



ENTERTAINING— The Nome King Island drummers perform an invitational song at the Kawerak Regional conference evening entertainment, on June 3. Photo by Diana Haecker

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Walrus hunt causes commotion at Nome's East Beach

By Diana Haecker

A cultural misunderstanding led to a scene observed by dozens of people on East Beach near the old Nome Trading Co. store on Thursday, June 4 late in the evening: a wounded walrus swimming out at sea, a man with a rifle lying on a sand bar and two police officers with drawn weapons, pointing in the man's direction.

The man was Nome resident Wilfred Anowlic, a subsistence hunter who wanted to put the wounded walrus out of its misery and, as is a well-known custom in this region, put food on the table.

Alerted by other people of the walrus' presence in the area, Anowlic observed the animal swim in the ocean towards Nome from his home near the Nome River mouth. He then

drove towards the East end of Nome, went to a low sand bar that was exposed due to a low tide and waited for the animal to present itself. "I wanted to get it out of its misery and cut it up for my family and the elders to eat," Anowlic told The Nome Nugget.

Alaska Native subsistence hunters are by federal and state law allowed to take marine mammals, including

walruses, ice seals and whales.

To the responding Nome police officers, a different scenario developed.

Nome Police Chief John Papasodora said in an email correspondence with *The Nome Nugget* that NPD received a report of a possibly wounded walrus in the sea and a report of a man with a rifle on the beach. "Officers responded and did-

n't know if the two were connected," wrote Chief Papasodora.

According to Papasodora's review document of the incident, at 11:32 pm an anonymous caller called NPD to inquire about regulations of shooting a walrus. The person reported a wounded walrus offshore and a man on the beach

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Photo by Ivory Okleasik

GIRL POWER- Sierra Tucker is making her first hit of the youth softball season on team PLS against Bonanza Fuel on June 5. See story on page 12.

Concrete dry on 11-mill city budget

By Sandra L. Medearis

Property tax could be a couple of hundred dollars cheaper this time.

The Nome Common Council passed the plan for spending year 2016 based on 11 mills Monday evening. Last year's mill rate was 12.

Property tax contributes to the 2016 General Fund Budget totaling \$11,246,667. Revenue obtainable from other sources accounts for \$8,219,252. The Council will use this plan to tailor spending to revenue and needs as the year goes along.

Total spending as outlined in five budgets comes to roughly \$36 million. The Port of Nome fund is the largest at \$11,877,445, holding state and federal money for port construction projects.

The Council, as hinted at their last meeting, did find the money to supplement the costs of a certificated teacher for Nome Preschool Association.

The Council opened a comment period for each of the funds before passage. There was no public testimony.

"Comment?" Councilman Stan Andersen asked the audience before the vote on the general fund. "You don't care what we're going to spend \$11 million on? Isn't that amazing," he said.

Andersen led the meeting in Mayor Denise Michels' absence.

Notably, there is no money budgeted yet for organizations as Bering Sea Women's Group, Boys and Girls Club, Nome Food Bank, N.E.S.T. emergency shelter or Iron Dog, Councilman Jerald Brown reminded the Council.

Last year the groups were taken out of the general fund and assigned to the special revenue fund.

"This year they are not even in the special revenue fund," Brown said.

There were murmurings in the

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Bystander intervention needed to prevent tragedies

By Diana Haecker

"Don't be afraid to ask people how they're doing," said Lisa Wexler.

A simple question like that paired with the willingness to listen to an honest answer could go a long way in the complexity of preventing suicides.

Lisa Wexler is a researcher in the field of community health education with two decades of experience in

northwest Alaska. During last week's Kawerak and Rural Providers conference she called for a new approach to suicide prevention by focusing on community-based solutions and what is called "bystander intervention."

Two young men died of suicide in Nome within one week in May. Last week, a young man died of suicide in Shishmaref. The pain that grips the families and ripples through communities and the region after self-inflicted deaths is unspeakable.

The taboo attached to the word often does not help to address the issue directly and with the will to acknowledge it in order to instigate change. Pressing questions as to why people, especially young ones, and their lives are not easy to be answered.

How does one help families who experienced a suicide? What is the community to do to prevent self-inflicted deaths? Where do we start to begin healing to eradicate suicidal

behavior, thoughts and acts? Why is this happening and why at such alarming rates in our region?

These questions and more were addressed during the Kawerak and Rural Providers conference held in Nome last week.

Researchers Lisa M. Wexler, associate professor in the field of Public Health with the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and assistant professor Diane McEachern at the Kuskokwim Campus of the College of Rural and Community Development in Bethel, presented their approach to suicide prevention. Their program is called PC-CARES, which stands for "professional community collaborations for at-risk (youth) engagement and support."

The program "builds on community strengths and helps community members come together, share ideas and reflections and develop practical next steps to prevent suicide and pro-

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Photo by Diana Haecker

COMMITMENT CEREMONY— At the end of the joint Kawerak Regional and Rural Providers Conference, held in Nome last week, participants held a commitment ceremony. The conference had 575 attendees from all across Alaska. Next year, Nome will again host the joint conferences. The conference's theme was "Carving a path to wellness."

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ULU News

By Senator Donnie Olson
29th Alaska Legislature

SPECIAL SESSION...AGAIN?

In years past we have ended our regular 90 day session with a budget that was fully funded but this year, it is still not funded. We have had a bountiful natural resource that allowed us to spend our money and put savings away for the day that our oil runs dry. This is the time where I am very glad we put savings away all those years ago. I can only remember a handful of times where we either got called into special session by the governor or called ourselves into special session to further elaborate on a topic but this year, we have been in not just one, but two special sessions!

A special session was called by Governor Walker on April 28 for the Legislature to take up: Medicaid Expansion, Erin's Law, and to create a fully funded budget.

After meeting for several weeks, on May 21 both the Senate Majority

and House Majority did something that I have never seen in my time here, gaveled themselves out of the governor's special session and gaveled into a new session that took up the issues of Erin's Law and funding the budget but not Medicaid Expansion.

MEDICAID EXPANSION

One of my priorities has been Medicaid expansion throughout the regular session, the extended session, and the special sessions. I have worked with the Governor and my colleagues to get this passed. After attending many hearings on Medicaid Expansion, I was dismayed when the House Finance Committee threw Medicaid Expansion discussions off of the table. On May 14th the house committee announced that they would no longer be holding hearings on Medicaid Expansion and adjourned without further discussion. This announcement was after almost two weeks of holding meetings during the special session recess to discuss expansion.

There were no letters to the editor this week.

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

Editorial

Pink Slips

Thousands of state employees were mailed notices last week. They were told that they no longer had a job. This is a slap in the face to our friends and neighbors who work for us to make Alaska a better place to live and raise a family. This is surely a sign that the Alaska Legislature does not consider their work important.

Our legislators should be ashamed. How can they look a state employee in the face and not feel guilty about running the state's finances to explosive critical mass where families are expected to survive without income. How do they have the gall to accept their own paycheck? Are our politicians too busy listening to the Tea Party's Americans for Prosperity that they have gone deaf to the needs of our people? The loss of state payroll to any community will have a heavy impact on our economy.

The Republican majority is too busy lodging silly unfounded complaints and blathering about the Democrats being "socialists." Voters need to take action at the polls and give these self-centered legislators their pink slip. — N.L.M. —

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FINANCE

House Finance has been meeting over the last couple of weeks, they finally released a compromised budget bill HB 2001. The bill reached the House floor, passed, and was sent over to Senate Finance. Senate Finance amended the bill and it headed to the Senate floor for a vote, I was unable to support the budget on the Senate floor. I felt the Senate was ignoring a hard fought compromise budget that had gained broad support in the House. It was then transmitted

back to the house where every single representative voted against it!

Both bodies have appointed a conference committee to work out the differences in the budget. I, along with Senators Kelly and Mackinnon and Representatives Neuman, Thompson, and Gara are the appointed members of the conference committee.

We will be meeting regularly to again try to reach a compromise on the budget that is acceptable to both

the House and the Senate.

The conference-able items for the budget include: BSA Funding, COLA Increases, Education Grants, Parents as Teachers, Pre-K grants, front line social workers, public assistance for seniors, Marine Highway, University of Alaska Funding, and public broadcasting.

CONSTITUENT INPUT

The majority of the thoughts and

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A Look at the Past



Photo courtesy of Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

BRINGING THE LATEST FASHION TO NOME — Photographer F.H. Nowell took a photo of a party aboard the S.S. President enroute to Nome, on June 11, 1907.

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	06/11/15	4:27 a.m.	High Temp	+64	06/02/15	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	06/17/15	4:19 a.m.	Low Temp	+32	06/06/15	
Sunset	06/11/15	1:36 a.m.	Peak Wind	39 mph, NE, 06/03/15		
	06/17/15	1:46 a.m.	Total Precip. for 2015 (as of 6/07)	4.54"		
			Normal Total to Date	4.34"		

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)

Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
6/11	Th	1208am	+1.2	105pm	+1.6	617am	+0.1	731pm	+0.4
12	Fr	125am	+1.1	147pm	+1.6	708am	+0.2	831pm	+0.2
13	Sa	241am	+1.1	229pm	+1.6	800am	+0.4	929pm	+0.1
14	Su	357am	+1.1	311pm	+1.6	852am	+0.6	1024pm	0.0
15	Mo	512am	+1.2	354pm	+1.5	945am	+0.7	1117pm	-0.1
16	Tu	624am	+1.2	439pm	+1.5	1040am	+0.8		
17	We	729am	+1.3	526pm	+1.4	1207am	-0.2	1138am	+0.9

Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

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opinions I have received from constituents include support for Medicaid Expansion, funding public education, and funding for Pre-K programs. I think it is important for everyone to voice their opinion and concerns and I thank you for being involved in the legislative process. Please continue to let me know what you think is important so I can best represent you here in the legislature.

ERIN’S LAW

The Senate Education passed Erin’s Law out of committee! However, this news is bittersweet. Instead of the three page bill that was simple and clean, it has now been morphed into 12 page bill that includes items to limit certain organizations in the classroom, makes Erin’s law teaching an opt-in program, repeals the requirements for college readiness exams, requires parents to opt-in for student survey’s, and many other changes that were not related to the original Erin’s law. While I support the original intent of Erin’s law, I cannot support it in the current form and hope to amend it in Senate Finance. You can read more about the changes to HB 44 a.k.a Erin’s law at <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/29?Root=HB%20%2044>

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The Democrats held the first public testimony session in Anchorage on May 15th. Around 120 Anchorage residents came and testified on Medicaid Expansion, Erin’s Law, and the Budget. Most of those who testified came to testify in support of Medicaid Expansion, Erin’s Law, reinstating the funding for education, and fully funding the budget.

BP TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE

Since 1995, BP has funded a program to honor teachers across the state of Alaska that inspire our students and are dedicated to their education. Each teacher who wins the nomination receives a certificate, a \$500 gift card, and another \$500 to go to the school or PTA. This year Robin Child from Unalakleet and Lisa Leeper from Nome were

awarded. Congratulations and thank you for serving our students! You can find out more about this program, including how to nominate a teacher for next year, here: <http://www.bpteachers.com/#current-winners>

MARIJUANA

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board/Marijuana Control Board is currently taking public comments and will continue taking public comments until June 19th on definitions for marijuana and the local opt out options. Public comment can be taken by emailing john.calder@alaska.gov, through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, or by mailing comments to 550 W. 7th Ave, Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501.

GRADUATION

I have seen hundreds of graduating names of high schools seniors across our district and have signed hundreds of award certificates for each of them. Graduation is a big accomplishment and we should all be proud of our youth that took the initiative to work hard and graduate, they are the future leaders of our state.

#ESKIMONINJA

Nick Hanson from Unalakleet who has played in World Eskimo Indian Olympics and built his own practice rink of a version on American Ninja Warrior obstacle course, has made it all the way to the Venice qualifying rounds in American Ninja Warrior qualifying rounds! #EskimoNinja on Facebook, twitter, and Instagram has started to show support for our young Alaskan talent. I just wanted to give Nick a big congratulations on your hard work which got you this far. Not many of us could have made it to the qualifying rounds but you did! You can watch his qualifying round here: <https://youtu.be/TUbc4Ja0gs?t=1h17m24s>

RurAL CAP’s Youth Development and Culture Grant Programs anticipates that they will fund 6-8

rural, community based programs in the state. The awards are anywhere from \$6,000 to \$8,000 and can vary depending on certain cases. These grants are awarded to certain organizations that aim to engage Alaska Native youth from ages 12-17 through culture camps, leadership development, or cultural identity projects. You can find out more information about these grants and how to apply by contacting:

Amy Modig at RurAL CAP, (907) 279-2511 x 7361 or 1-800-478-7227
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PORT ACCESS ROUTE STUDY

The Port Access Route Study (PARS): In the Chukchi Sea, Bering Strait and Bering Sea took public comments until June 3 on how consolidating vessel routing system may impact or benefit the region surrounding the area. You can access more information on how to comment, including an online comment option here: <http://www.regulations.gov/#/documentDetail;D=USCG-2014-0941-0001>

ARCTIC

On May 11, 2015 Governor Bill Walker signed HB 1: An Act declaring the Arctic Policy of the State. HB 1 is an outline of the beginning of putting a face on what the Arctic looks like. The Arctic is not just ice and polarbears, it is us, the people of the north. HB 1 is focused on four main priorities: Promoting economic and resource development; Addressing the infrastructure and response capacity gap in the Arctic; Supporting healthy communities; and Strengthening a state-based agenda for Arctic science and research.

Thank you for taking the time to read my ULU Newsletter.
Best wishes for a prosperous summer and be safe,

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, June 11

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*Crafts and Library Activities (ages 8-13)	Kegoayah Kozga Library	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1:00 p.m.
*Summer Lunch Program (kids 0 -18)	Boys & Girls Club	noon - 12:45 p.m.
*Summercise	Nome Rec Center	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Weekly Women’s Circle	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Pool	*Closed for repairs
*Summer Dinner Program (kids 0 -18)	Boys & Girls Club	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering and Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Museum and Library Commission: Regular Meeting	City Hall	6:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Nome Joint Utilities: Meeting Reconvened from 5/19/15	City Hall	7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 12

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	*Closed for repairs
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Summer Lunch Program (kids 0 -18)	Boys & Girls Club	noon - 12:45 p.m.
*Bering Land Bridge National Preserve: Junior Rangers	NPS Visitor Center	1:00 a.m. - 2:30 a.m.
*Summer Dinner Program (kids 0 -18)	Boys & Girls Club	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Adult drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 13

*Rec Center Closed Weekends Until Labor Day		
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
*Lemonade Day	Various Locations	All Day
*AKBody Tundra Challenge	East End Park	2:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 14

*Rec Center and Pool Closed Weekends Until Labor Day		
*Stroke and Croak Biathlon (no pool)	Nome Rec Center	12:00 p.m. registration 1:00 p.m. race

Monday, June 15

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	*Closed for repairs
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Summercise	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:00 p.m.
*Summer Lunch Program (kids 0 -18)	Boys & Girls Club	noon - 12:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Summer Dinner Program (kids 0 -18)	Boys & Girls Club	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 16

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*Library Story Hour (ages 3-7)	Kegoayah Kozga Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1:00 p.m.
*Summer Lunch Program (kids 0 -18)	Boys & Girls Club	noon - 12:45 p.m.
*Nome Common Council and Nome Planning Commission: Joint Work Session	City Hall	noon
*Summercise	Nome Rec Center	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*PM Laps	Pool	*Closed for repairs
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Summer Dinner Program (kids 0 -18)	Boys & Girls Club	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	*Closed for repairs
*Community Potluck	Across from Subway	7:00 p.m.
*Nome Joint Utilities:Regular Meeting	City Hall	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
*Adult drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	*Closed for repairs
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Bering Land Bridge National Preserve: Tundra Tots	NPS Visitor Center	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
*Summercise	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:00 p.m.
*Nome Common Council and Nome Planning Commission: Joint Work Session	City Hall	noon
*Summer Lunch Program (kids 0 -18)	Boys & Girls Club	noon - 12:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Summer Dinner Program (kids 0 -18)	Boys & Girls Club	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Nome Planning Commission: Regular Meeting	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
*Midnight Sun Festival	Across from Subway	noon - 9:00 p.m.

Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

Hours available by appointment. Call 907-443-6630

Kegoayah Kozga Library: noon - 8 p.m. (M-Th) • noon - 6 p.m. (F-Sat)

Nome Visitors Center: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M-F)

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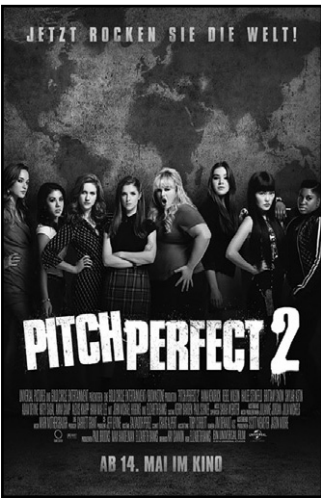
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Charges reduced in Wongittilin death

By Sandra L. Medearis

The State of Alaska has reduced charges in the death of Wagner Wongittilin of Savoonga.

A Ford Explorer, driven by Adrienne D. Michels, 31, struck Wongittilin, 54, in the early morning hours of April 12 last year in Nome as he walked north along Bering Street. Wongittilin, known in the local and Native art communities as an excellent ivory carver, died at Norton Sound Regional Hospital shortly after the accident.

Police said alcohol was involved in the tragedy.

A grand jury handed up indictments against Michels who was ar-

raigned in court a week after the accident on charges of manslaughter, Class A Felony, and failure to render assistance to an injured person. Nome Police Dept. also charged Michels on driving under the influence, a misdemeanor, and leaving the scene of an accident involving injury or death, after she struck Wongittilin with the Ford Explorer near the intersection of West Fifth Avenue and Bering Street, also a misdemeanor, according to court documents.

The Alaska Superior Court had set a jury trial on these charges for June 15.

However, in a change of plea hearing in court in Nome on June 3,

Michels pleaded guilty to the DUI, the charge on failure to render assistance, a Class C Felony, and the charge of reckless endangerment. Also included in the plea bargain was a limit of two years on time served.

Sentencing has been set for Sept. 29 to allow time for a presentence report to be completed and submitted to the court.

Michels has been out of jail on \$25,000 bail awaiting trial, but has been in a series of third party custody arrangements since April 2014. At the June 3 hearing, Michels sought release from third party custody.

Michels had been separated from her small daughter for over a year,

her attorney Myron Angstman told the court. She had been in third party custody for about 14 months. In third party custody, a person must remain within sight or sound supervision of the person who has taken responsibility, or the custodian must notify police immediately.

Assistant District Attorney Tom Jamgochian countered that Michels, having pleaded guilty, was no longer presumed innocent.

She had registered Blood Alcohol Content of .227, over the legal limit for driving, following the accident, and had a prior DUI in 2006, Jamgochian said.

Judge Paul A. Roetman, presiding

in the case, asked if Michels had undergone alcohol abuse counseling since the accident. No, Angstman responded, but Michaels had not had "one sip of alcohol" since the accident, he said. Her release, he reasoned, would give Michels a chance to show how she would act without a third party custodian.

Roetman ruled against Michels' release from supervision, based on the high BAC reading at the time of the fatal accident and the seriousness of the charges.

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with a rifle.

According to several eye witness accounts, the police officers went down to the beach and to the sand bar that was exposed due to a low tide, and approached Anowlic, who was laying at the sand bar, with guns drawn.

The police's review document states that at 11:35 pm the officers arrived at the beach but did not know the identity and intention of the man. The document reads: "Both officers tactically approach with weapons at the ready (drawn but not pointed/aimed at anyone/thing) to contact the person with the rifle. As they give loud verbal commands, the man with the rifle, starts to turn towards the officers with the rifle. Officers point their handguns on the threat and give clear commands to put the rifle down and he complies. Officers contact the man and determine he is waiting for the walrus to get closer so he can shoot it."

Anowlic, who was focused on the

whereabouts of the walrus said he was not aware of the police approaching until they made their presence known.

"Next thing I knew, two police officers were behind me, yelling at me 'Don't shoot', 'Don't move', 'Put your rifle down'," Anowlic said. "I was really surprised."

Anowlic complied and was escorted back to the beach.

According to Papasodora, the officers were concerned with where the shots would go, had Anowlic shot the animal.

The officers confiscated Anowlic's .270 rifle. "They took my rifle way and they said I scared people on the beach," said Anowlic. According to Anowlic, he was not advised of the reasons for the gun being confiscated.

The officers called the chief of police, who told them that the weapon can be returned the next day "after assuring that there has been no violations and after the event was reviewed."

"The hunter was advised about

safety issues and then officers went to the next call," wrote Papasodora. "No criminal event occurred and no further enforcement action was taken."

The next day, Anowlic said, he went to the police station, asked the NPD chief of police for his weapon and got his rifle back.

Implications

Kawerak Inc. Subsistence Director Brandon Ahmasuk also happened to be on scene. Ahmasuk saw one officer have his service weapon out of the holster, drawn and pointing in the direction of Anowlic. He saw the other officer also approach but could not make out if he had his pistol drawn. "I fully understand that the police has to respond to public calls and to protect the public, but there should have been a better assessment of the situation," Ahmasuk said. "They could've said, 'Hey, what are you doing?'" Instead, police followed its protocol and treated Anowlic as a threat.

In his analysis of the event, Papasodora wrote "Though civilians may assume given the context of the call that the man with the rifle was not actively hostile towards persons in the area, officers can't make that assumption. Until a threat is contacted and determined safe, the potential of that threat is unknown."

The incident left several eye-witnesses upset.

In fear of repercussions, one on-looker told the *Nugget*, "That really felt wrong to us," but didn't want to

be named. The witness saw a respected elder Native subsistence hunter being interfered with during a legal subsistence activity by city police in a manner that was offensive to the Native community.

The question if the incident took place in state waters or within city limits remains to be cleared.

"This has all sorts of negative implications," Ahmasuk said.

The incident took place just as the Kawerak and Rural Providers conference wrapped up in Nome. There, in conference workshops, historical trauma was often quoted as the root cause for many social ills in rural Alaska. "We still deal with the past, the pressures from outside people and outside agencies who told us 'It's not cool to be you. How dare you to hunt seals and walrus?'" explained Ahmasuk. "Now what happened right here, last week, screams all of that again. Now you have people scared going hunting."

Papasodora wrote that his concern is safety within city limits. "We strongly discourage anyone from hunting in the City limits as the terrain is flat and rounds can travel extensive distances without striking a solid back-stop, which in most instances will be a man-made object," he wrote. "In my career, I have responded to multiple events where stray rounds have penetrated houses and vehicles, some of which resulted in injury to other persons. It is for this reason that any person with a firearm within the City is contacted and strongly discouraged from

shooting anywhere near the City; they are advised of the risks associated with discharge of a firearm within the City limits and the potential for injury; as well as the criminal liability if this occurs. This is also relevant while shooting at objects in the water as water presents a high degree of friction (particularly at flatter angles) and ricochets are quite common. The lethal range for a typical high power cartridge can be up to two miles, which is far beyond line of sight. The risks are exponentially high."

Papasodora has proposed that the City enact an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of firearms within the City limits. "This will eliminate these type of situations and the risks associated with hunting within City boundaries," Papasodora wrote.

From the perspective of the chief of police, there was no wrong-doing on the police's part. "The result was positive," he wrote in his analysis. "No injuries to any party; identification of the individual and his intent; elimination of any potential threat to the public; and resolution of the call."

But that is not the end of the story for Ahmasuk and the subsistence community.

Ahmasuk said he called for a meeting with representatives from the City, NPD, subsistence hunters, Eskimo Walrus Commission and US Fish and Wildlife to discuss the incident, the manner of the force used and to assert subsistence rights.

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Council chambers that the groups could get funds from NSEDC Community Share.

There had been discussion last year that the Norton Sound Economic Development money would go directly to City infrastructure, not to nonprofits.

The Council authorized City Manager Josephine Bahnke to enter into a supply agreement with Formations, Inc. for building high quality cases for exhibits at the Richard Foster Building that will house the library, Carrie M McLain Memorial Museum and the Beringia Cultural Center.

Formations, Inc., as supplier, fabricator, and installer of casework goods, has agreed on a cost of \$729,312. The firm was not the low bidder, but offered the best value for the money spent, according to

Bahnke.

Museum Director Amy Chan agreed.

Formations, Inc., included the multimedia component of displays in their proposal, she said.

The team reviewing the proposals for building exhibit cases comprised Kendall Gee, projector for Richard Foster Building, Bahnke, the architects, Councilman Randy Pomeranz and Chan, the museum director.

In other business, the Council amended a City law to increase ambulance fees. Fees for basic life support will go up from \$600 to \$675, for advanced life support, from \$650 to \$725, and mileage from \$10 per person to \$15 per person for both BLS and ALS. City administrators have found the current fees do not meet the costs of operation and maintenance, as well as capital costs.

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mote wellness.”

Lisa Wexler has worked and done research for more than 20 years in the Northwest Borough area of Kotzebue, Kivalina and Kobuk River villages. One thing she can say with absolute certainty is that there is not one easily identifiable reason why people die of suicide. It is a complicated web that can be personal, but also have roots in history. In her research paper titled “Culturally Responsive Suicide Prevention in Indigenous Communities: Unexamined Assumptions and New Possibilities” she identified that typically, “suicide is considered to be an unfortunate response to an individual’s psychological pain, frequently in the context of psychiatric illness (e.g., clinical depression). This understanding reflects the idea that the root of one’s pain is individual, that its primary manifestation is psychological, and that it is rather than remains readily amenable to clinical intervention.”

In response, interventions then are done by psychological or medical professionals. “The act of killing oneself is foremost an individual act, undertaken in response to one’s personal situation and psychology. This understanding, however, does not fit many native people’s realities,” she wrote.

“Suicide in indigenous communities is frequently identified as the terminal outcome of historical oppression, current injustice, and ongoing social suffering,” Wexler wrote.

During a discussion following the workshop, Wexler identified high rates of unemployment, food insecurity, loss of cultural identity, historical trauma, alcohol and drug abuse and intergenerational trauma as factors that her research found to contribute to high rates of circumpolar suicide rates.

“Certain communities suffer from things not what they’ve done but was done to them,” explained Wexler.

She added that structural problems, borne out of historical trauma, translate from the village level to personal level.

Functional communities, without divisions in the community are less likely to have suicides, Wexler stated. A lot of this relates back to intergenerational trauma, triggered by family separation. Bridie Trainor with the Kawerak Wellness department pointed out that a lot of harm was done to family structures during the time that Native children were taken away from their communities and to centralized boarding schools for assimilation purposes. Just two weeks ago, the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission published a report and issued recommendations. Murray Sinclair, chairman of the TRC, stated that in the period from Confederation until the decision to close residential schools was taken, “Canada clearly

participated in a period of cultural genocide.”

Diane McEachern explained the causal connection to intergenerational trauma: when children are taken from their family, they need to find substitutes that offer the warmth and love of the natural family.

It is still ingrained in following generations that relationships with a significant other become much more than just romantic partners. “The partners then assume the role of family, community, partner, all rolled into one,” said McEachern. When that relationship breaks, the world comes apart for that person and ending one’s life seems the only option.

After Wexler’s and McEachern’s presentation on the PC-CARES program, a woman impatiently stood up and said, “We’ve heard research data for 32 years now, we’ve gone through a lot of training, we’ve seen the statistics but we need to talk to each other.” And that in a nutshell is the intent of a new way of approaching suicide prevention. Instead of sending professionals to the rural communities to apply clinical fixes, Wexler and McEachern offer one piece of research and then left it up to the providers to draw their own conclusions and solutions.

They showed a graph depicting the correlation of suicides and increase in daylight during the Arctic year.

The number of suicides by young Native Alaskans under 29 years of age goes up as daylight increases.

This graph is not true for the lower 48, Wexler said. So what does that mean?

Groups split up in a break-out session and came back with possible explanations: In the summer, there is no school, more parties, some people get not hired for jobs, stay up late and have less sleep. Some observed that a simple thing as not getting enough sleep, adequate nutritious meals or enough water can lead impulsive behavior. Others quoted the lack of parenting, discipline and respect to create dysfunction. Also, intense dramatic relationships that end can contribute to impulsive actions. And although nature is on an upswing and daylight increases, a sad person’s misery can be magnified by observing others being out and having fun.

“You see, it’s not always mental illness,” said Wexler. “It can be something as basic as lack of sleep and dehydration that gets people to be more impulsive.”

Nome Police Chief John Papasodora said in an interview with the *Nome Nugget* that NPD has recognized the increase of suicides in the months of May and June. The reasons for it are an enigma.

Papasodora also said that there are “many, many reasons for suicide.” It can be brought on by substance abuse, seasonal effects, domestic issues or other situational issues. “But all those can be dealt with through intervention and treatment,” he said. The police department responded to

nine suicide threats and two suicides between February and end of May. Sometimes the person trying to end his or her life will have second thoughts and even call the police. At other times, it is friends or family who call police. Then officers respond, locate the person, talk to them and try to connect them with available services. Papasodora said that 99 percent of the time, the people will go with the officer to the hospital or BHS to get help.

“People need to take care of people,” he said. “If anytime, anybody makes a comment, we need to know. There is no stigma attached to police coming to your door and checking in on you. Sometimes it’s circumstances that can be successfully navigated. Officers are not just a badge, they’re real people,” Papasodora said.

Papasodora said that as a society, we need to face the facts. “First, recognize that suicide does happen. Recognize it as a problem and be part of the solution,” he said.

Along those lines, the presenters Wexler, McEachern and Kawerak Wellness Director Panganga Pungowiyi plan to start a community dialogue. Pungowiyi stated that there needs to be a realization that there is nothing wrong with the people, but the system needs some adjusting. “Don’t wait for permission, just start to talk to each other,” she said. “We need to empower communities to work together at all levels and find solutions that fit the community.”

Chief Papasodora as well as Lisa Wexler pointed out the good things in life. Papasodora pointed to the things Nome has to offer to young people, like the Rec Center, the pool, the ice rink, summer activities, and services provided by agencies if there is a need. “Life is a series of tri-

als and tribulations, everybody experiences setbacks,” he said. Papasodora offered advice to not withdraw from friends and family. “Don’t do the self talk,” he said. Talking to others helps to process problems and leads to problem solving rather than problem perpetuating. “You’re not out there by your-

self,” asserted Papasodora.

Lisa Wexler said, “Celebrate the small wins” as she pointed to the disposable coffee cup handed out at the conference that showed writing in three Native languages and the Eskimo dancing that took place in the evenings. “There is great work being done here in Nome,” she said.



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AERIAL ARTIST— Crystal Worl performed on the evening of June 3 at the Rec Center as part of the entertainment program of the joint Kawerak and Regional Providers Conference.



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Community urged to stand together in fight against heroin

By Sarah Miller

Attendees at the Kawerak/RurALCAP Regional Provider's Conference discussed the issue of heroin addiction and its impact on Native Alaskans in a workshop conversation led by Byron Maczynski.

Maczynski is a city council member from Bethel and plays an active role in confronting the problems posed by the drug trade in his community.

With the number of heroin addicts in Bethel estimated to be between 250 and 300 people, the city is paying a high price to deal with the problems generated by heroin. After Bethel's city council passed a memorandum to raise awareness about heroin addiction through community education, Maczynski took things a step further and introduced an action item for the city to establish a heroin task force. The task force would provide education programs, share information about ways to recognize addiction, disseminate contact information for support groups and resources and establish a system to anonymously report criminal activity involving heroin.

Law enforcement relies on tips from community members to track down drug dealers, but Maczynski explained that people are fearful of reporting dealers and unsure of how to help their loved ones who are addicted to heroin. "Prevention is the first step in gaining back a healthy community, but the whole community must stand up against heroin, because everyone is affected by it," said Maczynski. "When we started talking about it in Bethel, there was

lots of push back. Death threats, people coming to the house, and so on. But they can't push back against the whole community." He has received such harassment, including an anonymous, typewritten note threatening his life that was left on his car windshield. Nonetheless, Maczynski has continued to lead the effort within Bethel to battle heroin, and came to the conference to encourage residents of other Alaskan communities to do the same.

For a community to successfully combat heroin, there must be resources in place to help those suffering from addiction.

First, concerned friends and family members must be able to recognize the signs of addiction, said Maczynski. "You have to realize that addicts are victims who need treatment," he explained. "The first high is the highest they will ever get. After that, they will always seek that high but will never attain it. After you get addicted to heroin, it changes you forever. You'll always have to fight the desire for it, and you'll need both physical and psychiatric treatment for the addiction," he said.

After becoming addicted to heroin, users tend to neglect their physical needs for rest and nutrition, focusing only on obtaining more of the drug. Withdrawal symptoms are traumatic, causing addicts to avoid ceasing use of the drug. "You can recognize someone in withdrawal. They will look sick, sweaty, shaky, irritable, and won't be able to sleep. They lose weight. They have dark circles under their eyes. It's torture for them," said Maczynski.

Those wishing to help addicts must have access to contacts and resources, people to whom they can refer their loved ones for treatment.

In Bethel, said Maczynski, the city is pursuing funding for a local treatment center, but in the meantime, the family clinic will perform assessments and refer addicts to medical providers who can prescribe medications to ease withdrawal symptoms and cravings. Here in Nome, NSHC's Behavioral Health Services offers services to help with addiction, but lacks a regional treatment facility specific for that purpose.

Last month, the Bethel task force sponsored a comprehensive community education event about heroin. "We told people everything there is to know about heroin," said Maczynski. "What it is, what it does to the body, and how to treat the addiction." Another prong of community education includes raising awareness among dealers and users of the drug about how it impacts the community. "We want to show the dealers how their actions are hurting the community. The community is broken when heroin is involved," he said.

City of Nome Mayor Denise Michels was present in the seminar, and took the opportunity during the question and answer session to share strategies in place to combat heroin here in Nome. "The city has a partnership with Alaska State Troopers, Drug Enforcement Agency, the Coast Guard, and Nome Police Department with the drug dog Icon," she said.

This is also a transportation issue. "We have asked Alaska Airlines to

contact federal agencies if they see suspicious behavior, but their attorney said there is a legal conflict with this. We've asked for there to be drug dogs at the Anchorage airport, and we continue lobbying for this, but we need community support," said Michels.

Maczynski confirmed that air traffic is a problem for Bethel as well, because heroin arrives in town on smaller airlines that do not require security screening of passengers or luggage. Another audience member shared that the Alaska Federation of Natives has also been in discussion with TSA to look at strategies to intercept drug smuggling on small airlines.

Several audience members shared stories of their personal issues with alcohol and drug addiction, as well as the pain of watching loved ones

suffer from or succumb to the disease.

Said one attendant, "Addiction is an epidemic in our communities. It happens more often than you think, with people that you would never guess." Maczynski, expressing sympathy for the pain of these losses, said, "Our communities are moving away from our traditional Native values that used to keep our young people away from drugs. We need to not forget the villages, where there is nothing for the young people to do and where many are suffering from depression and a cultural disconnect. It's easy there to try drugs and then get hooked. Go back to traditional values. The community is looking for just one person to stand up, and all will follow."

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Effective June 15, 2015 the West Beach & Dredge 6 access road will be closed.



Photo by Diana Haecker

FUTURE MIDDLE DOCK— In efforts to expand docking space at the Port of Nome to allow more vessels to dock at the causeway, construction is slated to begin this week on the new middle dock. The dock is to be located between the West Dock, left, and the City Dock, right.

Geotraces research expedition to arrive in the Bering Strait in the fall

By Sarah Miller

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Healy*, well known among Nome residents for its icebreaking role in the delivery of oil in winter of 2012, will make another pioneering expedition through the Bering Strait this fall.

Between August and October, the vessel will travel a route from Dutch Harbor, eastward along the shelf of the Bering Sea, then northward toward the North Pole and back again, gathering data that will allow researchers to understand processes currently affecting the chemistry of the Arctic Ocean.

The expedition, called “Geotraces”, will study the ocean waters that flow through the Bering Strait, carrying both nutrients and toxins

from the Pacific Ocean to the Bering Sea and the Arctic Ocean. Researchers will collect ocean water samples and analyze them for the presence of metal elements that are found in small amounts. These elements, such as iron, manganese, copper, mercury and lead, are called “tracers”, and the path they travel through the oceans, atmosphere and land can shed light on ways that climate change is impacting the ocean’s biochemistry. “Geotraces” also studies the microbial organisms in surface ocean water, called phytoplankton, which are very sensitive to minute changes in the ocean’s chemistry. “These phytoplankton form the base of the ocean food web, and they can help us understand how oceans

might respond to future climate change,” said UAF oceanography professor Ana Aguilar-Islas. “This expedition is extremely relevant to this region, because the Arctic is experiencing rapid climate change and changes in its ecosystems. Geotraces will help us understand these changes, establish baseline measurements, and provide us insights for the future.”

During last week’s Kawerak Regional and Rural Providers conference at the Nome Elementary School, Aguilar-Islas presented the information, going into detail about the ways that *Healy* will be outfitted for the expedition. With 51 scientists aboard the vessel undertaking 24 separate research projects, collecting

data occurring at very low quantities in the water, the equipment and laboratory spaces have to be planned down to the smallest detail. “We are looking at elements occurring at one billionth of a gram in a liter of seawater,” explained Aguilar-Islas. Filters, pumps, collection containers, and laboratory spaces within Conex vans inside the ship will enable researchers to collect the information to answer important questions about changes in the Arctic ecosystems.

The project is part of a larger international endeavor and will add to the knowledge base of data collected by similar expeditions that have taken place in the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

“The data collected about past ocean biology are available to us, to

compare with our new data,” said Aguilar-Islas. This summer’s expedition is funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation, and an important component of the project is outreach. The PolarTrec “Teacher at Sea” program places K-12 educators in the field on expeditions like Geotraces, allowing them to share their experiences with fellow teachers and students, connecting real-life science research with classroom lessons. Geotraces also offers community lectures, such as that occurring at the conference, youth outreach programs, and maintains a blog which can be followed throughout the expedition.

“The object is to understand our ecosystems and inform the public,” explained Aguilar-Islas.



PRAYER STAFF— John Pingayak of Chevak addressed the crowd during the Kawerak/Rural Providers conference, holding up a prayer staff. He said the staff was just a rotten piece of driftwood until the rotten parts were carved off, and adorned with feathers. The staff is now a symbol of renewal and power of prayer.

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Alaskan family completes 360-mile journey along Seward Peninsula coastline

By Keith Conger

Nome to Teller

One of the first things explorer Bretwood "Hig" Higman did after he and his family completed their 360-mile, nearly two and a half month long trek from Nome to Deering was to pay a visit to Bryan Weyauvanna in Nome.

Higman and his wife Erin McKittrick met Weyauvanna on Friday, March 20 as he returned home from checking his crab pots on the Bering Sea ice. Like other West Beach travelers that day, Weyauvanna witnessed the curious sight of two, low-to-the-ice, red specks on the horizon. As he approached town on his ATV, the specks grew into sizable bubbles. Attached to the bubbles were Higman and McKittrick of Sel-dovia.

The Alaskan adventurers were each skiing with fully inflated Al-packa pack rafts in-tow. Six year-old son Katmai enthusiastically worked a kicksled alongside the pair, while 4-year old daughter Lituya hitched a ride with her father.

The couple explained to Weyauvanna that they were on the first day of a trek along the coastline of the Seward Peninsula, with the possible end destination being Kotzebue. Their crafts would serve dual purpose, both as gear-carrying sleds and as a means to paddle open water.

While Weyauvanna suggested it might be easier to follow the road to Teller, Higman and McKittrick said their collapsable, titanium wood stove needed driftwood the beach would provide.

Weyauvanna, who is originally from Shishmaref, has seen and heard of many arctic explorers visiting from outside the region, but none carrying small children. "I was skeptical," recalls Weyauvanna.

The family embarked on their journey on a nearly windless day, but the seasoned Inupiat hunter explained there would be many notoriously windy places along their route, the first being Wooley Lagoon.

Weyauvanna went home that night and began tracking the family's progress on their Ground Truth Trekking website. The couple was carrying a DeLorme inReach communication device that not only provided daily distance traveled and average speed, but allowed for short texts to be sent. He saw that the family was traveling around five to six miles per day, quite a bit short of the eight to ten they had hoped for.

On March 26 Weyauvanna decided to travel down the coast to see how the family was doing. He found them in the camp they had set up behind the shelter cabin at Cape Wooley. "I just sat on my machine and watched them, to see how they used their equipment," recalled Weyauvanna. "They knew how to use their gear."

Higman said they had enough food to make it to Teller, but the two adults were beginning to consume smaller rations. He told Weyauvanna that, "if you know anyone coming this way, a little food would be appreciated."

Higman and McKittrick found out how prophetic Weyauvanna's words were as they worked their way across Wooley Lagoon the next day. When they got to the King Island camps the winds were fierce. Their website entry that day stated: "Wind screaming across the ice. Holing up for now, in an actual hole. A hidden patch in the snow leads down to the cavernous belly of a shipwrecked barge."

Weyauvanna and his friend George Sonray headed out on March 27 to bring an assortment of food that included boiled eggs, Spam, Capri Sun, bread and Pringles. The pair started their search at the shelter cabin using the faint signs the adult skis left in the snow to guide them. As they neared the King Island camps, they smelled smoke, and eventually saw the stove pipe sticking out of the family's iron retreat.

Higman and McKittrick would receive one more visit on their way to Teller, as Brian Crockett, the Lutheran pastor for Brevig Mission and Teller, traveled out to bring moose meat to the family. It took them 16 days to reach Teller, six to eight days more than originally anticipated.

Travel to villages

Higman says the family made adjustments to the amount of food they carried after departing Teller. The family continued their steady progress, taking one day to get to Brevig Mission, 11 days to reach Wales, another 11 days to get to Shishmaref and 18 days to make it to Deering.

The family stayed in schools or with teachers during the 11 days spent in villages. In Brevig Mission they attended the Bering Strait School District's NYO championships.

"The schools always showed great hospitality, gave us a place to stay without hesitation, access to internet and computers, showers," said Higman. "We gave presentations in all four schools including Wales."

Small travelers

Taking two small children on such a long journey would be impossible for most people, but Higman and McKittrick have raised their children to be very comfortable, and quite competent, in the extreme outdoors. The family traveled on the Malaspina Glacier when Katmai was 2 1/2 years old, and when Lituya was just eight months old.

Two years ago they traveled for three and a half months in the Cook Inlet. Their trips are not vacations, but a lifestyle.

"Katmai really had a blast the whole time," said Higman. "He had an appreciation for traveling." His travel statistics would have been impressive for many adults. Higman estimates his son skied or kick-sledded over 300 of the 320 miles the family traveled on skis. Lituya spent time riding in the sled, but still walked half the distance.

"The kids are good at being interested in everything, and making a game out of everything," said

McKittrick. "The kids saw everything differently, even when the travel was not as interesting to the adults."

Higman says the plastic, removable runners he engineered for the raft bottoms needed some adjustments, but once fine-tuned they provided far superior glide and tracking than having the entire hull of the boats in constant contact with the grippy snow. The boats were invaluable in crossing open leads. He estimated the family paddled 40 miles, mostly at the end of the trip.

High-tech minimalists

Katmai and Lituya have very well educated parents. Higman has a Ph.D. in geology and McKittrick has a masters degree in molecular biology. They are fans of the internet, and are well versed and comfortable using modern technology. Not only did they present the daily route on their website, but they posted to a Facebook page from the field as well.

Wilderness travel is an extension of their daily living. When not in the field they live in a yurt, where they chop their own wood, and use an out-house. The New York Times once ran an article on Higman and McKittrick entitled, "Broadband, Yes. Toilet, No."

"Our satellite device gave fairly decent forecast information," said

Higman. They also used the weather teachings of Weyauvanna to aid in their travels. "We learned about how winds vary between forecast points," he said. "I'm a bit of a weather geek. It was fun to watch the Topographical Focusing." By this he was referring to what many on the Seward Peninsula might call "blow holes." "We would watch walls of 'fog', but it was really fine snow being scoured (and blown)."

As Weyauvanna has observed, Higman and McKittrick took great care setting up their equipment. Wind protected camp spots included the 8 by 25 foot barge near Wooley Lagoon, ice heaves, abandoned buildings, piles of driftwood logs and sea arches.

Where there was no natural protection, they constructed four-foot snow walls.

The couple created a non-profit organization called Ground Truth Trekking and posted to the website groundtruthtrekking.org. Their website states that "Human-powered expeditions across Alaska gives us the 'ground truth' of everything from mine proposals to climate change, through observations and conversation with locals. We combine this 'ground truth' with 'researched truth,' using our scientific backgrounds to create comprehensive and accurate articles on key issues across the state."

"Our mission is to provide people with the knowledge they need to make smart decisions about these issues, now and into the future. Our vision for this website is to create a place for virtual exploration, where people can learn about the issues, see photos, read stories, see maps, and be both informed and entertained."

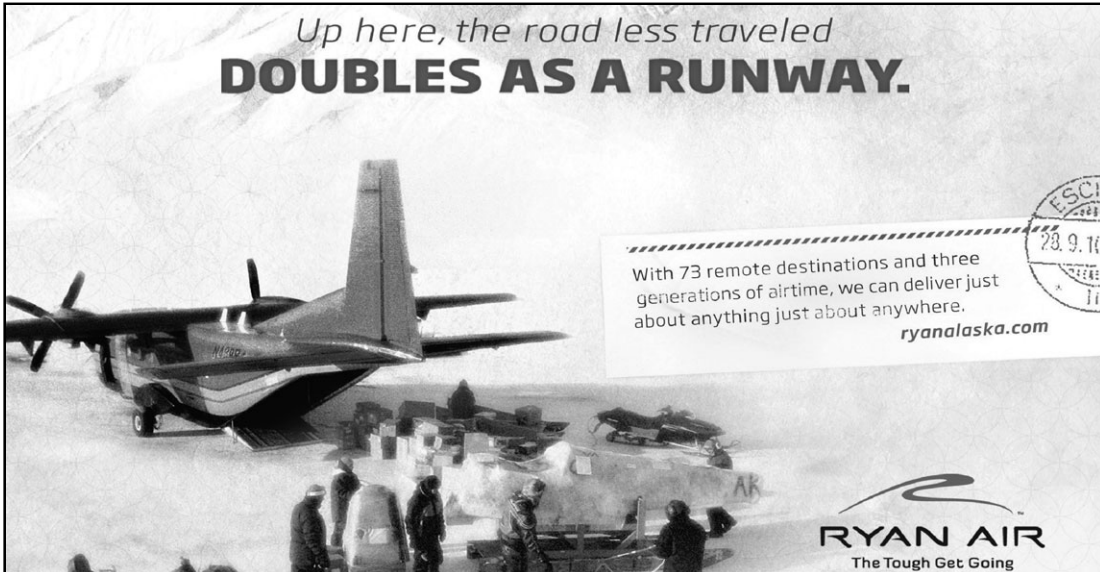
"We were thinking in terms of being in a position to learn," said Higman of the family's trip to the Bering Strait region. "It was really cool to get a chance to talk to elders in the villages in terms of climate change." He said some of the elders spoke of vegetation being taller in recent years, and some talked about how the sea ice is forming later in the year.

Higman also put his geology background to good use along the coastline. He talked about seeing markings that indicate three distinctly different historic sea levels. Higman said that one of the sea level markings was formed 120,000 years ago when world temperatures were two degrees warmer than they are currently, and the water levels 20 feet higher.

The family will be taking off soon for their next adventure in the Aleutian Islands.

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• Journey along Seward Peninsula coastline



CROSSING A CRACK— Katmai is set to cross an open crack in the ice.



FROM SLEDS TO RAFTS— The couple used their inflatable rafts as sleds for much of the trip, but also used them to paddle 40 miles as break-up occurred in late May. Lituya seemed pleased with that.



CHALLENGING SKIING— In this picture Katmai navigates his way through a maze of icy mud pools in Western Kotzebue Sound. The young adventurer skied about 300 miles on the trip.



FIRST OPEN WATER— Hig and Lituya head out to the edge of the shore fast ice. This was the first open water they saw after a month of travel on the frozen Bering Sea.



PACK RAFTS - The explorers paddle along the sea ice on their way up north.



SHELTER FROM THE WIND— Their wind-protected camp spots included an 8 by 25 foot barge, ice heaves, abandoned buildings, piles of driftwood logs, and sea arches. Where there was no natural protection, they constructed four foot snow walls.



YOU CAN SEE THE WIND — In this picture Erin and Katmai are skiing in sun and light winds, but see the valley ahead of them shrouded in a shifting mass of blowing snow.

Kawerak and Rural Providers Conference



Photos by Diana Haecker
KEY NOTE SPEAKER— Lucy Apatiki of Gambell delivered the key note address on Intergenerational Trauma on the first day of the conference on June 1, in the gym of the Nome Elementary School.



DANCE WITH ME— Isaac Killigvuk Sr. with the Tikigaq Traditional dance group from Point Hope invites a member of the audience to join the dance, on Wednesday, June 3 at the Rec Center.



GRACIOUS— Janice Sinnok, Ruth Nayokpuk and Amy Eningowuk performed with the Shishmaref Eskimo Dance group.



MASKED— Steve Oomittuk with the Tikigaq Traditional dance group performed a dance with a mask carved with whale symbolism.



LAST BIRD SKIN PARKA MAKER— Lydia Apatiki of Gambell displayed a bird skin parka she made. She has learned the special stitch called *metgkit* for bird skin sewing. The parka is made of 90 birds, mostly Common murre, crested auklet and cormorant.



NEXT GEN— Raymond Ningeulook, left, and Carter Kokeok, center, drum for the adults of the Shishmaref Eskimo Dance group.



YOUNG— Gavin Nayokpuk danced with the Shishmaref Eskimo Dancers.



EXPRESSIVE— Delia Stone performed with the Tikigaq Traditional dancers.



GUEST OF HONOR— James Okpealuk answered the invitation and joined the Tikigaa Traditional dancers on Wednesday evening at the Rec Center. Sally Killigvuk dances to the left.

Photos by Diana Haecker



PRAYERS— Doug Modig from Ketchikan is a statewide leader in the sobriety movement. He spoke during the commitment ceremony about healing through remembering and practicing one's own culture, traditions and spirituality.



ARIGAA— Tikigaa Traditional drummers and dancers after their performance on Wednesday evening offered the song "Arigaa". They are left to right: Jalen Cannon, Steve Oomittuk, Isaac Killigvuk Sr., Tariel Oviok, Jeffery Kowunna, Isaac Attungana and Tavis Lusbourne.



GUEST PERFORMER— Simon Lyng, a singer/songwriter originally from Greenland, entertained the crowd on Monday evening.



IN THE AIR— Aerial artist Crystal Worl entertained the crowd at the Rec Center on Wednesday evening with an aerial dance performance. Worl studied aerial dance and circus arts in New Mexico, California and Seattle. She lives in Juneau.



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DRILL— Port of Nome personnel along with employees from Bonanza Fuel, Crowley, and NJUS performed an annual oil spill prevention and containment drill at the entrance of the Nome harbor on Tuesday morning, June 9.

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The Dock Walk

With no sea ice anywhere to be seen, operations at the Nome Port and Harbor are in full swing. Harbormaster Lucas Stotts reports that Middle Dock contractors have already started preparing for construction of a Middle Dock and the first pile is slated to be driven on Wednesday, June 10. There are no new regulations from the City concerning Gold Dredges but the U.S. Coast

Guard has determined that all gold dredge vessels are commercial vessels. Harbor personnel has handouts that detail the changes in regulation. Any questions on these changes should be directed through the USCG Sector Anchorage or the Inspections Division, tel.: 907-428-4161.

As for traffic at the harbor, Stotts reports the following: No traffic on

June 1. On Tuesday, June 2, KNIK's Arctic Bear/ Alaska Provider barge arrived to layover for the night waiting to get into Cape Nome. On June 3, the Arctic Bear/ Alaska Provider departed. On June 4 the Arctic Bear/ Alaska Provider barge came back for small repairs to the barge. City staff also installed the floating docks in the small boat harbor.

On June 5, the Arctic Bear/ Alaska Provider departed. On June 6, Alaska Logistics barges Ocean Mariner/ Western 7 barge and the Fish Hawk/ Logistics Provider barge arrived to the City Dock. They offloaded freight and the Fish Hawk loaded 2,000 tons of gravel. On June 7, Ridge Construction brought in construction materials for

the new Middle Dock on the tug and barge Devon/ BC-151. They departed the same day. On June 8, Alaska Logistics' Ocean Mariner/ Western 7 tug and barge, and the Fish Hawk/ Logistics Provider tug and barge departed.

COMMERCIAL VESSELS— Gold dredges that were considered recreational vessels have been reclassified by the U.S. Coast Guard and are now commercial vessels. A Coast Guard bulletin states that small suction dredgers will see little difference in the safety equipment standards they must adhere to, while larger excavator dredges may face compliance challenges related to load line, mariner credentialing and inspection requirements.



POLLUTION— Observers at Shishmaref noted a strong petroleum product smell, yellowish material on sea ice and oily material floating on seawater nearshore directly below the seawall in the vicinity of the Shishmaref Native Store and other buildings. The Shishmaref VPSO notified the DEC of the oily substance in the water in May.

Photos by Gay Sheffield

Shishmaref nearshore oil sheen returned

By Diana Haecker

The DEC reports that for the third time since June 2014, an unexplained oil sheen has been noticed on the nearshore pack ice in Shishmaref. Just like on June 4, 2014, and again on December 15, 2014, Shishmaref VPSO Barrett Eningowuk alerted DEC on May 26 after having observed the sheen and smelled gasoline odor. Samples collected last year revealed that the goo was a mix of weathered gasoline and diesel. The amount of product release is unknown, as is the source of the release. According to an Alaska Dept. of

Environmental Conservation site report, ADEC and U.S. Coast Guard personnel traveled to Shishmaref on June 4, 2015 to identify the contamination source, as well as contain and recover any spilled product. The responders accessed an area along the shoreline identified as the "outlet" for product seepage. No ice was observed in the immediate nearshore. Responders observed sheen as well as gravel visibly stained by the gasoline. The Coast Guard and its contractor National Response Corporation Alaska are leading the investigation to determine the source of the oil release. The investigation is on-going.

As many of you may already know my son **Jens Hildreth** was diagnosed last February 2014 with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma Cancer. Between all his Chemos(6) his surgeries(3), Kidney Removal, A Stem Cell Transplant, High Dose Chemo, Dialysis, Turning Septic 3 different times, Having had a Coloscopy/Ileostomy bag for his bowel obstruction, Bowels corrected surgery 2/15, and most recently 12 rounds of Proton Radiation that took place in Seattle, WA, Jens next step is to start Accutane for 6 months starting here soon and run thru December. Jens will need to be seen every solid month in Anchorage by Oncology for Check ups, Lab checks, Nephrology Appts (to check on his one kidney) and Scans/MIBG/CT to make sure he is disease free. We are asking for donations to apply to a "travel fund" for these montly visits. Anything helps.

We thank you for your kindness to Jens all along this journey!

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Foster's Report

By Rep. Neal Foster
Greetings to folks in House District 39. We are still in the second special session working to finalize a budget.
A major hurdle was crossed when the House Majority and Minority reached a compromise to pass a budget just after midnight on May 30. The compromise includes a number of things that are important to our district including:
(1) \$16.5 million in education funds were restored to the base student allocation. We had also restored \$31.5 million in our negotiations with the Senate at the end of the regular session. This brings the grand total up to \$47 million and represents the amount that had been agreed upon last year.
(2) \$30 million was restored for cost of living adjustments for state workers. The Governor has agreed

to find ways within his administration to make cuts to offset the \$30 million.
(3) \$2 million for pre-kindergarten programs.
(4) \$3 million for assistance to low and moderate income elders.
The budget was passed to the Senate for their approval. However, the Senate refused to accept that budget because its leadership wants to see more fiscal restraint due to the State's deficit.
On June 1, the House established a conference committee to negotiate with the Senate. The conference committee met last week to try and resolve the impasse between the two bodies but was unable to. The main sticking point seems to be that the Senate leadership does not want to include funding for negotiated union contracts.
A conference committee is sched-

uled for Monday, June 8, but at this point it's unknown if agreement will be reached.
One of my fears has been that there is a group of legislators who want to move funds from the permanent fund earnings reserve to the principal of the permanent fund. This would allow our savings account to be drawn down with a simple majority (versus 3/4) vote.
Opinions vary as to whether this would affect the payout of the permanent fund dividend. There's certainly much more to explaining how this all works, and I think that before we do anything with the permanent fund we need to make sure the people are part of the dialogue and understand what's going on.
I was one of six legislators who led a fight to block the movement of funds from the permanent fund earnings reserve. There are 26 in the

House Majority, and by signing a letter indicating that we could not go the permanent fund route we brought the number down to 20. This number is one vote short of reaching 21 for a majority vote to move the permanent fund earnings.
In addition to making sure that the people are part of the dialogue, I am concerned that if the permanent fund dividend is adversely affected it will have a bigger impact on low income folks. A \$1,800 dividend means much more to someone making \$20,000 a year in rural Alaska than it does to someone who makes \$200,000 in Anchorage.
Some are speculating that the Senate leadership will push for the permanent fund earnings reserve. This would effectively avoid having to compromise with the House Democratic Minority and in the end strip out some or all of the compromises

that were just passed.
I support increased funding for education, cost of living for state workers, pre-kindergarten and senior assistance. Therefore, I will be fighting to keep our compromises in place as well as fighting to keep our hands off the permanent fund.
We have a savings account, and we should be using that as our rainy day fund first.
Time is of the essence because if a budget is not passed by June 30 then a government shut down occurs.
I hope to have some good news in my next report to you.

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Arctic Waterways Safety Committee begins draft of waterways safety plan

The Arctic Waterways Safety Committee (AWSC) on Monday held its first public, full committee meeting at Dena'ina Convention Center in Anchorage with the purpose of building the framework for development of a Waterways Safety Plan for Arctic waterways.
"The formation of this committee and the collaboration involved between all the participants is groundbreaking," said Chairman Willie Goodwin, also the Chairman of the Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition. "As subsistence hunters, the coastal communities in Alaska are extremely dependent on the ocean for our food security. Working together with other user groups, we hope to develop best practices to improve safety and provide benefit for us all."
Items for discussion included the role of Alaska Marine Pilots and Aids to Navigation in Arctic Waters, Current Practices in Lightering in Arctic Waters, Review of Coast Pilot Sections on Marine Mammal Subsistence Hunting, Review of Traffic Management Provisions of the Open Water Season Conflict Avoidance Agreement, and Proposed Bathymetric Surveys for the Bering Strait and Northern Waters.
"With the combined experience of over 80 years working in Alaska, Crowley and Bowhead have always strived for continual improvement in operational best practices," said Jim Dwight of Bowhead Transport and Greg Pavellas of Crowley Petroleum Distribution. "Our priorities, including the safety of our people, protection of the environment, and respect of the culture of our stakeholders have enabled us to serve the communities to the highest standards of care."
The Committee invited John Veentjer, President of Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee, to provide information on the formation and function of Harbor/Waterways Safety Committees. "I'm pleased to provide the AWSC with any institu-

tional knowledge I can to make this process easier for the Committee," said Veentjer. "Alaska has approximately half the Nation's coast line and it's an important, yet daunting task to develop a safety plan for a coastline this large, even the Arctic component of it."
The U.S. Coast Guard provided an Overview of Alternative Planning Criteria. "I commend the stakeholders for their initiative to come together to form the Alaska Arctic Waterways Safety Committee," said Captain Paul Mehler, III, Captain of the Port, Western Alaska. "This collaborative organization is an excellent mechanism for vetting common maritime transportation system issues with a stronger voice to a higher level effectively and efficiently. The USCG looks forward to working with this committee."
The AWSC was established in October 2014 as a self-governing multi-stakeholder group focused on creating best practices to ensure a safe, efficient, and predictable operating environment for all users of the arctic waterways. More information can be found on the website www.arcticwaterways.org.

G7 to limit global warming to below 2 degrees

The news organization Politico reports that the G7 agreed Monday afternoon to limit the increase in global temperatures to a maximum of 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.
This marks a victory for German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who wanted the group of wealthy countries to present a united front ahead of a climate summit in Paris this December.
"Urgent and concrete action is needed to address climate change," said a statement issued by the group, ending a summit held in the Bavarian Alps. The plan calls for meeting a United Nations recommendation for reducing emissions in 2050 from 40 to 70 percent below 2010 levels.
Merkel's hope is that the example set by the G7 — making up most of the world's leading industrial

economies — will send a message to other polluters.
"Even if G7 countries had zero emissions tomorrow we still couldn't solve the climate problem. Other countries need to play a role," she said, pointing out that China's recent progress in switching to renewable energy sources like wind, solar and hydro electric show a commitment to tackling global warming.
The G7 also reiterated an earlier commitment from developed countries to raise and spend \$100 billion a year from private and public sources on climate mitigation by 2020.

Canadian boarding schools deemed "cultural genocide"

The Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission released a summary of a report and recommendations after recording survivor testimony for six years. The report details the legacy the residential school system still has on Inuit and First Nations communities in Canada.
The commission traveled to 300 communities recording survivor testimony from every region of Canada, including the Arctic.
According to a report from Eye on the Arctic, the commission's chairman Justice Murry Sinclair said, "In the period from Confederation until the decision to close residential schools was taken, Canada clearly participated in a period of cultural genocide."
Sinclair presented recommendations that include the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; a national inquiry on missing and murdered aboriginal women; an an-

nual report from government on aboriginal affairs and reconciliation; action on tackling the over-representation of aboriginal people in the justice system; improve the health outcomes for aboriginal

Canadian and a royal proclamation of reconciliation by the Crown. The TRC's final six-volume report will be published at the end of 2015.

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With our heartfelt thanks, **the Family of Scottie McPeck.**
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Attention
Nome Offshore Miners



Read below for announcements regarding summer dredging:

- The Nome dredgers' public meeting will be held on June 11th from 3pm to 6pm at Old St. Joe's Church. Several State and Federal agencies will be providing important information including changes for the 2015 mining season.
- Starting this year DNR is requiring all dredges to undergo a Coast Guard Vessel Safety Exam **before** conducting any mining for the season. The Coast Guard will be in town to conduct inspections on June 9th – June 14th and June 22nd – June 24th with further dates to be determined. You can schedule an appointment with Jeff Ahlgren with Sector Anchorage at (907) 428-4183. If you plan on mining before these dates, a written temporary waiver from the inspection requirement may be granted by the DNR authorized officer or designee. Contact Nick Kimmel at the DNR office in Nome at (907) 443-3546 to find out more about this waiver.

If you are planning on mining on an offshore lease or claim this summer, we recommend you contact the lease/claim owner where you will be working to ensure that you and your equipment have been included in their Plan of Operation. As always, it is best to get your applications in as early as possible to avoid any delays to your mining season.

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NPD K9 Icon receives bullet proof vest

By Diana Haecker
The Nome Police Department canine officer Icon recently received its protective vest. “We have been working with

Beth Frank of Alaska K-9 Center and the Vested In K-9 organization for multiple months to get this vest,” said NPD officer Justin Timm, Icon’s handler. The vest is ballistic and stab

proof and was custom made to fit to Icon’s body. According to a press release, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a non-profit organization located in East

Taunton, MA. Its mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. Each vest costs \$950.00 and has a 5-year warranty. The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially

life saving body armor for their four legged K9 officers. Through private and corporate sponsorships, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 1,192 law enforcement dogs in 40 states with protective vests since 2009 at a cost of \$1,132,400.



Photo by Diana Haecker
K9 ICON— Canine Officer Icon wears the new protective vest during a training session in Nome.

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Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment to be released June 18

According to the online paper EcoCatholic, Pope Francis’ highly anticipated encyclical letter on environmental issues is already attracting global attention for its expected discourses on Catholic theology on ecology, current environmental destruction, and climate change. The encyclical letter is to be released June 18, the Vatican announced.

“To avoid confusion on the diffusion of non-confirmed information, it is communicated that the foreseen date of the Pope’s Encyclical is the next June 18, Thursday,” the Vatican’s press office wrote in their note. The encyclical is reportedly to be given the title “Laudato Sii,” (Be praised) a quotation from a popular prayer of St. Francis of Assisi praising God for the creation of the different creatures and aspects of the Earth.

An encyclical letter is generally considered one of the highest forms of teaching for a Catholic pope. The phrase “Laudato Sii” reoccurs several times in St. Francis’ Canticle of the Sun, a prayer written in 1224 that praises God first by

thanking God for such creations as “Brother Fire” and “Sister Water.” “Be praised, my Lord, through all Your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun,” St. Francis wrote in the third stanza of the

prayer. He then continued, expressing praise to God for “Sister Moon,” “Brothers Wind and Air,” “Sister Water,” “Brother Fire,” and “Mother Earth.”

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- Across**
- 1. Whimper
 - 5. Beginning
 - 10. Inevitably
 - 14. Knowing, as a secret (2 wds)
 - 15. Dabbler
 - 17. They're tapped
 - 18. Census collector
 - 19. Ring bearer, maybe
 - 20. The "p" in m.p.g.
 - 21. Middle Eastern princes
 - 22. House
 - 24. Exchanged
 - 27. Artist's asset
 - 28. A fisherman may spin one
 - 29. Univ. of Nebraska-Kearney athlete
 - 31. ___-bodied
 - 32. Causes to be lost
 - 37. Cares for a young bird
 - 39. Curvature
 - 40. Union of states under a central government
 - 42. And others, for short
 - 43. Found a new tenant for
 - 44. Coastal raptor
 - 45. Garfield, e.g.
 - 48. Hook up
 - 51. Catchall abbr.
 - 52. Met expectations?
 - 54. Basic monetary unit of Romania
 - 55. Little bird

- 56. Nannies
- 59. Josip Broz, familiarly
- 60. Bows and curtseys
- 61. Field worker
- 62. Astronaut's insignia
- 63. Flip, in a way
- 64. Aims

- Down**
- 1. Long pole with spearhead
 - 2. Not safe to consume (food)
 - 3. Pass legislation by exchanging favors
 - 4. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
 - 5. Crack
 - 6. Lid or lip application
 - 7. Words denoting more than one
 - 8. Alter, in a way
 - 9. Absorbed, as a cost
 - 10. "Yes, ___"
 - 11. Loosen, as laces
 - 12. Alibi
 - 13. Breviloquent
 - 16. Exchange (2 wds)
 - 23. Garden tool
 - 25. Opportunities, so to speak
 - 26. Erasable programmable read-only memory (acronym)
 - 30. Cash in
 - 32. Gave out
 - 33. ___ of Langerhans
 - 34. Food assimilation
 - 35. Passed across or through
 - 36. Choosers
 - 38. Lubricates
 - 41. Slanted typeface
 - 45. Religious law
 - 46. Caribbean cruise stop
 - 47. Fatigues
 - 49. Gives up
 - 50. Brazen one
 - 53. ___ Minor
 - 57. More, in Madrid
 - 58. "___ Ng" (They Might Be Giants song)
 - 59. Not just "a"

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June 2015 — Week 2

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19
Illness strikes all around, but recovery is quick. Volunteer opportunities abound. Take your pick, Capricorn. You can't go wrong.

ARIES
March 21–April 19
A friend is beaming with pride. Not a harsh word, Aries. It is their time to shine. A tryst at the office continues. You saw nothing and know nothing.

CANCER
June 22–July 22
Expectations are running high for an event. Do not disappoint, Cancer. A promotion could be in the works. Rainy day savings make a purchase possible.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22
Home is where the heart is, Libra. Wherever your vacation takes you won't matter as long as you are with those who mean the most to you.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18
A problem at work resurfaces. Perhaps a brainstorming session is in order, Aquarius. A gardening project soothes frazzled nerves. Enjoy!

TAURUS
April 20–May 20
Costs escalate on a project. Look for ways to cut back to stay on budget, Taurus. A loved one paints an entirely different picture of a party scene.

LEO
July 23–August 22
Lost loves reunite. This calls for a celebration, Leo. Monkeying around with your investments is not a good idea. Seek the help of a professional.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21
Slow down, Scorpio. You're moving so fast these days that you're missing out on all of the crucial details. A decision at work ruffles feathers.

PISCES
February 19–March 20
Gossip at work gets juicier and juicier as it spreads like a wildfire. Don't add to it, even if you know something, Pisces. Doing so will only cause you pain.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21
Some financial risks are worth taking, Gemini. Don't reject an offer until you have reviewed it thoroughly. A special occasion draws near.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22
Prepare yourself, Virgo. Everything you thought you knew about a dear friend is about to be called into question. A deadline is met well ahead of schedule.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21
Values are challenged time and time again this week. Stand firm, Sagittarius. A clash in opinions at home gets the debate started.

Summer Products

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

Nome Animal House

443-2490
M-F: 9am-6pm, Sat: 10am-2pm,
Sun: closed



ALEUTIAN TERNS— Aleutian Terns nest around the Bering Sea and apparently winter at sea near the Philippines or Indonesia. The picture was taken in Shishmaref.

Photo by Ken Stenek

Obituaries

Scottie Chris McPeck
Oct. 10, 1992- May 25, 2015

Scottie Chris McPeck was born on October 10, 1992 in Bethel, Alaska to Kimberly Dalilak and



Scottie Chris McPeck

Dondi McPeck. He lived in Bethel for two years and then moved to Nome with his mother. He also lived in Kotzebue, Anchorage and the surrounding Kenai area, but always considered

Nome to be his home. Scottie enjoyed biking, playing basketball, walking, and hanging out with friends. He loved his siblings and enjoyed spending time with them. His best friends while growing up in Nome were James Sinnok and Jason Ellanna. Scottie enjoyed working to support himself and always helped his grandma, Christine Dalilak when he had extra money. He worked various jobs in Nome: Norton Sound Health Corporation, Hanson's, Alaska Commercial Company, Airport Pizza, Norton Sound Seafood Products, and in Kenai at Carl's Jr, McDonalds and with his mother at Parkview Apartments. Scottie is survived by his mother, Kimberly Henry and stepfather Phillip Henry, Jr.; brothers Jeremy Dalilak, Derrick, Phillip III, Skyler, and Brandon Henry; sister Rebecca Takak; grandma Christine Dalilak; aunts Genevieve Benton and Elizabeth Dalilak Johnson, who was more like a sister to Scottie. He is also survived by his father Dondi McPeck and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandpa Eugene Dalilak, cousin Ashley Fleming, aunt Macy Thomas, and great-grandpa's Garfield and Franklin Okitkon. Scottie will be greatly missed by his family and all his friends.

All Around The Sound

New arrival
Francine L. Kava and Ernest C.E. Booshu, of Savoonga, announce the birth of their son Ernest Cameron Eric Booshu, Jr. He was born on May 10, 2015 at 6:26 a.m.; he weighed 9 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 22" in length. Siblings: Beyonce Kava, 13, Nate Kava, 10; Ezra Kava, 6; and Chael Kava, 3. Maternal grandparents Larry and Theresa Kava of Savoonga, and Wayne and Marcella Booshu and Shena Aningayou of Gambell.

NPD officer graduates from Public Safety Training Academy
(SITKA, Alaska) –Thirty-eight law enforcement officers from different state and municipal agencies, including eleven state and wildlife troopers and seven Village Public Safety Officers, graduated from the Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka last week. The graduates include Casey Johnson of Nome Police Department. The graduation ceremony at the Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi Tribal

Community House concluded the Alaska Law Enforcement Training (ALET) Session No. 15-01. The new officers and troopers went through 900 hours of training in the 15-week basic ALET. The training incorporates intensive instruction in law enforcement-related topics, physical fitness and many scenario-based exercises – all designed to prepare entry level police officers, Village Public Safety Officers and troopers for a successful career in Alaska law enforcement.

Raspberry Banana Smoothie

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

Makes 1-12 oz. smoothie
Difficulty Level: Easy

Ingredients:
½ c. Raspberries
¼ Banana, sliced
½ c. Plain yogurt
½ c. Milk, skim

Directions:
1. Combine all ingredients in a blender. Blend on medium-high until smooth and creamy.

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size	12 oz.
Amount of Servings	1
Calories	187
Total Fat (g)	0
Saturated Fat (g)	0
Cholesterol (mg)	5
Sodium (mg)	153
Total Carbohydrate (g)	37
Fiber (g)	6
Protein (g)	11
Vitamin A (%)	6
Vitamin C (%)	25
Calcium (%)	32
Iron (%)	16



Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church
443-2144
Sunday School: 10 a.m./Worship: 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fishing Reports.

Subsistence-Sport-Commercial

Hear the latest on fishing conditions in western Alaska with our daily fishing reports: Monday through Friday at 8:20 a.m., 12:20 p.m., 7:20 p.m. and 10:20 p.m., Saturdays at 11:20 a.m. and 3:20 a.m. and Sundays at 11:20 a.m. and 2:20 p.m.

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Deadline is noon Monday • (907) 443-5235 • Fax (907)443-5112 • e-mail ads@nomenugget.com

Employment

Unalakleet Native Corporation (UNC) is seeking a Vehicle Mechanic to work in Unalakleet. Part-time or Full-time, flexible schedule with weeks on/off possible.
Wage - DOE

Please contact Mark at johnsoncpa@gci.net for application or further information or leave Name and contact information with UNC at 907-624-3411.

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

Available position:

Case Manager Assistant, Outpatient Clinic Department

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

Assist case managers in the assigned departments through scheduling, reception, record maintenance and coordination with outpatient clinic and specialty clinic personnel in the management of patient care.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE and CREDENTIALS:

Education Degree
High School Diploma or GED

Program
Experience General (Non-supervisory):
Amount: 2 year(s)
Type: Medical office experience

Supervisory
Amount: 0 year(s)
Type:

Must have both general and supervisory experience if indicated.

Credentials Licensure, Certification, Etc.:
N/A

Starting pay \$19.91 + DOE

For an application, detailed job description or more information, please contact us:

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

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

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

Available position:

Dental Assistant Trainee, Dental Department

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

While undergoing intense training, assist Dentists or DHATs in all phases of general dentistry, maintaining an orderly, clean and efficient clinic both in the hospital and in the village; learn how to provide clinical comprehensive dental services.

EXPERIENCE and CREDENTIALS:

Education Degree
High School Diploma or GED

Program
Experience General (Non-supervisory):
Amount: 0 year(s)
Type:

Supervisory
Amount: 0 year(s)
Type:

Must have both general and supervisory experience if indicated.

Credentials Licensure, Certification, Etc.:
N/A

Starting pay \$16.40 + DOE

For an application, detailed job description or more information, please contact us:

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Legals

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RICHARD FOSTER BUILDING
FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT
PROCUREMENT
NOME, ALASKA

OWNER: CITY OF NOME
P.O. BOX 281
NOME, ALASKA 99762
907-443-6663 (PHONE)
907-443-5345 (FAX)

The City of Nome and Kawerak Inc. are soliciting proposals and pricing for the Richard Foster Building Project for Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E). Only products currently on a GSA (Government Services Administration) schedule, or equivalent, will be considered. This RFP covers the procurement of GSA listed items for both the City of Nome and Kawerak, both to be housed in the Richard Foster Building.

RFP Documents will be available through Tom Moran, Nome City Clerk, at 907-443-6663 or at tmoran@nomealaska.org. One complete set of Documents will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 102, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, 907-563-2029.

The deadline for submission of proposals is Thursday, **June 18, 2015 at 3:00 P.M.** local time. Proposals must be received by the City Clerk at City Hall, 102 Division Street, P.O. Box 281, Nome, Alaska 99762. Envelopes must be marked clearly as "Proposal Enclosed: FF&E Procurement - Richard Foster Building" along with the name and address of the Proposer. Email and fax submissions are not allowed.

The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive informalities, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional proposals.

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NOTICE OF FY 2016 GOAL PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

In September 2015, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will announce the FY 2016 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its Greater Opportunity for Affordable Living (GOAL) Program. Under this NOFA, AHFC will make grants, zero-interest loans, and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits available for competitive allocation to successful pre-application respondents to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct rental housing. For eligibility to apply for GOAL Program funds, all applicants are required to submit Pre-Applications to AHFC through an online application system.

Application for GOAL funding is a sequential three (3) step process. Applicants must (1) register for the online application system, (2) submit a Pre-Application using the online application system and (3) submit a GOAL Application using the online application system. This Notice contains requirements and deadlines for Steps (1) and (2). Applicants will NOT be eligible to apply for GOAL funding unless they first meet both deadlines for Steps (1) and (2).

Step (1): To submit Preliminary Applications through the online system, AHFC must receive Registration Requests for the online system by 4:30 p.m. (Anchorage time) on June 19, 2015.

Step (2): Completed Pre-Applications must be submitted through the online application system by 4:30 p.m. (Anchorage time) on July 8, 2015.

The preliminary application will, in part, provide sufficient information for AHFC to determine if the project proposal meets the minimum criteria for invitation into the full FY 2016 GOAL competition. A full list of items that will be reviewed during the pre-application is available in the GOAL Program Rating and Award Criteria Plan. The full FY 2016 GOAL application, to be submitted in the Fall of 2015, will address other aspects of the proposed development in greater detail. These additional aspects are outlined in the GOAL Program Rating and Award Criteria Plan. Supporting information on all of these components will be submitted in the full GOAL application.

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Real Estate



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Excellent condition,
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The deadline to submit Registration Requests for the online application system is 4:30 p.m. (Anchorage time) on June 19, 2015. All entities wishing to submit a Pre-Application must submit Registration Requests for access to the online application system according to this deadline.

To obtain a Registration Request form, preliminary application materials, or find out more about these development programs, please visit the AHFC website at:
<http://www.ahfc.us/pros/grants/development-grants/goal/>.

Or contact: Daniel Delfino
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
P.O. Box 101020
Anchorage, Alaska 99510-1020
907-330-8273
1-800-478-2432
ddelfino@ahfc.us

opportunities for training and employment in connection with this project shall be given to Alaskan Natives and Native Americans, and preference in the award of a contract, if any shall be given to Tribally Owned organizations and Tribally-owned enterprises, pursuant to Section 7 of P.L. 93-638.

General Preference: Contracts "for the benefit of Indians" generally are subject to the requirements for preference for training and employment to Indians and preference in award of subcontracts to Indian organizations or Indian-owned economic enterprises, as provided in 25 USC 459e(b); 5 CFR 900.49(e).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

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To the greatest extent feasible, preferences and

• Employment



OPENING FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Classifieds

WANTED—Muskox horn, moose/caribou antler, old ivory, Eskimo artifacts. Call Roger 304-1048 or email nomerog@hotmail.com.
2/26/2015 tfn

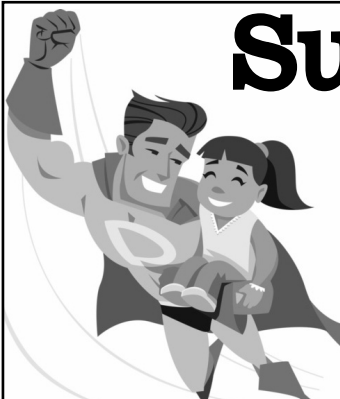
WANTED – Mark Knapp at The Cutting Edge in Fairbanks is buying legal ancient walrus ivory, musk ox horn, mammoth ivory and teeth.
Very good prices. 907-452-7477, cuttingedge@gci.net.
5.14 – 8.27

Trooper Beat

On May 30, at about 12:40 p.m., Alaska State Troopers in Unalakleet received a report of a house fire in Saint Michael. The residence was occupied by Digna and Martin Andrews who observed black smoke from a sewing room. Everyone inside the residence escaped and there are no reported injuries. The house is reported to be a total loss.

On June 1, at approximately 7:00 p.m., AST received a report that Arnold Olanna, 26, of Shishmaref was found deceased inside an abandoned building. AST responded and the investigation revealed that he had died sometime during the previous 24 hours from a self-inflicted wound and nothing suspicious was noted. Next of kin were notified and Olanna remains were sent to the State Medical Examiner for autopsy.





Superdad

Don't forget,
Father's Day is June 21.

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a memorable
day by placing
a Father's Day **ad**
in *The Nome Nugget*.

\$45 special for this size

Deadline for the June 18 issue is on June 15.
Call (907) 443-5235



PLEASE HELP

**Adopt a Pet
or make your
donation
today!**

Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are
always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet
443-8538 or 443-5262



Photo by Adem Boeckmann
FISHERMAN— Atlas Boeckmann pulls in his catch of candle fish.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Major Subdivision

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING A RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME PLANNING COMMISSION TO SEEK COMMENTS ON:

A preliminary plat for a major subdivision from Alaska Gold Company LLC for the property located at the intersection of Greg Kruschek Avenue and Nome-Teller Highway (USMS 1136, the Iowa Association and the Hazel Kirk Placer Mining Claims).

DATE: Wednesday, June 17, 2015
TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: City Hall Chambers



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PUBLIC NOTICE:

SALE OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL REAL PROPERTY

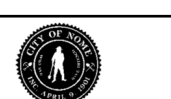
The City of Nome is soliciting offers for the purchase of certain real properties which are deemed no longer necessary for municipal purposes. All offers must be made by sealed bid, on a form provided by the city, with bids due at City Hall by 3:00 PM on Thursday, July 9, 2015. Minimum bids are to be set at the properties' 2015 assessment values, and all bids are subject to approval by the City Council at the regularly scheduled meeting of July 13, 2015, or at a special meeting thereafter.

All bids shall be for the purchase of all ownership interests of the City of Nome in the real properties described below, and high bidders shall be sold the same real properties by quitclaim deed, in accordance with the provisions and procedures of NCO 2.10.030.

LOT	BLOCK	LOCATION	TAX ID	2015 ASSESSMENT
Lot 5A	Block 80A	Nome Townsite	001.029.05	\$23,100


All bids shall be construed and received by the City of Nome as offers, with the full right of rejection unless and until an acceptance has been communicated to the bidder in writing from the City of Nome.

Feel free to contact City Hall at 443-6663, P.O. Box 281, or at 102 Division Street with any questions or concerns



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND MEETING




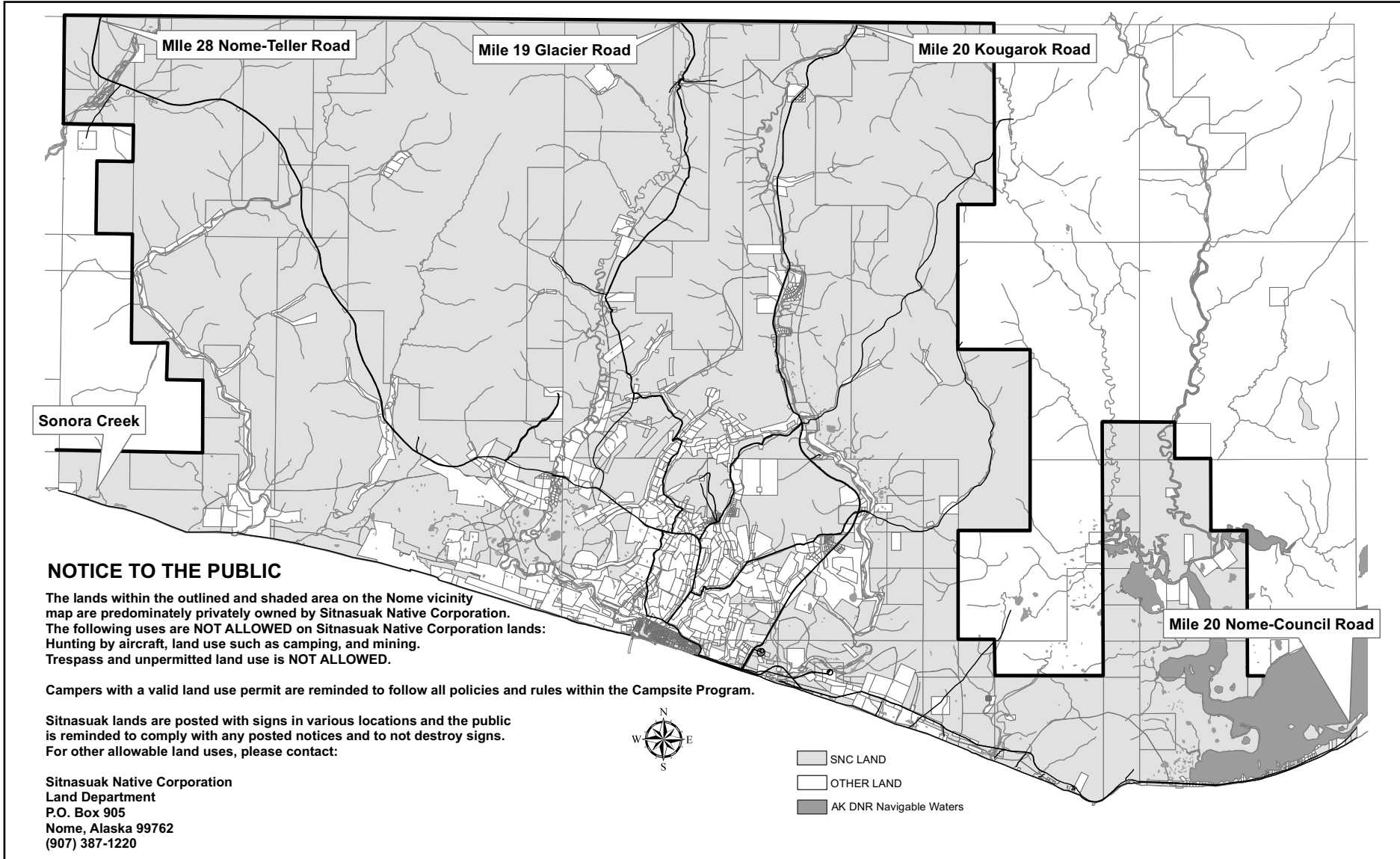
NORTON SOUND/BERING STRAIT REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, June 30, 2015 (9:00 a.m.)
City Council Chambers
Nome

The Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Planning Team (NSBS RPT) has initiated a public review and comment period, from June 5 to June 30, 2015, to solicit final input into the update of the regional comprehensive salmon plan (CSP), available online at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingHatcheriesPlanning.regional> and at local government, native corporation, and community offices in the region. The RPT will meet Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at 9:00 am in the Nome City Council Chambers to review and address public comments received regarding the update of the CSP, and to finalize it for submission to the ADF&G Commissioner. The meeting is open to public attendance and participation. For additional information please call 907-465-4235 or email samuel.rabung@alaska.gov

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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

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

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

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

Legend:
SNC LAND
OTHER LAND
AK DNR Navigable Waters

Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 06/01/2015 through 06/07/2015

Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party.
During this period there were 219 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 91 (42%) involved alcohol.
There were 13 arrests made with 10 (77%) alcohol related. NPD responded to 18 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. Two were remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and 4 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

There were 9 ambulance calls and 1 fire calls during this period.

Monday, June 1, 2015

00:27 am, NPD received a report of two intoxicated individuals on the west end of town. Officers and the CSO placed Jessie Kennedy under arrest for Violating his Conditions of Probation and Release. He was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment and remanded to AMCC where no bail was set.

01:07 am, NPD made contact with Courtney Amaktoolik. While talking with her, officers were informed she was not to drink alcohol. She was subsequently arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant and for being in violation of her conditions of release. She was then taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then remanded to AMCC, where no bail was set.

01:07 pm, NPD received a report of stolen property. Officers met with the reporting party and a report was taken. The vehicle was found shortly after and the investigation is still on going.

01:32 pm, NPD received a report of intoxicated male down on the west end of town. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department was dispatched and upon arrival, the individual refused treatment and no further action was taken.

01:37 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated male trespassing on the west end of town. Officers arrived on scene and Michael Eakon was arrested for Disorderly Conduct. He was then transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then remanded to AMCC where his bail was set at \$250.00.

03:32 pm, NPD received a report of multiple intoxicated individuals passed out on the west end of town. Officers and the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department transported a total of four individuals to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance.

04:15 pm, NPD received a report of a small brush fire on the west end of town. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance and Fire Department was dispatched. The fire was put out and all was contained as safe and secure.

04:34 pm, NPD received a report of multiple intoxicated people causing a disturbance on the west end of town. Officers ar-

rived on scene and issued DOLP warnings, and cleared the area, no further action taken.

05:14 pm, NPD received a report of a suicide threat. Officers arrived on scene and one was reported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for treatment and left in their care. No further action taken.

07:06 pm, NPD received a report of an individual refusing to leave a premise on the west end of town. Officers made contact with Edward Muktoiyuk and placed him under arrest for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. He was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then remanded to AMCC, where his bail is set at \$250.

07:24 pm, NPD received a report of a stolen bicycle. The information was taken by the Communications Center and an Officer was informed, and will keep an eye out on patrols.

8:25 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated female on the east end of town. Officers arrived on scene and one was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment.

09:21 pm, NPD received a report of a stolen bicycle, and later it was returned; no further action taken.

09:52 pm, NPD made contact with Randall Huffman during a security check. He was arrested for being in Violation of his Conditions of Release, and remanded to AMCC where no bail is set.

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

00:24 am, NPD received a request for a welfare check on intoxicated minors. Officers made contact with two individuals and they were transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital. No further action taken.

03:04 am, NPD received a report of an assault on the east end of town. Officers arrived on scene and the issue was resolved by separation. Curfew warnings were given and Officers ensured the individuals made it safely back to their residences. No further action taken.

07:47 am, NPD received a request from the Department of Transportation for assistance regarding work they needed to get completed on Front Street, NPD complied and assisted.

11:14 am, NPD received a report of someone getting their information stolen by a third party. A report was taken and an investigation is ongoing. Officers spoke with the individuals involved to advise them of the resources to utilize.

12:46 pm, NPD received a report an intoxicated male down on the west end of town. Officers arrived on scene and Al Wayne Koonooka was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance, and then remanded to AMCC where he is held on a Title 47 hold. No further action taken.

01:07 pm, NPD received a report of a possible theft of property on the west end of town. Officers met with the reporting party and took a report. The investigation is ongoing.

02:21 pm, NPD received a report of intoxicated male down on the west end of town. Officers arrived and made contact with one individual and he was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment. No further action taken.

02:27 pm, hours, NPD received a report of intoxicated male down on the west end of town. Officers arrived and made contact with one individual and he was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment. No further action taken.

03:24 pm, NPD received a report of minors playing with B-B Guns on the North end of town. Officers arrived on scene and spoke with the guardians to inform them of the city regulations. No further action taken.

05:37 pm, NPD received a report of an assault. Officers arrived on scene. The fight was dissolved on arrival and no charges wanted to be pressed. Field interviews were conducted and no further action was taken.

05:45 pm, NPD received a report of a motor vehicle accident. Officers arrived on scene and there were no injuries. A citation was issued to Annie Weyliouanna for limitations on backing, no further action was taken.

07:49 pm, NPD impounded a gray poodle with a collar that went into a local restaurant, because he just wanted a slice of pizza.

09:25 pm, NPD issued a citation to William Iworriagan for an open container during a security check on the west end of town.

09:29 pm, NPD issued a citation to Nellie Penayah and Bo Adams for an open container citation during a security check on the middle beach.

10:39 pm, NPD received a report of a suicide threat on the east end of town. Officers arrived on scene and Crystal Ozenna was arrested for disorderly conduct. She was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment and then remanded to AMCC, her bail is set at \$250.

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015

01:07 pm, NPD conducted a security check on the west end of town. Officers encountered a group of people and a citation was issued to Dana James for having an open container.

02:56 pm, NPD received a report of a sexual assault. Officers spoke with the reporting party and the victim. A report was taken and the investigation is currently on going.

02:59 pm, NPD received a report of a stolen bicycle. Officers met with the reporting party to take down a description of the bicycle and will keep a look out during patrols.

06:37 pm, NPD received a report of an individual needing assistance. Officers arrived on scene and one individual was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment. A juvenile was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol and Minor in Possession of Tobacco. No further action taken.

09:38 pm, NPD received a report of an assault that occurred on the west end of town. Officers arrived on scene and Nellie Penayah was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree, and also cited for having an open container. She was then transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment and then remanded to AMCC, and held on \$500 bail.

10:52 pm, NPD conducted a traffic stop on Nome-Teller Highway and a citation was issued to Harley Gologergen for operating an off-road vehicle on a state highway. No further action was taken.

11:18 pm, NPD received a report of an assault on the west end of town. Officers arrived on scene and the situations dissolved. Officers conducted field interviews and Dean Kimoktoak and Darold Dewey were both issued citations for open container. No further action taken.

Thursday, June 4, 2015

\$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Abel Apatiki (1/23/85); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 4/28/15; 120 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Adrienne D. Michels (5/14/84); Dismissal; Count I – 11.41.120(a)(1) Manslaughter –death not murder 1 or 2, Adrienne D Michels – 001; Count II – 28.35.060 Failure to Give Info/Render Assistance, Adrienne D Michels – 002; Filed by the DAs Office 6/3/15.

State of Alaska v. Mark Adams (11/13/87); 2NO-14-159CR Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 3/12/14; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served; Report to Nome Court on 9/1/15, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 3 years (date of judgment: 6/4/15); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol; Any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to a warrantless breath test by any peace officer with probable cause to believe he has consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause.

State of Alaska v. Mark Adams (11/13/87); 2NO-14-806CR Import Alcohol-Dry Area-Small Amount; Date of Violation: 11/7/14; 120 days, 117 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served; Report to Nome Court on 9/1/15, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 3 years (date of judgment: 6/4/15); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol; Any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to a warrantless breath test by any peace officer with probable cause to believe he has consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause; Defendant's person is subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option area; Alcohol / substance abuse assess-

07:57 am, NPD received a report of a suicide threat on the east end of town. Officers arrived on scene and located the individual. He was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for treatment. No further action taken.

Friday, June 5, 2015

03:35 pm, NPD CSO responded to the west side of town on the report of an intoxicated male sleeping on a stair case. The male was contacted and woken up. The male refused medical attention and transportation. He was released on scene with no further action needed.

05:05 pm, NPD responded to the west end for a report of an intoxicated male who was verbally threatening individuals. Officers interviewed all parties involved. A report has been filed and will be sent to the district attorney.

10:47 pm, NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated male sitting on the sidewalk next to Polaris Liquor. The male, Ronald Ozenna was seen with an open container, and when officers went to give Ronald a citation, Ronald became aggressive and punched one of the officers. Ronald was taking to AMCC and remanded for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Probation Violations with no bail.

Saturday, June 6, 2015

07:53 pm, NPD was conducting patrol and observed a four-wheeler driving south on Nome-Teller highway carrying a passenger without a helmet. NPD conducted a traffic stop and the driver was found to not have a license. The driver of the four-wheeler was given a citation for driving without a valid license and will have court next month.

09:39 am, NPD was conducting patrol and observed a white Ford Expedition with expired tags from California. The vehicle was pulled over and driver John Manz was cited for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance.

Sunday, June 07, 2015

06:59 am, NPD responded to the east end of town for a report of an individual who wouldn't leave. During the course of the investigation, Jacob Olanna Jr. was arrested for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree and Harassment in the Second Degree. Jacob was transported to AMCC.

09:40 am, NPD received a report of an individual who was sending sexually explicit videos to another person who did not wish to see them. The case is under investigation.

04:43 pm, NPD responded to the west side of town on the report of an intoxicated male passed out inside an apartment building laundry room. Upon arrival, officers were directed to the west side of building. One intoxicated male was contacted. The male was standing under his own power, and refused both transportation and medical treatment. The male was given a verbal warning for trespass of the laundry room. He was released on scene.

04:52 pm, NPD responded to the east side of town on the report of an intoxicated male sleeping on the side of the road. The male was contacted, and an attempt to find him a place to stay was unsuccessful. The male was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital. Ed Muktoiyuk was issued an open container citation, and left in the care of the ER staff.

Court

Week ending 6/5

Civil

Scott, Kyle v. Scott, Gertrude; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services, LLC v. Weston, Ashla; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Edwin Punguk (12/28/76); 2NO-14-241CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 6/1/15.

State of Alaska v. Edwin Punguk (12/28/76); 2NO-14-376CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: Attempt AS11.41.436(a)(2); Sex Abuse Minor 2-Contact, Vict Undr 13, Class: C Felony; DV; Offense Date: 6/1/10; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: AS11.41.436(a)(2); Sex Abuse Minor 2-Contact Vict Undr 13; Offense Date: 6/1/13; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 6/1/15 with counsel, PD James Ferguson, and the DA present; Incarceration: It is ordered that the defendant is committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the following period(s): CTN 001: 20 years with 5 years suspended; The unsuspended 15 years shall be served immediately; Surcharges: Police Training Surcharge: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, it is ordered that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Restitution: Defendant is ordered to pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment (form CR-465) and to apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Other: Orders defendant to pay for the possible treatment cost of the victim and to apply and receive an Alaska Permanent Fund (PFD) to help defray the costs of restitution and surcharges; Probation: After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 10 years under the following conditions: General and Special Probation Conditions, as stated in order; Bonds: Any appearance or performance bond in this case: No Bail Posted; Must register as a Sex Offender.

State of Alaska v. Helen Sockpick (2/15/66); 2NO-13-989CR Order to Modify or Revoke Pro-

bation; ATN: 114194349; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed; 15 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-14-823CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Helen Sockpick (2/15/66); 2NO-14-823CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 003: AS11.41.220(a)(1)(B); Assault 3- Cause Injury w/Weap, Class: C Felony; DV; Offense Date: 12/24/14; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 001: AS11.41.230(a)(1); Assault In The 4th Degree – Recklessly Injure CTN 002: AS11.41.210(a)(1); Assault 2 – Injury w/Weapon, Intent; CTN 004: AS11.41.220(a)(1)(C)(i); Aslt 3-Injure Child Undr 12, Req Med Tx; Offense Dates: 12/25/14; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 6/1/15 with counsel, PD Ferguson, and the DA present; Incarceration: It is ordered that the defendant is committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the following period(s): CTN 003: 4 years with 3 years suspended; The unsuspended 1 year shall be served immediately; Surcharges: Police Training Surcharge: CTN 003: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, it is ordered that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Probation: After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 10 years under the following conditions: General Conditions of Probation, Treatment Conditions, Alcohol Conditions, Victim Contact and Search Conditions, as stated in order; Bonds: Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated when defendant reports as ordered to jail to serve the sentence; No Bonds Posted.

State of Alaska v. Richard Titus (1/8/76); 2NO-13-521CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113678802; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: balance days, approximately 200 days, consecutive; Court recommended CRC placement.

State of Alaska v. Richard Titus (1/8/76); 2NO-15-77CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114800769; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term re-

voked and imposed: balance days, approximately 50 days, consecutive; Court recommended CRC placement; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Richard Titus (1/8/76); 2NO-15-272CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VCR 11.56.757; Filed by the DAs Office 6/2/15.

State of Alaska v. Michael Eakon (2/9/75); Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 6/1/15; 3 days, 0 days suspended; Remanded immediately, defendant to be released by 7:00 a.m., 6/4/15; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Mark S. Vandyke (3/8/89); 2NO-15-204CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113566455; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Mark Vandyke (3/8/89); 2NO-15-291CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001 and 002: MICs, 11.71.050 and 11.71.050; Filed by the DAs Office 6/5/15.

State of Alaska v. Mark S. Vandyke (3/8/89); 2NO-15-204CR Assault 4; Date of Violation: 4/22/15; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Credit for time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year, end 5/29/16; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, Rosalee Quinlin; Shall not possess, consume alcohol; Any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to a warrantless breath test by any peace officer with probable cause to believe he has consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause.

State of Alaska v. Timothy G. Brown (12/22/83); 2NO-14-297CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114796854; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Timothy G. Brown (12/22/83); 2NO-14-454CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112399731; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Timothy G. Brown (12/22/83); 2NO-14-608CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114196176; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; Must pay suspended

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Board Meeting

The **Northern Bering Sea Regional Aquaculture Association** will hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 16 from 9 am – 5 pm. Location: Kawerak Talailuk boardroom, 500 Seppala Drive, Nome, Alaska. The Agenda will include a review and of the draft Comprehensive Salmon Plan. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Art Nelson at 1-888-927-2732 or art.nelson@bsfaak.org



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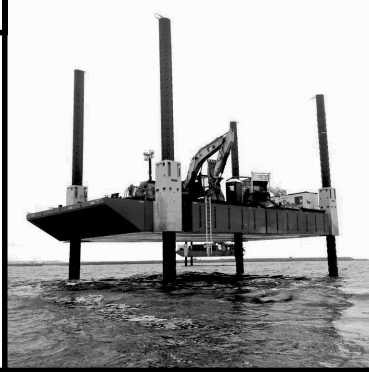


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HITTING— Nathanial Cuchman's first hit of the softball season, hitting hard to his way to first base on June 5, 2015.



ZOOM— Allan Thomas making his way down to second base for team PLS on June 5, 2015.

Nome Youth Softball season kicks off

Photos and Story by Ivory Okleasik
James Schwarb, manager of Nome Youth Softball, just moved here. He's been here for a month and says everyone's been very nice to him and that it's very beautiful here in Nome. He grew up playing travel baseball and played as second baseman and catcher.

There are three groups in youth softball: rookies are the youngest group, minors are the second youngest group, and majors are the oldest group. Once you become 16 you can no longer play with the youth anymore, you choose with not playing at all or going on to the adult league.

The teams for the rookies are

Nome Eskimo Community, PLS (Plumb Level Square), Crowley and AK Airlines.
The teams for minors are PLS, Crowley and Nome Mechanic.
Teams for the majors are PLS, Bonanza Fuel and Nome Storage.
In softball there are four bases, first base, second base, third base, and home plate. There are 10 posi-

tions in softball, first, second, third, short stop, catcher, pitcher, left field, left center, right center, and right field.
The pitcher throws to the batter, if the batter hits the ball and someone catches it the person is out and now they have one out. Each team has to get three outs by either catching, striking out or throwing it to first and

tagging or standing on the base.
Softball is a great summer activity that should be encouraged on all of our community's youth.
Many of Nome's kids who joined, love playing softball just as James Schwarb loves managing them.



SUMMER FUN— Archer (left) and Atlas Boeckmann are surrounded by Candle Fish while playing in the Bering Sea on June 2nd at Cape Nome.



PECTORAL SANDPIPER— This shorebird breeds along the Alaska coastline and winters in South America. The pictured bird was photographed in Shishmaref.



LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER— Although both sexes of this long-billed shorebird share incubation of the eggs, only the male takes care of the young once they hatch. These two birds were seen feeding in Shishmaref.



SEMIPALMATED PLOVER— This small shorebird was seen foraging in Shishmaref last week.