



HERE COME THE BAD GUYS—The annual Midnight Sun bank robbery went off without a hitch as the bad boys and gals made it to Wells Fargo unhindered. *Photo by Ivory Okleasik*
See story on the Midnight Sun festivities starting on page 10.

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Pope issues call to action to combat climate change

By Diana Haecker
On June 17, Pope Francis released his much anticipated encyclical titled "Laudato Si: On the Care of our Common Home" at Vatican City, in Rome.
An encyclical is a papal letter to the world's Roman Catholic Church bishops, but Francis went further and addressed all humanity to fight climate change head-on and to meaningfully address the devastating affect of climate change disasters on

the poor.
In the document, Francis, who took the name after Saint Francis of Assisi when elected Bishop of Rome, connected conclusions of scientists, climate change realities already taking place and spiritual teachings.
"Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods," Pope Francis wrote. "It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day."

Francis looks back on a long line of popes who addressed pressing issues, social ills and threats to humanity of their times. He quotes Pope John XXIII, who issued an encyclical as the world was on the brink of nuclear war. Pope Paul VI warned of the tragic consequences of unchecked human activity degrading the environment.
"The most extraordinary scientific advances, the most amazing technical abilities, the most astonishing economic growth, unless they are accompanied by authentic social and moral progress will definitely turn against man," Pope Paul John II wrote in his encyclical.
Francis' predecessor Pope Benedict XVI also showed concern that environmental and social degradation go hand in hand. "The misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognize any higher instance than

ourselves, when we see nothing else but ourselves," Benedict wrote.
Francis mentioned in his encyclical that other religious churches and organizations show deep concern for environmental degradation.
He quotes the head of the Eastern Orthodox Church Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople. "Bartholomew has drawn attention to the ethical and spiritual roots of

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SOLAR POWER – Ivory Okleasik of Nome is propelled toward the heavens during the blanket toss on Wednesday during the Midnight Sun Festival. *See story on page 11.*
Photo by Mallory Conger

Nonprofits pitch their causes to City Council

By Sandra L. Medearis
Several nonprofit organizations came to the Nome Common Council meeting on June 22 to plead their causes after the council tabled the City's contributions to programs when passing the FY16 spending plan and setting the mill rate.
The Council remains divided or non-committal about contributing to groups as Nome Emergency Shelter Team and Nome Community Center until the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. Community Shares arrive.
Some do not want the money handed to nonprofit groups through budget allocations, but to have them come with a presentation and the organization budget for hearings on dispersal of the NSEDC community share money.
Nome's share from the Community Development Quota fishery could be \$150,000. NSEDC requires community input for spending the money.
"We can't afford to have NEST go away from this community," declared Lance Johnson, NSHC Be-

havior Health Services director. "If NEST goes away from this community, we're going to have some bad numbers, financial numbers, casualty numbers and substance abuse numbers," he said. NEST is an emergency shelter for homeless people in Nome, operating in the winter months.
Danielle Slingsby, executive director of the Nome Community Center listed some of the benefits the organization provides: Boys and Girls Club, Nome Food Bank, Nome Children's Home, Camp Crave for youth, and helping to establish NEST.
Contracts
The Council unanimously retained Eileen Bechtol of Bechtol Planning and Development as city planner with compensation capped at \$42,500 per contract agreement, based on an hourly rate of \$60, plus a per diem rate of \$175 per day when Bechtol is in Nome. According to the agreement, Bechtol will work on the following issues: zoning code, com-

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NGAC's West Beach cleanup continues, little by little

By Sandra L. Medearis
Nome Gold Alaska Corp. has continued work to clear ramshackle shelters from West Beach.
On June 16 company personnel flagged and tagged abandoned shelters.
People he talked to were cooperative, according to Randy Powelson, general manager. The company did not block doorways to occupied

shelters.
"We did not disturb any occupants' possessions," Powelson said. The company wanted to give people a chance to retrieve personal belongings or remove structures if they were willing or able, he said.
Several people on West Beach and Dredge 6 had made arrangements to do so, according to Powelson. He said that he appreciated efforts miners and others had made to clean the West Beach area and the uplands camp near Dredge 6.
A drive along the beach on Monday found only about a dozen shelters remaining in the 1.5 miles long stretch of beach to the west. Belongings and equipment appeared to have been gathered up over the last week, and a significant number of cabins have been removed.
Nome Gold has addressed the West Beach occupancy issue as requested by the City of Nome and is going forward with clean up as soon

as possible.
Nome Gold is in the process of surveying the southern property boundary as it relates to the beach area in order to be clear on boundaries and ownership.
"No matter who owned it, the area within the city limits is all the same in that it needs to be cleaned up," Powelson said. Again, he applauded those who were helping clear the beach.
The City has enlisted West Beach land owners to satisfy a demand from state's National Insurance Flood Plain Program that the City rid West Beach of permanent structures within 90 days from an official notice dated Feb. 12.
The City passed the NFIP request on to the owners of West Beach, Nome Gold Alaska Corp. in a letter signed by Greg Smith, building inspector.

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NO ENTRY—Nome Gold Alaska Corp personnel flagged empty camps and taped doors on West Beach last week as the company followed up on requests from City of Nome to clear their beach property of shanties to prevent running afoul of flood insurance requirements.
Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

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ULU News

**By Sen. Donald Olson
29th Alaska Legislature
June 19, 2015**
END OF SESSION...REALLY!
June 11, 2015 marks the end of the very, very long and extended session! I am most excited to finally go home for good to relax and have a bowl of my mother's caribou soup. I am very thankful that I have the honor to represent such a great district and I am very blessed to have the support of my community. Thank you all.

ERIN'S LAW
This bill, HB 44 has been through a couple changes, to say the least. Originally Erin's Law was introduced two years ago but it died through committee. This year, there were four different Erin's Law bills introduced! I am very thankful that one finally passed this session on June 11th!
Originally HB 44 was introduced as a simple three-page bill then it went to Senate Education and it turned into a giant 12-page bill that the general public disliked. Erin

Merryn, the founder of Erin's Law herself stated that the Senate Education version of the bill wouldn't be considered Erin's law. Thankfully, in Senate Finance we amended the bill to no longer be as controversial and to focus on giving children preventative tools to know what is safe touch and unsafe touch. This bill is just one tool in toolbox to help aid our efforts to keep our kids safe. Child sexual abuse and physical abuse is something that needs to be addressed and talked about instead of swept under the rug and ignored. I also want to thank those of you in the district who called in and testified in support of Erin's Law and those who wrote to my office and other legislators. It is because of the public support that this bill finally made it out of committee and on its way to becoming law. You can read more about HB 44 and the changes made to it here, <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/29?Root=HB%20%2044>

BUDGET
This year's budget has the most

cuts that I have ever seen. We have been building up our state spending since our oil revenue went up. The budget bill, HB 2001, passed both the House and the Senate on June 11 with over 800 million dollars in cuts.
These cuts were across the board but it still kept COLA increases as well as the statutory level for the BSA funding. However, there was a \$32 million reduction from the one time funding that was promised from last year. COLA increases are agreed to this year but there was contingency language in the budget to renegotiate pay increases if the price of oil goes below \$45 a barrel or above \$95 a barrel.
This year the average barrel of oil was around \$6, last year it was around \$108. The total budget was \$5.2 billion. The only thing that is left for the budget is to have Governor Walker sign it. It is a fully funded budget like he requested and Erin's law passed, which he also requested.

MEDICAID EXPANSION
Governor Walker's call for special session included the subject of expanding Medicaid. However, my colleagues in the House ended expansion discussions in House Finance, so we could never vote on it. About 60 percent of Alaskans support Medicaid expansion and I have heard a good portion of our district rise and contact me in support of expansion and I am very supportive of it. We may be able to bring this topic up next session.

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

Editorial

Wanna Be

Many of us want to be something we are not. Sometimes the "what" we want to be is within our grasp. Other times, it is way beyond our means. Sometimes we can enjoy the cultural treasures of others and at yet other times we can only enjoy the fruits of the cultures of others.
Sometimes things get really confused and folks get caught in a trap of their lies. Rachael Dolezal, recent president of the Spokane National Association for the Advancement of Colored People claimed she was a black woman. When confronted with the biological facts she proclaimed that she identified as a black woman because as a child she could only draw herself with a brown crayon. She wanted so much to be black that she lied, and when she lied she cast a shadow on the rest of her work.
She did good work, but she was ashamed of her German, Dutch and Czech ethnicity. One should never be ashamed of one's heredity. There are many instances where cultural identity can be shared across ethnic and racial barriers. However there is no such thing as cross-racial identity. We are blessed with our own unique biological background. —N.L.M.—



Photo courtesy Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
RECENT ADDITION TO THE COLLECTION— This photograph of Walter and Julia Shields with his children Thomas and Sarah in a reindeer sled, dated "Nome, Alaska, Dec. 3rd, 1915" was part of a recent donation to the museum. Walter Shields was the Superintendent of Education for the Seward Peninsula during the early 1900s and died in the 1918 flu epidemic in Nome.

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	06/25/15	4:21 a.m.	High Temp	+79F	06/19/15	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	07/01/15	4:30 a.m.	Low Temp	+35F	06/16,17/15	
Sunset	06/25/15	1:48 a.m.	Peak Wind	25 mph, W,	06/15,17/15	
	07/01/15	1:41 a.m.	2015 - Total Precip. (through 6/21)	4.62"		
			Normal Total to Date	4.77"		

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)

Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
6/25	Th	1209am	+1.0	1247pm	+1.4	552am	+0.3	734pm	+0.5
26	Fr	113am	+1.0	119pm	+1.4	632am	+0.4	821pm	+0.4
27	Sa	219am	+0.9	149pm	+1.4	712am	+0.6	905pm	+0.3
28	Su	328am	+0.9	215pm	+1.4	749am	+0.7	944pm	+0.2
29	Mo	439am	+0.9	236pm	+1.4	826am	+0.8	1021pm	+0.2
30	Tu	549am	+1.0	253pm	+1.4	905am	+0.9	1058pm	+0.1
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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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Strait Action

Spotted seal pup “rescue”

With the retreat of the sea ice and the arrival of open water, several live seal pups have been seen on Nome’s beaches.

Last week a Nome citizen responded to reports of a thin spotted seal pup on the beach in front of Nome. This seal was brought to the attention of Alaska SeaLife Center – a marine mammal rehabilitation center in Seward, Alaska. The pup was sent to Seward where it was found to be lively but dehydrated and anemic. This pup is receiving veterinary care and is expected to be in good health soon.

Due to an agreement between the Ice Seal Committee and the National Marine Fisheries Service this seal pup will remain in captivity for research or public viewing purposes for the rest of its life.

The Ice Seal Committee, the Alaska Native Organization co-managing northern “ice” seals in Alaska, passed a Resolution in 2006 to disallow the release of rehabilitated ice seals due to the risks involved. Of concern was the potential risk of a seal getting an infectious disease during captivity in a distant marine mammal rehabilitation center and then introducing that disease into the wild population when released at its original location.

As a result, all ice-associated seals “rescued” in the Bering Strait region will remain in captivity.

Unless one is an Alaska Native and utilizing a seal pup for subsistence purposes, experts ask to please not approach it. If you feel any marine wildlife is in distress, please contact: UAF Marine Advisory Program (907-434-1149) and/or Kawerak Subsistence Program (907-443-4265). It is important to report unusual sightings of seals to monitor for evidence of the seal sickness that recently affected the region.

NOAA to conduct survey charting

The NOAA ship *Fairweather* on Monday departed from Nome for Kotzebue Sound to collect bathymetric survey data in order to create up-to-date charts that aid ship navigation.

The ship is designed and outfitted to conduct coastal hydrographic sur-

veys in support of NOAA’s nautical charting program.

According to Lt. Timothy Smith, Navigation Manager with NOAA, the *Fairweather* will be joined by the *Rainier* to complete survey work started in 2012.

The data will be fed to the Office of Coast Survey whose mission is to provide navigation services to ensure safe and efficient maritime commerce on America’s oceans and coastal waters.

The ships will survey the ocean floor at Port Clarence, Kotzebue Sound and Point Hope. Both ships will also take samples of the sea floor to update bottom characteristics on charts to identify suitable locations for vessels to anchor or moor, to note and correct any current chart discrepancies and to update information published in the *Coast Pilot*.

Tug and barge operators that provide fuel and supply services to Teller requested that the ships survey the East side of Teller for unknown submerged obstructions that could endanger approaching vessels.

2015 regional fishery council appointments

The U.S. Commerce Department announced the appointment of 30 new and returning members to the eight regional fishery management councils that partner with NOAA Fisheries to manage ocean fish stocks. The new and reappointed council members begin their three-year terms on August 11.

The councils were established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to prepare fishery management plans for marine fish stocks in their regions.

The North Pacific Council includes members from Alaska and Washington. The appointees for 2015 will fill two obligatory seats for Alaska and an obligatory seat for Washington. Obligatory seats: Howard “Dan” Hull (Alaska); Andrew D. Mezirow (Alaska); Craig A. Cross (Washington).

Nine fin whales dead in waters from Kodiak to Unimak Pass

“It is an unusual and mysterious event that appears to have happened around Memorial Day weekend,”

said Kate Wynne, an Alaska Sea Grant marine mammal specialist and University of Alaska Fairbanks professor. “We rarely see more than one fin whale carcass every couple of years.”

On May 23, Wynne received a message from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration enforcement officers that crew members on the Alaska Marine Highway System’s ferry *MV Kennicott* had photographed a dead whale. During the next two weeks, boaters, fishermen and pilots reported floating dead whales in the area. Based on photos submitted with these reports, Wynne and her NOAA collaborators determined that at least nine fin whales died in a relatively small area. The dead whales are now drifting along both sides of Kodiak Island.

“It is really perplexing for a number of reasons,” Wynne said. “They appear to have all died around the same time. And the strange thing is they are all one species, with the exception of one dead humpback whale found in a different location.”

“So part of the mystery is why just fin whales? Why not their prey? Why are there not other consumers in the system showing up in mass die-off mode?” said Wynne.

Fin whales, an endangered species, grow to 70 feet long. They use baleen in their mouths to strain copepods, krill and small fish from seawater. The whales feed in tight formations, so Wynne thinks the dead whales could have consumed something toxic around the week of May 20.

Only two carcasses have come ashore. Wynne and fellow marine mammal specialist Bree Witteveen were able to take samples from one. The whale had been dead and floating in the water for a week. Samples were sent to a lab for biotoxin analysis.

Wynne has been working with NOAA’s marine mammal stranding network in Juneau and with Kodiak residents.

“In the meantime we are mapping and tracking reported whale carcasses, collecting water samples to look for harmful algal blooms and recording changes in seawater temperature,” she said. “So far there is no ‘smoking gun’ in this environmental mystery.”



Photo by Diana Haecker
FAIRWEATHER— The NOAA survey ship *Fairweather* anchored at the Nome West Gold dock before embarking on its mission to Kotzebue Sound, Port Clarence and Point Hope to chart the waters there.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, June 25

*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.
*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.
*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.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, June 26

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*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 27

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

Sunday, June 28

*Rec Center and Pool Closed Weekends Until Labor Day	
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Monday, June 29

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*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 30

*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.
*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.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*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.
*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, July 1

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*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.
*Summer Lunch Program (kids 0 - 18)	Boys & Girls Club	noon - 12:45 p.m.
*Bering Land Bridge National Preserve: Roving Ranger	NPS Visitor Center	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 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.

Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

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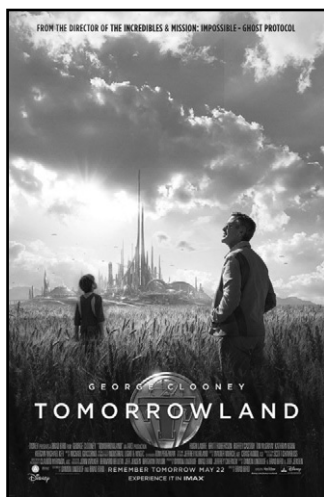
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Handeland agrees to run NJUS for two more years

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Joint Utilities System Board of Directors has been evaluating John Handeland's performance against established goals and objectives for the past six months. After going into an hour-long executive session for final consideration of the NJUS manager's contract extension on June 16, the board voted unanimously to keep Handeland on for two years. His current contract expires on June 30.

Handeland accepted. He may terminate the contract early with 30 days' notice.

The NJUS Board will set financial terms of the contract and draw up a new task list, as well as a matrix for ongoing evaluation at the next regular NJUS board meeting in July.

"We've done a lot of good things; we've had our ups and our recent downs," Handeland said. "We are on the rebound now, looking forward still to ways to further improve our system."

"We want to assure our ratepayers that in the next years all parts of our utilities can seamlessly operate into the foreseeable future for the good of the community," he said.

The utility underwent a state assessment of business practices several months ago. Last week, Fred Broerman from the Alaska Dept. of Community and Regional Affairs revisited to continue discussing items for improvement on the Rural Utility Advisor Program assessment. NJUS also hosted Broerman to learn more about a new Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation program called Best Practices, according to Handeland.

The evaluations differ, but "we are committed to addressing the items identified in the RUBA analysis, as well as how the other evaluation methods fit into the Best Practices analysis," he said.

While DCRA would continue to be available to assist Nome and NJUS in improving overall utility systems, the contract for the program would go over to LeRoy Seppilu in the Nome DCRA office.

Handeland told the Nome Common Council on June 22 that the first increment of DEC Clean Water & Drinking Water Loan Funds had arrived to reimburse NJUS for construction projects. That money, \$6.6 million in total, had immediately repaid the balance owed the City of Nome on a line of credit in the amount of \$656,000, and also paid big local vendors Bonanza Fuel and Banner Wind, as well as a dollop to the utility's engineering companies.

The interest due to the City on the line of credit was also paid. Additionally, NJUS had negotiated a 50 percent reduction on finance charges with other vendors, according to Handeland. NJUS still anticipated additional reimbursement from DEC, about \$1.23 million, slated for final processing and release this week. An accounts payable balance of \$1.272 million remains for BDO (auditors), CE2 Engineers, Electric Power Systems, Northern Air Cargo, STG, Inc., and Wartsila (Finnish power generators).

NJUS also owes \$250,000 to City of Nome for Payment In Lieu of Taxes.

The NJUS board decided June 16 to retain two collection agencies—Rural Credit Services and Corner Stone Credit, primarily for inactive accounts where collection through other means has not remained sufficient.

As Handeland filled the Council

in on NJUS collection plans, Councilman Stan Andersen did not wax very merry. He wanted to see a list of debtors and exactly what measures NJUS would take to encourage payment.

"I will meet with you," Handeland told Andersen.

"We can meet all you want, but I want it on record," Andersen said. Handeland said he would try in-house persuasion one more time, before lowering the boom.

"We will then prepare a listing of outstanding accounts that are clearly uncollectable—unable to locate or beyond the statute of limitation—and submit it to the board for write-off against the established reserve for doubtful accounts," Handeland said.

"John, you've been saying that for several years now," Andersen responded. "If I don't get what I am looking for, I will go down the list of names and ask about what is happening on each one."

The current utility rate structure ends on June 30. The NJUS board reviewed operations through May and will meet in July to decide whether to let the rates sunset or to raise the rates. Any change in rates would have to go before the NJUS board and then to the Council for approval.

• Nonprofits

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munity rating system, subdivision code revisions and other planning issues per the Nome Planning Commission. One of these issues would be investigating the implications of annexation that — for discussion's sake — would follow the availability of Nome Joint Utility service. Some on the Council thought the task list redundant.

The A word for annexation has come up several times in recent history and been rejected. Under the plan, Bechtol would meet with the Local Boundary Commission; develop a work plan; determine the approximate limits of annexation; determine approximate assessed valuation of property to be annexed; determine cost and level of extending City services; determine cost/benefit analysis; hold an open house on the topic for public input.

There is already an annexation study, Andersen said.

"I don't want to pay her to do

things she has already done. A lot of this stuff has been done and done by her [Bechtol]," he said.

In other business the Council:

- Raised ambulance fees to from \$600 to \$675 for Basic Life Support, from \$650 to \$ 725 for Advanced Life Support and from \$10 to \$15 per mile per person for transport. These fees are for "Joe Blow." Other fees connected with transport of air ambulance patients between the airport and hospital will be negotiated separately with Norton Sound Health Corp. Ambulance calls have increased over the last 10 to 12 years. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Dept. needs volunteers.

- Updated personnel policies that will pay, at the discretion of the City Manager Josephine Bahnke, up to \$5,000 against the expense of moving household goods to Nome, reimbursing employees according to receipts for the costs. Employees who quit before three years have passed will have to repay the City for moving assistance.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

OCCUPIED—NGAC has given the order to clear makeshift shelters from their property on West Beach, but say they are working with folks still living there so they can clear their belongings. Monday found only about a dozen camps left.

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In the letter, Smith notifies NGAC that permanent structures are not permitted in a flood plain. West Beach is in a flood plain. The City of Nome partners with NFIP to maintain safe

floodplain areas and allows the City to ask Federal Emergency Management for help in the event of disaster.

Some camps have leases, set to expire July 1.



Photo by Diana Haecker

NEW SIGHT AT EAST BEACH— Miners began digging for gold and washing the material on Poor Man's Paradise leases and property, last week. With West Beach properties being off limits to living and mining, activities have shifted to the East Beach.

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.

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Photo by Maisie Thomas

NEW — The State office building underwent extensive renovation and is now open for business again.

State building renovation complete

By Maisie Thomas

In an effort to make Nome's state building more modern and efficient, the offices underwent a 13 month long renovation. After moving out in May 2014, the departments are back in the building as of last month. The project was expected to be completed before April first, so it was about a month behind schedule. The project was funded with over \$12 million, and according to Tom Mayer, Director of General Services for the State of Alaska, the renovation fit into the allotted budget. The total cost of the renovations was \$11.7 million.

Due to years of exposure to salt water, the building's siding was peel-

ing. The exterior and electrical wiring were replaced, while the foundation remained intact.

However, the inside is far from unchanged. Another reason for the renovation was to make the floor plan uniform with other buildings around the state. Instead of having individual offices, most employees now work from cubicles. Mayer says that the renovation went smoothly and according to plan.

The new setup seems to be working out for the employees as well. Michael Dunham, a Nome probation officer, praised the comfortable atmosphere, complete with new appliances in the conference and break

rooms. According to Dunham, the open offices with cubicles make communication between co-workers easier.

The Alaska state departments currently housed in the building are: Dept. of Administration; Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development; Dept. of Corrections; Dept. of Fish and Game; Dept. of Health and Social Services; Dept. of Law, and the Legislative Information office.

The Dept. of Motor Vehicles also has an office in the building, but the DMV has not moved in yet.

Nome Judge responds to judicial conduct complaint

By Maisie Thomas

Nome Superior Court Judge Timothy Dooley has responded to the complaints made against him on May 26 by the Commission on Judicial Conduct. According to the Commission's formal complaint, Dooley allegedly violated three judicial conduct canons.

The commission found evidence that Dooley made insensitive remarks and offered plea deals while on the bench, both in violation of the judicial code of conduct.

In an answer filed on June 8 to the complaint, Dooley acknowledges that he made the comments, but he denies that his conduct is in violation with the code.

Therefore, he requests that the

complaint be denied in its entirety. Dooley is represented by Fairbanks attorney William Satterberg.

Satterberg requested that a hearing be held in Nome and in front of a different panel that brought the charges.

"Judge Dooley furthermore requests that this hearing be held before an impartial tribunal and maintains that the panel which was proffered the charges against him is no longer qualified to act as an impartial tribunal due to its status as the panel which held the probable cause determination," the court document reads.

A scheduling hearing in the case was set to take place on Wednesday, June 24 at 10:30 a.m.



Nome Superior Court Judge Timothy Dooley

• Pope

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environmental problems, which require that we look for solutions not only in technology but in a change of humanity," Francis wrote.

Not just addressing Roman Catholics, Pope Francis issued a call to all people and asked for nothing less than a complete rethinking of humanity's values, economic, social and spiritual. "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change," he wrote. "I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet."

The pope connected environmental degradation, unchecked consumerism and the increasingly devastating effects of climate change with social injustice and deterioration of humanity towards the poor.

Addressing nature as relatives to human kind, the encyclical often refers to "Mother Earth" or "our sister" and says that other species and plants do have value on their own, not just by virtue of being exploitable by humans. "This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her," Francis wrote. "The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and all forms of life."

In his 180-page letter, Francis argues along the lines of scientists, that the pace at which consumers continue to deplete the earth of its resources is not sustainable. "Our earth, our home, is beginning to look like more and more like an immense pile of filth," he wrote. He links the problems to the "throw-away culture" which quickly reduces things to rubbish. "Our industrial system, at the end of its cycle of production and consumption, has not developed the capacity to absorb and reuse waste and by-products," he wrote. "We have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations."

The pope states, "Climate is a

common good, belonging to all and meant for all." He also addresses the right to clean air, clean water and clean soil as unalienable rights to life.

He addresses water shortages, ocean acidification, degradation of the earth's lungs, rainforests of the world subjected to clear cutting practices, and loss of biodiversity. Then he addresses the effect this degradation has on humans, and the suffering inflicted on those who become victim of water, food and other resource shortages.

The leaders of the Catholic Church in Alaska, issued a press release saying they welcomed "with joy and thanksgiving the Holy Father's much-awaited encyclical, 'Laudato Si: On the Care of Our Common Home'" "At the heart of Laudato si, they found this question: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?'"

Archbishop Roger L. Schwietz, of the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Bishop Edward J. Burns, Diocese of Juneau and Bishop Chad W. Zielinski, Diocese of Fairbanks, said in their release that "The Holy Father's encyclical calls upon Christians and all people of good will to embrace the idea of 'integral ecology' as a way of articulating the fundamental relationships of every human person: with God, with one's self, with other human beings and with the creation."

In the encyclical, Pope Francis notes that this integral ecology begins by listening spiritually to the results of the best scientific research on environmental matters that is available, stating, "letting [these results] touch us deeply and provide a concrete foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows."

Science, the Pope proposes, is the best tool by which we can listen to the cry of the earth.

The Pope's encyclical comes at a time when the world's leaders are preparing for the United Nations' climate summit, to be held in Paris from November 30 through December 11. The conference's objective is to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to limit the global temperature increase to 2° Celsius above pre-industrial levels.



Photo by Keith Conger

DANCING IN THE SUN — Toni Smith with the King Island Daners of Nome danced Tuesday, June 16 on the first night of the Midnight Sun Festival at the Golden Goose Lot.



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MIDDLE DOCK— Heavy equipment hauls off armor rocks and prepares the site for a new middle dock to be constructed between West Gold and City docks.

The Dock Walk

Within a day, summer returned to Nome after a week of cool temperatures, rain and even ice covering rain puddles. On June 17, temperatures rose to a high of 73°F and more gold dredges could be seen in calmer waters in front of Nome. Harbormaster Lucas Stotts reports the following activity at the Nome Port and small boat harbor:

On June 16, the barge *Nunaniq* arrived and departed with freight.

Brice's tug and barge *Sam B/LA B* arrived to load gravel and then departed. Brice's tug and barge *Island Viking/ 282* arrived to load more gravel. Ridge's tug and barge *Fish Hawk/ Logistics Provider* arrived to load gravel. The tanker *NordOcean* arrived and anchored outside the Port.

On June 17, CPD's tug and barge *Sesok/165-2* arrive with fuel. Ridge had the *Fish Hawk/ Logistics*

Provider depart with gravel.

June 18, CPD's tug and barge *Sesok/ 165-2* departed and came back with another load of fuel. The *Island Viking/ 282* loaded gravel and departed.

On June 19, CPD had the *Sesok/165-2* depart to lighter more fuel and they came back to transfer the fuel inside the harbor. AML had the *Nunaniq* arrive and depart with village freight.

The NOAA survey ship *Fairweather* arrived. CPD also had the *Avik/BC152* arrive and perform small repairs before departure.

On June 20, NSEDC's tender boat *Paul C. Johnson* arrived from Unalakleet. Alaska Logistics' tug and barge *SeaHawk/ Brittney Moe* arrived for freight. Ridge's tug and barge *Fish Hawk/ Logistics Provider* arrived and departed with more gravel. Delta Western's *Pacific Free-*

dom/ Cascades barge anchored offshore. KNIK had the *Arctic Bear* at Cape Nome to load rock.

On June 21, Pro West's landing craft *Tuvli* arrive to layup for a while. CPD's tug and barge *Sesok/165-2* departed. Alaska Logistics' *SeaHawk/ Brittney Moe* departed.

On June 22, the NOAA ship *Fairweather* departed. Delta Western brought the *Pacific Freedom/ Cascades* barge in with fuel.



Photo by Keith Conger

VOLUNTEERS – Nome Volunteer Fire Department members Kevin Bahnke (with the hose) and Gerald Hughes help clean the streets Tuesday at the beginning of the Midnight Sun Festival.

NVFD puts out small tundra fires

By Diana Haecker

Nome Volunteer Fire Department fire fighters responded to two small tundra fires last week.

One fire spread from a camp fire made after boaters arrived near mile 28 of the Nome-Council Road. According to NVFD Chief Jim West Jr., the travelers had boat problems, made a fire to warm up and dry off, fell asleep and their fire spread in the beach grass. NVFD responded with 14 fire fighters, a fire truck and pumps and hoses, and extinguished the fire.

On June 17, NVFD was called out

to mile 5 of the Beam Road for an unattended pallet fire. Fire fighters responded with a water truck from the city and fire truck 6. The fire was intentionally set, West said, and it is under investigation.

Due to dry conditions and extreme fire danger, the state fire marshal's office has issued a suspension of fireworks and the sale and use of fireworks to include Western Alaska as well as Copper River Valley, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Kenai Borough, Mat-Su Borough, Anchorage and Tanana Valley north of the Alaska Range.

Congratulations Jeanette and Happy Retirement!

The year was 1980 and Jimmy Carter lost to Ronald Reagan as he was elected as President of the United States. Mount Saint Helens erupted, John Lennon was assassinated, Jessica Simpson was born, and **Jeanette Nanouk started her career with Alaska Commercial Company.** Jeanette's father Martin was the manager of the AC store in Unalakleet and had Jeanette start by cleaning gum off the floor. Throughout **Jeanette's 35 year career** she held every position in the store becoming the manager in 2007. She exceeded at every task assigned, and did so with a smile. In 2009 she was recognized as the AC Store Manager of the year at the annual Manager's meeting. After four years as store manager she decided it was time to let someone else take care of the management duties, allowing her more time to hunt and fish with her sister. Now, after 35 years, Jeanette has decided the time has come to end her career with AC.

Alaska Commercial would like to thank Jeanette for her years of dedicated service to the community of Unalakleet and the company. On behalf of everyone at AC, we will miss Jeanette dearly and wish her the best in retirement!



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Subsistence salmon fishing open in Nome, Norton Sound

By Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

The Dept. of Fish and Game announced that subsistence salmon fishing opportunities will be gradually increased this week in Southern Norton Sound. Fishing times and gear restrictions are as follows:

Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts

Norton Sound Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts had a 30-hour period from 4:00 p.m. today, June 22 to 10:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 23. This period applied only to the marine waters from Cape Denbigh south to Black Point and fishermen were restricted to set gillnets with a mesh size of six inches or less. An additional marine fishing period ranging from 24-30 hours is expected later in the week or during the weekend. However, high surf conditions are expected until Saturday for the Subdistricts 5 and 6 coastal waters so the department will hold off on announcing the next opening until the forecast improves.

Norton Bay Subdistrict

Norton Sound Subdistrict 4, the Norton Bay Subdistrict, reopened for two 48-hour subsistence openings from 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 22 to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. It will again open from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 25 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 27. This period applies to all marine waters from Bald Head to Point Dexter and all waters flowing into the Norton Bay except for the Koyuk River. The Koyuk River is not affected by this action and will remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are no gear restrictions during these openings but fishermen are encouraged to use gillnets with a mesh size of 6 inches or smaller to conserve Chinook salmon for escapement needs.

Commercial fishing will commence later this week in the Norton Bay Subdistrict with an announcement expected soon. Fishermen should be on stand by and be ready for the announcement.

The first Chinook salmon were enumerated at the North River tower a few days ago and Unalakleet River weir is expected to observe Chinook salmon passage in the coming days. The department will evaluate escapement and subsistence catch information this week to determine if subsistence fishing opportunities can be increased next week.

Nome Subdistrict

The Nome Subdistrict subsistence salmon gillnet fishing schedule goes into effect June 15, 2015.

A Nome Subdistrict subsistence permit is required to harvest salmon when subsistence fishing in all marine waters and fresh waters flowing into Norton Sound from Cape Rodney to Rocky Point. Permits are free and are issued at the Nome Fish & Game office on Front Street. Please bring a State of Alaska I.D. or another I.D. that indicates Alaska residency.

The weekly gillnet fishing schedule for all marine waters of Nome Subdistrict west of Cape Nome is from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 6 p.m. Saturday.

Marine waters east of Cape Nome will remain open seven days a week for subsistence gillnet fishing. Gillnets up to 300 feet in length are allowed in marine waters. No drift netting is allowed.

The weekly gillnet fishing schedule for all fresh waters of the Nome Subdistrict is from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Saturday.

The fresh water areas open to gillnet fishing are listed on the permit. Gillnets up to 50 feet in length are allowed. No more than one-half of any channel may be blocked by gillnets and no drift netting is allowed.

Beach seining is allowed during subsistence gillnet fishing periods from June 15 through July 25.

Subsistence hook and line fishing is open at all times. Sport fish bag limits apply when subsistence fishing with hook and line outside of

Nome Subdistrict subsistence areas. Check the back of the Nome Subdistrict permit for the subsistence areas.

Fishermen are reminded that the Penny and Cripple rivers are closed to both sport and subsistence chum salmon fishing.

The last two year's chum salmon runs ranked the highest and third highest in over 25 years and although the department does not expect the run to be as large as the previous two years another good run is expected. Coho salmon are expected to have good run in 2015 and also pink salmon for an odd-numbered year.

Check the back of the Nome Subdistrict permit for the household catch limits for the fresh water subsistence areas. Catch limits vary by river.

Chinook

An early weak run of Chinook salmon is expected for southern Norton Sound this season. Conservation efforts are needed to provide adequate numbers of Chinook salmon to the spawning grounds for longterm sustainability of these stocks. The department recently held meetings in Koyuk, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet to gather input from subsistence users regarding Chinook salmon conservation needs and management of subsistence salmon fisheries this season.

The following restrictions will be implemented effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 8.

1. Sport fishing for Chinook salmon will be closed in all waters from Bald Head to Point Romanof from June 8 to August 15. Any Chinook salmon incidentally caught while attempting to target other species may not be removed from the water and must be immediately released alive.

2. With exception of the Koyuk River, subsistence salmon fishing will close in all waters of southern Norton Sound from Bald Head, east of Elim, to Wood Point, east of St. Michael, effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 8.

Subsistence fishing periods will then be scheduled by subdistrict to coincide with favorable weather conditions to the greatest extent possible similar to last year.

3. If the run is better or poorer than expected based on in-season assessment, this plan will be relaxed or become more restrictive.

Subdistrict 4: Norton Bay

The Norton Bay Subdistrict (Subdistrict 4) encompasses all waters eastward from Bald Head south to Point Dexter. Effective 12:01 a.m. June 8, all Norton Bay marine waters, including all marine waters from Point Dexter west to Cape Denbigh, and all waters of the Inglutalik River and Ungalik River drainages, will close to subsistence salmon fishing by emergency order. Koyuk River subsistence salmon fishing will not be affected by this action and will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Subsistence openings in the Ungalik and Inglutalik rivers and Norton Bay marine waters will occur according to the following schedule:

1. For the week beginning Monday, June 15: one 48-hour subsistence fishing period to be announced by emergency order.

2. From weeks Monday, June 22 to Sunday, July 5: two 48-hour periods per week from 6:00 p.m. Mondays to 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays, and from 6:00 p.m. Thursdays to 6:00 p.m. Saturdays.

3. On Monday, July 6, subsistence salmon fishing in the Norton Bay Subdistrict will reopen 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the remainder of the season.

4. Additionally, commercial pink and chum salmon openings could begin as early as June 22 in Norton Bay and will coincide with subsistence salmon fishing openings.

Subdistricts 5 and 6: Shaktoolik and Unalakleet

Shaktoolik Subdistrict (Subdistrict 5) consists of all waters from the tip of Cape Denbigh south to the terminus of Junction Creek. Unalakleet Subdistrict (Subdistrict 6) encompasses all waters from Junction Creek south to Black Point. Effective

12:01 a.m. Monday, June 8, all marine and fresh waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6, including the Shaktoolik, Egavik, Unalakleet, and Golsovia river drainages will close to subsistence salmon fishing. Following the June 8 closure, set gillnets in marine waters will be restricted to a mesh size of 6 inches or less and fishing time will be incrementally increased until July 12. The tentative weekly schedule for the Subdistricts 5 and 6 marine waters from June 15 to July 12 is as follows:

1. For the week beginning Monday, June 15: one 24-hour subsistence fishing period.

2. For the week beginning Monday, June 22: two 24-hour subsistence fishing periods.

3. For the week beginning Monday, June 29: two 48-hour subsistence fishing periods.

Beginning Monday, July 6, subsistence fishing will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

From June 8-28, subsistence fishing in freshwater areas such as the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet rivers will be restricted to set gillnets with a mesh size of 4 inches or less. From June 29 to July 26, subsistence gillnet mesh size and fishing time in freshwater will be incrementally increased. Additionally, beach seining opportunities will be provided beginning June 29, but any Chinook salmon incidentally captured in beach seines must be released immediately back into the water alive and



Photo by Diana Haecker

TENDER— NSEDC's fishing tender vessel Paul C. Johnson arrived in Nome on June 20 and anchored in front of the Norton Sound Seafood Plant.

unharmed. The tentative weekly schedule for the Subdistricts 5 and 6 freshwater areas from June 8 to July 26 is as follows:

1. From June 8-28: set gillnets with a mesh size of 4 inches or less, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

2. For the week beginning Monday, June 29: two 36-hour fishing periods allowing beach seines and set gillnets with a mesh size of 4 inches or less.

3. For the week beginning Mon-

day, July 6: two 36-hour fishing periods allowing beach seines and set gillnets with a mesh size of 6 inches or less.

4. Beginning Monday, July 13: beach seines and set gillnets with a mesh size of 6 inches or less, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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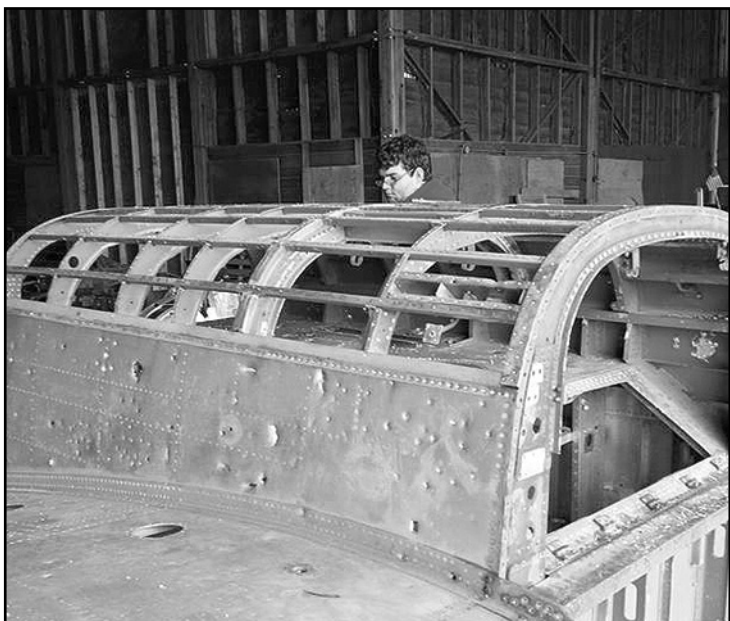
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Photos by Maisie Thomas

HIDDEN POTENTIAL (top)— Anthony Muldoon inspects the B-25 in Nome's hanger.

AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS (right)— Anthony Muldoon, Patrick Mihalek and Todd Trainor pose in front of B-25 44-2898.



Nome B-25 warplane connects past and present

By Maisie Thomas

A group of NACTEC students is disassembling a B-25 warplane in order to help rebuild the "Sandbar Mitchell", an aircraft that was abandoned in Fairbanks in 1969.

The restoration effort is led by Patrick Mihalek, Todd Trainor and Anthony Muldoon of Brighton, Michigan. Airplane enthusiasts Mihalek and Trainor are the director and a trustee of the Warbirds of Glory, a nonprofit museum started two years ago. The goal of the museum is to preserve American history, honor veterans and mentor youth. Anthony Muldoon was a former participant in the museum's youth mentorship program. Now a college student studying airplane flight and maintenance, Muldoon was chosen to accompany Mihalek and Trainor to Nome.

Students enrolled in an aviation class through NACTEC are helping take apart the plane in Nome. The goal is for the teenagers to learn about American history as well as aircraft engineering, and the two melt smoothly in the B-25 project.

Parts from the plane found in Nome, number 44-28898, are being gathered and shipped to Michigan, where they will be used to reassemble the Mitchell 44-30733, or "Sandbar Mitchell".

After being used as a bomber during WW II, "Sandbar Mitchell" was used to fight fires in the Fairbanks area. The plane experienced double-engine failure in 1969 near Manley Hot Springs. In order to avoid the fire, the pilot landed on a sandbar, which is how the plane got its nickname.

Both of the fighter planes had been part of Roosevelt's lend-lease program. Initiated in 1941, the program allowed the U.S. to supply its allies, including Russia, with military equipment. The B-25 Mitchell was a twin-engine bomber made in America and named after Major General William "Billy" Mitchell. The transfer of the planes to the Russian army occurred in Fairbanks, but before flying across Siberia the pilots landed in Nome to refuel. Plane number 44-2898 stopped in Nome in 1944 with

a problem too serious to be fixed on site. For over half a century, the Mitchell lay on the tundra near Satellite Field.

For the last two years, the Warbirds of Glory museum has been working to restore the "Sandbar Mitchell" using as many vintage parts as possible. Much of the material for the plane needs to be "fabri-

cated," or made especially for the project. Some parts, however, come from other B-25s.

"It's a Sherlock Holmes experience to find parts, you can't just look on Ebay," says Trainor.

To gather the missing pieces, such as propellers, the mechanics must follow leads from people from Calgary, Canada to Nome, Alaska.

Mitch Erickson, who runs the Nome Aviation and Military museum, contacted Mihalek and Trainor.

Depending on funds, the restoration will take 10-15 years to complete, but it will be well worth it.

When it is assembled, the plane will be the only operational B-25 in existence.



Photo by Diana Haecker

READY— Nome's fishing fleet is getting ready to go to work.

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Other Southern Norton Sound Waters

Effectively 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 8, all marine waters from Black Point south to Wood Point, east of St. Michael will close to subsistence salmon fishing through June 30. On July 1, subsistence salmon fishing in these marine waters will revert back to 24 hours a day, seven days a week with no restrictions. For all waters from Wood Point to Point Romanof, subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days a week but subsistence fishermen are requested to use set gillnets with a mesh size of 6 inches or less to minimize incidental harvest of Chinook salmon.

If you have any questions regard-

ing these restrictions please contact Fish and Game at 1-800-560-2271 or 443-5167, or the Unalakleet field office at 624-3921.

Salmon projects updates

Several salmon counting projects are in the process of being installed in different areas of Norton Sound. They include projects operated by Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., such as the Fish River, Inglutalik River and North River towers. ADF&G projects are the Kwiniuk River tower and the Unalakleet River weir. Some of these stations began reporting data last week.

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Thank you for joining and supporting us during the 2015 Lemonade Day Event! The success of Lemonade Day relies on all members of the community coming together for a common purpose - *to train the next generation of entrepreneurs!* The success in our region is an incredible example and inspiration for our children to learn, first-hand, the skills of citizenship, philanthropy, and entrepreneurial action.

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POLAR BEAR SWIM— Brave souls headed for a dip in the Bering Sea during the 2015 Polar Bear Swim.

Midnight Sun shines on Nome festivities

Story and photos by Diana Haecker

Although no heat records were set on Saturday, June 20, and the National Weather Service in Nome reported a temperature of only 75°F, the digital number displayed at the BSNC building on Front Street alternated between 83 and 84°F.

It was a scorcher of a day — for the polar bear swim.

Shortly before 11 a.m., floats and marchers gathered at the State building’s parking lot to lead the parade westward on Front Street, up Bering Street, onto First Avenue and back to Front Street.

The Nome Police Department led the parade, followed by the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and the Kegoayah Kozga Library kids decked out in their blue summer reading program “Every Hero has a Story” shirts. The Rotarians found a volunteer they could stuff into a polar bear outfit to invite to their annual polar bear swim to the beach.

In the heat, nobody needed much convincing.

After that came the duck-hunting float of the Bible Baptist Church, the Alaska Miners Association, a gigantic sandbox float and finally bringing up the rear, the Nome Volunteer Fire Department.

At High Noon, the “Nome Regulators and Society for Historic Reenactments” pulled off their tradition of robbing the bank. This time, it was just the barebones drama. No props other than a sound system playing Spaghetti Western and Latin American themed music were used. The damsels in distress danced in the street, while the bad guys sauntered down Front Street and broke into the bank while sheriff Wyatt Earp and his posse were just standing by. Only after the robbery did the sheriff confront the criminals. After a few insults were exchanged between the law and the lawless, the story ended

with the bad guys dead on the ground, the sheriff riding off into the sunset and the kids getting all the sweet loot.

And then the party got started with music fit for a teen dance.

Just before 2 p.m., the crowd was on its way to East Beach. A huge bonfire was started to provide unneeded warmth for the polar bear swim survivors, just west of Leo Rasmussen’s Poor Man’s Paradise,

as gold miners continued their digging and excavating for gold.

“1981,” Leo Rasmussen said. “We had weather like this for the polar bear swim in 1981.”

A record turnout took to the chilly Norton Sound waters. As Danielle Slingsby gave the signal and hordes of people, young and old, splashed into the Bering Sea. The water provided a welcome cooling from the heat of the day, but many exited the

wet element faster than they dove in.

In order to receive a certificate, one had to be wet from head to toe, before two Rotary officials issued the coveted certificate, which stated that a person has “successfully dunked in the frigid arctic waters of the Bering Sea on June 20, 2015, for the sheer pleasure, torture and fun of doing so.”



SUPERWOMAN— Elise Davis sports a super hero cape walking in the parade with the Kegoayah Kozga Library summer reading program kids.



HIGH NOON— Nome Regulators and Society for Historical Reenactment once again performed a successfull bank robbery at Wells Fargo on Saturday at high noon.



PARADE— Nomeites came out in force to celebrate the longest day of the year.



FANCY HAT— Tia Prentice finds shade under a purple hat as she waits for the bank robbery to get underway.

Cultural demonstrations highlight early Midnight Sun Fest activities

By Keith Conger

Mother Nature smiled on the Midnight Sun Festival this week with lots of sunshine and warm temperatures as Nome celebrated the time of year when the sun remains in the sky for the longest time. Coordinator Briday

Green arranged daily events in the empty space across from Subway, which has been named the Golden Goose Lot.

A small potluck at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16 helped kick off the week's evening programs. Items of-

fered ranged from Eskimo salad to sweet deserts.

The King Island Dancers and Drummers took the stage at 8:00

p.m. with a youthful group of drummers. Dancers consisted of members from several villages from around the Seward Peninsula.

The evening entertainment concluded with dancing and drumming

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Photo by Mallory Conger

EAR TO THE GRINDSTONE – No participants during Wednesday's Midnight Sun Festival's weighted ear pull could match the carrying distance of Golovin's Jack Brown.



Photo by Keith Conger

ONE FOOT AT A TIME – Lucinda Ivanoff of Unalakleet takes part in the One-Foot High Kick demonstration at Golden Goose Lot Wednesday during the Midnight Sun Festival.



Photo by Keith Conger

YOUNGEST DANCERS – Vamura Olanna (left), Noel Leavitt of Nome danced Tuesday on the first night of the Midnight Sun Festival.



Photo by Mallory Congers

HIGH FLYER – Timothy Bloodgood of Nome gets well off the ground in the One-Foot High Kick during Wednesday's demonstration at Golden Goose Lot.



Photo by Keith Conger

GRANDMOTHER, GRANDSON – Dora and Sam Ahkinga danced on Tuesday during the Midnight Sun Festival.

Do you know of an outstanding person in your hometown?

Bering Straits Native Corporation is accepting nominations for its third annual Young Providers Award, which honors two young people who contribute to the health and well-being of their families and community.



Tinisha Dan Stebbins (2014)



Jaylen Gologergen Nome (2014)

Learn more and access the nomination form by visiting www.beringstraits.com/shareholders/young-providers or by calling 907.443.5252. The deadline for submitting a nomination form is July 24, 2015.



On The Edge of Tomorrow



Photo by Keith Conger

THIRD PLACE— The raft and crew of the *D-69er* were awarded the third place prize at the Nome River Raft Race.



Photo by Diana Haecker

SUMMERTIME— Nomeites enjoyed warm temperatures and ample sunshine for this year's raft race.

Howling Dawgs continue dominance of annual Nome River raft race

By Keith Conger

Some sports dynasties are well-known, others are more obscure. Sports enthusiasts might say the most well known dynasty belongs to the Boston Celtics, who won 11 NBA championships in 12 seasons. Those looking for a dynasty a bit less obvious might cite Trinity College's Men's Squash team who has claimed the past nine championships in its division.

Topping them all as the most under-the-radar dynasty could be the Howling Dawgs, a group of paddlers that again took first place at the annual Bering Sea Lion's Midnight Sun Raft Race on the Summer Solstice Sunday, June 21.

After taking only 1 hour, 45 minutes to complete the course that started one half mile up river of the Banner Creek Bridge and concluded in Dexter, Howling Dawgs' raft captain Steve Longley was happy to add another trophy to the team's collection.

Longley, who has participated in the event as a rafter on and off since 1987, says the Howling Dawgs have won the race since 1992. He does

admit, however, that an asterisk might have to be placed on their record. About 10 years ago, his crew lost by 15 seconds, but wound up with the trophy since the winning squad was disqualified for not meeting raft specifications.

According to Longley the last real competition the Howling Dawgs had came about 10 years ago. "It usually takes about between an hour and a half and an hour and 45 minutes," said Longley. "Twice we did it in an hour."

When asked if his crew was trying to set the Howling Dawgs fastest time, Longley said that records are only broken in high water years. "This is one of the lowest year's I've seen," he added. "We had to get off the raft two or three times."

Despite weather in the low 70's, John Handeland, who has been the event's Race Marshal for 25 years, says only four teams entered this year. He is not really sure who came in second place since no other raft finished under the three-hour cut-off time. "We advised them at the beginning we wouldn't be waiting if they dilly-dallied along the way," said

Handeland jokingly.

Handeland said that even though there were no other official finishers, the third place prize was awarded to the D-69ers, whose captain Charley Reader, a long time participant, deserved a trophy. "Race Marshal's discretion," said Handeland.

Other raft entries were Hope She Floats, captained by Catherine Pom-

renke and USS Titanic, captained by Nick Hand. No fewer than 14 smaller water craft, which included kayaks, canoes, inflatable rafts and row boats, made their way down at least part of the river, although an official count was hard to determine.

"The annual event was originally sponsored by the Nome Jaycees," said Handeland. "When they dis-

banded, the Bering Sea Lion's took over. The Lion's have been doing it for over 40 years, so it's gone on for at least 50."

Longley's winning crew consisted of Sterling Buffas, Bert Kuzuguk, Archie Olanna, Sam Wilkalkia and Coleen Olanna. The Honorary Captain is the late Truman Johnson.



Photo by Keith Conger

RULE NUMBER 2 – The second rule of Sunday's Bering Sea Lions Club Nome River Raft Race was that all crew members **MUST** be entirely wet by the finish line. The crew of Hope She Floats, captained by Catherine Pomrenke, complied often during the 70 degree day.



Photo by Diana Haecker

NON-RAFT PARTICIPANTS— Tradionalists such as these canoeists and lone kayaker received the same punishing treatment from bystanders as did participants of the Raft Race.



Photo by Keith Conger

FASTEST RAFTERS – Captain Steve Longley, third from the left, guides the Howling Dawgs to another victory during Sunday's Bering Sea Lions Club Nome River Raft Race.



Photo by Keith Conger

AND THEY ARE OFF – Raft race entrants set off from shore at the beginning of Sunday's Bering Sea Lions Club Nome River Raft Race.

Saying It Sincerely

Rev. Karen Sonray
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

“The kingdom of God...is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches so that the birds of the air can make nests in the shade.” Mark 4: 30 -32

The Kingdom of God is near — this is one of the main messages of Jesus. He was not talking about a “place,” but an activity— the reign of God: God ‘s hand at work to bring His purposes to fruition. God’s will is being worked out even though we don’t always see or feel it. We are asked to walk by faith not by sight.

Jesus says the will of God is contained in small things. “Small is beautiful,” was a book on economics written when I was a young person.

Jesus is telling us that though our faith is in the smallest of units, yet God will do great things from it— look at the mustard seed!

Never be daunted by small beginnings. We often feel what we do is hardly worth starting as it is too small. But everything must have a beginning. Nothing emerges full-grown. It is our duty to do what we can; and the cumulative effect of all the small efforts can have amazing results.

With very small things and a little faith, God can do some very big things. With Moses’ rod, God divided the sea. With David’s slingshot and stone, a great warrior was killed. A small boy donated five loaves and two fish, and 5,000 people were fed. A poor woman put two pennies in the treasury and received the highest praise Jesus ever gave.

God is still bringing in the king-

dom through small things, through people like us . We get discouraged, too. We think our small contribution to the world won’t make a difference. “I haven’t done much,” we say. “Whether it has any effect on the kingdom is anybody’s guess.” But Jesus disagrees.

Part of the reason we get discouraged is that we are victims of bigness. Cities vie for the biggest convention center. Corporations seek the tallest building in the city. We have megamalls, megachurches, and megastorms.

In contrast, Jesus spoke of the importance of small things: a mustard seed, a cup of cold water, a widow’s penny, a kindness done to the least of these. Jesus knows what we too often forget: the size of the bush, the healthy spread of the branches depends on the vitality of the seed. When it comes to the seed of the

kingdom of God, Jesus speaks of it with an unshakable confidence. God is working His purposes out – in a mother’s prayer, a word of encouragement, a little girl’s joy, a young boy’s imagination, a vacation Bible

school teacher, a lone voice decrying injustices.

Keep planting the seeds of the kingdom. Leave the outcome in God’s hands.

All around the Sound

Grants

The Alaska Conservation Foundation’s Alaska Native Fund awarded a grant to Kawerak Inc. and to the Bering Sea Elders Group for conservation work.

According to Alaska Native Fund program manager Loren Peterson, Kawerak was awarded \$20,000 to document and preserve traditional indigenous knowledge, including stories and knowledge relating to lived experiences in the environment. The project will involve community story telling events in multiple regional communities. Also there will be interviews with elders and focus groups to examine how traditional and contemporary knowledge, beliefs and experiences communicate and are connected with environmental stewardship, a strong cultural value. According to a press release from the Alaska Conservation Foundation, there is an overwhelming desire from tribal members of the Kawerak region to document and preserve traditional and contemporary stories with elders still living today. Many of the traditional stories are under-researched but are vital to understanding Bering Strait indigenous cultures, values and lifeways.

The Bering Sea Elders Group received an Alaska Native Fund grant for \$15,000. The project addresses climate change, presenting new challenges to the food security of local tribes. The Alaska Native Fund grant will support the Northern Bering Sea Initiative to foster collaboration across the Yukon-Kuskokwim and Bering Strait regions toward the development of marine policy that will benefit future generations. The Elders Group aims to safeguard marine resources and strengthen the self-determination of local tribes in forming the future of the northern Bering Sea.

The Alaska Native Fund distributed \$249,965 statewide in grants to fund projects that address the critical conservation issues affecting Alaska Native cultures, communities and economic opportunities. This year, grants were awarded to 13 Alaska Native organizations and one Alaska Native individual.

The Alaska Native Fund is a grant program under the Alaska Conservation Foundation that supports integrating indigenous knowledge into projects addressing food security, climate change, sustainable economic development, energy solutions, and environmental and human health issues.

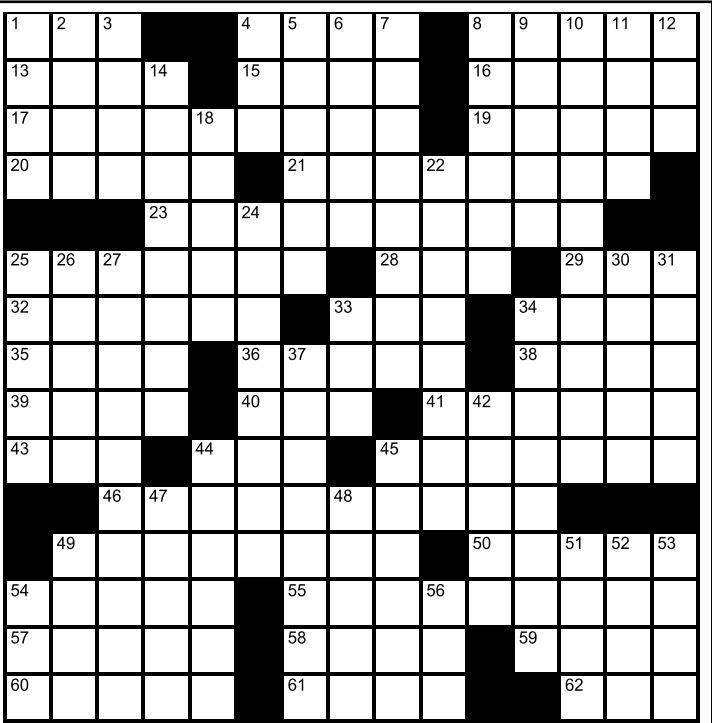
Published

Several Nome and Nome-connected artists’ work was published in the spring edition of the Yellow Medicine Review, a journal for Indigenous Literature, Art and Thought. The cover art for the journal was done by Sonya Kelliher-Combs; the guest editorial was written by King Island descendant Joan Kane. Carrie Ojanen, also of King Island heritage, wrote a story on her upbringing in Nome, memories of life at camp with her Auka and family at Cape Wooley and several poems. Also published in the journal are the two poems “In August” and “I woke up” by Marie Tozier.

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- Across**
- 1. Clavell's "___-Pan"
 - 4. Doctor Who villainess, with "the"
 - 8. Flip, in a way
 - 13. #1 spot
 - 15. Religious image: Var.
 - 16. "I give up!"
 - 17. Emergency submarine descent (2 wds)
 - 19. ___ of Saturn
 - 20. Beat
 - 21. Raided for booty
 - 23. Plant cultivated for its latex (2 wds)
 - 25. Brisk
 - 28. Affirmative vote
 - 29. "ER" network
 - 32. Japanese ___ girl
 - 33. Former measure of U.S. economy
 - 34. "I had no ___!"
 - 35. Contact, e.g.
 - 36. Cousin of a raccoon
 - 38. "September ___" (Neil Diamond hit)
 - 39. About (2 wds)
 - 40. Armageddon
 - 41. Scarface
 - 43. River in E Wales and W England
 - 44. A pint, maybe
 - 45. Less green
 - 46. Brain of a vertebrate
 - 49. Process of inferring
 - 50. Japanese-American
 - 54. Lyric poem

- 55. Study of beauty in nature and art
- 57. Despot's duration
- 58. Fleishy covering at top of parrot's beak
- 59. Ball material
- 60. Found a new tenant for
- 61. ___ cheese
- 62. Cashew, e.g.

- Down**
- 1. Boor's lack
 - 2. "God's Little ___"
 - 3. Mosque V.I.P.
 - 4. Free from, with "of"
 - 5. Hands on hips and elbows bowed out
 - 6. Star bursts
 - 7. Containing no errors
 - 8. Put in stitches
 - 9. ___ dark space (region in a vacuum tube)
 - 10. Hinged, mesh-covered frame in entry (2 wds)
 - 11. Coaster
 - 12. "Absolutely!"
 - 14. Starbucks order
 - 18. Cut of meat (shin) in Scotland
 - 22. Irregular
 - 24. Wrist ornament
 - 25. Burning
 - 26. Apprehensive
 - 27. Flax plant extract (2 wds)
 - 30. Capital of Switzerland
 - 31. Basket weaver
 - 33. "Crikey!"
 - 34. Exemption from punishment
 - 37. Type of swimsuit (hyphenated)
 - 42. Agreeing (with)
 - 44. Highlight
 - 45. "Om," e.g.
 - 47. Elbow
 - 48. Bamboozled
 - 49. Fencing sword
 - 51. Capital of ancient Chinese empire
 - 52. Almond
 - 53. "___ It Romantic?" (contraction)
 - 54. "To ___ is human ..."
 - 56. Alter, in a way

Previous Puzzle Answers

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HOROSCOPES
June 2015 — Week 4

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Oh my, Capricorn. It's going to be a confusing time for sure. Do your best to muddle through. Clarity will come by the weekend. A family matter is resolved.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Amazing work, Aries. You really put your heart and soul into it, and someone important will take note. Waters at home become calmer.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Cool Cancer. You might be shaking on the inside, but no one would ever know it. Keep up the calm exterior. It will get you places this week.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

No, no, no, Libra. You set a date and made plans. Don't change them to accommodate the wishes of others. It's their turn to accommodate you.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Think before you act, Aquarius. There is more to the situation than you realize. An impulse buy lifts spirits at home and gets people busy.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Relax a little, Taurus. An obstacle appears more daunting than it is. A shopping trip uncovers the deal of a lifetime. Seize it. It won't come again.

LEO
July 23–August 22

La-di-da, Leo. Just because a colleague finds it necessary to toot their own horn doesn't mean you should. Let your work speak for itself.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Aim high, Scorpio. The tide has turned. A momentous occasion calls for momentous plans. Look to a senior to help. A book arrives with a letter in tow.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Pretty as a picture, Pisces. Life will be rosy this week. Enjoy it while you can. A friend feels let down. Be there for them. Flowers perk up a space.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Goodness gracious, Gemini. You manage to do the impossible yet again. This time, however, you will be rewarded for your efforts. A charity run is worthwhile.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Veer to the left, Virgo. Veer to the right. There will be loads of obstacles to dodge this week. Be cautious, and all will go well. One person's loss is another's gain.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Savvy Sagittarius. You know how to manage money. A friend, on the other hand, could use some help. Guide them with a firm but loving hand.

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Obituaries

Arnold Wilson Iliqhataq
Iuguluuk Olanna
April 5, 1989 – June 1, 2015



Arnold Wilson Iliqhataq
Iuguluuk Olanna

Our Arnold Wilson Iliqhataq Iuguluuk Olanna, “Arn” or “Spawn” was born on April 5, 1989 to Wilfred Olanna Sr. and Frances Okpowruk. He went to be with the Good Lord on June 1, 2015 at 26-years young.

Arnold grew up with his siblings and many friends. He loved to joke around, even in the worst situations. He always had a smile on his face and a good sense of humor. He grew up close to his sister Helen, whom he called “Ape.” Together they made many friends and memories. He always had something to share. There was never a dull moment when he was around.

Arnold loved children. He helped raise Pancho since he was four months old. In the middle of the night, he would get up and comfort Pancho until he fell back to sleep. During the day when he would watch Pancho, he would call mom just to let her know he’s asleep. Arnold also took care of his brother Kenneth, always made sure he was okay. When Kenneth would be out he would go out to look for him for dinner and curfew.

He loved each and all of his nieces and nephews. He would spoil them and listen to them if they wanted something done, it will be done. He spoiled JR’s son Brennan Elmer, even told JR and Karla “no it’s okay he’s your son.”

Arn always helped anyone with anything, no matter what it was. He helped hauling water, trash, and

going to the store. When brother JR needed help with anything he would go ask Arn and Arn never said no.

Arn took care of dad. He would help and always make sure he was okay. Arnold learned a lot from him. When dad taught him how to care he learned how to make necklaces. He made his own old ivory “mammoth tusk” necklace that had a smiley face that was already on the one bead.

Arnold loved hunting, egg hunting, fishing, picking berries and suzra. His favorite thing to do was to go geese hunting during the spring and fall time.

Arn was looking forward to this coming summer in helping Uncle Albert Olanna and Uncle Boe in checking fishnets to gather fish for the

winter. He also loved to seal hunt.

He would never say no to anyone who asked him to follow. He was always excited to go. Every day he would call his mom at work and ask, “What to make for dinner?” He loved to cook and experience ways to make his cooking taste even better. He also liked working on machines, always made sure dad and mom’s snow machine was running. Arnold and Bert put a snow machine together. Arn was very proud of their work when he was able to start it one shot.

Since 2010, Arn worked for the City of Shishmaref as an Alternate SWDL. He always made ways of making money for him and his family. Arn went to Shishmaref School

where he grew up close to his classmates. He graduated in May 2007. In school, he was the class clown and made many funny memories with his classmates.

Arn made a lot of close friends, always hanging out and listening to music. He adored his cat Fluff who would always sleep with him and even massaged him on his stomach.

During his last few days, he was helping his aunties Hannah and Sally Okpowruk. He always made sure they had a bucket full of water and their trash and honey bucket were dumped and them, all three, have many really good memories together.

We thank you Arnold for all you did while you were here. Special thanks for taking care of Dad, Mom, Kenneth and Pancho. You did a lot for us brother, thank you! We will al-

ways love and miss your presence.

Arnold is in heaven with his brother Ray Chuck Olanna, great-grandparents Kenneth and Helen Kakoona and Wilson and Reila Okpowruk; uncles and aunts Elliot and Emma Olanna, Annie Bright, Faye Lucio, Alex Weyiouanna; cousins Andy Lee Nayokpuk, Pancho Lucio and Agnes Okakok, best friend Devan Pootoogooluk and classmate Hattie Marie Ningealook, and many more numerous loved one.

Arnold is survived by his parents Wilfred Olanna Sr. and Frances Okpowruk; brothers Paul Olanna, Wilfred Olanna Jr. and Karla Nayokpuk, Amos and Kenneth Olanna; sisters Melanie Olanna, Helen “Ape” Olanna, Rae-Rae

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River of Life Assembly of God Church

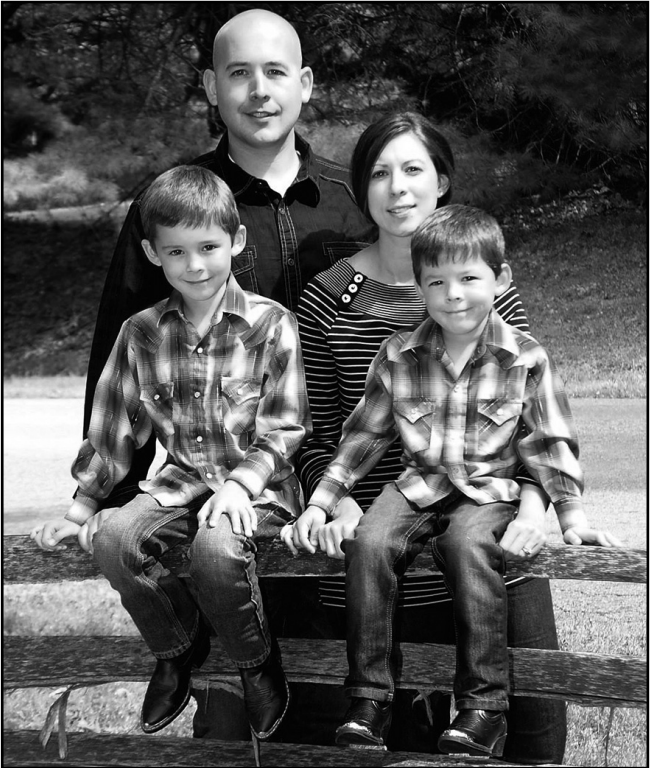


Photo courtesy Austin Jones

NEW PASTOR— Austin Jones and his wife Jennifer, pictured with their sons Aiden and Wyatt, moved to Nome in January to serve as the new pastors River of Life Assembly of God Church. Jones served in full-time ministry roles for over 11 years serving as both a Pastor and an Evangelist, including seven years in the village of Emmonak as Pastor of the Yukon Delta Assembly of God Church. They have traveled and ministered in many locations across the lower 48 holding one-day to one- week meetings in over 20 states and 25 communities in Alaska.

Super Seed Granola

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

Makes About 16 Servings
Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Bake at 300°F for 25 minutes
Difficulty Level: Medium

Ingredients:
6 cups old fashioned oats
¼ cup flaxseed
¼ cup chia seeds
¼ cup raisins
¼ cup dried cranberries
¼ cup shredded coconut
½ cup walnuts, chopped
¼ cup honey
2 Tbsp. olive oil
2 tsp. vanilla

- Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 300°F. Spray a large cooking sheet with cooking oil to prevent sticking and set aside.
 2. Combine honey and oil in a heat proof bowl and warm for 5 minutes in the oven while it is pre-heating.
 3. Combine oats, flaxseed, chia seeds, raisins, cranberries, shredded coconut, and walnuts in a large mixing bowl. Stir to mix.
 4. Add vanilla to warm honey and oil. Stir until well combined.
 5. Pour mix onto a large cooking sheet and spread evenly.
 6. Bake for 10 minutes. Stir granola and bake for 10 additional minutes. Stir again and bake 5 additional minutes if desired for crisp granola.
 7. Let the granola cool in the cooking sheet. Once cool, place in an airtight container to store.



Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size	1 / 2 cup
Amount Per Serving	16
Calories	348
Total Fat (g)	10
Saturated Fat (g)	2
Cholesterol (mg)	0
Sodium (mg)	2
Total Carbohydrate (g)	55
Fiber (g)	9
Protein (g)	12
Vitamin A (%)	0
Vitamin C (%)	1
Calcium (%)	4
Iron (%)	19

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Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm
- Nome Covenant Church**
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Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Our Savior Lutheran Church**
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m..
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side
- River of Life Assembly of God**
405 W. Seppala • 443-5333
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Last Sunday of each month Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Worship: 7:00 p.m.
For more information contact Pastor Austin Jones
- St. Joseph Catholic Church**
Corner of Steadman & W. King Place • 443-5527
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Masses: Mon. & Tue. 9:00 a.m., Thur. 12:10 p.m.
Friday Hospital Mass: 12:10 p.m. (NSRH Meditation Room)

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

- Seventh-Day Adventist**
Icy View • 443-5137
Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
- Nome Church of the Nazarene**
3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-4870
Pastor Dan Ward
Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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Employment

NSEDC Job Opportunity



Education, Employment & Training

Director: This position is responsible for NSEDC member outreach and direction of programs as they relate to scholarships, employment and training opportunities. Applicant should have strong organizational, administrative, writing and public speaking skills.

A bachelor's degree is required, but year-for-year experience may substitute for degree requirement. Four years of program management and supervisory experience is required, along with a valid driver's license.

NSEDC has competitive wages and an excellent benefits program!

For an application or complete job descriptions, check www.nsedc.com or contact Tyler Rhodes at 443-2477 (Nome), 888-650-2477 (toll-free) or tyler@nsedc.com.

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

• **Youth Coordinator:** non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$21.15/hour - \$23.79/hour (DOE). The position is open until 07/06/15.

Native preference per Public Law 93-638

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

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

NSEDC Job Opportunities



Human Resources Specialist (Anchorage, Nome, or Unalakleet):

This full-time position will assist in employee development, training logistics, opportunities and recordkeeping, and will provide support for supervisors and payroll with hiring paperwork.

Seasonal Office Assistant (Anchorage): This seasonal position (June-August) is responsible for assisting the Accounting Department and Administration with summer season operation activities.

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NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM

JOB OPENINGS

CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled

Applications are being accepted or full time positions:

CERTIFIED WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR

Salary Range: 20.48 - 30.72, DOE & certifications

Job-Specific Qualifications: Valid operator certifications issued by the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation to operate and maintain the Nome systems of at least the levels indicated:

- Water Treatment Operator - Level I
- Water Distribution Operator - Level III
- Wastewater Treatment Operator - Level I
- Wastewater Collection Operator - Level II

WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR-IN-TRAINING

Salary Range: 17.70-19.76, DOE

Job-Specific Qualifications: Successful candidate should consider Nome as home and intend to reside here long-term to gain the requisite certifications by passing DEC's written examinations and working under the supervision of a certified operator. Not suffer from claustrophobia (fear of closed or small spaces).

APPRENTICE LINEMAN

Salary Range: 17.17 - 22.50

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Job-Specific Qualifications: Proficiency in algebra, physical ability to climb, not suffer from acrophobia (fear of heights). Will train under the direct supervision of Journeyman-Lineman in all aspects of power (line) distribution. After initial evaluation period, will be enrolled in Apprenticeship Program requiring employee to spend several months in training in Fairbanks or another Alaska location.

Requirements for All Positions:

High school diploma (or equivalent/GED), valid Alaska Driver License with CDL endorsement (or not be disqualified from - ability to obtain CDL), general computer knowledge (Microsoft Word & Excel), ability to work with the public, physical ability to lift at least 70#. May require work outside regularly scheduled hours on a call-out basis.

Applications are available from NJUS, City Hall, and Nome Job Service. Completed applications should be delivered to the NJUS Administrative Office located at the old Snake River Power Plant Building, 1226 Port Road, or may be mailed to: PO Box 70, Nome, AK 99762

NJUS is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Reasonable accommodation will be made available to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Applications are subject to pre-employment drug screening (Pub. 6/18, 25)

Legals

Professional, and Public Safety Housing Application, please visit the AHFC website at www.ahfc.us/pros/grants/development-grants/thhp/

Or contact: Derrick Chan
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
P.O. Box 101020
Anchorage, Alaska 99510-1020
907-330-8235
907-338-2585 (FAX)
1-800-478-2432
dchan@ahfc.us

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PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ALASKA – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION CITY OF WALES, CLASS III MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PERMIT

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) proposes to issue Solid Waste Disposal Permit No. SW3A166-20, to the City of Wales, to operate a Class III Community Municipal Solid Waste Landfill.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Location: Wales is located on Cape Prince of Wales, at the western tip of the Seward Peninsula, 111 miles northwest of Nome. The legal description of the landfill is: Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 45 West, Kateel River Meridian.

**Landowner: City of Wales
Landfill Operator: City of Wales**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This public notice is for an existing landfill that has operated as an unpermitted facility since it was constructed in the 1980s. A fence was installed around the landfill in 1994 and significant improvements were made in 2014. This will be the first permit issued for the landfill. The landfill currently serves the 146 residents of Wales. It is estimated that the community produces 186 tons of solid waste per year. The 1.2-acre site includes a solid waste disposal cell and a storage area for used appliances within a secured area.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For information regarding this Solid Waste Disposal Permit, please contact Trisha Bower at (907) 451-2174 or by e-mail at trisha.bower@alaska.gov.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: ADEC is seeking comment regarding the proposed Permit only. Notice is given that any person interested may present written comments relevant to the proposed Permit to ADEC. Written comments will be included in the record if received before 5:00 p.m. on August 1st, 2015. Submit written comments regarding the project to Trisha Bower, ADEC Division of Environmental Health, Solid Waste Program, 610 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, Fax: (907) 451-2188, email: trisha.bower@alaska.gov.

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Natalie Wolfe at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

6/19/2015, dated at Fairbanks, Alaska.

s/b
Douglas Buteyn
Solid Waste Program Coordinator

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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.
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5.14 – 8.27

Trooper Beat

On June 11, at 11:27 p.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report of an intoxicated driver whose passenger fell off of the vehicle being operated. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest

of Langford Adams III, 25 of Mountain Village, for driving under the influence and reckless endangerment. Adams was held at the Unalakleet jail until arraignment.

Legals

THE CITY OF NOME

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. O-15-06-08 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LAND USE PERMIT TO THE NOME KENNEL CLUB

This ordinance had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on June 8, 2015 and was passed to second reading/public hearing/final passage at the regular meeting of the Council scheduled for July 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the Office of the City Clerk.

6.18-25, 7.2-9



**NOTICE OF PROGRAM REGISTRATION
SFY '16 TEACHER, HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY HOUSING (THHP) GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS**

The **Alaska Housing Finance Corporation** is opening registration for the Teacher, Health Professional, and Public Safety Housing Grant Program. Under this program, competitive funding is available for new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of professional rental housing in small communities. The program provides grant funding to fill the gap between a project's capacity to carry debt and the total development cost of the project, given reasonable expenses for the project.

The application considers a two (2) step process:
1. Applicants must register for the online system;
2. Submit a THHP Application using the online system.

Applicants must meet the deadlines or will NOT be eligible to apply for SFY 2016 THHP funding.

Step (1): Applicants must register to use the on-line system. AHFC must receive a registration request for the online application system no later than July 20, 2015. Registration forms are available for download from the THHP information webpage at www.ahfc.us/pros/grants/development-grants/thhp/

Step (2): The application for the Teacher, Health Professional, and Public Safety Housing Grant Program competitive process begins July 31, 2015 and ends October 16, 2015. The rating criteria and program guidelines will be available on the THHP information webpage in early July.

All entities wishing to submit an Application must submit registration requests for access to the on-line application system according to this announcement. For information on the program, registration and submission of a Teacher, Health

Obituaries

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Olanna and Logan Gusty and Andrea Kuzuguk; aunts Rita Attatayuk, Sharon L. Nayokpuk, Sally and Hannah Okpowruk and their families. Great aunts Mina and Reuben Weyiouanna, Georgianna Merrill; uncles Albert Olanna, Edward Olanna, Francis Kakoona, Daniel Olanna, Joshua Okpowruk, Wilson Okpowruk, Jr. and Rafael Lucio. Nieces and nephews Emma, Ray, Lynden, Gordon, Aaliyah, Heidi and Vic Weyiouanna, Brandi and Sonny and Chase, Megan, Kayla, Brennan Elmer, Ethan, Braden, Bertha, Elizabeth, Makenzie, Lexi and Herbert Nayokpuk, Angel Kuzuguk, Ray Andrew Jamison, Peyton Barbara "Boobish" Gusty, Norman, Wendell, Marissa and Gypsy.

Real Estate

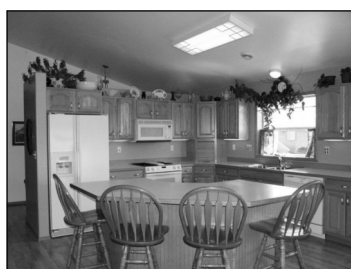


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• ULU News

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FAX MACHINE

Just a quick note, in the previous newsletters the Anchorage interim fax machine was previously listed wrong, the correction was made and the fax number is 907-269-2031.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Over the last three legislative sessions down in Juneau I have had a First Alaskans Public Policy Fellow placed in my office. This past week I had the privilege of speaking to a group of First Alaskan Interns. First Alaskans Summer Internship program employs Alaska Native or Rural Alaskan Juniors and Seniors in college across the state, some previous interns were from our district as well.

My good friend Representative

Kreiss-Tompkins and I took turns talking about the ups and downs of being legislators and how the general public can get more involved in the legislative process.

To find out more information about becoming a First Alaskans Intern or Public Policy Fellow, please visit <http://firstalaskans.org/leadership-development/overview/> or call First Alaskans at 907-677-1700.

Thank you for taking the time to read my ULU Newsletter.

Best wishes for a prosperous summer and be safe,

Senator Donald Olson
Toll free: 1.800.597.3707
Interim Fax: 1.907.269.2031
Email:
Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND MEETING

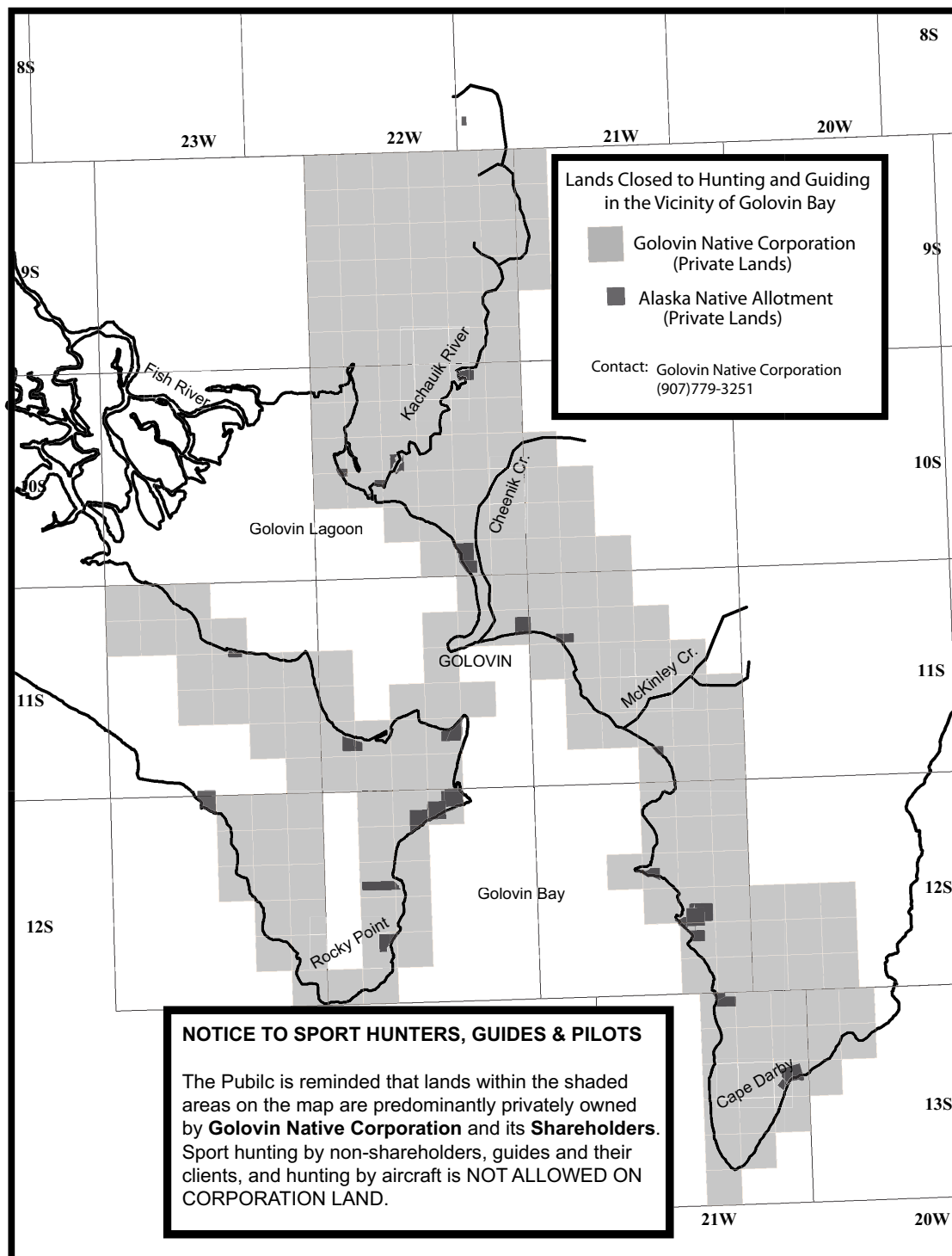


NORTON SOUND/BERING STRAIT REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM MEETING

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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• Cultural demonstrations

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from the Nome St. Lawrence Island Dance Group.

On Wednesday, June 27, Festival-goers were treated to demonstrations of traditional Native games, which included contests of strength, agility and daring. The event's Master of Ceremonies was Marjorie Tahbone,

Nome Native Youth Olympics head coach.

The first contest was a weighted ear pull. Participants had to lift a rock off the ground using a string attached to one ear. Those that could successfully lift the weight walked briskly to carry the rock as far as they could. Nobody in the crowd came close to the distance set by Jack Brown of Golovin.

The second event was the crowd-pleasing One-Foot High Kick. Local high school NYO athlete Ivory Okleasik led the demonstration by showing that during each attempt the jumper must take off with both feet, kick a ball suspended in the air and land on the kicking foot without losing balance.

A long line of local and visiting participants formed to try the game. The ball was raised many times, with Nomeites Okleasik, Henrik Brandt and Timothy Bloodgood being the final three jumpers. Erik Adams of Roseburg, Oregon outjumped all newcomers.

Wednesday's events concluded with a blanket toss. More than 20 people supported the walrus skin blanket, and helped launch over 20 participants, both children and adults, into the air.

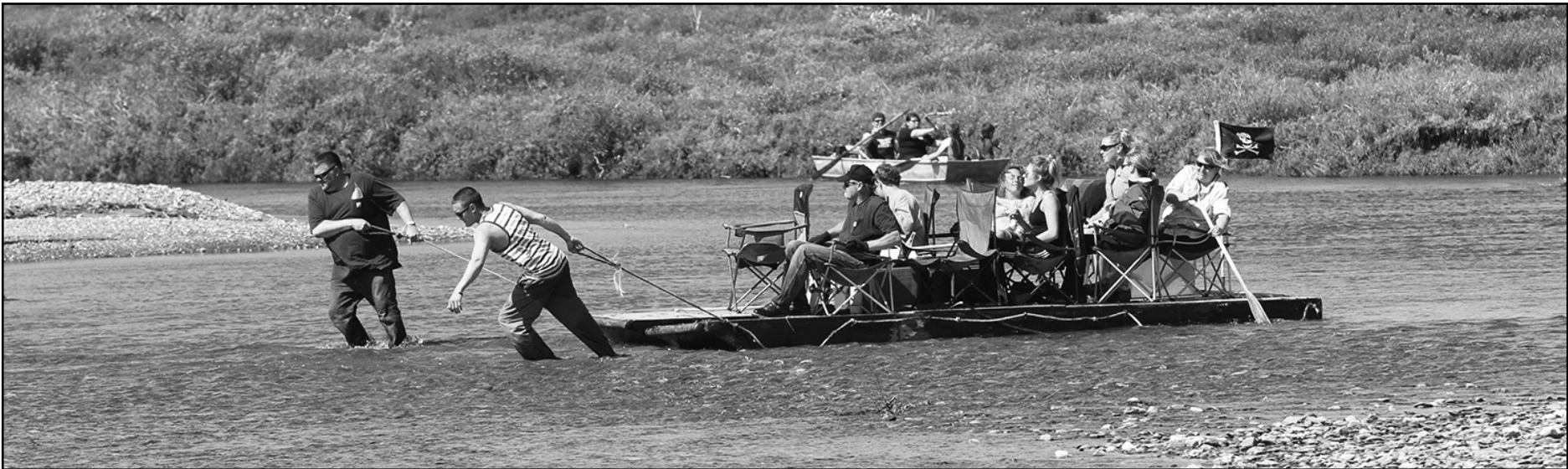
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THIRD PLACE RAFT— The raft D- 69ers was awarded the third place prize for the 2015 Nome River Raft Race.

Photo by Diana Haecker

Court

Week ending 6/19
Civil

Minor Party v. Minor Party; Civil Protective Order
Abbott, Richley H. v. Nome Gold Alaska Corp; Civil
Superior Ct

Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services, LLC v. Crowe, Ash-
ley; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500
Cornerstone Credit Services, LLC v. Rietheimer,
Jason; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500
Cornerstone Credit Services, LLC v. McHenry,
Clifton Wade; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
Cornerstone Credit Services, LLC v. Nesby,
James Charles; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500
Cornerstone Credit Services, LLC v. Hunt, Ray-
mond J.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
Cornerstone Credit Services, LLC v. Farris, Julia
Cocetta; Small Claims

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Emmanuel Iyakitan (1/7/65);
2NO-14-273CR Order to Modify or Revoke Pro-
bation; ATN: 114190686; Violated conditions of
probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail
term revoked and imposed: All remaining time,
consecutive to 2NO-14-629 and 2NO-15-89.

State of Alaska v. Emmanuel Iyakitan (1/7/65);
2NO-14-273CR Order to Modify or Revoke Pro-
bation; ATN: 114800364; Violated conditions of
probation; jail term revoked and imposed: 50 days,
consecutive to 2NO-14-273 and 2NO-15-89CR.

State of Alaska v. Emmanuel Iyakitan (1/7/65);
2NO-15-89CR CTN 001: Harassment 2; DV; Date
of Violation: 2/7/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002;
30 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. Archie Tocktoo (5/23/70);
CTN 002: Criminal Trespass 1; Date of Violation:
6/4/15; 30 days, 20 days suspended; Unsus-
pended 10 days shall be served, not to exceed
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 (date of judgment: 6/12/15);
Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to
the residence of (no name indicated) without con-
sent; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Leanna Apasingok
(12/24/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation;
ATN: 114191172; Violated conditions of probation;
Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: serve
all time.

State of Alaska v. David Booshu (10/9/68);
2NO-12-804CR Order to Modify or Revoke Pro-
bation; ATN: 113290785; Violated conditions of
probation; No Action Taken.

State of Alaska v. David Booshu (10/9/68);
2NO-15-183CR CTN 001: DUI-Operate Vehicle
Under Influence; Date of Offense: 4/7/15; 20 days,
0 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on
6/22/15 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; Pay to
Clerk of Court, or pay online at
courtreports.alaska.gov/ep: Fine: \$3,000, due
6/15/17; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0
suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections
Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage, or pay online at
courtreports.alaska.gov/ep: Initial Jail Surcharge:
\$50 per case with \$0 suspended; Due: \$50; Cost
of Imprisonment: \$1467 (2nd Off) with \$0 sus-
pended; Full amount ordered due; Obey Driver's
License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for
1 year; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Igni-
tion Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege
to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use
an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the
IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months;
Costs of the IID will be deducted from the fine if
you file proof of payment before the fine due date;
Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 6/15/15);
Obey all direct court orders listed above by the
deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktolik
(12/5/90); 2NO-15-274CR CTN 002: Assault 4;
Date of Violation: 6/1/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed:
001; 120 days flat; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per
case, due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police
Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this
court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktolik
(12/5/90); 2NO-15-280CR Notice of Dismissal;
Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office
6/12/15.

State of Alaska v. Jerry C. Iyapana (10/25/71);
2NO-14-647CR Order to Modify or Revoke Pro-
bation; ATN: 114196446; Violated conditions of
probation; Suspended jail term revoked and im-
posed: all remaining time.

State of Alaska v. Jerry Iyapana (10/25/71);
2NO-15-303CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001:
CT 1"; Filed by the DAs Office 6/12/15.

State of Alaska v. Micah Trigg (12/28/88);
Amended 6/15/15: Order to Modify or Revoke Pro-
bation; ATN: 111177063; Violated conditions of
probation; Conditions of probation modified as fol-
lows: 100 hours community work within 6 months,
10/13/15; Probation extended by 6 months,
4/25/19; All other terms and conditions of proba-
tion in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Reed Eide (12/12/93); 2NO-
12-291CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation;
ATN: 113287986; Violated conditions of probation;
Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 24
months, 9 months suspended; Sentence is im-
posed as sated I the attached supplemental judg-
ment.

State of Alaska v. Reed Eide (12/12/93); 2NO-
12-291CR Supplemental Judgment and Order of
Commitment/Probation; CTN 001, Offense Date:
5/14/12; Offense: AS11.46.130(a)(1): Theft 2-
Value \$500-\$24,999; Defendant came before the
court on (sentencing date) 6/15/15 with counsel,
PD Ferguson, and the DA present; 24 months with
9 months suspended; Surcharge: Pay Police
Training Surcharge within 10 days: \$100 (Felony);
Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and
taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered
to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, the

defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities
surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of
Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; AS
12.55.041(b)(1); Suspended Jail Surcharge: De-
fendant 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 be-
half of the state and to provide oral samples for the
DNA Registration System when requested by a
correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; AS
12.55.015(h); Probation for 3 years; General and
Other Special Conditions of Probation set, as
stated in order; Any appearance or performance
bond is this case: No Bail.

State of Alaska v. Rhonda Weyiouanna
(11/9/70); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: CT 1;
Filed by the DAs Office 6/18/15.

State of Alaska v. Ramona Apasingok

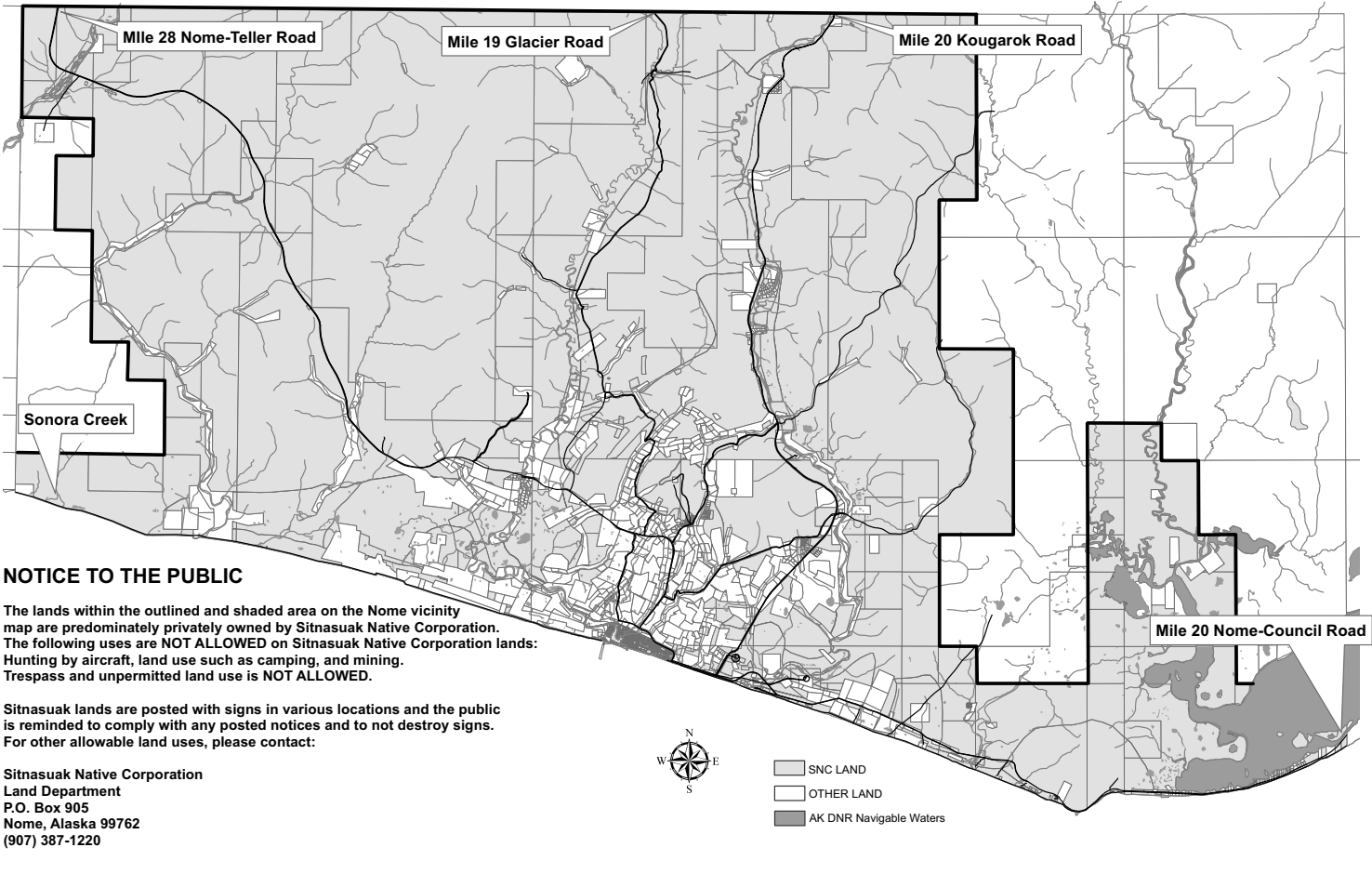
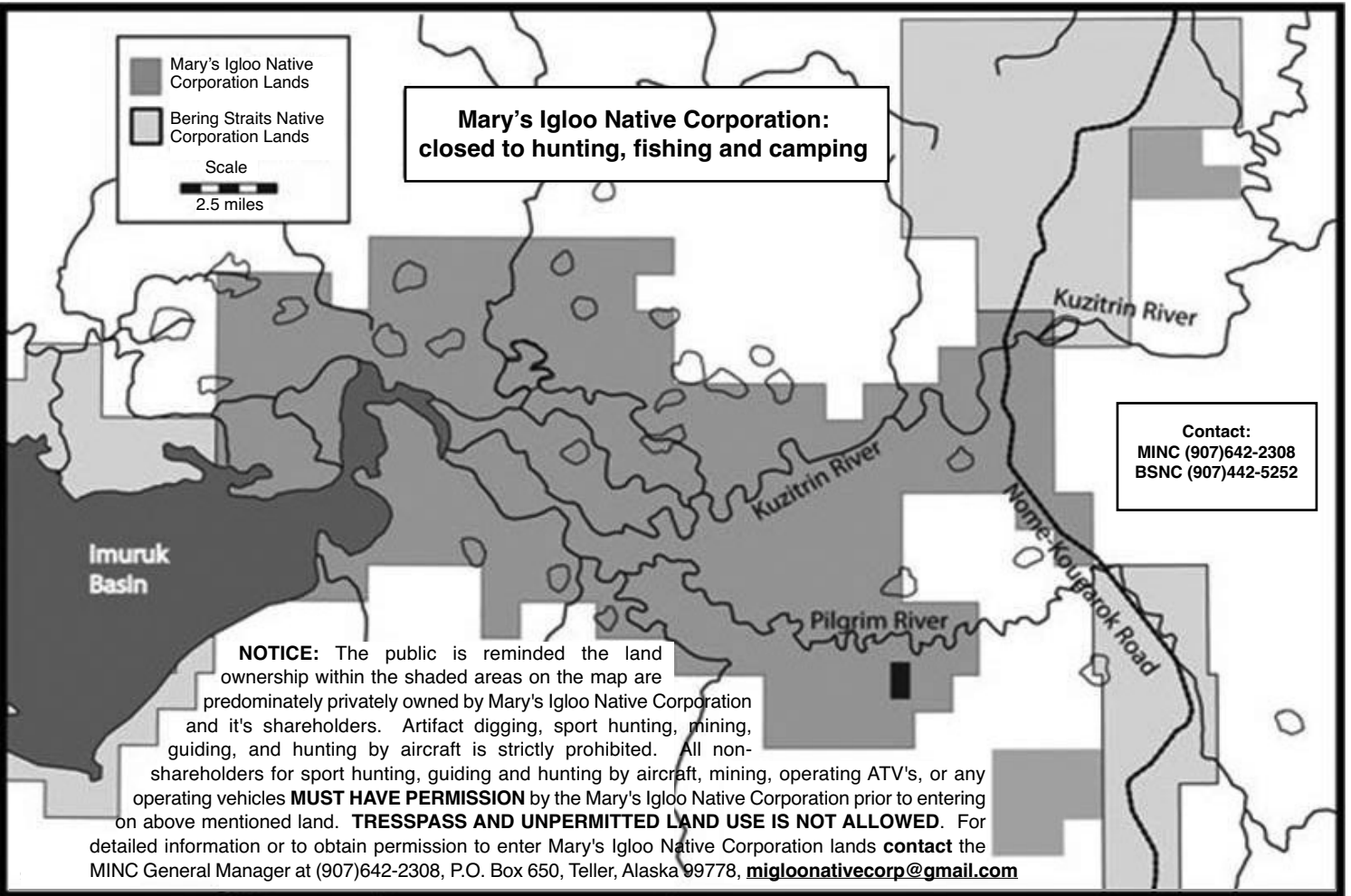
(12/16/68); 2NO-15-115CR Notice of Dismissal;
Charge 001: DC; Charge 002: CT 2"; Charge 003:
Res. Arr.; Filed by the DAs Office 6/17/15.

State of Alaska v. Ramona Apasingok
(12/16/68); 2NO-15-251CR Notice of Dismissal;
Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office
6/17/15.

State of Alaska v. Ramona Apasingok
(12/16/68); 2NO-15-313CRViolate Condition of
Release; Date of Violation: 6/17/15; 45 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. Anthony R. Gandia (7/19/76);
Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN:
114803091; Violated conditions of probation; Sus-
pended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days;
Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the
AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Adrian Ungott (7/21/66);
Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN:
113673402; Violated conditions of probation; Sus-
pended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days.





FEEDING FRENZY — Dozens of gulls join in a feeding frenzy in front of Nome on Monday, June 22.

Photo by Diana Haecker

Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 06/15/2015 through 06/21/2015

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 182 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 67 (37%) involved alcohol.

There were 22 arrests made with 19 (86%) alcohol related.

NPD responded to 25 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. 3 were remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and 6 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

There were 10 ambulance calls and 1 fire call during this period.

MONDAY - JUNE 15, 2015

01:35 am, NPD responded to the east side of town on the report of an intoxicated juvenile walking down the street. The juvenile male was contacted and observed to be intoxicated. The male admitted to consuming alcohol and marijuana. The juvenile was issued two citations; one for MCA and the second for Curfew Violation. He was transported to his residence and left in the care of his parents. A report will be forwarded to the JPO for the marijuana consumption.

01:44 am NPD Officers, while on routine patrol, observed an intoxicated female on the east side of town. Upon contact, the female was identified as Tonecia Ozenna, who was found to be on current conditions of release that prohibited the consumption of alcohol, as well as being under twenty-one (21) years old. Ozenna was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating her Conditions of Release and Habitual MCA, where she was held on \$1,250.00 bail.

03:16 am, NPD received a report of a possible domestic disturbance at an apartment complex on the east side of town. Upon arrival, one of the occupants of the apartment had already left the residence and was not able to be contacted. The remaining roommate was warned for Disorderly Conduct and left at the scene. No further action was necessary.

03:47 am, NPD officers were dispatched to a residence on the north edge of town for the report of a musk-ox on the property of a resident, nearing a dog enclosure. Fish and Game was notified and the musk-ox were coaxed to the opposing side of the subdivision without further issue.

08:51 am, NPD received a request for assistance on the west end of town, officers made contact with the individual and they were transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for treatment due to a high level of alcohol intoxication.

11:53 am, NPD received a report of suspicious activity on the east end of town. Officers were alerted and notified for extra patrols in the general area. No further action at this time.

01:18 pm, NPD located an unsecured premise on the west end of town. Officers secured the building for the owners and extra patrols will be conducted in the area. No further action.

02:50 pm, NPD received a report of a disturbance on the east end of town. Officers made contact with June Koonuk and she was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree DV and Criminal Trespass in the First Degree. Koonuk was then transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and later remanded to AMCC, where there is no bail set.

05:13 pm, NPD received a report of harassment. Officers met with the reporting party and advised them of the resources they could utilize and a report was taken.

06:28 pm, NPD received a report of possible importation of alcohol to a village. Officers met with the reporting party and a report was taken. The investigation is ongoing.

09:24 pm, NPD received a report of people shooting at musk oxen north of town. Officers responded, investigation revealed that the individuals involved were shooting 20-gauge bird-shots as warning shots. The shots were pointed in a safe direction. No further police assistance was required.

TUESDAY - JUNE 16, 2015

08:09 am, NPD received a report of an individual trespassing on property near the east end of town. Officers met with the reporting party and the manager of the property did not mind for the time being and the individual was released at the scene. No further action taken.

08:30 am, NPD received a report of an intoxicated individual needing assistance on the west end of town. Officers contacted the subject and he was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then onto AMCC for a Title 47 hold.

11:55 am, NPD received a report of an individual trespassing on the west end of town. Officers arrived on scene and escorted the individual off the property after being given a Criminal Trespass warning.

02:11 pm, NPD conducted a traffic stop on the west end of town. Officers issued Lawrence Dodge a citation for Operating an Off-Road Vehicle on a State Highway and he was released at the scene. No further action taken.

02:52 pm, NPD received a report of an individual being bitten by a dog on the east end of town. Officers responded and confirmed all vaccinations for the animal were current and the guardian of the minor was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment.

04:11 pm, during an attempt to serve court paperwork on the west end of town, officers made contact with Anthony Gandia, whom was intoxicated which was a violation of his conditions of probation. Officers arrested Gandia and he was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and later remanded to AMCC, where he is held without bail.

06:37 pm, NPD impounded a small beagle puppy from the east end of town. It was later released to Jimmy Sebwnna and he was issued a citation for Animal at Large. No further action taken.

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 17, 2015

05:07 am, NPD impounded a black and a brown mixed dog from the North end of town. Officers later released the dog to Gregorio Mendez, whom was issued a citation for Animal at Large. No further action taken.

08:12 am, NPD received a request for a welfare check on an individual making threats of self-harm. Officers spoke with the individual who stated all was safe and secure and did not require any medical or police assistance.

09:16 am, NPD received a report of a fire near Mile 5 on the Beam Rd. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance and Fire Department were dispatched to the scene and the Fire Department took care of the small smoldering area and ensured the scene was safe and secure.

10:29 am, NPD received a report of an individual being bitten by a dog on the east end of town. Officers made contact with the dog and the owner, confirming it had current vaccinations. The victim was treated at Norton Sound Regional Hospital for their injuries.

10:41 am, NPD received a report of an intoxicated male passed out on the west end of town. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department made contact and transported the individual to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for treatment. No further action taken.

10:43 am, NPD received a report of damage to private property on the east end of town. Officers spoke with the reporting party to gather further details. The investigation is ongoing.

02:44 pm, NPD received a report of a child wandering around alone with any guardians. Officers contacted the child and the mother was located. OCS was contacted and all agreed to the return the child to the mother. The situation was resolved by investigation.

03:15 pm, NPD made contact with an individual whom was intoxicated and down on the west side of town. Andy Penayah was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment and then remanded to AMCC for a Title 47 hold. During the same call another individual, Jamie Oozeva, met with other Officers and was found to be in violation of his probation. He was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then remanded to AMCC where he held without bail.

05:39 pm, NPD received a report of an individual trespassing. Officers responded to the scene and Rhonda Weyiouanna was arrested for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree. She was then transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then onto AMCC where she is held on \$500 bail.

THURSDAY - JUNE 18, 2015

05:55 pm, NPD received a report of an individual driving without a valid license. Officers contacted Galen Milligrock and arrested him for Driving with a Revoked License. He was transported to AMCC. Bail was set to \$500.

09:52 pm, NPD received a report of a theft from a business located on the west end of town. Investigation led to the arrests of Chad Wilson for three counts of Violating Conditions of Probation and Hindering Prosecution in the Second Degree. Eathen Elanna was also placed under arrest but for Violating him Conditions of Release. Elanna was also cited for Minor Consuming Alcohol. Both were taken to AMCC. Wilson's bail was not set and Elanna's bail was set to \$1000.

11:00 pm, NPD received a report of an assault on the west end of town. Officers responded and contacted Kristine Carlisle. Carlisle was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV. She was transported to AMCC and no bail was set.

FRIDAY - JUNE 19, 2015

00:46 am, NPD contacted Magdeline Omiak on the west end of town. Omiak was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and was transported to AMCC. Bail was set to \$250.

02:50 am, NPD received a report of a highly intoxicated male on the west end of town. Officers contacted Allen Kost Jr. He was arrested for two counts of Violating Conditions of Release and brought to AMCC. Bail was set to \$2,000.

10:43 am, NPD officers, while patrolling on the north edge of town, observed what appeared to be an ATV accident. Upon contact, the driver was found to have lost control of the ATV and was thrown from the vehicle as a result. Medical assistance was denied and the driver was provided transportation to their residence. No alcohol was involved and no enforcement action was necessary.

01:21 pm, NPD was notified of an abandoned bicycle on the west side of town. The bicycle was silver and green in color and did not appear to be registered with the Nome Police Department. If you, or someone you know, are missing a bike of this color, please contact the Nome Police Department to identify and claim it.

04:41 pm, NPD received a report of a stolen handgun from inside of a vehicle on the west side of town. Officers arrived on scene and gathered further information from the owner. The investigation into the theft is ongoing.

06:26 pm, NPD Officers, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle traveling over the speed limit on the east side of town. Upon contact with the driver, a 16-year old minor, no proof of insurance was able to be provided. The minor was cited for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance and Speeding. No further action was taken and the driver was released at the scene.

07:03 pm, NPD was dispatched to the east side of town for the report of a young child walking around without any apparent supervision. Officers arrived and contacted the child, who was found to be under the care of a family member while the parent was out of town. The child was reunited with the caregiver without further incident.

07:47 pm, NPD Officers, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle fail to come to a complete stop at a stop sign and was displaying expired registration tags on the west side of town. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver whom was a minor. She was issued a citation for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance and was given a verbal warning regarding the registration and stop sign violation.

08:09 pm, NPD officers, while on routine patrol on the north edge of town, observed a vehicle displaying expired registration tags. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver, identified as Kevin Briggs, was unable to provide proof of registration, nor proof of insurance. Briggs was issued citations for Operating with Expired Registration, Failure to Register and Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance. He was released at the scene without further incident.

08:42 pm, NPD was notified of a theft from a business located on the west side of town. A report was initiated, information was gathered from the reporting party and the investigation is ongoing.

11:05 pm, NPD was dispatched to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a disturbance involving an intoxicated female. The female was contacted several blocks away from the reporting party's residence and was issued a Criminal Trespass warning for the evening and released at the scene.

11:22 pm, NPD was notified of a possibly intoxicated driver on the northern edge of town. Officers located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The driver, identified as Kimberly Gray, was found to be sober, but was unable to provide current insurance paperwork. Gray was issued a citation for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance and was released at the scene without further incident.

11:28 pm, NPD Officers were dispatched to the northern edge of town for a second reportedly intoxicated driver. The vehicle was located and a traffic stop was conducted. The driver admitted to consuming alcohol, but was found to be below the legal limit to drive. The driver was provided transportation home and instructed not to drive for the remainder of the evening.

SATURDAY - JUNE 20, 2015

02:58 am, NPD responded to the west side of town for the report of a fight in progress. Upon arrival, witnesses stated that the subjects had already fled the scene and nobody present was able to identify the two combatants. A search was conducted of the area, based on clothing description, but the subjects were not able to be located.

03:15 am, NPD Officers, while on routine patrol on the east side of town, observed a visibly intoxicated male exiting a parked vehicle and immediately fled the scene. Two other intoxicated individuals were found inside the vehicle, one of whom was found to be under the age of twenty-one. The second male, when questioned about his identity, gave Officers a false name. The minor was issued a Minor Consuming Alcohol citation and released to sober relatives. The second male, later identified as Edward Anasogak, was placed under arrest for False Information or Report and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$500.00 bail.

04:12 am, NPD officers were dispatched to the west side of town for the report of a highly intoxicated female rolling around on the ground and possibly needing assistance. Upon arrival, officers contacted the female and determined that medical assistance was required. The female was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and was left in their care. While on scene, a second intoxicated person was observed falling off of an elevated platform to the ground a distance away. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department was requested on scene and the second female was also transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation.

04:41 am, NPD Officers were dispatched to the east side of town for the report of a male breaking the window out of a vehicle and stealing a cell phone from a person also on scene. Upon arrival, the male had fled the area, but was able to be positively identified based on the description given. Charges for Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree and Theft in the Fourth Degree will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

08:35 am, NPD was informed of an abandoned bicycle on the east side of town. Officers arrived and brought the bicycle back to the Nome Police Department, where the serial number did not show that it had been registered. The bicycle is orange and black in color and if you, or anyone you may know, are missing a bicycle matching this color, please call the Nome Police Department to describe the body style.

08:48 am, NPD was informed of an intoxicated male making threats on the west side of town. Upon arrival, Officers contacted the male who was later identified as Gary Kavairlook. Prior to his identification, he provided Officers with a false name, as he was under twenty-one years of age and intoxicated. Kavairlook was cited for Minor Consuming Alcohol, was placed under arrest for False Information or Report and was

remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$500.00 bail.

01:01 pm, NPD received a report that a male was walking around the west side of town with a knife, threatening harm to several persons. The male was located and identified as John Erlich Jr, who was found to be intoxicated. Nome Police Department Dispatch informed Officers that Erlich was on current Probation Conditions that prohibits the consumption of alcohol. Once the investigation had concluded, Erlich was placed under arrest for Assault in the Third Degree, as well as Probation Violation and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

03:04 pm, NPD received a report of a possible assault occurring at a residence on the east side of town. Upon arrival and further investigation, Edward Evan was found to have injured a member of the household. Evan was subsequently placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and was remanded to AMCC. He was held without bail.

05:09 pm, NPD was called in regard to a male trespassing at an apartment complex on the west side of town. Upon arrival, Officers located and identified the male, who was given a verbal warning for Criminal Trespass and released at the scene.

07:22 pm, NPD responded to a licensed premises on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated male that was refusing to leave. Upon arrival Officers contacted the subject, identified as Marvin Okleasik, still inside the business. Okleasik was placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree and Drunk on Licensed Premises. He was then remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$750.00 bail.

07:42 pm, NPD Officers, while conducting security checks behind businesses on the west side of town, observed a male, identified as George Minix, with an open bottle of alcohol in his possession. Minix was issued an open container citation and was released at the scene without further incident.

07:46 pm, NPD was conducting security checks behind businesses on the west side of town, observed an unconscious male lying on the ground. The male was not able to be roused and Officers requested the assistance of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department, who arrived on scene a short time later. The male was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation due to alcohol intoxication without further incident.

08:50 pm, NPD received a report of a possible minor consuming alcohol while riding in a vehicle with an adult. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and contact the two individuals inside. Neither was intoxicated but the driver, identified as Logan Ward, was found to have a revoked driver license. Ward was placed under arrest for Driving While License Revoked and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$500 bail.

08:56 pm, NPD responded to a reported theft from a business on the west side of town. Upon arrival and further investigation, the theft was proven unfounded and had been the result of a miscommunication between two employees. No further action was necessary, nor requested.

09:41 pm, NPD officers were met at the Nome Police Department by a citizen wishing to file assault charges against a member of the shared household. The report was taken and interviews were conducted with both individuals involved. The investigation revealed that Deborah Okitkon had struck a member of the household, causing injury. Okitkon was placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and was remanded to AMCC, where she was held without bail.

10:22 pm, NPD was dispatched to a reported fight in progress on the east side of town. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the involved persons and investigation revealed that the altercation was strictly verbal. No further action was taken and the issue was resolved by separation of the two persons.

SUNDAY - JUNE 21, 2015

00:25 am, NPD officers were dispatched to a business on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated female refusing to leave the premises. Upon arrival, the female was contacted outside and was provided transportation to a family member's residence, where she was left in their sober care.

00:32 am, NPD Officers, while fielding the previous call, observed a male subject in the front seat of a vehicle that attempted to jump into the back seat upon seeing a uniformed Officer approaching. The male, later identified as Shane Lockwood, was contacted in the vehicle and found to be intoxicated. Officers were informed that Lockwood is on current probation conditions that prohibit the consumption of alcohol. Lockwood was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and once obtained, was remanded to AMCC for Probation Violation, where he was held without bail.

01:56 am, NPD received a report of several intoxicated individuals that may possibly require assistance. Upon arrival, Officers contacted three subjects, all of whom were intoxicated. Two of the persons had already made it to their residence and the third was provided transportation home. No enforcement action was necessary.

02:19 am, NPD received a report of a highly intoxicated male that required assistance. Upon arrival, Officers learned from several witnesses that the subject had fallen and hit his head. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department was requested at the scene and the subject was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation via ambulance.

02:43 am, NPD was dispatched to a residence on the west side of town for a disturbance between several of the occupants. Upon arrival, one of the subjects involved was identified as Sophie Iyapana, who was also found to be intoxicated. Officers were informed that Iyapana was on current conditions of release that prohibited the consumption of alcohol, as well as being under the age of twenty-one (21). Iyapana was subsequently placed under arrest for Violating her Conditions of Release and Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol and was remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, where she was held on \$1,250.00 bail.

04:00 am, NPD Officers, while on routine patrol on the east side of town, observed a side-by-side ATV driving erratically and exceeding the speed limit by a significant margin. A traffic stop was conducted on the ATV and the driver was identified as Anthony Shelp. The investigation revealed that Shelp was too impaired to drive and was driving with a passenger inside the ATV as well. Shelp was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence (Alcohol) and Reckless Endangerment, where he was held on \$1,500 bail.

04:50 am, NPD officers contacted an intoxicated female, later identified as Esther Olanna, as a result of an unrelated service call. Olanna was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and while there, began causing a disturbance for other patients present at the hospital after multiple warnings to cease the disruptive behavior. Olanna was then placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and was remanded to AMCC, where she was held on \$250.00 bail.

12:05 pm, NPD received a request for a welfare check to be conducted on a family member that had not been heard from for several days. Officers located the person in question, who was found in good health and had forgot to contact the reporting party.

01:46 pm, NPD responded to a report of an attempted burglary on the west side of town. Upon arrival, further investigation revealed damage to the front door of the residence where a subject was attempting to gain entry. The investigation is ongoing.

06:24 pm, NPD received a report of vandalism at a residence on the east side of town. Upon arrival, Officers were led to a vehicle that appeared to have been tampered with in an attempt to get it started without a key. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

09:52 pm, NPD received a report of a possible domestic dispute between two individuals on the west side of town. Upon arrival and contact with the reporting party, the dispute was found to be strictly verbal and no further assistance was requested by either party. The issue was resolved by separation of the two individuals and no further action was necessary.

10:11 pm, NPD was notified of a vehicle on the east side of town that was parked on the wrong side of the roadway with a person asleep in the driver's seat. Upon contact, the subject was found sober and was informed of the intrusion into the lane of travel. The vehicle was moved without incident and no further action was necessary.

11:26 pm, NPD was notified of two dogs that had entered private property. The two dogs were impounded and the owner was notified of their incarceration.

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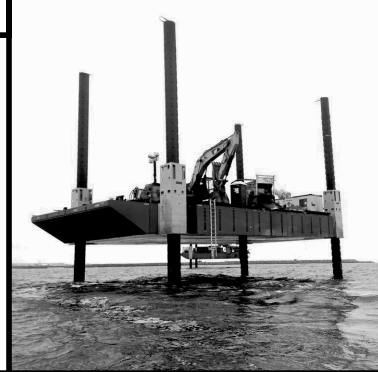


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Seventh inning dramatics highlight Midnight Sun softball tourney action

By Keith Conger

Men's Championship

The Midnight Sun Festival Softball Championships featured two grudge matches on Friday evening worthy of comparison to a Yankees versus Red Sox game.

"This was an old fashioned Outsiders versus Polaris battle," said Outsiders infielder Lance Cannon after the hard fought 27-26 contest his team just won over Coyote Construction, formerly known as Polaris.

Coyote had survived the round robin preliminaries by dispatching the West Anchor Hustlers, the Oxford RAVNS, and Outsiders. Their 3-0 record afforded them first seed in the championship game at the southern diamond at Satellite Fields, and meant that Outsiders would have to beat them twice to claim the first place trophy.

The first inning started off slowly as Coyote only sent only four batters to the plate. Outsiders was able to score on a two-run home run off the bat of Matt Mitchell in the bottom half of the frame to grab an early 2-0 lead.

The fireworks ignited in the second inning as Coyote batted around the order and scored nine runs. Not to be outdone, Outsiders also batted around scoring the first six players they sent to the plate. Ian Foster's late inning home run knotted the score at 9-9.

Outsiders kept it a close game through four innings, and only trailed by one run at 14-13, but fell behind Coyote 24-15 going into the final frame.

Coyote added a two-run home run by Dustin Bell and a solo shot by James Horner in the top half of the seventh, and seemed like they would breeze to victory with a 27-15 lead.

Things did not look good for Outsiders when their lead off batter Dave Barron made the first out. The momentum swung, however, as the next

11 batters crossed the plate. This included a two run homer by Ian Foster.

With one out, the bases loaded, and his team down by only a run at 27-26, second baseman Scotty Zweifel sent a rocket to deep left, but Horner leapt for the ball that was nearly over his head, and come down with the second out. Outsiders next batter Troy Miller hit a rocket ground ball that shortstop Bell was able to pull in and get the throw to first to retire the side.

"Gotta do it for the team," said Bell of his game ending play. "Eat up the ground ball, and make the play."

Cannon said, "James had the catch of the championships, if not the whole tournament."

Cannon also had high praise for his team's opponents after the game. "Outsiders has great hitters. They are a lot of fun to play against. Dave (Barron) is a great pitcher. One of the best pitchers in the league. He know

the hitters, and he can put the ball anywhere."

Warren Little was the umpire for the men's championship game.

Women's Championship

Like Coyote on the men's side, the ladies of Dredge 7 Inn entered the championship game as the first seed by beating all three of its opponents during the round-robin preliminaries. This included a victory over long time rival, and championship opponent, Quality Auto, who would need to beat Dredge 7 twice to claim first place.

Dredge 7's catcher Hannah Katongan said her team almost entered as the second seed but survived a thriller with Quality Auto in their Tuesday evening game. In that contest the teams were tied 22-22 in the bottom of the seventh when Sandy Martinson was able to knock in Alyssa Heers for the winning run, and a 23-22 victory.

Quality Auto batted around the order to start the championship game on North Field, jumping out to a 9-0 lead even before a single Dredge 7 batter had reached the plate.

After both teams went scoreless in the second inning. Quality Auto scored another nine runs in the top of the third, extended its lead to 18-0. Dredge 7 was only able to muster three runs in the bottom half of the frame. The game was called at 18-3 due the Fifteen Run Rule, which states that a team that has established a 15-run lead anytime at the end of the first through third innings is declared the winner.

Perhaps feeling that their backs were up against the wall, Dredge 7 jumped out to an early 6-3 lead after the first inning of the second, and true, final game. Quality Auto was not able to respond, going scoreless in the next five innings, and trailed 17-3 entering the final frame.

After left fielder Megan Rock scored in the top of the seventh, the ladies of Dredge 7 Inn had built a seemingly spirit-crushing 18-3 lead.

Quality Auto responded in a big way in the bottom half of the inning with each of its first eight batters coming across the plate before recording their first out, thus trimming the lead to 18-11. They would score another three runs before their second out, further narrowing the gap at 18-14. At that point starting pitcher Chrissy Piscoya was able to retire the side and preserve the victory.

"Chrissy was a mean pitcher," said Dredge 7 Inn teammate Amber Ryan after the game in reference to the strikeouts her pitcher was able to produce. "We had to stop them," continued Ryan. "To have the pressure after a 15-run (previous game), we had to win that."

Rock led her teammates in the final game with a five-run performance.

Jon Wongittilin was the ump for both women's contests.



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