later times in the morning and have taken other steps to mitigate dog noise in response to the plaintiffs' complaints. "However, these efforts cannot completely eliminate the dogs from making noise," he added. "Alternatives argued by

plaintiffs including the Court requiring 30 dogs to undergo an invasive surgical procedure to remove vocal cords are costly and irreversible."

The Nome Nugget requested email comments on Roetman's preliminary injunction order from attorneys Christopher Cromer, who represents the plaintiffs, and Myron Angstman, who represents the defendants.

Angstman replied: "I will simply say we are obviously pleased with the court's ruling. The case is not over, but this is a major step in assuring that my clients can continue to keep their dog team at their

The Nugget did not receive a reply from plaintiff's attorney Christopher Cromer.

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### Future teachers visit Nome schools from Washington

#### By Sarah Miller

Seven students from Whitworth University's Masters in Teaching program recently visited Nome Public Schools for a multicultural field experience class.

The students spent just over two weeks working with classroom teachers, learning about the Inupiaq culture and participating in activities that define life in rural Northwestern Alaska.

Whitworth, located in Spokane, Washington, is the alma mater of Nome Elementary School principal Paul Clark. Clark began coordinating the field experience practicum for Whitworth students while working in the Northwest Arctic Borough School District and the program has followed him to Nome Public Schools.

The aim of the class is to provide future teachers with a broader view of the different cultures that exist within public schools, and to equip them to work effectively with students of diverse backgrounds. "The students were hoping to see what best instructional practices look like in our schools, and they have," said Clark. "They were here to learn what our schools and community are about, but we have also learned from them. The staff learned how schools are working where these students come from, and with the exchange of ideas, everybody benefits.'

Kiley Schatz, who was assigned to Sandi Keller's first grade classroom, commented, "It's been so valuable to see how education is different in different locations, but also to see which parts run true no matter where you are."

Most of the students were assigned to a single classroom at the elementary school for the two week visit, while some worked with special education students both at the elementary and high schools.

The teacher students taught short unit studies, led classroom projects and started pen pal exchanges between Nome students and their classrooms in Spokane.

In addition, the Masters students attended a cultural class with presentations given on Inupiaq issues by Josie Bourdon, Annie Conger, Colleen Reynolds and Barb Amarok. The students learned about Inupiaq values, language, and history. They sampled traditional foods including muktuk, "Eskimo ice cream" and moose meat. The students were also gifted with kuspuks by the elementary school staff, as well as traditional Inupiaq names. "For me, it's been really cool to learn some pieces of Inupiaq culture. I didn't realize how important subsistence is to the people, and how dependent they are on it," said Michelle Slate, who worked with Teresa Johnson's fourth grade class.

In addition to learning what the Inupiaq core values are, students were able to see how Nome's teachers work to integrate them into classroom instruction and learning. Abstract concepts in science and math are grounded in realistic scenarios that students would encounter in their daily lives. Students connect classroom learning to subsistence activities and being on the land. In contrast, commented Slate, "I honestly think kids in Spokane don't have any idea where their food comes from. You just buy it at the store. It's really not thought about much. But here, kids know their food sources."

Aleisha Larsen, another of the Whitworth students, agreed, "Kids are learning about giving thanks to their food sources. The animals have souls. Sustenance comes from the land."

The students also participated in a range of traditional winter activities including crabbing, cross country skiing, visiting a dog musher's kennel and learning to sew kuspuks.

Arlo Chambers, who worked with Jennifer Shreve's class, was struck by the unique beauty of Nome in winter. "Nome has a rugged beauty about it that I've never seen elsewhere. Now I know what a frozen ocean looks like, with the brilliant sun shining on it, and being able to see for miles. It's really a unique and amazing place," he said.

These future teachers leave Nome with an increased awareness of the challenges of daily life in rural Alaska. "It's not easy to acquire things here, even small things like pencils," observed Aleisha Larsen. "I'm always reminding my students back home not to be wasteful and here it really became obvious to me how important it is to take care of what you have and to use things wisely."

Ellie Chambers hopes to follow the model of Nome's teachers, integrating awareness and connection of the land into the lessons her students are learning in Washington. "I really want to help my students become more conscious of the world around them," she said.

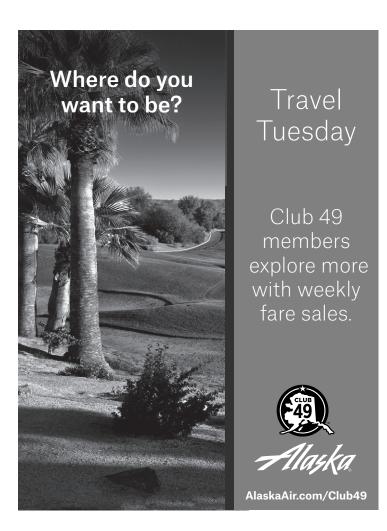
Sixth grade teacher Jennifer Shreve hosted one student, Arlo Chambers, in her classroom. "It's been a joy to have Arlo in our classroom. The kids are seeing a different perspective from someone who isn't from here. They have connected with him, filled him in on their lives and how we live and learn here. I would do it again."

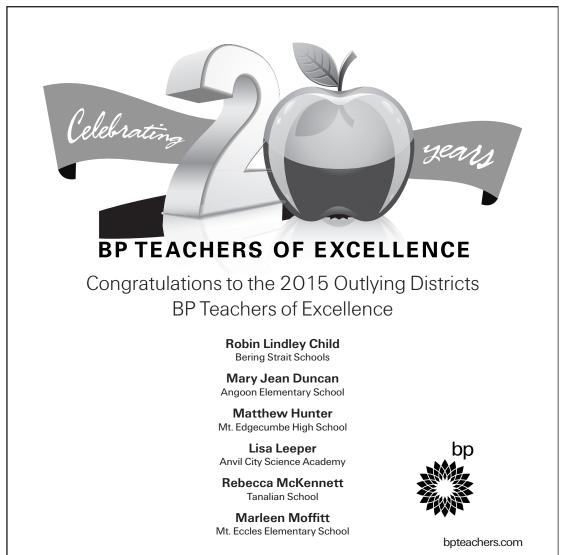


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FUTURE MASTERS— Whitworth Masters in Teaching students from left to right are Kiley Schatz, Jessii Arp, Ellie Chambers, Arlo Chambers, Michelle Slate and Aleisha Larsen. The students model the kuspuks they sewed themselves while in Nome.







# Community theatre returns to Nome in "The Importance of Being Earnest"

By Keith Conger

Have you ever wanted to assume a false name in order to travel incognito? Well, playgoers in Nome this weekend were treated to three performances of Oscar Wilde's romantic comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest" which portrayed the escapades of two characters who did just that.

The community theatre production was presented by the Nome Arts Council and was performed inside the Nome Elementary School cafeteria, which allowed the audience great access to the play. The production was under the direction of Kevin Keith. The "Importance of Being Earnest" was the first community theatre piece done in Nome since Richard Beneville directed "My Fair Lady" in 2010. Keith had one of the lead roles in that produc-

According to Keith, in an interview after the opening night, he began collaboration with Beneville. Nome's longtime community theatre director, in the fall of 2014. The two originally considered murder mysteries when Beneville suggested "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Keith chuckled when he described the agreement made between Beneville and himself. He approached Beneville saying, "If you play Lady Bracknell, I'll direct." Beneville consented, and also agreed to act as advisor on the production.

"I'm trying to learn from him," said Keith of his seasoned mentor.
"The Importance of Being

Earnest" has maybe done more than any other play, said Keith of the popular script. He was familiar with the comedy as he performed in a version of it in the past.

Keith described working with the actors as one of the big rewards of directing. "It is a very "talky" play," he said. "It's all about the language. The actors spent many, many hours learning their lines. I can't speak highly enough about he cast."

"The Importance of Being Earnest" is a three-part play and is described by Keith as an Ensemble Piece, where the cast is made up of members who are each assigned a great deal of importance and stage time. The cast consisted of nine characters, seven of which had leading or major supporting roles. Keith spoke very highly of three main actors who were newcomers to the stage - Jake Kenick, Marjorie Tahbone and Courtney Cousins. He stated, "to watch them come so far in such a short time, and to see them do what they did was very reward-

Act one opened with Mr. Jack Worthing, played by Erin Lillie, visiting London and the fashionable West End home of his friend Algernon Moncrieff, performed by Kenick. High school actor Chad Callahan, helped Algernon as the

butler Lane. During their discourse, Algernon discovers Jack's true identity, and that he has been visiting him under the assumed name of Earnest. Jack explains this allows him to occasionally escape his life in the countryside. Algernon confesses that he, too, has used a similar ploy by creating a fictitious friend Bunbury who allows him to periodically escape his social responsibilities in the Later Gwendolyn Fairfax, played by Tahbone, arrives at Algernon's flat with her mother Lady Bracknell. Jack has fallen in love with Gwendolyn, but she only knows him as Earnest. Lady Bracknell does not give her consent to the marriage.

Acts two and three take place in the garden at Jack's country estate. There we meet Jack's niece Cecily Cardew, performed by Cousins, and her governess Miss Prism, played by Sally Kinzel. Algernon goes "bunburying," paying an unexpected visit to Jack's Manor House in Woolton. He winds up falling in love with Cecily, but tells her that his name is

Gwendolyn and Lady Bracknell show up as well. And thus a charade of misrepresented identities plays out. Dr. Chasuble, performed by Bill Doughty, and Jake's butler Merriman, played by high school actor Sam Cross, help sort things out.

The plot twists and turns, and leads to a most witty and unexpected conclusion.

'Community theatre brings the community together," stated Keith. 'Ultimately, that is what it is all about." He described another big reward of directing as being able to witness the large number of people from Nome who contributed to the play's success. In Notes from the Director in the play's program, Keith said, "this is a production of the community of Nome: your friends, our relatives, and your co-workers."

The program provided an extensive list of technical crew as well as a lengthy record of people who helped and assisted on the project. Keith said that the limited number of roles meant that some people would not get parts. He noted that theatre newcomer Tracy McGarry had auditioned and ended up accepting the important job of Stage Manager.

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MADE A DEAL—Richard Beneville plays Lady Bracknell after a deal made with director Kevin Keith. Keith agreed to direct the play if Beneville agreed to play Lady Bracknell.

### **Dear Shareholders** of Sitnasuak Native Corporation:

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DELIGHTFUL - Algernon Montcrieff, played by Jake Kenick, center, explains to Jack, aka Erin Lillie, the joy of "bunburing." As he said, the truth is 'rarely' pure and never simple.



MR. CHASUBLE - Sally Kinzel, playing Mrs. Prism and Bill Doughty as Mr. Chasuble discuss important matters during a walk.



LOVELY CECILY - Cecily, left, played by Courtney Cousins, sits in the garden with Governess Mrs. Prism. The backdrop paintings were done by Anvil City Science Academy teacher Lisa Leeper and her students.



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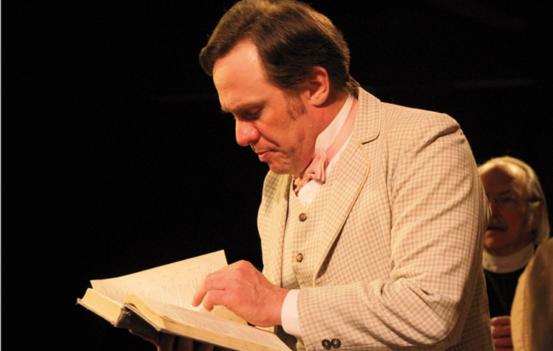
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Hunter Dill completed his first solo flight last October and earned his private pilot's license in December. His interest in flying started during an aviation session as a high school freshman at the Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center (NACTEC), giving him the opportunity to fly with a pilot for two hours. "And that did it for me," he said. An NSEDC scholarship recipient, Hunter is grateful for the opportunity and the means to achieve his career goals. Scholarships & Training -Our Greatest Investment. NSEDC can help you reach your goals. Visit nsedc.com.

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Community theatre



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WHO IS JACK?(top left) - Algornon, aka Jake Kenick, reads the inscription in "Earnest's" cigarette case that curiously says "To Jack" from

PROPOSING (top) — Algornon, who purports to be named Earnest, proposes to Cecily.

WHAT IS MY DAD'S NAME? - Jack feverishly reads through the book that in the end reveals that his father's and his name is indeed "Earnest."

> Buy one hot bar item and get one free 16 oz fountain drink or coffee



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"She does all the shows," said Keith of his hard working assistant. "My job is done when the show begins."

One directorial decision made by Keith was to construct a set that was visually pleasing but did not distract from the performances on stage. The set's backdrops and paintings were done by Lisa Leeper with the help of students from the Anvil City Science Academy. Keith said the backdrops behind the actors looked professional and created great visuals. He also had high praise for the skilled craftsmanship provided by Pat Hahn on the set.

Keith enjoyed the great ideas provided by the people he collaborated with. Jenn Ruckel helped out with sound, while Scott Johnson took care of lighting. Carol Gales handled publicity and Sue Steinacher created the program and play poster. Sarah Hanson Hofstetter worked as the house manager.

Colleen Deighton was in charge of the props. Keith said that he wanted to have period appropriate clothing, so he used a costuming service for the wardrobe.

The Nome Arts Council supports community theatre and the arts in Nome and is largely supported by its membership. All people in the region can become members. Wells Fargo sponsored the event by contributing to production expenses and covered the cost of admission for Saturday night's show. The play was also supported by the Alaska State Council for the Arts.

The "Importance of Being Earnest" was first performed on February 14, 1895 at the St. James's Theatre in London. It has been adopted for movie production on three occasions, most recently in 2002 with actors Rupert Everett, Colin Firth, Frances O'Connor, Reese Witherspoon, and Judi Dench.



### Shaktoolik renames school to Paul F. Asicksik Sr. School

#### By Lynda Bekoalok

On April 25, 2015 the village of Shaktoolik ceremoniously renamed their school the Paul F. Asicksik Sr. School

In 1981 Shaktoolik School was truly a one of a kind school. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the State of Alaska worked together to build the school. The elementary school was operated by the BIA, and the high school was operated by an Alaskan school district. There were two of everything: two principals, two teams of teachers, two advisory boards, two cooks and two custodians. The elementary principal was Paul F. Asicksik Sr., a local resident of Shaktoolik.

Paul passed away in 2011, but the village was determined to honor him by renaming the new school after him.

After years of use and harsh elements from the climate of Western Alaska, the school worked together with the City of Shaktoolik to gain grants and funding for a complete school remodel. The school was gutted and remodeled over a two year process. For one year the classes were split into different buildings around the village. Last year was the first year in the new building. Last May the Bering Strait School District School Board approved the name change.

Paul and his wife Kipi spent 13 years working part time and going to school part time to receive their degrees in elementary education. They taught in Savoonga and in Shaktoolik and at the Chinook Elementary School in Anchorage.

When the new school opened in Shaktoolik in 1981, Paul and Kipi were the elementary teachers and principal. Rick and Bonny Dine were the high school teachers and principal.

Paul was a beloved member of the community and at times the responsibility was great for him at the school. He always felt it an honor to be one of the first Native principals in the state of Alaska. Paul treated every child, parent and employee with respect and concern. When making tough and hard decisions he would always refer back to what was best for "his kids" - the students. He was very proud of his staff who were all home town folks. Paul made sure the kids of Shaktoolik knew not only the academic end of learning but also their culture and Inupiaq ways of life.

Paul was also an instrumental teacher during the summer youth camp program on the Shaktoolik River. He spent many summers sharing and teaching the Inupiaq ways of life with the youth of the village.

Paul's wife Kipi, their three children – Paul Jr, Annie and Mary Lou and their families were all able to attend the ceremony. The new

kitchen and multipurpose room was dedicated to long time former cook Lucy Sockpealuk and a former Bilingual/Bicultural teacher Clara Sookiayak was also remembered.

To make the day even more special, Paul's brother, Eugene Asicksik, former mayor and current city council member, announced during

the celebration that April 25 was the best date that could have been chosen to honor his brother as it was also their mother's birthday. It was a day filled with memories, music, dancing and food for the entire village of Shaktoolik and it's visitors.



Photos by Gary Bekoalok

RENAMING - Paul's wife Kipi thanked everyone for the honor. Behind are their children - Annie Hansell, Mary Lou Asicksik and Paul F. Asicksik Jr.



HONORING-Former students of Paul Asicksik gathered on stage to honor him. Former Student Clyde Jackson carved an ivory rose that was presented to Paul's wife Kipi during the ceremony.

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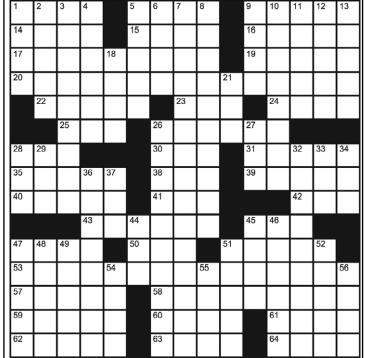
#### May 2015 — Week 2 Travel plans hit a glitch. Lucky for you, Aries, a pro will step in to help. Birthday wishes come true for a loved one. A charity event begins. Cheeky Cancer. You're no fool. You know how to play the game and win. A friend, on the other hand, is not so lucky. They could use a few pointers. SO (S) CANCER ARIES LIBRA December 22-September 23-March 21-April 19 You can yell all you Meddlesome loved knew it all along, but Crazier ideas have ones make for a trying been had. Keep you will get you nowhere. You're going to need week. Patience, Leo. you were sworn to They just want to help crecy and could do yourself. A tried-andto adopt a more subtle nothing. You can be a approach. A package and center with a small ource of comfort, true method could use TAURUS LEO some fine-tuning at arrives just in time. purchase. nowever. A text intrigues you. PISCES GEMINI VIRGO SAGITTARIUS May 21– June 21 August 23-February 19-September 22 March 20 December 21

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# **DOT** road openings

The Dept. of Transportation announced on Tuesday that the Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway is opened to 44 mile. The Nome-Council Highway is opened to mile 47 and the Nome-Taylor Highway (the Kougarok Road) is opened to 27

DOT officials say the roads are soft with ruts, pot holes, ice and partial washouts. The DOT asks motorists to adjust their speed to the road conditions and to watch out for occurring washouts, use caution at marked areas and around crew and



- 1. "Poppycock!"
- 5. Audio equipment brand name
- 9. Full of chutzpah
- 14. Small buffalo
- 15. Fishing, perhaps 16. Terminal section of large
- intestines (pl.) 17. Amounts of precipitation
- 19. More fitting
- 20. Not extreme (4 wds)
- 22. Angry, with "up"
- 23. Pandowdy, e.g.
- 24. Black 25. Caribbean, e.g.
- 26. Musical compositions with a
- recurring main theme
- 28. Fla. neighbor
- 30. Antiquity, in antiquity
- 31. Aspect
- 35. Kidney-related
- 38. "Aladdin" prince 39. Heartthrob
- 40. Certain print
- 41. Deception
- 42. Mother Teresa, for one
- 43. Flemish baroque painter
- 45. Kipling's "Gunga
- 47. "I'm \_ \_\_ you!"
- 50. Cable network
- 51. Divination deck
- 53. Flight embarkment station (2 wds)
  - 57. Composed

#### Previous Puzzle Answers

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- 58. Entry through which air is fed to engine (2 wds)
- 59. Father, Son and Holy Ghost
- 60. Forum wear
- 61. "I had no \_\_\_\_!
- 62. Undersides 63. Carbon compound
- 64. Bondman
- Down 1. Malt liquor's yeasty froth
- 2. Broadcasting (hyphenated)
- 3. Self-styled, French (hyphenated) 4. Take care of
- 5. Bleated
- 6. Christiania, now
- 7. Autogamy (hyphenated) 8. Malay Archipelago (2 wds)
- 9. Highlands hillside
- 10. Wartime retaliation
- 11. Follow, as a tip (2 wds)
- 12. Porterhouse, e.g. 13. Robust
- 18. Dog biter
- 21. "If only \_\_ \_ listened ..."
- 26. Property consisting of houses
- and land (2 wds)
- 27. Amiss 28. Branch
- 29. Grassland
- 32. Assault with heavy artillery fire
- 33. Australian runner 34. Big \_\_\_ Conference
- 36. Poisonous alkaloid obtained
- from nightshade 37. Basic monetary unit of
- Romania 44. Sticker
- 45. Angry outburst
- 46. Eye problem 47. Kilns
- 48. Rocket fuel ingredient, for short 49. Bring up the rear
- 51. Courtroom event
- 52. Selfish sort
- 54. Horace volume 55. "Cogito sum'
- 56. Book part

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### Nome Beltz Jr. High students travel to Washington D.C.

Last week, 13 Nome-Beltz junior high school students and three chaperones returned from a week-long

educational tour in Washington D.C. In the spring of 2014, students at Nome-Beltz junior high began plan-



Photo by Nancy Analoak

BIG CITY TRIP— The group poses after seeing the play Freedom's

ning and fundraising for a Beltz trip to Washington D.C. After an entire year of car washes, bake sales, selling smoothies at school sports games and other fundraisers in addition to donations from different entities around town, par-

ents and students earned enough funds to finance the trip.

The group to traveled to D.C. with the Close-Up Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching history, civics, and political responsibility to the young people of our nation. For more than half of the participants on this trip, this was the first time they left Alaska.

On this trip, students participated in Close-Up's instructor-led civics and government workshops along with over 130 other students from across the nation.

In late '70s she obtained her Gen-

Akorak worked for several years

eral Education Diploma and decided

to pursue a college education to be-

for Nome Public Schools at Nome

Elementary School as a bilingual in-

structor, as an Art and Culture instructor at Nome Beltz High School

and finally before her retirement she

went back to being a bilingual in-

structor at Nome Elementary again.

Akorak loved being around children

and touched the lives of many stu-

dents who grew to be close friends of

King Island culture and language,

siblings: Charles Kokuluk, Robert

Kokuluk, Johanna Kane, and Kokuluk;

children: Michael, Jerome, Charlene

which she shared with everyone.

Akorak was very proud of her

Akorak came from a large family, behind

come a certified teacher.

Students visited a number of museums including the Holocaust Museum, the National History Museum, the National Museum of the American Indian, the American History Museum, the Air and Space Museum and the National Portrait Gallery.

Students participated on workstudy tours at the White House, the National Archives, Arlington National Cemetery and Capitol Hill. Students visited the WWII. Korean. and Vietnam War/Veteran Memorials; and the MLKJ, FDR, Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Marine Corps memorials/monuments.

Students participated in living history tours at Mount Vernon and Colonial Williamsburg where they saw George Washington's tomb and visited the site of the convening of the House of Burgesses, the governor's palace, armories, and period shops such as the blacksmith.

Students also saw a play about the life of Abraham Lincoln, called Freedom's Song, at Ford's Theater.

**Nutrition Facts** 

Serving Size

Total Fat (g)

Saturated Fat (g)

Cholesterol (mg)

Total Carbohydrate (g)

Sodium (mg)

Protein (g)

Vitamin A (%)

Vitamin C (%)

Calcium (%)

Iron (%)

Amount of Servings

#### Almond Banana Crepes

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

Makes 9-6" crepes Preparation Time: 20 Minutes Difficulty Level: Easy

#### Ingredients:

Crepes: 2 lg. Eggs

- l cup Milk, non-fat l cup Whole wheat bread flour
- ½ tsp. Cinnamon 3 Tbsp. Olive oil 1 tsp. Vanilla ½ cup Water

Cream Filling: 4 oz. Cream cheese, low-fat (room

l Tbsp. Instant sugar-free vanilla pudding

½ tsp. Vanilla

Topping:

1 lg. Banana, sliced ¼ cup Sliced almonds, toasted l Tbsp. Honey

#### Directions

- Whisk together all the ingredients for the crepes: eggs, milk, flour, cinnamon, olive oil, vanilla and water. Set in the refrigerator while
- preparing the filling.
  In a mixing bowl, whip together the cream cheese, milk, pudding mix, and vanilla until smooth and creamy.
- Prepare the crepes by lightly spraying a non-stick pan with olive oil and
  placing it on the stove over medium heat. Using a ladle, spoon out about ¼
  cup of batter in the pan, spreading the liquid thin. Let cook for 30-45 seconds before flipping over and cooking 20 more seconds. Remove the crepe from the pan and let cool on a wire rack. Repeat the process with the remaining
- 4. Spread the filling on each of the crepes. So serve, fold the crepe in half twice and top with sliced bananas, almonds, and drizzled honey

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### **Obituary**

#### Marie Ahwoluk Saclamana "Akorak"

Akorak was born to Barbara Ugatnaaq and John Berchmans Kokuluk Sr. on April 30, 1938 on King Island Alaska.

Akorak grew up on King Island and moved to Nome with her family when she was a teenager finishing up with an eighth grade education.

Akorak had fond memories of working for Modern Cleaners with her cousins so that she could help her parents provide for her siblings, she was the oldest of nine.

Akorak married the love of her life Michael Saclamana Sr. December 16, 1961. Together they raised four children: Michael Jr., Jerome, Charlene and John.



Marie Ahwoluk Saclamana "Akorak"

and John Saclamana; niece Joan Kane, nephews John Kokuluk and Christopher

her family.

William

grandchildren: Jeffrey, Derek, Gregory, Jessica, Aissonna, Keven and Jamie; great grandchildren: Victoria Simpson, JT Saclamana, Rebecca Kulukhon Slwooko, Jenna Saclamana and Michaela Saclamana as well as her great-great grandchild Natalie Simpson.

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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

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#### Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES

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 166 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 66 (39%) involved alcohol. There were 9 arrests made with 8 (88%) alcohol related.

NPD responded to 11 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. 1 was remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and 4 remained at the hospital for medical evalua-

tion/treatment.
There were 17 ambulance calls and 0 fire calls during this period.

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015
01:20 am, NPD was informed of an intoxicated female causing a disturbance at a residence on the east side of town. Upon arrival, the female indicated that she was only gathering her belongings to be

was necessary. 09:27 am, NPD received a report of a vehicle pumping gas and neglecting to pay for it prior to leaving the station. The subject was identified and informed of the issue and agreed to return to the station to sort out mistake.

12:08 pm, NPD was notified of a subject who all prior is true and the station to sort out mistake.

had arrived in town a few days prior for a medical appointment and had not been in contact with family in another village. Officers contacted the

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hospital and various other establishments to attempt to locate the individual. Approximately three hours later, the subject contacted NPD stating the visit was extended for a few days longer than ex-pected, but was safe and will call family to inform

them.

08:20 pm, NPD CSO responded to the west US:20 pm, NPD CSO responded to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated male lying on the sidewalk. Andrew Ozenna was contacted and was observed to be highly intoxicated. Ozenna was able to stand and walk under his own power and refused medical treatment or transportation. During contact, two open bottles of al-cohol were found on Ozenna's person and he was issued an Open Container citation prior to being

10:14 pm, NPD officers, while conducting a se-curity check at a business on the west side of town, observed Shelby Cordeiro, who was known to have an active arrest warrant. Cordeiro was placed under arrest and remanded to AMCC, where she was held on \$1,000 bail.

Nome Sweet Homes

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015
01:06 am, NPD responded to a report of someone trespassing in a residence on the west side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Michael Walker (5/26/1983) for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree (DV) and Criminal Mischief in the Fifth Degree. Walker was transported to AMCC and remanded to their custody. No bail was set

01:42 am. NPD responded to the west side of of 142 am, NPD responded to the west side of town for a reported disturbance inside of an apartment complex. Upon arrival, officers contacted the two parties involved in the altercation and took each statement. The report of the altercation will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for dispessible.

12:26 pm, NPD responded to a report of a ver-

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bal argument occurring on the east end of town, Officers arrived on scene and a third party was gone on arrival and was the alleged one causing the disturbance, the individuals were told to call NPD for further assistance if needed, no further

02:17 pm, NPD received a report of public indecency. Officers arrived on scene and could not

identify the alleged individual and everyone in the area was asked to leave, no further action taken. 02:33 pm, NPD conducted a traffic stop on west Front Street and the individual was given a verbal warning for double parking and released on

02:57 pm. NPD received a request to assist a 02:57 pm, NPD received a request to assist a child who was lost and could not find her way home; officers arrived on scene and transported the child to their residence, no further action taken.

03:09 pm, NPD received a report of a barking animal on the east end of town that allegedly had

been barking all day. Officers arrived on scene and patrolled the general area and found no dogs barking, no further action taken. 03:43 pm, NPD received a report of verbal ha-

rassment over a telephonic line, the reporting party was advised to seek the Nome Trial Courts for a restraining order if necessary, no further ac-

04:29 pm, NPD received a report of reckless driving near Icyview and on the Nome Teller Highway. Officers made contact with the minor on Greg Kruschek Avenue, he was issued a citation for op reflaced to the contact of the conta

town. The female was contacted and she was brought to a safe place. No further police action

was required.

10:18 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated female outside of an establishment on the west end of town. The female was taken to a residence on the east end of town and left in the care of a sober adult. No further police action was re-

10:32 pm, NPD received a report of a vehicle theft and damage to the vehicle. This investigation

10:59 pm, NPD received a request for an agency assist at a hotel in town. NPD responded and assisted in transporting one individual to Norton Sound Regional Hospital, they were left in the care of Behavioral Health Services.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015 00:39 am, NPD received a report of a disturbance on the west end of town. Officers arrived on scene and transported the individual to AMCC for

01:03 am, NPD received a report of a highly intoxicated female sleeping outside of an establish-ment on the west end of town. Officers contacted Dawn Ozenna; she was arrested for Violating Conditions of Release. She was taken to AMCC, bail was set to \$1000.

9:17 am, NPD conducted a traffic stop on the west end of town on an ATV, the driver was issued oversiting to driver was a set to the state of the set of the state of the set of the se

a warning for driving an off road vehicle on a state

a warning for univing an office of a state highway and released on scene.

O9:33 am, NPD conducted a traffic stop on the east end of town on a vehicle with expired tags. Officers issued a citation to Kevin Briggs for operating a vehicle with expired registration, and was released an expense.

11:15 am. NPD conducted a traffic stop on Front St. and William Kunnuk was issued a citation for double parking and was released on 12:56 pm, NPD received a report of loose ani-

mals near the west end of town, Officers arrived on scene and the animals were gone on arrival, of uniter action taken.

04:54 pm, NPD received a report of a loose parakeet bird flying into a house multiple times, officers arrived on scene and ensured the bird was

returned to the owner, who arrived on scene si-

multaneously, no further action taken.

05:31 pm, NPD conducted a traffic stop on Front St., and Johnny Weylouanna Jr. was issued a citation for failure to provide motor vehicle insurance and was released on scene.

10:14 pm, NPD received a request for a welfare thank as made when the street of the provided thanks.

check on a male who was intoxicated. NPD Dispatch made contact with the male via telephone. He did not request any kind of assistance. No further police assistance was required.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015

O0:31 am, NPD received a report that a child has not returned home. Officers made contact with the child a short time later. She was brought to her parents; no further police assistance was required. O0:34 am, NPD received a report that another child has not returned home. Officers made con-

tact with the child a short time later. She was brought to her parents; no further police assis-tance was required. 11:45 am, NPD impounded a medium sized

mann who was issued a citation for unattended animal no further action taken 02:26 pm, NPD impounded a medium sized

lab/husky mix dog, it was later claimed by Melissa Meadows who was issued a citation for unat-tended animal, no further action taken. 03:39 pm, NPD received a request of assis-

us:39 pm, NPD received a request or assistance in locating a minor who had walked home from school and has not made it home yet. Officers searched the area and during the search the mother informed the Communications Center at NPD she found her daughter; no further action 06:32 pm, NPD impounded a large fluffy black

and brown male dog. The owner, Leigh Rovzar, was later issued an Unattended Animal citation. The dog was released to the owner. No further police assistance was required. 07:41 pm, NPD received a report of a motor ve-

hicle accident that occurred on the east end of town. No injuries were reported, the accident occurred on private property. Parties involved were instructed to contact their insurance companies. No further police assistance was required

11:11 pm, NPD received a report of a male who was in violation of his conditions. Officers made was in violation or his conditions. Officers made contact with James Bloomstrand at a residence on the east end of town. He was arrested for two counts of Violating Conditions of Release and one count of Violating Conditions of Probation. He was taken to AMCC; no bail was set.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015
01:15 am, NPD officers made contact with four juveniles on the east end of town. All four juveniles were issued curfew citations. They were all returned to their residences and left in the care of responsible adults. No further police assistance

08:31 am, NPD received a report of a parked vehicle rolling down a personal driveway and striking another vehicle. The victim had yet to report the damage and the investigation into the collision

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THE NOME NUGGET THURSDAY, MAY 07, 2015

#### Seawall

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is ongoing.

10:06 am, NPD received a report of a black spray-painted bicycle with a 16" frame being stolen from a residence on the north side of town. The owners called back at a later date informing NPD

that the bike had been located.

12:27 pm, NPD responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a cell phone being stolen. Upon arrival, the homeowner allowed officers to search the residence, wherein the phone was not able to be located. A suspect has en identified and the investigation is ongoing for

01:24 pm, NPD was informed of bicycle that was being brought to the station that appeared to have been spray-painted. Upon arrival, Officers were able to identify the bicycle and returned it to

01:55 pm, NPD officers were dispatched to the Adult Probation Office for the report of Reva Boolowon arriving intoxicated in violation of her Boolowon to AMCC, where she was remanded for

the violation and held without ball.

07:46 pm, NPD responded to the west side of town for the report of a four-wheeler accident.

Upon arrival, officers contacted a father and son who were in the process of attempting to get the four-wheeler out of the river. Further investigation revealed that the son had been driving the four-wheeler on the shoulder of the road, hit a bump, lost control and fell off the ATV, which continued, on its own, into the river. No medical attention was necessary and the juvenile driver was issued a warning regarding the requirement for an Alaska Driver License to operate an ATV on any roadways within town. The four-wheeler was extricated without further issue and no damage or injuries were

08:09 pm, NPD responded to the west side of town for the report of a physical altercation be-tween two individuals: both had fled prior to officers' arrival. Witnesses identified the suspect and later the reported victim. The suspect and able to be located, but the victim was contacted later and indicated that no injuries were sustained and maintained that the altercation was only verbal in nature. No further action or assistance was

requested by the victim.

08:20 pm, NPD was informed of a minor who had run away from their residence on the east side of town. Officers contacted the juvenile, after a brief search of the area, at a local event with a relative. The juvenile was left in the care of the relative and attempts to contact the reporting party forming them of the resolution were unsuccess-

08:45 pm, NPD responded to a residence on the north side of town for the report of a minor being harassed by another juvenile. Investigation revealed that the issue has been ongoing for some time and the parent of the victim was provided in-formation regarding protective orders. The re-ported suspect was also contacted in the presence of parents regarding the allegations and warned regarding the conduct.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015 00:18 am, NPD responded to assist EMS with a report of an intoxicated female needing assistance on the west side of town. Officers arrived first and attempted to assist the person until EMS arrived and took over care of the subject.

00:41 am, NPD was contacted by an intoxicated individual while assisting EMS on a call on the west side of town. The individual, identified as David Nelson, continued to have dialogue with EMS and NPD staff on scene, which eventually escalated to Nelson assaulting an officer. Nelson was also found to be on current conditions of release that prohibited the consumption of alcohol to excess. Nelson was placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree on a Peace Officer and Violating his Order and Conditions of Release. Nelson was transported to AMCC and was held on

01:41 am, NPD responded to a business on the west side of town for a requested welfare check on a patron who was reported to be highly intoxicated. Upon arrival, the subject of the check was found to be well within control and did not require

taking place on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the assault was found to have occurred at another residence, where the reported victim had been having a dialogue with another male. The investigation also led to the arrest of Lena Elachik for Violating her Order and Conditions of Release, which prohibited the consumption of alcohol. Charging documents will be forwarded to the District Attorney for Eugene Kost for Harassment in the Second Degree. Lena was transported to AMCC where she was held on \$1,000 bail

10:08 am. NPD responded to the west side of town to a business reporting a person was refus-ing to leave. Upon arrival, Officers contacted the male, who left on request and was given a Crimi-

02:37 pm, NPD received a report of money being stolen from a person's wallet inside of a residence on the east side of town. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing. 02:40 pm, NPD CSO responded to west side of

town on the report of an intoxicated person unconscious on the ground. The individual was contacted and observed to be intoxicated, but awake and standing upon contact. They refused medical treatment or Police assistance and were released on scene after being given a DOLP warning.

03:01 pm, NPD CSO responded to west side of

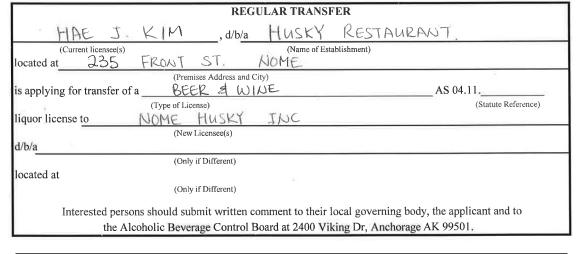
town on the report of an unconscious person on the sidewalk. The individual was contacted and

observed to be highly intoxicated. They required assistance with standing and was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for evaluation due to their high level of intoxication. Once medically cleared, they were provided transportation to

05:27 pm, NPD received a report of a pickup hitting a road sign and knocking it over on the east side of town. The driver of the vehicle was located and no damage was found to the truck. A further inspection of the sign indicated it had only been lightly placed in the ground from previous damage.

No further action was taken. 06:05 pm, NPD and NVAD responded to the east side of town on the report of male suffering a seizure. The male was contacted, and transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital by the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### **NSHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**



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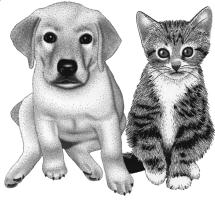


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### Nome Soup-er Bowl







SOUP KITCHEN - John Baker was one of several volunteers to serve up more than 20 deli-try. UAF's Northwest Campus faculty and ceramic artisans have completed hand crafted cecous soups during last Saturday's Soup-er Bowl. This year's proceeds went to the Nome Boys ramic bowls that are filled with soup. People got to take the bowls home for future dinners. and Girls Club.

Photos by Diana Haecker LONG LINE - With artistic bowls in hand, a hungry crowd is deciding on which soup to



STIRRING THE POT — Annie Blandford volunteered serving, heating and helping out dur- ENJOY — Daisy Chiskok was one of the Rotary Club volunteers to serve soup to a full house ing last Saturday's Soup-er Bowl event at the Nome-Beltz High School cafeteria. Over 20 during Saturday's Soup-er Bowl. soups were served in handcrafted bowls.



#### Court

#### Week ending 5/1

Atwood, Ann v. Tocktoo, Harry; Civil Protective Order Jones, SR., William P. v. Jones, Robert W.; Civil Protective Order Minor Party v. Obruk, Sergie; Civil Protective Order Csiki, David A - Old Name; Jones, David A - New Name; Change

#### **Small Claims**

Peacock, Lahka and Peacock, Debbie, d/b/a Alaska Prepaid Card, LLC v. Savetilik, Donna; Small Claims Less Than \$2500 Wilson, Johnny and Wilson, Jonathan v. Walker, Jason; Small

Credit Union 1 v. Noyakuk, Leah M.; Small Claims

Criminal
State of Alaska v. Steven D. Walluk (1/11/61); Dismissal;
Count I: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 4/27/15.

State of Alaska v. Samantha Iyapana (12/15/94); Order of Discharge After Suspended Imposition of Sentence, CTN 001:
Assault 4° - Recklessly Injury; Original Disposition: Guilty Conviction After Guilty Plea; Conviction Ordered Set Aside: Yes; Discharge Order: The court preciously entered a judgment of conviction in this case and placed the defendant on probation. suspending imposition of sentence; The period of probation has expired without the court imposing sentence and defendant is entitled to be discharged under the provisions of AS 12.55.085(d) and Criminal Rule 35.2; IT IS ORDERED that the case is closed and he defendant is discharged by the court without imposition of sentence; ORDER RE SET-ASIDE: IT IS FURTILLED THER ORDERED that: Judgment of conviction is hereby set aside for the charge(s) noted above, and a copy of this Order shall serve as the defendant's certificate pursuant to AS 12.55.085(e); Date: 4/27/15, Judge Robert Lewis.

State of Alaska v. Jackson Mokiyuk (3/8/63); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 2/16/15; 270 days, 210 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days CTS and defendant appears to be time served; 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; Probation until 4/30/17; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to comply with an control rest by the deadnines 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 Lucinda Toolie. State of Alaska v. Kordova Gipson (6/7/00); Notice of Dismissal; Repeat MCA / 04.16.050(c); Filed by the DAs Office

State of Alaska v. Connie Dora Olanna (11/16/90); Order of Discharge After Suspended Imposition of Sentence; CTN 001: AS11.71.040(a)(2): Cntrld Subs 4- Deli 1+ Oz VIA; Original Dis-

position: Guilty Conviction After Guilty Plea; Conviction Ordered Set Aside: Yes; Discharge Order: The court preciously entered a judgment of conviction in this case and placed the defendant on probation, suspending imposition of sentence; The period of probation has expired without the court imposing sentence and defendant is entitled to be discharged under the provisions of AS 12.55.085(d) and Criminal Rule 35.2; IT IS ORDERED that AS 12.53.085(e); Date: 5/11/15, Judge Timothy D. Dooley.

### Seawall

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10:31 pm. NPD responded to the east side of town on the report of a male causing a disturbance in the street. They were contacted and observed to be highly intoxicated. They admitted to drinking alcohol and yelling. The individual was provided transportation to a friend's home and given a warring for Discordant/Conduct. warning for Disorderly Conduct.

10:58 pm, NPD Officers conducted a traffic stop

on a vehicle on the east side of town. The driver was found to have only an instructional permit and was told to park the vehicle and not to drive without a driver over the age of 21 with at least one year of driving experience. No further action

11:52 pm, NPD officers observed a dog running down the street without an owner present. The dog was caught and brought back to the Nome Police Department and a notice was sent out in an attempt to find the owner. The next afternoon. Thomas Ilmar called to claim his dog and was is sued an Animal at Large Citation prior to the animal's release

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015 00:40 am, NPD officers were informed of an intoxicated person lying on the ground on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the male was provided transportation to his residence without further issue.

01:00 am, NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed a group of juveniles on the west side of town. The five juveniles were contacted and transported to their respective residences, where they ere left in the care of their guardians and warned

lice Department with customers refusing to pay their fare. The two individuals were contacted and paid the fare upon request of Officers, then provided transportation to their respective residences

being stolen from the east side of town. Later that afternoon, the reporting party called to inform Nome Police Department that the bicycle was recovered from a residence several blocks away.

03:41 pm, NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated female that was in care of several children on the west side of town. Officers arrived and contacted the caregiver, who was found to be highly intoxicated and the sole care-giver of the children. Katcheak was cited for Endangering the

children. Katcheak was cited for Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the Second Degree and the children were left in the care of a sober caregiver. 03:48 pm, NPD was dispatched to a residence on the west side of town for the report of intoxicated male causing a disturbance in the home. Upon arrival and further investigation, the male, identified as Jeremy Iyapana, was found to have placed a member of the household in fear of physical disturbance was curbequently arrested. ical injury. Iyapana was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth aree Domestia without bail.

07:14 pm, NPD received a report of a stolen bi-cycle from the east side of town. Within two hours, the reporting party called back stating that the bi-cycle was located and provided descriptions of the persons possibly responsible. The investigation is

ongoing.
07:52 pm the Nome Police Department was

called to a home on the east side of Nome on the report that a lady was refusing to leave the outside porch. Investigation revealed that Leanna Apassingok was intoxicated and in violation of her conditions of release. Apassingok was later re-

continuous of release. Apassingor was later re-manded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Cen-ter where bail was set at \$1000. 08:30 pm, NPD was informed of a loose brown and white dog running loose on the north side of town. Upon arrival in the area, the dog was cap-tured and taken to the Nome Police Department tured and taken to the Nome Police Department Animal Shelter. If you, or anyone you know, are missing a small dog matching this general description, please call the Nome Police Department at (907) 443-5262.

08:40 pm, a Good Samaritan arrived at the Nome Police Department with a debit cord found.

Nome Police in an undisclosed location in town. The owner was notified and the card was returned without further

08:56 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated male lying in the road aon the west side of town. Upon arrival, Officers contacted and identified the male as Joseph Kakik, who had an open container of alcohol in his possession. Kakik was

cited for the Open Container and was provided transportation to the NEST for the night.

09:25 pm, NPD was informed of a black and

brown dog that was running loose on the east side of town. The reporting party was able to capture the dog and bring it the station, where it was placed in the Animal Shelter pending an owner claiming it.

09:50 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated male leaning against the hood of a vehicle on the east side of town. Officers arrived and the individual requested medical attention. They were provided transportation to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation. No further action was necessary.
10:47 pm, NPD was dispatched to an apart-

port of a possible domestic disturbance. Upon arrival and further investigation, one of the occupants' children had fallen on the floor while playing and no disturbance was found. No further police assistance was required.

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### High School/Junior High athletes mentor young wrestlers

By Sarah Miller

Nome Elementary School students showed off their wrestling prowess in tournament last week that was the culminating event of a month-long wrestling clinic taught by junior and high school senior wrestlers. Corey Erickson, the Elementary School PE teacher organized the off-season clinic at the urging of his son Leif. "It was an idea I had to get younger kids into wrestling. They always get to see us older kids wrestling at tournaments. I wanted to give them a chance to understand the sport and get to like it the way I do," said Leif.

For the first three weeks, the high school students demonstrated wrestling moves for the younger students, ran drills and coached them as the younger athletes practiced on each other.

In the final event, the children were divided into two teams and paired in bouts according to weight. Each team was coached by one of the varsity wrestlers, Leif and Emery Booshu, who coached and cheered their team on from the sidelines.

Other student athletes in junior and senior high served as referees. timekeepers and scorekeepers during the bouts.

Parents were encouraged to attend the clinics as well as the final event.

For Corey Erickson, the clinic served two purposes. In addition to building interest in the sport among the younger students, it also provided older students with a valuable opportunity to develop leadership, organizational and mentoring skills. Erickson was able to recruit quite a few athletes to assist with the clinic. In addition to Leif Erickson and Emery Booshu, other participants included John Gilder, J.J. Marble, Leif Erikson, Emery Booshu, Starr Erikson, Ben Cross, Sam Cross, Owen Hebel, Kenneth Hafner and Oliver Hoogendorn.

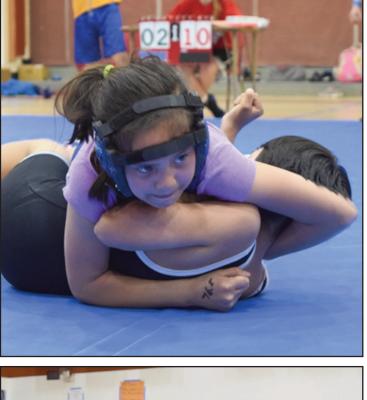
"It was a wonderful time and experience for all who were involved, including the parents of the little wrestlers. It's something I've been wanting to do for the past several

years. We hope to be able to do this again in the future," said Erickson.

The clinic was provided financial support by the CAMP department at the hospital.

The older students received a monetary stipend for their work with the clinic. However, this came as a surprise to the students, who volunteered before they knew they would be receiving the stipend. "None of the junior high and high school

wrestlers knew about or expected to be supported, so when they found out it was a pleasant surprise and additional reward for mentoring younger students in shared interests. The older wrestlers also learned how they can give back to a community that gives them so much as we are always fundraising for school sponsored sports and activities," Erickson commented.





Photos by Sarah Miller

READY? (top left) - Cody Tocktoo gets ready to get a hold of his sister Madison Tocktoo.

GOT YOU (top right)— Natalie Tobuk shows good form while wrestling an opponent from the black team.

ROUGH SPORT (bottom right) - Kids used different techniques and styles while trying to get the upper hand on their opponent.

LITTLE WRESTLERS (bottom left)— Both the black and the blue team wrestlers pose for a picture with their coaches.



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