



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

CLASH OF THE SEASONS—The hillside at the foot of King Mountain holds on to the last bit of fall color as the Kigluaiq Mountains show the white signs of what is soon to come.

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## Coast Guard eyes Arctic operations

*Nome likely to see more of the Coast Guard, just how is uncertain*

By Tyler Rhodes

Coast Guard brass visiting Nome late last week signaled that while the city will likely continue to see an increased presence, it will not play permanent host to one of its larger boats any time soon.

"To be frank, I don't think you'll see us stationing one of our existing cutters up here," Vice Adm. Jody Breckenridge told a small audience gathered at Nome City Hall Oct. 16. Breckenridge, the new Coast Guard Pacific Area Commander, was passing through Nome on a short visit

along with Rear Adm. Chris Colvin, the Coast Guard's 17th District Commander.

The admirals participated in a brief Friday morning meeting with Nome Mayor Denise Michels, City Manager Josie Bahnke, Port Director Joy Baker and Fire Chief Matt Johnson. The discussion ranged from a quick summary of the Coast Guard's Arctic Crossroads operation primarily based out of Nome this summer to its future needs in the Arctic and what role

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## Tight timeline to fill Foster's seat

By Tyler Rhodes

As Democratic leaders in the region mourn the loss of Rep. Richard Foster who died Oct. 13 of a heart attack, they also have work ahead of them to find a replacement for his legislative seat.

To fill the seat, the party leaders are now accepting applications from candidates in the district through Oct. 26. The district encompasses the Norton Sound region from Wales at its northwest point, and running south to include all the coastal villages through Hooper Bay, ending at Hazen Bay. The district also includes St. Lawrence and Little Diomed islands.

To apply for the seat, a nominee must have been a registered voter in House District 39 since June 1, 2007, and have been a registered Democrat in the dis-

trict since June 1, 2008. Applications are due at 5 p.m. Oct. 26. A list of candidates is to be published on Oct. 27 on the Alaska Democratic Party's website and candidate interviews are to be held in Nome Oct. 28.

The state Democratic Party calls for the interview committee to be made up of at least five members, including the district chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, central committee man and woman, and precinct chairs. Following the interviews, the public will be given a chance to comment on the candidates. District Chair

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

MIX AND MATCH—White Mountain's Scotty Ashenfelter takes to the air as he spikes the ball back to Nome's junior varsity squad during the Nome Mixed Six Tournament Friday evening at Nome-Beltz. Nome's Martina Painter (left) and Becca Sherman-Luce work the net. For more on the tourney, see page 12.

## NovaGold reports third-quarter loss

By Tyler Rhodes

Rock Creek Mine owner NovaGold Resources reported an \$18.1 million (Canadian) loss for the third quarter ending Aug. 31.

The loss compares to earnings of \$1.6 million (all dollar amounts reported are Canadian, unless otherwise indicated) reported for the same time period in 2008. The Canadian mining firm attributes the difference in fortunes between the two corresponding periods to a number of factors, including the disposal of investments in 2008 that brought in \$33.5 million and the increased costs of maintaining the infrastructure at

two mines that are producing no gold.

NovaGold reports spending \$8.6 million this year on what it deems "care and maintenance" at Nome's Rock Creek Mine and the Galore Creek Mine in British Columbia. Last year the firm spent \$5.4 million on care and maintenance activities, primarily at Galore Creek. The Rock Creek Mine was shuttered in November 2008.

For its year-to-date status, NovaGold reported a net loss of \$51.4 million compared to net earnings of \$2.6 million for the same nine-month period in 2008.

The third-quarter report gives no indication of hope for action any time soon at the Rock Creek

Mine. "The company does not currently plan to restart commissioning activities at the Rock Creek mine in the near term," the report states. The report, however, also indicates the firm is still examining a potential restart or sale of part or all of the property—a position NovaGold has held for most of 2009.

The gold mine just northwest of Nome was shuttered just as it was moving toward production last fall. Kinks in the production cycle combined with a shortfall of funds led NovaGold to pull the plug just as winter hit in 2008.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

I have lived in Nome since 1993 and the events this morning, a Wednesday, have prompted me to write my first letter to the editor.

My daughter left the house for the bus stop at approximately 8:30 a.m. She returned almost immediately because there were two men on the corner of Spokane and First arguing about a drug deal. "Where's my weed?" the one was demanding. I recognized the one individual but was unable to identify the dealer driving a 4-wheeler. He was wearing a dark jacket and had on a ball cap with white, red and blue colors. You both know who I am. As soon as you saw an adult approaching you both left. Guaranteed I will be talking with you soon.

Nome is not an inner city ghetto. Our children should be able to walk the streets and not be exposed to illegal behaviors and actions. Many visitors to Nome have told me how fortunate we are to live in such a safe community. Hmmm? Is that really true?

Drug and alcohol abuse is rampant in our small isolated community. So many of us continue to turn our heads and look the other way. Local folks know who are the little dealers and who the major players in this town are. I hear lots of public outcry that law enforcement doesn't do their job and why don't they bust the big dealers? All the cops do is arrest the little guys, the nickel and dimers. Guess what, folks? The way the laws are written is to allow us to live in a free society and not a police state. Just saying someone is a drug dealer doesn't get them charged. Law enforcement needs help from the citizenry.

"We all buy into the hypocrisy." Yeah, I know he sells dope, but he's a hell of a nice guy." "He's never done anything wrong to me personally."

Now we can all get together and make noise and be indignant and maybe establish patrols for the bus stops or we can walk our talk and help eradicate drug sales in and around our community. The illegal

drug sales in Nome are not limited to marijuana and cocaine. We have it all and it's all being offered to, sold to and used by our children and their friends.

Sine' Holly  
Nome, AK

six years and trained him as a house-dog. Therefore I've never kept him on a leash. I let him outside two or three times a day for an hour or so. In the morning by himself and in the afternoon and night, I let him tag along with me.

On September 28 he was spotted at Happy Valley that morning. Since he wasn't home for a day, I went to go look for him but couldn't find him. Later that afternoon a friend

called me and told me that they saw him dead on our dike. I found him maliciously shot and killed afterwards.

I know someone in Unalakleet knows about it and I hope they can come forward and tell me. I doubt that whoever has done it will confess.

This is one of the reasons that I'm

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

Editorial

Up a Rocky Creek

Is NovaGold really putting the Rock Creek Mine up for sale? What a bargain! A steal! A fire sale! What a challenge for a serious entrepreneur. Surely Nomeites can have some speculative and spurious takes on the Alaskan version of Let's Make a Deal.

We could lease it to a hotel. Never mind Paris Hilton; visualize the Rock Creek Hilton. Think of waltzing under the stars in the ball crusher room, fine dining at the gold table, chamber music in the trommel suites and taking a moonlight dip in the cyanide lake. It could be a haven for birders and bathers. Tourists could line up head to toe in winter to view the fantastic dancing aurora borealis and in summer they could pose with a grizzly. Think of the potential.

Then there's the last hurrah at the Big Hurrah mine site thrown in as a satellite deal. Imagine a chalet and a ski lift with pit slalom events. In summer there could be mud wrestling and a health spa with healing mineral packs. It could be a moneymaker.

The Nome Chamber of Commerce needs to take up the challenge. There's bound to be some innovative ideas out there. There's an old saying about when given a bag of lemons, make lemonade. So, Nomeites start squeezing. — N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past

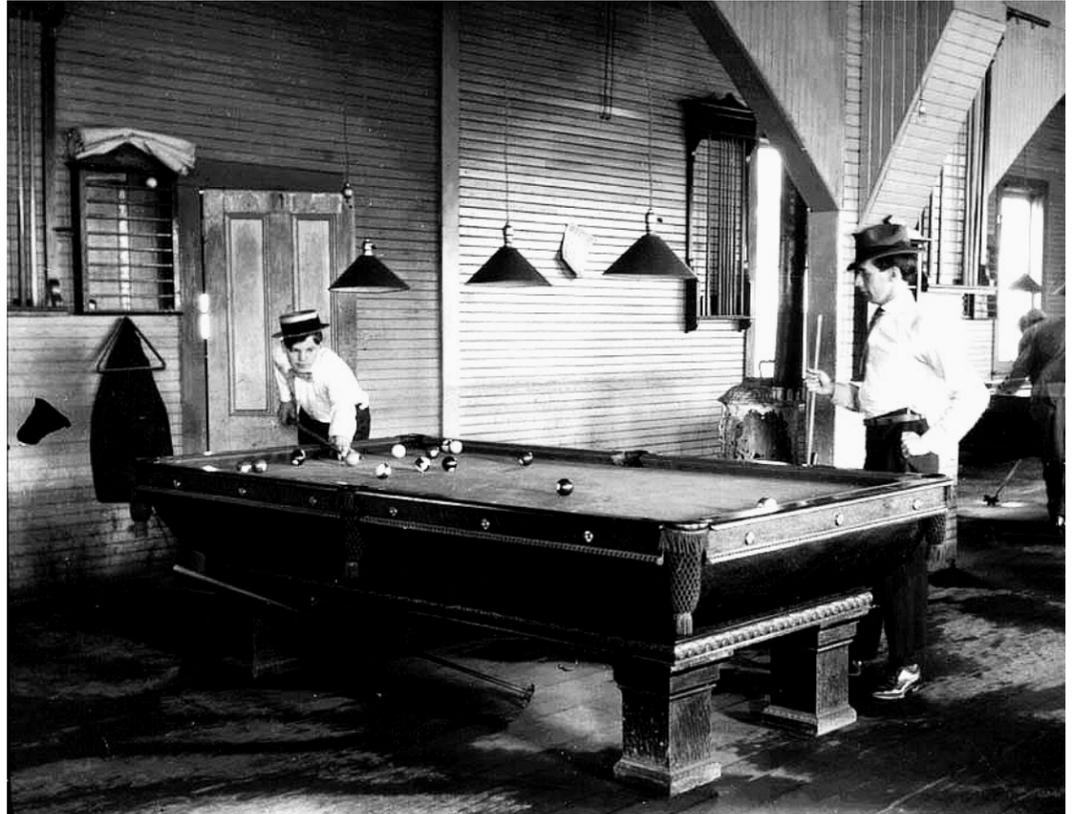


Photo by Arthur Bell Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum  
JUST ONE MORE FOR JIM WEST SR. — Australian born Nome photographer Arthur Bell is pictured on the right shooting pool with a buddy at the Board of Trade Saloon in 1909.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — October 22 - 28, 2009

Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	10/22	01:48 a.m. LDT	0.8L	07:29 a.m. LDT	1.3H	02:40 p.m. LDT	0.0L	09:43 p.m. LDT	1.3H
F	10/23	02:36 a.m. LDT	0.8L	08:14 a.m. LDT	1.3H	03:30 p.m. LDT	0.0L	10:36 p.m. LDT	1.2H
Sa	10/24	03:28 a.m. LDT	0.8L	09:09 a.m. LDT	1.2H	04:25 p.m. LDT	0.1L	11:35 p.m. LDT	1.2H
Su	10/25	04:24 a.m. LDT	0.9L	10:12 a.m. LDT	1.2H	05:22 p.m. LDT	0.1L		
M	10/26	12:38 a.m. LDT	1.2H	05:26 a.m. LDT	0.9L	11:20 a.m. LDT	1.2H	06:20 p.m. LDT	0.2L
Tu	10/27	01:41 a.m. LDT	1.2H	06:35 a.m. LDT	0.9L	12:27 p.m. LDT	1.1H	07:13 p.m. LDT	0.2L
W	10/28	02:34 a.m. LDT	1.2H	07:47 a.m. LDT	0.8L	01:29 p.m. LDT	1.1H	08:00 p.m. LDT	0.2L

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 (LST) or Local Daylight Time (LDT) when applicable. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather Statistics

<b>Sunrise</b> 10/22/09 10:17 a.m.	<b>High Temp</b> 44° 10/14/09	<b>National Weather Service</b> <b>Nome, Alaska</b> <b>(907) 443-2321</b> <b>1-800-472-0391</b>
10/28/09 10:36 a.m.	<b>Low Temp</b> 21° 10/17/09	
<b>Sunset</b> 10/22/09 07:14 p.m.	<b>Peak Wind</b> 31 mph, N, 10/19/09	
10/28/09 06:54 p.m.	<b>Precip. to Date</b> 12.55"	
	<b>Normal</b> 13.72"	

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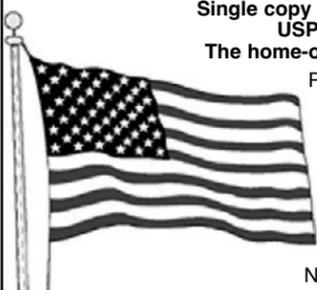
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# Alaska state news

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## Denali plane crash kills wolf biologist; burned pilot walks to safety

A Cessna 185 carrying renowned wolf biologist Gordon Haber, 67, crashed inside the Denali National Park last week. Inside the burned plane, searchers found the remains of what they first thought were two people. A day after the plane was discovered, the 35-year old pilot Dan McGregor turned up after he had hiked about 20 miles to safety. He had walked from the crash site to the Parks Road and found two campers at a park campsite. They took him to his home outside the park boundaries. Emergency responders then medivaced him to a Seattle burn center to receive treatment for his burns. McGregor confirmed that the remains inside the plane are those of Haber. Haber has researched Denali wolves as an independent scientist since 1966 and was a staunch advocate against the state's predator control program. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the circumstances leading to the plane crash.



## Governor wants to beef up VPSO program

During a visit to Bethel and attending the 45th annual convention of the Association of Village Council Presidents, Governor Sean Parnell advocated for a greater partnership between the state and communities to increase training, recruiting and retention in the Village Public Safety Officer program. Across the state, there are 71 funded VPSO positions, but only 52 are filled. Parnell said he'd like to see a greater and more meaningful law enforcement presence in the villages and asked the vil-

lage council presidents to help identify solid prospects for these law enforcement positions. Parnell also spoke on fisheries and energy issues.

In a letter to Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, Parnell requested the declaration of a fishery disaster because of the dismal escapement numbers of king salmon in the Yukon River. Parnell said the state should provide better in-season assessment, management and more opportunities to harvest other species during times of weak chinook runs. An extension of a special subsistence season for moose hunting is also considered.

## Feds OK Shell exploration in Beaufort Sea

The federal Minerals Management Service on Monday announced that it approved Shell's exploration plan for two oil and gas leases in the Beaufort Sea. The leases are located in Camden Bay, 16 and 23 miles north of Point Thomson.

Shell Offshore, Inc. obtained the rights to the leases during Beaufort Sea oil and gas lease sales in 2005 and 2007. The company proposes to drill two exploration wells during the July to October 2010 open water drilling season. Shell's plans include a mid-drilling season break in activities and removal of the drillship from the area to accommodate fall subsistence bowhead whaling by the Native Villages of Kaktovik and Nuiqsut.

Prior to any drilling activities taking place, the plan must be consistent with the Alaska Coastal Zone Management Program and Shell must obtain an approved Application for Permit to Drill from the MMS. Shell must also meet the air and water quality rules by the Environmental Protection Agency, and Marine Mammal Protection Act requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service.

When proposing to drill more than 12 wells in the area two years ago, villagers opposed Shell's plans. Before going forward with the exploration, Shell needs to secure federal and state permits. Alaska Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich welcomed the news. Murkowski said she would continue to work with the

Obama administration to ensure that environmentally responsible exploration is also allowed to move forward in the Chukchi Sea, and to secure revenue sharing for Alaska. Begich commented on the announcement even before it was officially made. He said that Alaska has long been America's energy storehouse and that this development demonstrates Alaska's role in helping to meet the nation's energy needs.

## Second trip to the bush: Attorney General goes to Barrow

Head of the rural subcabinet, attorney general Dan Sullivan scheduled a second trip to rural Alaska in order to continue public hearings. Accompanying Sullivan are Emil Notti, the commerce commissioner, Joseph Masters, the public safety commissioner and Bill Hogan, the commissioner of health and social services. They are visiting Barrow next Friday. Separate meetings have been scheduled with North Slope Borough Mayor Edward Itta and City of Barrow Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd Leavitt, among other local leaders. The subcabinet has to submit a report to Governor Parnell in December concerning long-term strategies for lowering the cost of living and improving the quality of life in rural Alaska. The subcabinet's first visit to the bush took them to Unalakleet and Kotzebue.

## New study shows Arctic can alter Earth's climate

University of Fairbanks ecology researchers found that Arctic change could alter Earth's climate. Ecologists estimate that arctic lands and oceans hold up to 25 percent of the world's atmospheric carbon dioxide. Climate change could potentially accelerating predicted rates of change when releasing the carbon dioxide. The study will be published in the November edition of *Ecological Monographs*. In their review paper, David McGuire of the Institute of Arctic Biology and Alaska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research and his colleagues show that the Arctic has been a carbon sink since the end of the last Ice Age. Over time, it has

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## October 22 - 28, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, October 22</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Pregnant Teens - Taking Care video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Making a Difference video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Selji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
<b>Friday, October 23</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
<b>CAMP Farmers' Market Health Fair</b>	<b>Nome Rec Center</b>	<b>10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</b>
*Muscle Endurance with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Breast Self Exam-Early Detection Begins with You video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
<b>CAMP Farmers' Market Health Fair</b>	<b>Nome Rec Center</b>	<b>4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</b>
*Be Who You Are video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
<b>Saturday, October 24</b>		
<b>CAMP Farmers' Market Health Fair</b>	<b>Nome Rec Center</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.</b>
<b>District 39 Democrats meeting</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Knowing the Unborn video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Look Who's Balking video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday, October 25</b>		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Be Who You Are: Wellness From Within video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Aids & Women/The Greatest Gambler video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, October 26</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Smoking-A Time To Quit video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Babies In Waiting video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*10+ (Youth) Climbing Instruction	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, October 27</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Ear Infection video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Floor Hockey (3rd-6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Discipline/I am Your Child video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
<b>AK Democratic Party meeting</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>AK Democratic Party Public Comments</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>noon</b>
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*The Medela Pump video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The First Years Last Forever video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Climb	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
<b>City League Volleyball Playoffs</b>	<b>Nome Rec Center</b>	<b>7 p.m. - 10 p.m.</b>
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Open Space Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.
<b>Business hours/long-term community events:</b>		
XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5 p.m. (M - F)
>>>>>	additional hours by appointment	
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>>		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>>		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)

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Louie Green Sr. said the work to form the committee was still underway Oct. 20. At that point he said Nome residents Rose Fosdick, Nancy Green, Perry Mendenhal, Lew Tobin and Roy Agloinga were slated to serve.

Green said his attempts to get representatives from the villages were so far unsuccessful with many people in transit for this week's Alaska Federation of Natives conference in Anchorage. "I tried calling quite a few," he said.

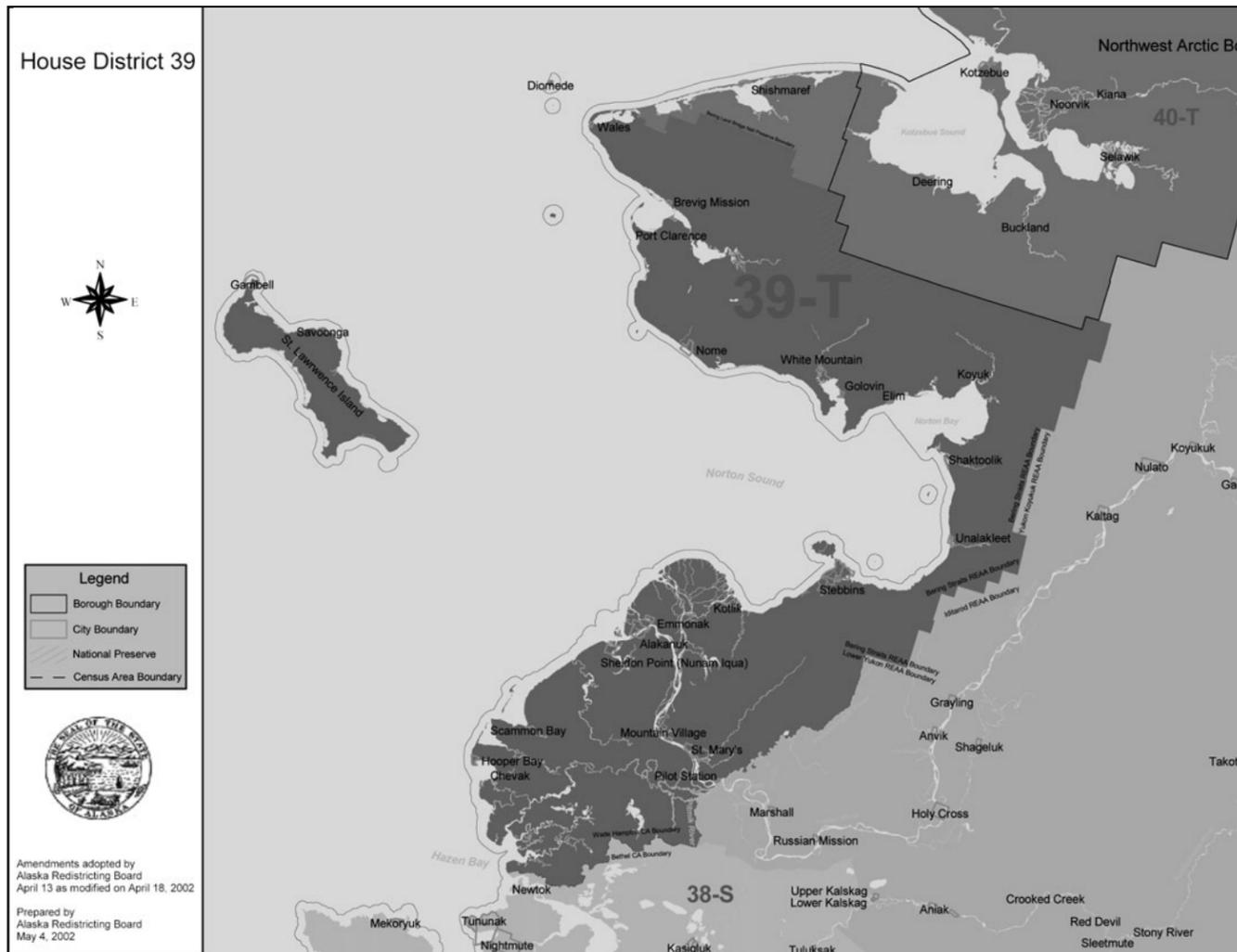
According to Kevin Harun, communications director for the Alaska Democratic Party, the interviews are slated to be held in public at 10 a.m. Oct. 28 in the council chambers at Nome City Hall. A public comment period is called for at noon. Harun said if additional time is needed for interviews, they will be held after the public comment period.

Noting that it could prove difficult for village residents to make it to Nome to participate in the process — especially for those in the southern end where it would require a flight to Bethel and Anchorage before hopping on a plane to Nome — Harun said a toll-free number is being set up to allow participation via conference call. That number is 1-800-270-1153 with a pass code of 174265 followed by the # sign.

Of the names so far submitted for the seat, Green said he was only aware of Nome Mayor Denise Michels. Application packets are available online at [www.alaskademocrats.org](http://www.alaskademocrats.org), or in person by contacting Green at (907) 304-1231. Packets can be submitted electronically by e-mail to [dwilliams@alaskademocrats.org](mailto:dwilliams@alaskademocrats.org), or in person to Green.

Once the interviews and public comment period has wrapped up, the committee will meet again to whittle the candidate list down to three names which will be submitted to Gov. Sean Parnell who will choose from the list. The deadline to submit the names is Oct. 29. By law, the governor is required to make an appointment to the seat within 30 days of its vacancy.

According to a cover letter in the appli-



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**BIG SHOES TO FILL IN A BIG DISTRICT** — Whoever is chosen to fill the late Rep. Richard Foster's seat will have to be a Democrat who lives within District 39, which stretches from Wales southward around Norton Sound and all the way south of Hooper Bay.

cation packet, candidates will be selected on the following criteria: "Established commitment to public service and community wellbeing; Demonstrated support for Alaska

Democratic Party ideals and our party platform; Future electability to the position; Ability to communicate well with the voters within the district as well as other legis-

lators and the media; The candidate's expressed vision for the position; and the candidate's articulation of how he/she will be effective as a legislator."

## Death an apparent suicide

Police were called to a Nome residence after its occupant was found dead inside Oct. 18.

According to the Nome Police Department, Logan Green-Reader, 25, was the victim of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Police received the call around 11 a.m. Sunday.

In a statement, Chief John Paspodora said members of his department investigated the incident in consultation with the state medical examiner's office. Green-Reader's remains were transported to the state medical examiner's office for an autopsy. Next of kin have been notified.

"The Nome Police Department extends condolences to Mr. Green-Reader's family," the statement read.

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# New chief brings a new vision

Story and photo by Tyler Rhodes

When John Papasodora first came to Nome he was impressed with the city's police department.

He also saw some room for improvement, which is part of what compelled him to toss his hat in the ring and ultimately accept the job to become Nome's new police chief.

After being on the job for a few short weeks, Papasodora is still taking inventory of both his department and the needs of the city as he works to put together a game plan of how to administer and move forward the organization.

It was Nome's interim chief, Dallas Massie, who first alerted Papasodora to the job opening. "Dallas recognized that the Nome Police Department was a great opportunity to basically revise and build a department that could far surpass any expectations they had for themselves," Papasodora said.

Both Massie and Papasodora are former Alaska State Troopers. Papasodora grabs the reins from Massie, who served as the department's interim chief since early in 2009. Massie stepped in to fill the shoes of former chief Paul Burke. Burke left the position in late December 2008 to move closer to his daughter who was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Lake Tahoe in California.

After speaking with Massie, Papasodora came to Nome to see for himself. He liked what he found. "I basically evaluated the opportunity to see if this is something that fit me," he said. "I was impressed with a variety of things. I like the sense of

community; that's a big thing for me. ...I like the area. I always wanted to work on the west coast."

While this will be Papasodora's first go-around as a police chief, it won't be his first rodeo. His law enforcement career started nearly 25 years ago and includes several supervisory positions. That career started with the Soldotna Police Department in 1985 after he graduated from the University of Alaska Anchorage where he studied criminal justice and history.

Papasodora is also familiar with a wide swath of the state. He spent the majority of his childhood in Anchorage, graduating from Service High School. After five years with the Soldotna Police Department, he obtained a post with the Troopers, a goal he had harbored ever since graduating college. "It broadened my experience," he said.

While his first Trooper posting was back in Soldotna, the job required him to work in other areas of the Kenai Peninsula. Papasodora later accepted a post in Northway, along the Alaska Highway in the Interior. "I had the opportunity to go out there and work with some really great people," he said. "I spent 2 1/2 years out there. I really have a strong affinity for the Athabaskan people and the way they do things."

As he advanced through the ranks within the Troopers organization, he received posts in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Before taking the job in Nome, Papasodora served at the Captain and Commander of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation, an

arm of the Troopers. "I had pretty broad exposure to administration with the Troopers," he said.

Papasodora is determined to make this new twist in his career path a good one. "This is my first stint as a chief. I'm going to do my best to make sure it comes off as a positive for everybody," he said.

Now that he is in Nome and back serving a police force, Papasodora is working to build off the strengths the department already has. "Right now law enforcement in Nome is stable," he said. "We have people who are committed to providing quality law enforcement services. They are committed, and I'm drawing on that commitment."

Currently, Papasodora said the department does a good job with what he called "maintenance" issues, such as those that surround public intoxication and incidents arising at Nome's bars. "The work up to this point has been within the means and resources of this department," he said.

But he wants to see more done. "Let's start looking at drug offenses. Let's look at sexual offenses—not only how to address them, but how to prevent them," he said.

He admits that broadening the department's scope without augmenting the number of officers will be a challenge. "We're still going to have to do all these things we have done before, but we are going to have to develop processes to free up time to handle other issues," he said.

One of Papasodora's first tasks will be to fill the one remaining open position on the force. He said Massie did a good job filling vacancies, leaving him with just one officer to find. "We will be looking at different



**MEET THE NEW BOSS**—John Papasodora, Nome's new police chief, greets a Nomeite at a reception for the new chief at Old St. Joe's Oct. 8.

ways of doing that, externally or internally," he said. "I am assessing what skill sets are present right now to see what kind of person we want to bring in. We've got a lot of tools in the box right now, it's just a question of having all the right tools."

Papasodora said as he works to move the department forward, he plans on reaching out and partnering with other community organizations, such as the hospital, the office of children's services and the district attorney, among others. "We're not

carrying the ball forward by ourselves," he said.

While he has a large agenda before him, Papasodora said he plans to go about implementing change at a metered pace. "To bring the Nome Police Department to modern standards is going to be a lot of work. We're making change where change matters and making change for good reason," he said. "We're making change that's going to have some legacy, that's going to leave a foundation in place that's worth building upon."

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## Landfill operator bids open this week

By Sandra L. Medearis

A drive by the Beam Road Landfill revealed a groomed appearance that would put quite a few Nome residential yards to shame. On top of that, the ravens seemed few and hungry, cheated of organic discard from Nome households.

Or maybe the ravens just don't like petroleum-impacted fill that has been used to cover garbage in almost daily attention from City of Nome's public works personnel. The City took charge of the dumpsite on Oct. 1 after Gary Hart declined to apply for renewal of his contract to wrangle ravens and push garbage.

The City has issued a request for proposals to find a new contractor to manage the site. Pending selection of a new operator, the gates of the land-

fill will be open only on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The landfill is at Mile Four on Beam Road.

Meanwhile, City crews have been trucking 2,700 yards of oily dirt to the dump from a tank farm cleanup site near Port Road, according to terms of a disposal agreement with Crowley and Chevron. At the same time, the City has cleaned up financially to the tune of \$45 per yard removal fee from Crowley Maritime.

According to documents at City Hall, the state Department of Environmental Conservation last month signed off on the transfer and use of the fill from West Tank Farm for covering an older part of the landfill.

Public works employees have done additional work on the dumpsite. A turn-around area has been enlarged so

that a refuse truck can, according to original design for landfill operation, drive along the east fence and around to dump refuse off a drop-off.

City staff was to open bids on Oct. 22 to determine a contractor to run the site beginning Nov. 1 for a term of two years on a month-to-month basis.

The successful contractor must agree to operate the landfill according to state DEC requirements and under all laws and ordinances. The operator must hand over 90 percent of dump fees without deductions to the City with payments on the first and 15th of the month. The new manager must keep a minimum of 1,000 cubic yards of fill on site. All books on user receipts must be open to inspection.

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# H1N1 Flu vaccine trickles in

By Tyler Rhodes

Little by little, Nome and the Norton Sound region are receiving doses of H1N1 flu vaccine.

The limited supply of vaccine arriving to thwart what was initially known as swine flu is being distributed to Nome and the surrounding villages in proportion with the communities' population, said Norton Sound Health Corp.'s Director of Public Health Nursing. "Right now the shipments are so small, we are challenged to split them in the region," she said.

As of Oct. 14, NSHC had received one small delivery of the vaccine, which was completely comprised of the nasal spray variety. The vaccine is also being distributed in a shot form. Under the circumstances with which the health corporation received the vaccine, the nasal spray can only be distributed to patients between the ages of 2 and 19.

With such a small amount of the vaccine available, NSHC is only offering the initial shipments to children between the ages of 2 and 4 who are completely healthy. Younger children are considered to be among those most at risk of complications from the flu, thus

putting them first in line.

Kilby said the initial shipment of 60 doses received last week has been split up so that Nome gets roughly a third of the supply and the villages receive anywhere from five doses to a single dose. With demand outpacing supply, Kilby said the names of those children whose parents want them vaccinated are placed in a bag and drawn lottery-style to see who will receive the vaccine in what order.

The need for the children to be healthy before receiving the nasal spray vaccine is dictated by the fact that it carries a weakened live-virus component. While it will not cause the full-blown flu, the vaccine can cause very mild flu-like symptoms, Norton Sound Physician's Assistant John Salmon said. The mild side effects have the potential to further complicate respiratory problems of those who either have pre-existing conditions, like asthma, or are suffering from a cold or other illness.

The upside of the nasal spray, Kilby said, is that it provides a very brisk response in girding the immune system, especially for younger children.

The vaccines are being offered

free of charge.

Kilby's comments came at an evening town hall meeting to address the H1N1 flu and vaccines, and to answer questions the community may have regarding the flu. The meeting drew one sole attendee, a *Nome Nugget* reporter. Despite the no-show from the public, Kilby did give an update on the flu and its effect in Nome and the region.

The H1N1 flu has been present in the region since late summer, striking the region's communities in varying degrees. Some villages were hit hard in the late summer with a large number of residents sick. In other communities, like Nome, the effect has been noticed, but it has been muted. "We've had a few upticks of people with classic [flu] symptoms, but that's been going on since September," Salmon said.

Kilby said the fact that the clinic has yet to be overwhelmed in Nome with flu patients is a sign that the prevention campaign centered around hand washing and hygiene lodged since the summer has had a positive effect.

Kilby said more shipments of vaccine are expected soon, noting that it should continue to trickle in week by

week. She said the next two shipments are planned to be used first for pregnant women, followed by health care workers. Like young children, pregnant women are also included in the higher-risk group for developing complications from the flu.

When health care providers are sick, it can make the flu even more difficult for those they treat. Kilby said the effect of a sick health aide in a village is magnified since there is often little to no back up for providers. "We are seeing signs in the region that [the flu] is causing difficulties in keeping clinics open and keeping enough providers," Kilby said. "It is a huge challenge for that village to have their health care providers go down sick."

All adults older than 18 will be receiving the shot version of the vaccine, which does not have the live-virus component. Children can

receive either version of the vaccine.

As more doses become available, Kilby said she has the approval of both the Nome and Bering Strait school district superintendents to allow the vaccine to be administered at the region's schools. She said parents should be seeing information sent home from the schools soon. Parental permission will be required for students to get vaccinated. Parents will also select which version of the vaccine their child or children are to receive.

Due to the sporadic arrival of the vaccine, Kilby said she is unable to predict when specific schools and grades will be targeted. "It is going to be supply-dependent," she said. "It's nearly impossible for me to say, 'We're going to immunize this grade level on this day.'"

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**THIS WON'T HURT A BIT**—Norton Sound Health Corp. Public Health Nurse Joy Marchbanks administers a seasonal flu shot to Marguerite La Riveriere during last year's health fair at the Nome Recreation Center as her daughter, Ava Earthman looks on. Norton Sound is hoping to have its shipment of seasonal flu vaccine arrive this week so it can offer it at this year's health fair on Friday as well as in the region's villages. The health corporation is also receiving small shipments of vaccine for the H1N1 flu.

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Girl Scout Skits 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 24:**  
Child Cook-off Contest 11 a.m.  
Cooking Demo noon  
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• **Flu**

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She did note, however, that the plan is to start with the younger grades and progressively offer the vaccine to older students. "The younger you are, the weaker your immune system will be," she said.

Kilby said she is worried that some parents will opt to not have their children immunized against the H1N1 flu based on rumors that have gained traction nationwide she says are false. "It's potentially tragic for parents to be automatically turning down this vaccine," Kilby said.

While there is a faction nationwide that resists vaccinating their children in general, there has been an additional sense of worry surrounding the H1N1 vaccine. Among the concerns is that the vaccine was rushed to production, shortcutting clinical trials. Kilby and Salmon said that is false. "The H1N1 vaccine is made using the exact same process as the seasonal vaccine," Salmon said. A small number of clinical trials were performed on the vaccine to determine the dosage.

Kilby said there also have been questions about the safety of pregnant women getting vaccinated. "Pregnant women are actually at the top of the list for both seasonal and H1N1 [flu] vaccination," she said.

The H1N1 virus appears to be particularly tough on children, young adults and pregnant women. Unlike the seasonal flu, older people seem to display more resistance. "Elders are not as much at risk as the small children for this one," Kilby said.

**Seasonal flu vaccine also on its way**

In addition to the H1N1 doses bound for Nome, vaccine for the seasonal variety of the flu is also on its way.

Kilby said all the publicity and media attention surrounding the H1N1 virus has spurred more demand for the seasonal flu virus. As of press time, the health corporation's main shipment of the seasonal virus had yet to arrive.

Kilby said the vaccine was expected to arrive in time to be distributed at this year's health fair this Friday. "It is our intent to do an all-region flu shot day," Kilby said. "Any one at all the villages can come to the local clinic or to the health fair in Nome and a seasonal flu shot on Friday, Oct. 23."

If the vaccine does not arrive as planned, Kilby said the flu shot clinics may have to be scheduled at a later time.

While there may be an impression that the seasonal flu vaccine is slow in arriving in the region, Kilby said the shot has traditionally been given in November. "This is as early as we've given it here," she said of the plan to offer the shot Friday.

Kilby said the seasonal flu is not normally seen in the region until December or January, and peaks in March. "In past years it was recommended we not give the shot too early so immunity would not wane," she said.

While the health corporation is not testing current flu cases to determine if they are from the H1N1 virus or not, she said it is assumed that most cases being seen now are due to the new virus.

Specifically created to counter the H1N1 virus, the new vaccine will not protect from the seasonal flu. Those looking to protect themselves from both varieties of flu will need to get both vaccines, Kilby said.

To help inform the public and answer questions regarding the flu, Norton Sound has set up a telephone line that is either manned or closely monitored so that calls can be returned quickly. Kilby said the line is designed to help people who think they may have the flu and want advice on whether they should seek treatment, as well as being available for general questions on the flu. The line can be reached at 1-888-559-3311, extension 4500, from the region's villages or at 443-4500 in Nome.



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

**CATCHING THE LATE FLIGHT**—A family of swans takes its sweet time in heading south for the winter, hanging out near Nome during unseasonably warm weather in mid-October.

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# Richard Foster leaves behind legacy of service, friendship

Neal "Richard" Foster  
Aug. 6, 1946 - Oct. 13, 2009

Neal "Richard" Foster died from a heart attack in Puyallup, Wash., Oct. 13. He was born in Nome Aug. 9, 1946 to Neal "Willie" Foster and Jane Nelson Foster. He had an older brother, Jimmy, and two younger sisters, Jeannie and Iris.

He was married to Hoanhi Nguyen in 1971 and to Cathryn McAbee Weber in 1989.

Richard attended Nome and Kotzebue elementary schools. He graduated from Nome High School in 1964 and from the University of Alaska with a degree in Business Administration in 1968.

He received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army through the University of Alaska Army ROTC program. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam in Military Intelligence where he attained the rank of Captain and was awarded a Bronze Star. He later served with the Alaska Army National Guard in Nome.

On returning to Nome he took over management of the family owned air taxi operation, Foster Aviation, which had been started by his father in 1946.

Richard became very involved in community affairs and served on several boards including Bering Straits Native Corporation, Sitnask Native Corporation, Nome Eskimo Community, Northwest Community College and many civic organizations.

In 1981 he was elected to the Nome City School Board and to the Nome Common Council in 1984. He was elected to the Alaska House of Representatives in 1988 where he had served nearly 21 years at the

time of his death. During all of that time he was a member of the Bush Caucus. He chaired and served on numerous committees. He was Majority Whip from 1993 to 2007. His longest tenure was on the House Finance Committee where he served from 1993 until his death. In the Legislature he kept the needs of rural Alaska and his district in the forefront, even when his position was not popular.

In 2005, he received the Patrick Henry Award from the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS). It is the civilian counterpart to the Guard's Distinguished Service Award and is given in recognition of outstanding and exceptional service to the Armed Forces of the United States and the National Guard.

In 2009, he was honored as a University of Alaska Distinguished Alumni because of his dedication to public service.

One of the special things about Richard was his lack of pretension. He had a great love of life which was reflected in his memory and consideration for others. He remembered birthdays, sent cards and gifts, knew your spouse's name, your children's names and how old they were. He was known for his jokes and his infectious laughter which could be heard down the hall long before he arrived at the office. Both legislators and the public looked forward to his birthday roasts which he did under special orders for several years. His poster boards which span two decades are a collage of people whom he photographed during session. Extra prints were made into post cards, given captions, and sent to the people who visited his office. He did not let politics stand

in the way of friendship and was loved and respected by people in both the majority and the minority. He could be generous to a fault and would literally give a person or organization his last dollar.

His special interests included the history of the Seward Peninsula and military history, particularly the Civil War and World War II. He was interested in and an avid collector of military weapons of all kinds and loved to make a machine gun "rock" when he had the ammunition.

He loved Nome and loved being out in the surrounding country, going on picnics and going to Hannum Creek where he spent his summers working on the family mining claims. During the summer of 2002 Richard, his sister, Iris, and son, Neal, walked the 80-mile historic mining trail from Quartz Creek to Hannum Creek for the experience of seeing what it was like for the "old timers."

Family was very important to him and he often showed pictures and told people about his family ties on the Seward Peninsula. Richard always had pictures of his children, sister and wife displayed in the office.

His office became the home of a long-running session tradition, Friday at Fosters, where he kept time to the music with his instrument of choice, the knife and hammer. People gathered in his office on Friday after work and participated in the jam sessions which he sponsored for over 17 years. He tried to keep politics out of it and all were welcome. The group included legislators, staff, administration, lobbyists and visitors to the Capitol.

Richard is survived by his wife, Cathryn, of Eatonville, Wash.; seven



sons, Neal Foster of Nome, James Foster of Anchorage, Nathan Foster of Ellendale, N.D.; 1st Lt. Jason Weber, LCpl Richard Foster, Ramsey Foster and Chandler Foster all of Eatonville, Wash.; and two daughters, Maria Stevens of Tacoma, Wash., Tiffany Sanchez of Miami, Okla.; and sister Margaret "Iris" Magnell of Laguna Hills, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Jane, his brother, James, and sister, Jeannie.

Services will be held in Nome Fri-

day, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. at the Nome Recreation Center. Interment will be at the family plot at Hannum Creek during the summer of 2010.

A memorial service will be held in Anchorage on Friday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. at the National Guard Armory at Fort Richardson.

Those who wish to make memorial donations to fund a dialysis center in Nome can send donations to Arctic ICAN's Foster Memorial Dialysis Fund, P.O. Box 610, Nome, AK 99762.

## Lawmakers, friends pay tribute to Rep. Richard Foster

(Editor's note: The Nome Nugget received a host of press releases and letters passing on sympathies and paying respects to the late Rep. Richard Foster. We have decided to print them all together as a tribute.)

### U.S. Sen. Mark Begich

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich released the following statement on the passing of Rep. Richard Foster:

"I was saddened to learn of the death of Richard Foster. Rep. Foster served the people of

Alaska for more than two decades and committed himself to improving the lives of those he represented. The people of Nome had an ardent advocate who was always working on ways to make rural Alaska stronger and healthier.

"Alaska has lost a true public servant. My thoughts and prayers are with Rep. Foster's family, friends and wide circle of colleagues across this state."

### U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, issued

the following statement on the passing of Rep. Richard Foster:

"I am deeply saddened to learn of Richard Foster's passing. Richard and I served in the Legislature together. Richard was a kind and thoughtful man who would, among other gestures, lead the birthday song for other members of the Legislature. Richard loved Alaska history and, in his spare time, he would pore through the archives, reading old newspaper accounts about life in Alaska. He would share copies of stories about my

mother's family when they lived in Nome in the 1930s. He also sent "pick-me up" postcards to members, which also brought smiles. On so many occasions during serious and tense moments of debate, Richard was the one who would make a joke and bring some levity to the room. Richard was a fierce representative of the people of Nome and rural Alaska, and always looked out for their best interests.

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## Preventing fever may weaken body's response to vaccination

By Bob Lawrence, MD  
Alaska Family Doctor

A study out of Europe this month may change the way we use medication, like acetaminophen, to prevent fever in children after routine immunization injections.

Low-grade fever is a common and largely normal response to vaccination in children and adults up to 72 hours after injection. Experts believe a low-grade fever after vaccination is a sign of a positive response to the injection.

In the 1980s, acetaminophen, commonly sold as Tylenol, was shown to lower the risk of post-vaccination fever and irritability. Since then the use of acetaminophen has become routine. Now, experts believe that preventing a normal low-grade fever may prevent the vaccination from being effective.

Last week, researchers from the Czech Republic published findings of a study in the journal *Lancet* showing that lowering the risk of fever with acetaminophen comes at a price. According to the research, acetaminophen may hamper a proper immune response to the vaccination. In the study, 459 healthy children were divided into two groups. Both groups received a common series of vaccinations, similar in most respects to the series given to children in the United States. The first group received acetaminophen for 24 hours after their initial shots and again after subsequent booster shots. The second group received no acetaminophen.

The group receiving acetaminophen

had significantly fewer fevers compared with the group of children who did not receive medication at the time of vaccination. Children who received acetaminophen did not show as strong of an immune response as the children who received no medication. This poor response persisted for some vaccinations even after booster shots were given. In other words, by preventing fever, acetaminophen may inadvertently block the ability of a vaccine to cause an effective immune response. In a sense it is like telling an athlete to lift weights to become stronger, then removing the heavier weights because it gives the athlete sore muscles.

In the case of vaccinations, low-grade fever is associated with a positive response to the vaccine, and medication is not needed to reduce a low-grade fever. Experts, therefore, recommend reserving the use of medications like acetaminophen to treat discomfort instead of using the medication merely to reduce a fever.

The new data shows that the routine use of acetaminophen may be unwarranted for otherwise healthy children after vaccinations. Talk with your provider about how this new data applies to you and your children.



**5TH ANNUAL  
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Nome Food Bank and be  
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## • Foster tributes

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"Richard's passing is a real loss for the people of Nome, and for our state. He truly was one of my favorite people. He genuinely loved people and he was loved in return. I extend my sincere sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues during this difficult time."

### U.S. Rep. Don Young

Alaskan Congressman Don Young released the following statement today on the passing of Rep. Richard Foster:

"Alaska suffers a great loss today. I have worked with Richard for years and have always known him to be an excellent advocate for the people he represents. He believed in the freedom of people and was always a staunch defender of our Second Amendment rights, an issue I hold near and dear to my heart. He always looked out for the best interests of Nome, and had a passion for public service. I am fortunate to have known and worked with him, and I extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends, loved ones, and the people of Nome. May God bless you all."

### House Bush Caucus

Rep. Reggie Joule, D-Kotzebue, and fellow members of the Alaska Legislature's House Bush Caucus, released the following statements today regarding the death yesterday of Rep. Richard Foster, D-Nome:

"Richard Foster was the most senior member of the House of Representatives, who, since being elected in 1988, served with every majority caucus and worked hard using that position to build bridges of understanding on issues of importance to his district and all of rural Alaska.

"Richard was a public servant in many, many senses of the word. And that's how he treated his district. Richard was a statesman. You can't underestimate his contributions to the quality of life in Bush Alaska, from watching the budget to making sure his office was always available for the caucus.

"He was vocal about the issues that affected Bush Alaska, including suicide prevention, making sure we take care of our veterans, as well as matters before the finance committee.

"He was a very gracious man, who always made sure we gave proper thanks to those who helped us gain passage of spending items or legislation.

"His passing leaves a hole not only in our caucus, but also in the state.

"On behalf of the caucus and me, our thoughts and our prayers are with the family going forward."

Fellow caucus members Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Haines, and Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham, stated the following:

"This loss of a fellow Vietnam veteran is hard to stomach," Thomas said. "Not only to this caucus but the Veteran's Caucus as well. He was a tireless advocate for our causes and I'll miss him. All of Bush Alaska will miss him."

"We played music in Richard's office every Friday night, which was a really unique experience," Edgmon said. "Fridays at Foster's was just a way to get people together and put politics aside—to really get a sense of enjoyment and togetherness outside of legislative duties and just connect in that way. Richard was the real spirit and en-

abler of that group, so I don't know what it'll be like there on Friday nights during the legislative session without him. Amongst all the humor and the jokes and the temperament that disarmed people, what I'll really take away from my time around Richard above all was that he could read people better than anyone I have ever met. When you think about Richard you think about people and all the better qualities in life, and I think Richard had that figured out better than anyone."

Foster was the most senior member of the House Bush Caucus, whose composition is made up of the following rural legislators: House Majority Leader Kyle Johansen, R-Ketchikan; Peggy Wilson, R-Wrangell; House Minority Leader Beth Kertulla, D-Juneau; Cathy Muñoz, R-Juneau; Bill Thomas, R-Haines; John Harris, R-Valdez; Woody Salmon, D-Chalkyitsik; Alan Austerman, R-Kodiak; Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham; Bob Herron, D-Bethel; and Reggie Joule, D-Kotzebue.

### Gail Phillips, lifelong friend and former Speaker of the House

"Alaska lost a great champion today with the passing away of Rep. Richard Foster. His years of dedicated service in the Alaska Legislature can easily be measured by the good he accomplished for our state and particularly for Northwest Alaska. Richard was the right person, in the right place, doing the right job at the right time. His life counted.

"I knew Richard for most of my life. Our families grew up together in Nome and remained close friends. Both of our families were involved in gold mining, and Richard and his father were bush pilots who provided essential air service into our remote mining sites.

"After graduating from Nome High School, Richard served valiantly and heroically in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. The military and America's defense was a major part of Richard's legislative agenda, and annually he made certain that Alaska's veterans, military and National Guard were properly funded, honored and given due respect.

"Richard followed in his father's footsteps in pioneering air routes and providing essential air service to communities in western and northern Alaska. Many times he risked his life bringing supplies to stranded miners, patients into the hospital at Nome and other missions of mercy. Foster Aviation provided dependable and reliable essential air service for many years.

"Richard served the State of Alaska honorably in the Alaska Legislature for over 20 years. He was first elected to office from Nome in 1988 and was continually re-elected by wide margins of support from his constituents. As the legislative representative from Northwest Alaska, Richard was responsible for countless improvements in transportation, education, health care and law enforcement. He worked tirelessly for the folks of Northwest Alaska and his efforts are evident in every city, village and community in his district.

"Richard loved mining. He was happiest when he was out "digging in the muck" searching for the elusive yellow color of gold. He spent many summers working his

claims on Hannum Creek. The amount of gold he was able to extract never mattered to him as much as the joy and happiness he felt just being out in his remote camp; at peace with himself, the land and nature.

"Richard Foster was recently honored by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Alumni Association with its Distinguished Alumnus award. He certainly was one of Alaska's and the University of Alaska's true success stories. He steadfastly put his life and his education to work for the people of Alaska. He was an "old school" political person—one you could count on to do the right thing, one who kept his promises, one who firmly believed in the people he represented. Richard will be greatly missed—not only in the Legislature but also by family and friends throughout the State of Alaska."

### House Speaker Mike Chenault

House Speaker Mike Chenault, R-Nikiski, was shocked and saddened to learn of the death of longtime Nome Rep. Richard Foster.

"Rural Alaska and Nome have lost a truly dedicated public servant today," Chenault said. "Richard's sense of humor and camaraderie were hallmarks of the state House. He was a tireless advocate for his district and all of rural Alaska's needs. Our sympathies and prayers go out to Cathy and their family. Richard was an institution in this state, and he'll be sorely missed."

Foster served 11 terms in the

House, beginning in 1988.

### Rep. Les Gara

Richard Foster's passing was sad for many of us. As someone who worked with him in the Legislature, I thought I'd let you know how we felt about him. Richard had a unique ability to keep tempers down in a place where tempers fly too often. He was funny, polite, smart and cared for the people he represented. He knew politics was about bringing people up, not tearing them down. He knew it was about treating people as friends instead of as enemies.

You can be proud that Richard never did the things I see as the worst in politics. He didn't give in to the worst temptations. Politics at its worst sees some use their power to block needed policy that would help the state, just because they don't like the person or the party of the person promoting the idea. That, sadly, happens frequently in politics, and while many don't do that, too many do. Richard took his oath to better the state seriously, and knew it was more important than to act out of anger or pettiness.

His most important legacies involved him treating us all with respect and honor. It made him the most liked person in the Legislature. And while he often didn't vote with me, he never tried to turn political differences into animosity. He did the opposite.

To this day, he's the only legislator who ever called me with this opening line: "Hi, Les. What's

your Social Security number?" He's one of the few I would have given it to. It turns out, he needed it so that a few days later he could give me a shiny Derringer pistol for my birthday. Not too many legislators are well-liked enough to give a weapon to another politician. I still have the Derringer. And the picture he took of me wearing his gag pop-out eyeball eyeglasses. And the battered drill. And the memories of a very good person who battled illness for too long.

I and my wife, Kelly, have a long-planned family vacation during Richard's services, and will be out of state. So I won't get to share these thoughts personally in Nome. But I thought you should know how much we liked the person you chose to represent you in the Legislature.

With sympathies and sadness for your loss,

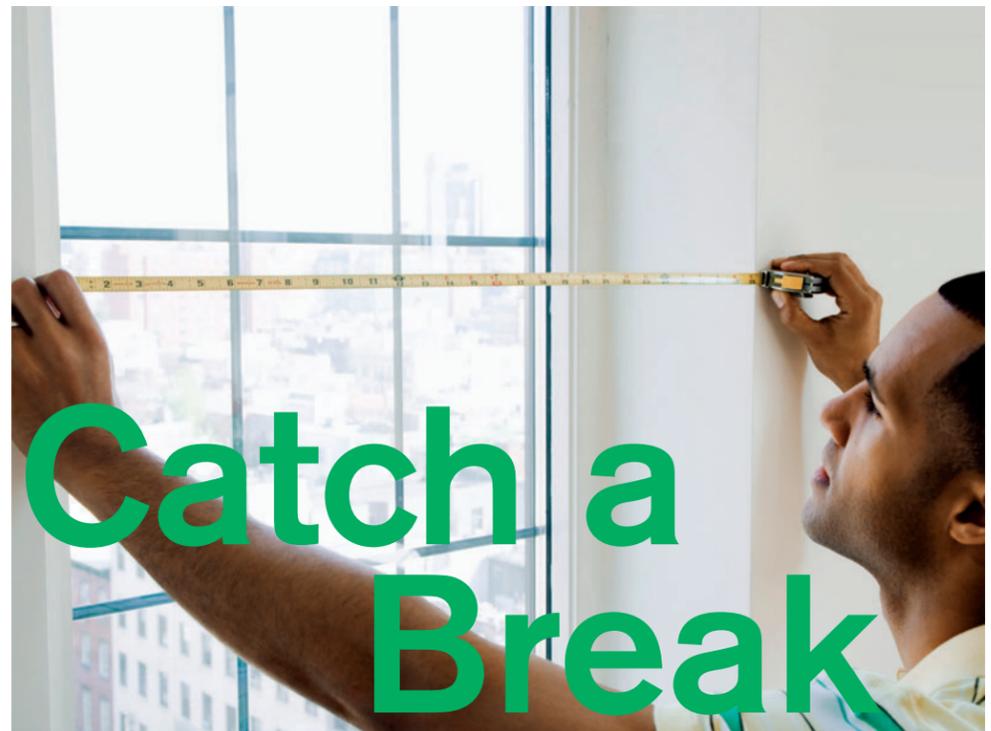
Rep. Les Gara

### Gov. Sean Parnell

Gov. Sean Parnell has ordered state flags to be lowered to half-staff in honor and memory of Rep. Richard Foster.

"I served with Richard as his colleague in the Legislature," Parnell said. "He was kind-hearted, had an infectious laugh, and a grand sense of humor. Richard treated people with respect and was a smart, humble, unassuming legislator. He served Alaska well, and we will miss him."

State flags were lowered to half-staff Oct. 16.



Who says you can't get a break when buying green? **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act** may give you the break you're looking for – tax credits for certain energy efficient home improvements and electric vehicles.

Here's what you can do to get a 30 percent tax break of up to \$1,500. Add insulation, energy-efficient exterior windows, doors or skylights, or heating and cooling systems. You also get a 30 percent tax break with no dollar limit for alternative energy equipment like solar water heaters, geothermal heat pumps and small wind turbines. And to spruce up your driveway or garage, you could get a tax credit for buying certain electric vehicles.

See how you can make your home more green and save some green in the process.

Visit [irs.gov/recovery](http://irs.gov/recovery).

**Call 443-5254 to learn how you can make your home more energy efficient.**

**Coming soon is Green Energy Solutions. Watch for the open house notice.**



### Bering Strait School District 2009 Activity Calendar

October 24 - 25  
Kotzebue Bush Brawl  
Wrestling Tournament  
**Kotzebue**

November 3 - 6  
Elem/Jr High Wrestling  
& Cheerleading Tourney  
**Stebbins**



# For our community and our region...

The mission of Norton Sound Health Corporation is to provide quality health services and to promote healthy choices within our communities. We take seriously our responsibility to invest our resources and energies into understanding and meeting the diverse health care needs of the Bering Strait Region to ensure that everyone receives the care they need. This is a glimpse of how NSHC has touched and improved the health and lives for the people living in the Bering Strait Region.

## Preventing disease...

### Providing quality mammography services

On September 17, 2009 the FDA Inspector for the State of Alaska, Clyde E. Pearce was pleased to announce that the Norton Sound Mammography Program passed with 100% compliance. This annual inspection guarantees that the community is receiving the best health care possible.

Catherine De Angelis, Mammographer



## Improving customer service...

### Norton Sound Health Corporation Hires Patient Advocate

Norton Sound Health Corporation has recently hired Jackie Karmun as the new Patient Advocate. The Patient Advocate will focus on assisting patients with navigation and logistics in regards to hospital visits and service. The Patient Advocate will work to build on the strengths of the current team of Social Workers, Case Managers, Benefits Coordinators and Compliance to further encourage company-wide practices that focus on positive interaction with patients based on a consumer satisfaction model. The Patient Advocate will further assist to educate patients on navigating through appointments or referrals.

She will also work to develop, implement and participate in customer service and patient relations initiatives and provide monthly accountability and analysis of customer service outcomes to all sections of the hospital. One of the first tasks of the Patient Advocate will be to coordinate a team effort within Norton Sound Health Corporation to build a Patient First/customer-focused culture at through department training and goal development focused on improving customer/patient service.



## Community ribbon cutting ceremony CT SCAN OPEN HOUSE • Thursday, Oct. 29 • 4:30 p.m. • CT Scan room (the old medical records room)

### CT Scan becomes reality...

Four years ago, the Arctic ICANS, a local cancer awareness group based in Nome, planted a seed which has become a reality for the Bering Strait Region. The Arctic ICANS approached the NSHC Board of Directors regarding the necessity to add a CT (Computer Tomography), also known as "CAT" Scan to Norton Sound Health Corporation. The Board of Directors were committed to improving diagnostic capabilities and increasing access to CT Scans locally and they were determined to make this possible. Six months later, Mary Frances Haynes made a private donation in the amount of \$200,000 which got the ball rolling. Mary Frances Haynes from the state of Florida, made the private cash donation in honor of her son, Robert Alfred Haynes and her parents Duncan L Macdonald and Frances Bishop Macdonald of Candle, Alaska. Her son was Robert Alfred Haynes whom had spent time working for Norton Sound Health Corporation. NSHC will begin operating the 16-slice CT Scan sometime after the second week of November, 2009. A CAT Scan is a computer-enhanced scanning technique for analyzing x-ray pictures of lung, bone, soft tissue, and blood

vessels with superior clarity. CT enables doctors to detect a wide range of abnormalities with such precision that it can greatly improve the level of care provided by your doctor. CT is not only used to diagnose problems such as cancers, cardiovascular disease, infectious disease, trauma, and musculoskeletal disorder, but also to monitor the progress of treatment. A number of CT Scans can be performed depending on the part of the body being examined: abdomen, chest, head, pediatric, pelvis, sinuses, and spine. NSHC will perform contrast and non-contrast studies. Contrast injections are sometimes required to see certain structures with more clarity. With a contrast CT, we may take pictures before the injection and then repeat the pictures after the injection. NSHC has conservatively estimated that 700 CT Scans will be performed during the first year. NSHC would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to the following donors: Mary Frances Haynes (private contribution), \$200,000; Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, \$100,000; Murdock Foundation, \$206,000; Denali Commission, \$550,218; and Bering Straits Native Corporation, \$5,000.



Radiology team from left: Ray Langford, CT Technologist; Catherine De Angelis, Mammographer; James Wade, Radiology Technologist; and Alpha Nybo, Radiology Director all pose in front of De Angelis' mammogram machine.

## Providing a safe place to stay...

### Patient Hostel

The Patient Hostel is a new facility that has been operating and occupied since October, 2008. It is comprised of two wings, the Patient and Pre-Maternal Home. It has 22 hotel style units. One wing is comprised of 14 units (26 beds) and houses patients who travel to Nome for medical appointments/medivacs. The other wing has 3 handicap accessible units and 8 units house the Pre-Maternal home patients. The Pre-Maternal Home wing includes a full kitchen and dining area, along with a common use area. The entire facility is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Laboratory Services at your Front Door



Tim Dossey hard at work in the lab.

The lab is working on a Point of Care Testing (POCT) Program that will move testing out of the lab. With new technology, we are able to do more fingerstick testing that will decrease your wait time and reduce your visits to the Nome Laboratory. We will be offering more testing in each village clinic, thus reducing your travel to Nome, and we will also be utilizing machines that will check your blood if you are on Coumadin. All of this testing must strictly adhere to quality assurance measures. This POCT program will begin later this month.

## Increasing patient safety...

Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) has just purchased a Pyxis machine which will automate the distribution, management, and control of medications. The system includes a network of secure-storage units, or stations which will be located in the inpatient unit, emergency department, and in our long term care unit (QCC). Each station is controlled by its own microprocessor and functions much like a bank's automated teller machine. This system/machines will reduce the chances of medication errors significantly, hence increasing patient safety. The system will reduce costs and improve revenue generating opportunities for NSHC. It is believed that two out of 100 hospital admissions experience a preventable adverse drug event.

With this new innovation coming to Nome, NSHC is confident that there will be an improvement in patient care and safety.

## Caring for our elders...

### Quyanna Care Center Receives Quality Health Care Award

QCC has been recognized as the 2008-2009 recipient of Mountain-Pacific Quality Health's Quality Achievement Award, presented by Sharon Stiassny, director of Mountain-Pacific's Alaska office on September 8- 11, 2009 at Soldotna, AK. This is the first year Mountain-Pacific has included nursing homes in its award program which has, in past years recognized hospitals throughout Alaska for their commitment to providing quality care in selected clinical areas.



Angie Gorn accepts Quality Achievement Award on behalf of Quyanna Care Center

### ELDER FUND PROGRAM

The Elder Fund Program provides assistance to qualifying Elders who are unable to pay for specific medical products offered by: Audiology, Dental & Eye Care.

Elders will never be denied services because of an inability to pay. In an effort to assist elders unable to pay for specific medical services offered by Audiology, Dental and Eye Care, NSHC provides access to an "Elder Fund." The Elder Funds are available to those who meet specific criteria.

Funds are limited by the amount of designation annually by the NSHC Board of Directors. Once exhausted, the program is suspended until more funds are authorized. To be eligible for the program, Elders must:

1. Must be an I.H.S. beneficiary.
2. Must be 65 years of age or older for Audiology and Eye Care; 60 years of age for Dental.
3. Must not be eligible for 3rd party insurance that includes: Audiology, Dental or Eye Care coverages.
4. Must be a resident of the Bering Strait region.

For more information about the Elder Fund, please contact a Patient Benefits Specialist at NSHC 443-3311 or toll free at 888-559-3311.

## National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is recognized as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month educates women about the importance of early detection. More and more women are getting mammograms to detect breast cancer in its earliest stages. As a result, breast cancer deaths are on the decline. Encourage the women in your life to get mammograms on a regular basis. For more information, call the NSHC Radiology Department at 443-3227.

### 3rd Annual "Walk For the Cure"

• Thursday, October 29  
• 5:30 p.m.  
Following the CT Open House



## Cancer awareness

## Smoking cessation services

### TOBACCO CESSATION:

You don't have to kick that habit alone! If you've ever considered quitting, let CAMP help. Rahnia Parker, Tobacco Treatment Specialist, is available to help you in your quitting efforts. She is available for counseling, support, information on medications that can help, and general information. Please call the NSHC CAMP office at 907-443-3365 to make an appointment.

## Promoting healthy lifestyle...

### Annual Nome Health Fair October 23 & 24th

Join us at the Nome Recreation Center Friday October 23 and Saturday October 24 for health education, screenings, and flu shots.

Reduced Cost Screenings- Saturday, October 24th (8:30 am- 2:30 pm LAB OPEN)

\$40- Fasting Chemistry/Hematology Profile (test 27 different tests)

### Promoting healthy eating...

Healthy Recipe Cook-off Contest

Theme: Healthy Recipe from the Fall Garden/Greenhouse or Tundra!

Eligibility: The Healthy Harvest/Farmers Market Recipe Contest is open to kids (age categories below) and all adults.

Age Categories: CHILD: 5-8 years old, 9-12 years old, 13-17 years old; ADULTS: 18 and up

Entry forms must be submitted by an Adult or Guardian

\$30- Thyroid Screen  
\$25.00- Prostate Disease Screen  
\$50- Vitamin D Screen  
\$10- Hemacult Screen (colon cancer)

Hours: Friday, October 23: 10 am- 2 pm & 4:30- 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 24: 8:30 am- 2 pm (LAB Open) & 10 am- 2 pm (Booths Open)

for the Child Contest. Entry forms for adults must be submitted by the participating Adult. Both during the 2009 Farmers Market Health Fair.

Held: **October 23rd & 24th** at Nome Recreational Center. Entry form will be accepted at the CAMP Booth. Contest ends October 24th at Cook off Contest time. Limited to 2 recipes per person. (Each recipe must be submitted on a separate entry form.)

For rules, eligibility, and how to enter, please call Shanna Moeder at NSHC CAMP Department (907) 443-4589.

# Lady Nanooks bump, set, spike their way to Mixed-6 win



The Nome Lady Nanooks won the Nome Mixed-6 Volleyball Tournament for the first time ever over the weekend.

Nome defeated Unalakleet, Golovin and Unalakleet again to take the first-place trophy. Results from

**SET—Nome's Charlotte Mattheis returns a volley from Unalakleet's mixed-six team Friday night at Nome-Beltz. Nome went on to win the game on their home court and the tournament as a whole.**

all games are listed below.

Nome again will be hosting volleyball action this weekend as the junior high teams host Kotzebue and Bethel. The varsity squad hits the road to compete in Bethel.

#### Nome Mixed-6 Tournament results

Unalakleet def. White Mountain (25-23, 25-21, 25-12)  
Golovin def. Brevig (25-13, 25-15, 22-25, 25-23)  
Golovin def. Nome JV (25-7, 25-15, 25-15)

Nome def. Unalakleet (25-14, 25-18, 25-15)

White Mountain def. Nome JV (12-25, 21-25, 25-20, 25-18, 17-15)  
Unalakleet def. Brevig (25-19, 25-17, 25-7)

Nome def. Golovin (25-23, 25-20, 25-17)  
Unalakleet def. White Mountain (25-9, 25-15, 25-17)

Unalakleet def. Golovin (25-18, 25-16, 26-24)  
Nome JV def. Brevig Mission (26-24, 15-10)

Nome def. Unalakleet (26-24, 25-20, 25-21)

**Mixed-6 All-Tournament Team:** Roberta Charles (WMO), Renee Lammer (OME), Katiya Erickson (UNK), Peter Katongan (UNK), Frank Amaktoolik Jr. (GLV), Scottie Ashenfelter (WMO).

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# Nikiski gets the better of Nanook wrestlers in duels tourney

The Nome Wrestling team competed at the Nikiski Duels over the weekend. Nome lost to Nikiski in the fifth-place duel. The Nome vs. Nikiski Duel results are listed below.

Nome's wrestlers next head north to compete in the Kotzebue Bush

Brawl Oct. 23-24.

**Nikiski 32, Nome 31 (5th Place Duel)**  
103 -- Zach Sullivan, Nome, p. Trey Zimmerman, 1:49. 112 -- Gabe Cabrera, Nome, p. Troi West, 1:47. 119 -- Morgan Sauve, Nik, won by

forfeit. 125 -- Booshu, Nome, p. Matt Parker, 1:45. 130 -- Zachary Bourdon, Nome, dec. Josh Brown. 135 -- Sawyer Skiba, Nik, p. Mark Stieger, Nome, 5:00. 140 -- David Stickel, Nome, dec. Kovy Harbick. 145 -- Tyler Peek, Nik, p. Hall, Nome, 1:22. 152 -- Kaden Spurgeon, Nik, dec. Odden, Nome. 160 -- Lincoln Johnson, Nik, p. Harley Johnson, Nome, 0:55. 171 -- Karl Bucholz, Nik, p. Ozena, Nome, 1:39. 189 -- double forfeit. 215 -- double forfeit. 285 -- Derek Weiler, Nome, p. Henry Eide, 5:11.

**Other Saturday results:** Colony 44, Bethel 22; Kotzebue 39, Dillingham 33; Nikiski 51, Kodiak 32; Nome 52, West Valley 27; Dillingham 64, West

18; Bethel 51, Nikiski 24; Colony 1 60, Kodiak 9; Kotzebue 41, Colony 2 33; Kotzebue 48, Nome 25; Nome 51, Unalaska 16; Dillingham 66, Barrow 18; West 42, Homer 36; Nikiski 48, Voznesenka 20; Colony 1 75, West Valley 6; Bethel 69, Grace 12; Kodiak 48, Seward 36.

**Friday's results:** Unalaska 36, Grace 30; Bethel 65, Seward 18; Dillingham 62, West 15; Nikiski 72, West Valley 12; Kotzebue 54, Kodiak 33; Kodiak 30, Voznesenka 18; Nome 48, Grace 27; Nikiski 54, West 28; Kotzebue 60, Seward 29; Bethel 65, Seward 18; Homer 33, Barrow 24; Unalaska 36, Grace 30; Voznesenka 45, Colony 2 27; Kotzebue 53, Nikiski 30; Dillingham 57, Seward 18; Nome 51, West

Valley 26; Homer 42, Grace 24; Colony 1 52, Bethel 16; Kodiak 42, West 42; Homer 33, Barrow 24.

#### Team results:

Nome defeats Unalaska (3A)  
Nome loss to Kotzebue (3A)  
Nome defeats Voznesenka (3A)  
Nome defeats West Valley (4A)  
Nome loss to Nikiski (3A) in the 5th/6th Place Dual

**Individual results from Nikiski:** Lonny Booshu 9-0, Gabe Cabrera 9-0, Derek Wieler 8-1, Eric Odden 8-1, Zachary Bourdon 8-1, David Stickel 6-3, Mark Steiger 4-5, Zachary Sullivan 3-6, Harley Johnston 1-7, Dominique Hall 0-9, John Smith 1-5, Cameron Smith 0-5, Roger Ozena 2-7.

# Nome swimmers post personal bests in Palmer

The Nanook swimmers competed against some of the top swimmers in the state when 13 teams met at the Palmer Invitational Meet Oct. 16-17.

In spite of the lingering illness the team has been experiencing, they had a great showing in Palmer and personal best swim times. Sophomore Nathan Blandford made finals for Saturday's competition in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events. Senior AnnieKate Olson made finals in the 500-meter freestyle.

This Friday the Nanooks will race in their own pool in a local meet at 5:30 p.m. The next meet on the road will be the regional competition in Fairbanks in two weeks.

nesko, Free-Nathan Blandford.

#### Friday Prelims:

50 Freestyle: 12. Nathan Blandford, 25.88; 19. Taylor Romenesko, 27.61 (personal best); 26. Nick Morgan, 29.99 (personal best).  
100 Freestyle: 11. Nathan Blandford, 57.72 (personal best); 18. Taylor Romenesko, 1:02.39 (personal best); 26. Alex Morgan, 1:08.31.  
100 Fly: 16. AnnieKate Olson, 1:26.09.  
500 Free: 10. AnnieKate Olson, 6:42.79.  
200 Freestyle Relay: 9. Nome, 1:52.95, Nick, Alex, Taylor, Nathan.  
100 Breaststroke: 21. Nick Morgan, 1:35.66.

#### Saturday Finals:

50 Free: 10. Nathan Blandford, 25.68.  
100 Free: 11. Nathan Blandford, 58.37.  
500 Free: 10. AnnieKate Olson, 6:39.98 (personal best).

**Palmer Invite, Nome results**  
Boys Medley Relay: 10. Nome, 2:19.92, Back-Nick Morgan, BR-Alex Morgan, Fly-Taylor Rome-

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# School board approves contract for planning consultant

By Tyler Rhodes

The Nome School District will soon be drawing from its ranks, local organizations and community members as it forms the plan that will guide it through the next several years.

Superintendent Jon Wehde presented school board members Oct. 13 with a memorandum of agreement to bring on board former Alaska Commissioner of Education Jerry Covey to conduct a strategic planning process for the district. Covey owns JSC Consulting, an agency that facilitates such plans for entities throughout the state.

The agreement calls for the district to pay Covey \$1,400 a day plus travel expenses for the eight-day process expected to take place over the next several months. The meetings, held in two-day sets, are set to begin Oct. 26.

While the memorandum presented to the board did not stipulate the number of days the contract would cover, the board approved it Oct. 13 with the stipulation that the charges not exceed eight days of work. The funds for the planning process will come from the federal stimulus package and were allotted to the school district. From this particular pot of money, the district had wide discretion in how it was spent.

Another contract placed before the board will have to wait until its next meeting before gaining its blessing. The \$33,885 contract from SystemsHOUSE would cover preventative maintenance on the automated heating and ventilation systems at Nome-Beltz and the elementary school. The computer-controlled system is designed to run the schools' systems in the most efficient manner possible.

Board member Lynette Schmidt questioned the cost of the contract. "That is a big chunk of money," she said. "I'm trying to find out if that is a reasonable amount."

Wehde said the complexity of the system requires it be serviced by a contractor. "Right now we are truly in an in-between time of expertise," he said. Wehde noted that the contract contains provisions for training district maintenance staff on the system and added that by running the systems more efficiently, the system saves money by using less heating oil and electricity.

Wehde did not have an official contract to present the board, but did have the letter from SystemsHOUSE outlining its proposal for the service. The letter offered the maintenance for two years at the rate of \$33,885 for each year.

"When I see that amount, I see an upper elementary aide position," Schmidt said.

Wehde noted, at board president Barb Nickels' suggestion, that board member Albert McComas, who was not present at the Oct. 13 meeting, was in support of the contract. McComas represents the board on a facilities committee for the district.

Returning to the board after an absence of a few months, newly elected board member Gloria Karmun ques-

tioned if the contract between the district was time-sensitive. She noted that if it were not, the board could vote on the issue at a future meeting after having been able to review the contract in full.

Wehde said holding off on the vote would not be a problem and could be settled the next time the board convenes.

In other money matters, the district's technology director, Robin Johnson, announced that Nome had its E-rate funding approved from the last school year to the tune of nearly \$223,000. The funds cover the cost of telecommunication and internet access at the district's schools.

## Activity concerns

Board member Kirsten Timbers questioned what the high school charges for activity fees for students who participate in extracurricular activities. Wehde responded that a \$50 fee is incurred with each sport or activity in which a student participates. He said he had received one letter from a community member who was concerned over the cost. Wehde also noted that the fee can be waived based on need.

Karmun questioned whether the high school had ever approached any of the area Native corporations or entities to see if they would sponsor activity fees for their members' or shareholders' children who could not afford to pay. She volunteered to broach the idea to see if the organizations would help, allowing the students to participate and the district to gain the funds to cover that participation.

Also in the realm of extracurricular activities, Timbers questioned the possibility of the return of the activity bus. A victim of last year's budget cuts, the activity bus in past years shuttled Nanook fans between Nome and the Nome-Beltz campus for

sporting events.

Timbers wondered if remaining stimulus funds coming to the district could be used to bring back the bus. Schmidt questioned whether some sort of scaled-back version of the service could be implemented, such as vans.

The activity bus is slated to be discussed at the board's next work session scheduled for Oct. 27.

If the service is again running by December, its riders should be able to see the Lady Nanooks basketball team playing with new uniforms. In an effort to support breast cancer awareness, Coach Doug Boyer reported to the board that the team decided to seek donations to get pink uniforms for the season. The uniforms will still also feature the Nome-Beltz colors of royal blue and black.

Boyer said the girls got the idea after seeing another team wear similar uniforms while competing in a tournament in Washington state. The uniforms were paid for by Nome's arm of the Alaska Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retailers Association through the efforts of the Arctic ICANS cancer survivors support group. The girls should be sporting the new uniforms at their Dec. 12 home game.

## Administration reports

Nome-Beltz Principal Janeen Sullivan reported to the board that all of 2009's graduates received their diplomas by passing the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination. She said this year 71 percent of the juniors have passed all three sections of the test while 80 percent of seniors have passed. Seniors still have two more chances to pass the tests before graduation, while juniors still have four opportunities.

Sullivan also reported a spike in students calling in sick in mid-October. Up until then, she said the number of students out of school due to illness had been consistent with previous

years. "We were real stable for a real long time until this week," she said. "Yesterday and today we've seen a real big increase with kids out sick."

In an attempt to make herself available to parents closer to the city's center, Sullivan reported that she had a few takers come meet with her at Airport Pizza for her inaugural "Coffee with the Principal." With the high school/junior high campus a couple of miles out of Nome's center, Sullivan hopes making herself available during the mid-morning in town once a month will provide parents more opportunity to give feedback and feel involved with the schools. Sullivan plans to hold the coffee hour through the fall and then assess its effectiveness.

Sullivan also reported that the school is working with the Boys and Girls Club in Nome to get supportive services toward either finishing high school or getting their GED. In related news, board president Nickels reported that the Boys and Girls Club is still hanging on despite the threat of closing due to dried up funds. Nickels, who is on the club's advisory committee, said the club received a four-week extension to keep running based on a grant Nome Community Center Director Lance Johnson had completed. Nome's Boys and Girls Club, like many others around the state, has fallen victim to a funding snafu at the federal level. The shortfall in funding has left clubs around the state to either shut their doors or scramble for other

sources of money to keep open.

In her report to the board, Nome Elementary School Principal Shari Biscotti said the school is working to hire a new cook. "I've had my share of kitchen experience," she said. Tim Adkins has also joined the staff as a new special education teacher.

Biscotti reported on the progress at Nome Preschool and the Head Start programs that have district-funded teachers this year. She said the day has been lengthened from two to four hours at the preschool. She said the efforts are starting to bear fruit with the preschool students showing marked progress with language skills.

Todd Hindman delivered an update from the Anvil City Science Academy, the district's charter school. Hindman noted that students from the school scored in the top 92 percentile in the state for improved individual test scores in the Standards Based Assessments.

Hindman also reported that Degan Lawrence was named September's student of the month at the school. "Degan is a mature kid who is a great role model for the eighth graders—he being a sixth grader," Hindman said.

Hindman updated the board on the school's continued work with Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. and Charlie Lean to restore salmon habitat. Students helped Lean to collect salmon and examine their ear bones to determine whether they were fish they raised.

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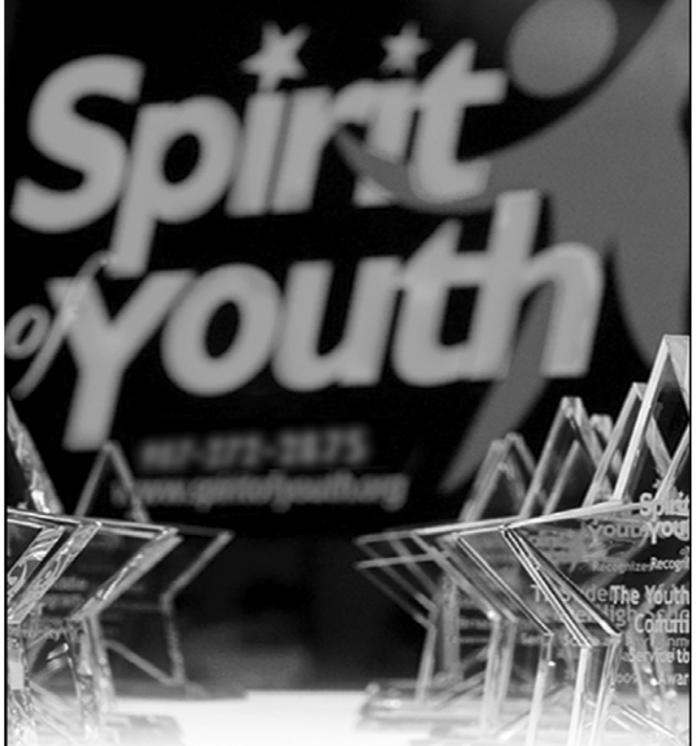
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October 22 - 28, 2009

 <p><b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19</p> <p>Indifference is the key to getting over the hump. Play as if you don't care at home, Capricorn, and all those things you've begged to be done for weeks will get done.</p>	 <p><b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19</p> <p>What's good for the goose is good for the gander. Keep that in mind when you're offered a perk at work. Say yes, Aries, and you might have to deal with some animosity on the part of coworkers.</p>	 <p><b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22</p> <p>Your desire to keep off the extra pounds is working. Cancer, and you might even lose some. An elderly family member could use some company. Make time for them.</p>	 <p><b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22</p> <p>There's nothing more you can do, Libra. Wash your hands of the matter and focus on that little drama going on at home. You are going to have to get creative to solve this one.</p>
 <p><b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18</p> <p>Flattery will get you nowhere, Aquarius. You have to earn your way up the ladder of success, and the sooner you start, the better. A change of momentum occurs at home.</p>	 <p><b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20</p> <p>Atta way, Taurus. You are given an opportunity to improve your finances, and you use it to your full advantage. A family outing gets spirits up.</p>	 <p><b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22</p> <p>Oh boy, Leo. You receive good news, and your friends are eager to celebrate with you. Invite everyone over and have a blast. An article turns you on to a new trend.</p>	 <p><b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21</p> <p>The green-eyed monster comes out in you, Scorpio. Just when you're about to say something you shouldn't, a good friend interrupts and stops you. Thank them with a small gift.</p>
 <p><b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20</p> <p>There's no use in looking over your shoulder, Pisces. That person is not out to get you after all. A trip to someplace special brings out the best in everyone.</p>	 <p><b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21</p> <p>Your social life picks up big time. Gemini, and you must turn down some invitations. A young friend's grandiose idea has merit; make sure they know that before pointing out the faults.</p>	 <p><b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22</p> <p>What's done is done. Stop beating a dead horse. Close the door on the matter, Virgo, and move on. A pet cause needs your assistance. Give all that you can.</p>	 <p><b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21</p> <p>Harmony reigns at home for the first time in ages. Throw a party, Sagittarius, and invite all of your pals over for a ghoulish good time. A note sends chills up your spine.</p>

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# State senators reveal energy recommendations

By Diana Haecker

In an ambitious document that simultaneously calls for energy conservation, investment in renewable energy resources and further aggressive development of oil and gas resources, two State senators hope to lay the groundwork for a future state energy plan.

Senate energy and resource committee co-chairs Lesil McGuire (R-Anchorage) and Bill Wielechowski (D-Anchorage) on Monday released their state energy policy recommen-

dations in form of a 50-page document, calling for several measures of conserving energy while advocating for continued oil and gas development at NPR-A, ANWR and the outer continental shelf.

At a press conference Wielechowski and McGuire revealed their draft recommendations as a document for public review. In an interview with *The Nome Nugget*, Wielechowski said the recommendations came about after six months of field hearings held throughout Alaska – Nome not included. They

also worked with the Governor's office, the Alaska Energy Authority, Alaska and lower 48 energy experts and looked at solutions that other states and foreign countries have employed to rein in energy costs. The stated number one goal of the document is to "ensure that all Alaskans have access to reliable energy supplies at the lowest cost over the long-term."

He said the purpose of the draft recommendations was to provide a roadmap to the full Senate as they enter discussions on how to transition Alaska from fossil fuel dependency to utilizing renewable energy while still developing oil and gas resources that fill the state's coffers. About 90 percent of the state's revenue stems from oil and gas production taxes.

The document is divided not by region but by categories such as power generation, heating, energy efficiency, investing in renewable energy, energy affordability, continued resource development and technology development.

Among the recommendations are to continue funding for the Power Cost Equalization program at its current level of \$37 million, to invest an additional \$150 million in the state's weatherization program and \$50 million in the home energy rebate program. They also recommend expanding the state's heating assistance program to include families who earn up to 350 percent of the poverty level in years when oil averages over \$75 per barrel and surplus funds are available.

The senators said that when oil prices skyrocket, heating costs become a burden even for middle-income Alaskans. A recommendation also includes ensuring that Alaskans pay a fair price for the energy they consume by looking into legislation for price gouging. "One tool other states have employed to control costs is to prohibit sellers from charging excessive and exorbitant prices for products consumers rely on and to require them to justify those prices when they're necessary," reads the

draft paper.

Recommendations that are of consequence for rural Alaska include to add funds for loans upgrading power systems across the state; increase funding to improve the efficiency of diesel power plants; continue to fix bulk fuel storage facilities and to contemplate a state-wide cooperative to purchase bulk fuel. The draft also touches on conservation as a means to the end of stretching energy resources. With a goal of reducing statewide demand for electricity and heating fuels by 10 percent by the year 2015, the senators recommend appliance rebate programs, to fund so-called smart meters that tell consumers how much energy which appliance uses at any given time, and to launch a big public education campaign including bringing energy

efficiency and conservation."

Asked how these opposite goals could be reconciled, Wielechowski said that while the vast majority of Alaskan fossil fuels are for export and while production is declining seven percent annually, the state depends on the income generated by these resources. "The country is not going to shift in the next 15 to 20 years in terms of needing fossil fuels, but in order to stem the tide, we should start investing that money in renewable energy systems," said Wielechowski. He added that Alaska is in a transitional period and that the legislature has to prepare now to ensure a future of affordable energy for Alaskans. The Anchorage legislator said, "The message is that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We recognize the suffering going on across

Alaska and we felt it needs to be addressed with policy recommendations." He added that it's a living document and that it is meant to be out in the public for review. "If people have comments or ideas please

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— Bill Wielechowski

efficiency lessons into classrooms across the state.

Tackling renewables, the document recommends incentives to develop renewable resources by granting a state production tax credit, to establish low-interest loans for businesses and homeowners to invest in renewable energy systems and to consider legislation to institute a net-metering program.

The draft document lists seven goals and on top of the list are development of Alaska's resources and continued exploration and development of Alaska's oil and gas. Goal number four, however, states: "to reduce the dependence of Alaskan communities on fossil fuels for electricity and heat by developing our renewable and alternative energy resources and by promoting energy

let us know. This is meant to be a conversation."

McGuire also encouraged public discussion and said she hopes that the public will weigh in and comment on it.

She told reporters at the press conference that the administration and state energy coordinator Steve Haagenon are working on recommendations as well as the State House subcommittee on energy. "Then the messy sausage working begins and we work out a combination of all three policy recommendations," McGuire said. To view the draft state energy policy and program recommendations, go to <http://energy.akse-nate.org>

## Saying It Sincerely

By Pastor Everett Arnold, Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Nome Ministerial Association

At times we need to get back to the basics: God loves us; so, we love each other.

In a town where I was pastor an agreement was drawn up between the Lutheran, Episcopalian, and Roman Catholic churches there. Every month a group of members from those churches gathered. They planned things the churches could do together. At this time of year it would be a gathering of Christmas gifts for children living on welfare. Child Welfare Services would provide gift tags with age, sex, clothing need and size written on them. Members of the congregations took them home, bought, gift-wrapped and returned to their churches with them. All the gifts from all the churches were gathered into one – a pile of gifts 3 feet high, 3 feet thick and across the front of the hosting church. There was a special worship service to dedicate them.

They also planned times the three churches could worship together, socialize together, and serve community holiday dinners together. Nobody in town had to eat a holiday dinner alone. I got to know those people who planned these events. They were people who had been hurt. They knew the pain of church people responding to God's love in unloving ways. So they dedicated themselves to bringing love and mutual respect among their Lutheran, Episcopalian, and Roman Catholic congregations. God was writing on their hearts. They were loving God and neighbor together. They were getting back to the basics.

In Jeremiah 31:33-34 our Lord says: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God whole-heartedly; the second, to love our neighbor as ourselves. Those are the basics.

Jesus Christ writes on our hearts. He writes, "Love one another as I have loved you." We may feel the pen writing on our hearts when we feel the pain He suffers with us. On Holy Thursday, we feel the sorrow of His Last Supper with His disciples. We leave worship with His love and compassion written on our hearts. On Good Friday we gather at the foot of His cross. We feel His suffering for us. We know His taking our mistakes, our regrets, our failures, our sins, and our death into His own holy body on Good Friday. We leave worship with His loving mercy written on our hearts. Then comes Easter. We gather again. He has been raised. Our Living Lord Jesus Christ meets us. Our Living Savior meets us, and He is writing love on our hearts.

This is how God fulfills the prophecy: "...and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." It's how He writes His love note on each of our hearts now. So we might find creative ways to love each other. This is getting back to the basics.

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## Seawall

10/12  
Melinda Eickson,34, received a citation for Expired Registration.  
10/13  
Daryl Aukon,21, was arrested and remanded into AMCC on an arrest warrant.  
10/14  
Burlene Oliver,33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.  
10/15  
Esther Tocktoo,43, received a citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.  
10/16  
Kelik Nakak,36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Domestic Violence.

Cory Wells,30 was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Domestic Violence.  
Sammy Amaktoolik,38, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Violating Conditions of Release.  
Jennifer Russell,28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving While Intoxicated and received a citation for speeding.  
10/18  
A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Joseph Lyon,66, received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign  
Jimmy Weyiouanna, 42, was arrested and remanded into AMCC for Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Domestic Violence.  
Anita Soolook,41, was arrested and remanded into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation, and received a citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the second degree.

Michael Aukon,19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Felony Conditions of Release.  
William Alvanna,21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.  
Daisy Weinard,19, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Clarice Hardy,25, received a citation for Taillight Requirements.  
10/17  
Deanna Panipchuk,23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

10/19/09  
Michael Mayac,20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.  
During this reporting period we had 2 persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

## Trooper Beat

On September 26, Unalakleet AST contacted Larry Kobuk of St. Michael at the Unalakleet Airport and seized four 750 ml bottles of whisky from his baggage. Kobuk was traveling to St. Michael, which is a dry community. Kobuk will be summoned on a charge of Importation of Alcohol.  
On October 1, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Shaktoolik Native Corporation Annex store was burglarized. Investigation shows that \$651.00 in quarters and cash are missing from the store safe. There were no signs of forced entry and no damage reported. Investigation is ongoing.  
On October 2, Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Nome issued a citation to Tom Mute, of Nome, for Failure to Obtain a Permit for the RM840 Registration Moose hunt. Investigation revealed that Mute had harvested a moose on September 12, 2009 in Game Management Unit 22C without having first obtained the permit.  
On October 3, at 5:47 p.m., AST received a report of a two-vehicle motor vehicle collision located at 11 mile Nome-Council Highway. Investigation shows Adexzo Yuman, 36, of Nome, operating a 2003 Chevy pickup, collided with a 2004 Toyota pickup, operated by Bivers Gologergen, 48, of Nome. Yuman, Gologergen, and all passengers wore seatbelts and did not sustain injury. Both vehicles sustained \$5000.00 damage. Yuman was cited for Basic Speed.  
On October 5, at approximately 12:00 p.m., Stanley Milligrock, 27, of Wales, was arrested for an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for court. Milligrock was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.  
On October 6, at approximately 9:00 a.m., Nome AST received a report from an inmate at AMCC that he was assaulted by staff. Investigation is ongoing.  
On October 6, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the Alaska State Troopers arrested Francis Milligrock of Stebbins, on an outstanding arrest warrant issued for failure to appear for court. Francis was remanded to AMCC in Nome without incident.  
On October 6, at approximately 1:00 p.m., the Elim VPSO received a report of a possible assault. The investigation revealed that Andrew Amaktoolik, 18, of Elim, had assaulted his girlfriend. Amaktoolik was arrested for Assault IV DV, and Violation of Conditions of Release and transported to AMCC.  
On October 7, at approximately 6:00 a.m., VPO Daniel Teeluk conducted a warrant arrest for

a juvenile in St. Michael at the direction of AST. The juvenile was transported to Nome by AST and remanded to Juvenile Probation.  
On October 7, at approximately 12:00 p.m., Nome AST received a report of Criminal Mischief in Gambell. The reporter advised that an individual may have broken a water line in Gambell and introduced gasoline into the Gambell water system. The EPA was advised and responded. Investigation into this matter is ongoing at this time.  
On October 8, at 10:20 a.m., AST served a no-bail arrest warrant on Lionel Winkel, 26, of Kotzebue, at AMCC. Winkel's original charge was Driving Under the Influence.  
On October 9, at approximately 4:30 a.m., Nome State Troopers received a report that an assault with a weapon occurred in a village in the Norton Sound Region. Investigation is ongoing.  
On October 9, at approximately 10:38 a.m., Nome State Troopers received a report from a Health Aide in the Norton Sound Region involving child fondling. Investigation is ongoing.  
On October 14, at approximately 8:00 a.m., Nome AST was advised of four (4) overdue hunters from Shishmaref. Family reported that the four adult men had gone seal hunting by boat and had failed to return at the scheduled time. AST authorized a hasty team to respond via boat to the area where the men were reported to be hunting. The hasty team located the hunters approximately 20 miles from Shishmaref. They were successful in their hunt and were slow in returning to the village. No injuries were reported.  
On October 16, at 9:05 a.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Stephanie Oitillian, 23, of Gambell, was subsequently charged with Assault 4.  
On October 16, at 11:00 a.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Benjamin Apasingok, 26, of Gambell, for Assault 3 and Probation Violation. Apasingok was remanded to AMCC.  
On October 16, at 3:45 p.m., AST received a report that an airline passenger en route to Savoonga may be transporting alcohol. Subsequent investigation led to the seizure of 12, 750ml bottles of liquor. Maynard Kava, 72, of Savoonga, was subsequently charged with Importation of Alcohol.

**Services for Richard Foster will be held in Nome on Friday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. at the Nome Recreation Center. Interment will be at the family plot at Hannum Creek during the summer of 2010.**

**A memorial service will be held in Anchorage on Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory at Fort Richardson.**

## Real Estate

**NOME SWEET HOMES!**  
Melissa K. Ford-Realtor®  
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**OCEAN FRONT PROPERTY – REDUCED!**  
Heated and plumbed shop; detached rental unit  
1002 Front Street - \$350,000  
**LAND at the base of Anvil Mt! Great Views!**  
Owner financed! Low Down! \$17,000  
**DELUXE! 3BR/2BA 10+ ACRES OF LAND**  
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**443-7368**  
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The XYZ Center is looking for donations of unopened puzzles. They have had past problems of missing pieces. Please bring donations to the XYZ Center next to the City Offices.

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**NOW taking applications for one-bedroom unfurnished apartments, heat included**

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•Electricity subsidized; major appliances provided  
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(907) 443-5220  
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Hearing Impaired: 1-800-770-8973

**Looking for a new buddy?**

Your new best friend may be waiting for you at the Nome Animal Shelter!

Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food from Doctor Leedy and the *Nome Kennel Club*. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

**October is Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog month. Make plans for your new addition to the family today.**

**Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet • 443.5212 or 443.5262**



## Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**  
CASE NO. 2NO-09-00263CI  
**ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING**  
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
**Clayton Jack Johnson**,  
Current name of Minor.  
**Notice of Petition to Change Name**  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case #2NO-09-00263CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Clayton Jack Johnson** to **Clayton Jack Ivanoff**. A hearing on this request will be held on **November 20, 2009 at 11:00 am at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**  
10/15-22-29-11/5  
**Invitation For Proposals**

ceived and **Will Not** be opened publicly.  
Proposals are to be delivered to the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority, **PO Box 995, Nome, Ak., 99762** or may be hand delivered to the offices of BSRHA at **415 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Nome**. Proposals shall be sealed in a large envelope (separate from the mailing envelope), labeled “2009 Housing Project for Elim, Golovin and Koyuk” and bear the proposer’s name and address.  
BSRHA reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals or to waive any informality in the RFP process.  
Copies of the Request for Proposals may be purchased from Digital Blueprint, **903 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite #103, Anchorage, Ak., 99503** phone (907) 274-4060, fax (907) 274-4086, e-mail **digiblue@digital-blueprint.com** Or through their website: **Digital-Blueprint.com**  
Limited hardbound copies of the Request for Proposals may be obtained from BSRHA and are reserved for distribution within the Bering Straits Region.  
Courtesy sets of the Request for Proposals are available of review at: BSRHA, Plans Room-Anchorage.  
Plans Room-Fairbanks, FW Dodge-Seattle.  
Technical questions pertaining to this project should be addressed to  
**Paul Whipple, VP/ Contracting Officer BSRHA, P O Box 995, Nome, AK 99762**  
phone: (907) 443-8629, fax (907) 443-8652  
e-mail: **pwhipple@bsrha.org**  
BSRHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer any work or contracts resulting from this solicitation will be subject to several State and/or Federal rules, regulations and requirements as more fully described in the Request for Proposals.  
10/15-22-29; 11/5-12

**property:**  
ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF AK, COUNTY OF NORTHWEST ARTIC, CITY OF KOTZEBUE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT SEVEN (7A), BLOCK FOURTEEN (14), KOTZEBUE TOWNSITE ADDITION, US SURVEY NUMBER 4498, TRACT A, ACCORDING TO THE REPLAT FILED AUGUST 6, 1984, AS PLAT NUMBER 84-3, RECORDS OF THE KOTZEBUE RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.  
And having a corresponding address of 869 6<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, KOTZEBUE, AK 99752, gives notice that a breach occurred because Trustor(s) failed to satisfy obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. The amount owing to the Beneficiary as of September 12, 2009, is \$139,420.85, plus future interest, costs, and other charges.  
Upon demand of the Beneficiary, Trustee hereby elects to sell the real property for cash to apply against obligations owed to the Beneficiary, together with any additional interest, costs, or expenses. Beneficiary gives notice that it is preserving its rights against other collateral securing the obligators.  
Questions regarding the foreclosure should be directed to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. at (800)-281-8219 and reference T.S. No. 08-0073660.  
Dated: 09/21/09  
RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.  
By: Cheryl Lee, Team Member

The Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) is soliciting written proposals from qualified general contractors for the completion of construction of 13 homes in 3 villages. The scope of work generally includes providing: Phase 1 Assessments of work completed, stored materials and utilities engineering leading to a master change for Phase 2 Construction Services all as more fully described in the Request For Proposals. The BSRHA, in 2005, purchased and took delivery of 13 house packages in Koyuk (5), Elim (4) and Golovin (3). The house packages have SIP walls with conventionally framed floor and roof systems. Additionally the scope of work includes the design and construction of sewer and water mainline laterals to serve the Elim project site.  
This is a qualifications based solicitation having a maximum 100 points possible allocated under seven response categories of which price is one category. Preference for American Indian/Alaskan Native Owned Firms and/or Employment of American Indian/Alaska Natives is provided under a scoring category having a maximum of 15 points possible. All, as more fully detailed in the Request for Proposals.  
BSRHA’s team will evaluate all proposals against established criteria and will enter into negotiation with the responsive Project Team Proposal having the highest score.  
A pre-proposal meeting has been scheduled for **3:00 pm ADST on November 5, 2009** at the office of BSRHA.  
The BSRHA will receive sealed proposals, in triplicate (one with original signatures), until **4:30 pm, November 20, 2009** Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. Proposals received by the deadline will be noted as re-

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**CITY OF NOME**  
**REQUEST FOR QUOTES**  
**FUEL SUPPLY**

## • More Letters

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starting to have doubts about our beloved community. My dog was my best friend, and like a son to me, for the last six years and I’m going to miss him dearly. I hope that whoever killed him will let me know so that I could have closure.  
Thank you and take care.  
Sincerely,  
Melvin Towarak  
Unalakleet, AK

Dear Editor,  
I am writing in response to a letter published in last week’s issue. It was the only letter printed.  
The Dome building was built by a large crew of local workers. It brought in a much-needed source of income for many people who were at the time very indebted to the City. It had more than ample room for the size of our community. The problem with the building was the fact that no one had the skills to maintain it, (after the city manager at the time quit.)

The City of Nome and Nome Public Schools are seeking quotes from fuel dealers to supply the City’s: heating oil # 1, equipment diesel fuel, vehicle unleaded gasoline and vehicle diesel fuel for the period of 11/10/09 to 10/31/10. RFP documents may be obtained from the City Clerk’s office at City Hall, and are due on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. The quotes will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, in the City Clerk’s office.  
The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
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The City Shop was a place that was well maintained and had tools to complete every job imaginable. At the time the building material and some of the supplies came in two separate Conex vans that were placed behind the shop/washeteria. They still remain in the spot where they were placed several years ago. Inside of them was the entire contents of the HVAC system, and tools up the wazoo. Once again after the City Manager left due to health rea-

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• **State News Briefs**

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absorbed and stores an estimated 800 million metric tons of global carbon. At the rapid rate of climate change in the Arctic – about twice that of lower latitudes – the Arctic as a carbon storage facility could make the Arctic a source of carbon dioxide instead. On the scale of a few decades,

the thawing permafrost could also result in a more waterlogged Arctic, says McGuire, a situation that could encourage the activity of methane-producing organisms. Methane is a very potent greenhouse gas. If the release of Arctic methane accelerates, global warming could increase at much faster rates, say the re-

searchers.

**NOAA denies protection for spotted seals**

The fNational Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the federal agency tasked to manage ice seals, last week denied a petition to list spotted seals under the Endan-

gered Species Act. The Center for Biological Diversity had filed a petition asking for protection for the spotted seal, saying that the seals' habitat is rapidly melting away in the face of global warming.

The center argued that climate projections indicate that the spotted seal would lose 40 percent of its winter sea ice habitat in the Bering and Okhotsk seas off Alaska and Russia by 2050. NOAA acknowledges that sea ice in the Arctic is rapidly melting. The agency concludes that the ice-dependant spotted seal will either adapt to life on land or migrate to better habitat elsewhere.

NOAA found that only a small population at the southern fringe of the species' range was imperiled. The agency proposed listing of seals as endangered in Liaodong Bay, China and Peter the Great Bay, Russia due to the threats of diminishing sea ice. NOAA will release a finding for the ringed and bearded seals by November 1, 2010. NOAA scientists decided earlier this year to deny Endangered Species Act protection to

the ribbon seal.

**Army National Guard sponsors Iron Dog**

Last week, the Iron Dog snowmachine race announced that after losing their main sponsor Tesoro, the Army National Guard came forward to be the presenting partner for the 2010 Iron Dog race. The Army National Guard and Iron Dog officials say the race and the Army National Guard recruitment efforts share the same age group. Young 18- to 35-year olds are prime age group for the Alaska Army National Guard and other Military services, an Iron Dog press release said.

The Alaska Army National Guard has a goal to recruit 300 new people this year and to that end, the world's longest snowmachine race through small Alaskan rural villages allows the Guard to increase current recruiting efforts. Last year, the Guard sponsored Iditarod rookie musher Harry Alexie to spearhead recruitment efforts along the Iditarod trail.

• **More Letters**

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sons the shop and two vans went to the weather.

As far as the shelter cabin goes, everyone in town thinks that a 5,000+ sq. ft. home is built from the materials of a 12x18 shelter cabin. Let's do the math.; 12 times 18 equals 216 sq.ft. Hmm 5,000 versus 216, seems like a very big difference there. Go figure.

The shelter cabin at Buck Creek is not and never has been locked. It more than one time has been used as a shelter cabin for stranded travelers. I do, however, know that more than one time it has snowed over and the door has been ice-locked by ice dams from melting, blowing snow. There

was a window placed in the front entry for such cases. Bottom line, no one is denied entry to the cabin.

The polar bear and cub mentioned in the letter was in fact shot by an Eskimo. It was injured and was hunting the local reindeer herd. The cub was killed because the Elder in the party at the den site said it could not be left to starve and die, as it could not fend for itself.

Bottom line is that the bickering and finger pointing at stuff that has happened 20-30 years ago is frivolous and a good waste of ink. What should have been written is the fact the local entities are being run by people who are robbing us (Wales) blind. The presidents are forever denying audits on their books; they

keep all financial information locked away from public sight. Our community keeps reelecting the same people to the governing bodies of our town, and yet we wonder why our town is going backward instead of forward. When someone, who wants to make change for the better is miraculously elected to an office they are chased out by the ones who wish to continue to better their own pockets and not worry about the community which they were elected to serve.

So I say, when is the community of Wales going to wake up and quit talking about how it was and make it like that. I guess to do that you would have to want your children to have a town to be proud of, and it would also mean that you or they would have to get out of bed first.

One final note, what a nice way to treat the owner of the vehicle used to transport the sick to the airport, including the author of last week's letter. Just one of many things that the person in which the derogatory was written about in last weeks issue.

Jason Oxereok  
Wales, AK

Letter to the Editor:

This year's AFN convention is just around the corner, and for those headed to Anchorage I want to be among the first to welcome you to the gathering. AFN is one of Alaska's truly great family reunions, and visiting with you at AFN is one of the things I most look forward to each year.

Your congressional delegation will again staff a booth at this year's convention, and I want to invite you to drop by to say hello. I have asked several of my legislative staffers to attend this year's convention, and they will be available to discuss federal issues or problems that you may be having with the federal government.

I am scheduled to speak on Friday afternoon and hope that you can be there for the discussion. As your United States Senator, I made a commitment to listen to our Native people, to respect your Native cultures and traditions and to support the needs of your villages. AFN is always a wonderful opportunity for me to let you know the progress we have made on your behalf during the past year. I look forward to visiting with you in Anchorage, and wish you all a great convention!

Sincerely,  
Lisa Murkowski  
Washington, D.C.



**ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

**NOME MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD RUNOFF ELECTION**

Absentee ballots for the **November 3, 2009** City of Nome Municipal and School Board Runoff Election will be available at the office of the City Clerk located in Nome City Hall, 102 Division Street, **October 19, 2009**. Application may be made by mail by writing to:

City Clerk, City of Nome, Box 281, Nome, Alaska 99762, or you may request an application by fax by contacting the City Clerk at **(907) 443-5345**. Ballot applications submitted by fax or mail must be received in the City Clerk's Office no later than **October 26, 2009**. Ballots must be received by **November 2, 2009**.

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**CITY OF NOME**

Notice of Municipal and School Board Runoff Election  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A RUNOFF OF THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 a.m. AND 8 p.m. OF THE SAME DAY.

The polling place for electors will be Old St. Joe's, located at Anvil City Square, 407 Bering Street, for those persons living in Nome Precinct No. 1 (39924) and Nome Precinct No. 2 (39926).

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE:

1. U.S. Citizen qualified to vote in state elections
2. Resident of the City of Nome for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election
3. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least thirty (30) days before the municipal election at which the person seeks to vote
4. Is not disqualified under Article V of the Alaska Constitution

THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER:

1. One member of the Nome School Board, Seat C Three Year Term

IDENTIFICATION OF RUNOFF CANDIDATES:

NOME SCHOOL BOARD - SEAT C

Schmidt, Lynette  
Payenna, Heather M.

THE FILING DATE FOR THE ABOVE LISTED OFFICE was August 20, 2009 through September 11, 2009, 5 p.m.

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**Notice to Democrats**

District 39 Democrats will hold a general meeting

- Where: • Nome Council Chambers
- When: • **Saturday, Oct. 24**
- Time: • **10 a.m.**

For information and procedure to nominate a candidate to fill Richard Foster's vacated seat in the House of Representatives. All nominees must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The nominee must have been a **registered voter** in House District 39 since **June 1, 2007**.
- 2) The nominee must have been a **registered Democrat** in House District 39 since **June 1, 2008**.

Telephonic participation available by calling 907-443-6618. The deadline for applications is **Oct. 26, 2009**.

Paid for by the Alaska Democratic Party, 2602 Fairbanks St., Anchorage, Alaska 99503

**Alaska Democratic Party, House District 39 (HD 39) Candidate Selection Committee meeting**

- **Wednesday, October 28**
- City Council Chambers
- Purpose: recommend applicants for the HD 39 vacancy.
- 10 a.m. - Applicants will be interviewed by the Committee
- noon - The Committee will take public comments on nominees

After interviews and public comment, the committee will recommend three applicant names to the Governor.

For more information please call Democratic District Chair Louis Green at 443-5892.

All interested persons are encouraged to apply by Oct. 26, by completing the application available at [www.alaskademocrats.org](http://www.alaskademocrats.org).

Paid for by the Alaska Democratic Party, 2602 Fairbanks St., Anchorage, Alaska 99503



611th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Public Meeting Announcement for Nome Residents**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2009

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Old St. Joseph's Church  
407 Bering Street

The U.S. Air Force invites you to attend a public meeting for the Anvil Mountain Radio Relay Station Project. The purpose of this meeting is to summarize the findings of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) investigation activities and solicit community input regarding site cleanup.



Key members of the project team will be on hand to provide a project overview and accept community comments.

**WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO STOP BY!**

For more information, please contact: Steve Hunt, Project Manager, 611 CES at (907) 552-4869, [steve.hunt@ELMENDORF.af.mil](mailto:steve.hunt@ELMENDORF.af.mil) or Stephen Witzmann, Jacobs Engineering, at (907) 751-3332.



# All Around the Sound

### New Arrival

Fredrica Curtis and Tommy Sampson of Shaktoolik announce the birth of their daughter **Summer Pearl Itchuaqiaq Sampson**, born September 8 at 7:05 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 4.6 ounces, and was 18" in length. Her big sister is Autumn Curtis and she has families in Shaktoolik and Noorvik.

### Graduates

Dennis and Sandy Harvey of Nome are proud to announce the May 2009 graduation of their daughter,

Lytte Harvey, from the Chugach School District. She was enrolled in the Home School Extension Program, which provided a unique, standards-based approach to her high school education. During her time with Chugach, she attended two EXCEL Summer Standards Camps at Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage, which assisted in her passing all three sections of the HSGQE on her first attempt during her sophomore year of high school.

In addition, Lytte attended two Voyage to Excellence career phases at Anchorage House. This experience gave her opportunities to apply what she learned in school to real-

life situations. Further, she gained skills and training in various areas including life skills, personal development, social development, service training, urban familiarization and career development. Since her graduation, Lytte has been employed as a Communications Officer with the Nome Police Department.



**COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER—Lytte Harvey is a May 7, 2009 Chugach graduate.**



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Nome Eskimo Community Annual Meeting & Election Results will be held Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Jerome Trigg, Sr. Hall located at 200 W 5th Avenue.

There are three (3) Tribal Council seats up for election. Two (2) seats will be held for three (3) years and one (1) seat will be held for one (1) year.

Polling place is the Jerome Trigg, Sr. Hall (NEC Office Complex) – 200 W. 5th Avenue.

Staff will provide annual program reports and door prizes will be available. Grand prize tickets are two (2) Alaska Airlines round trip tickets at the end of the meeting. Must sign in, attend and be present to win.

Tribal Council Candidates must be 21 years old and reside in Nome for at least one-year. Candidate applications are available at the main office.

For more information contact Linda Kimoktoak at **907-443-2246**. Visit our website at [www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org).

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## Northern Norton Sound Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

- **Time: 3 p.m.**
- **Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009**
- **Location: New Kawerak Board Room, Nome, AK**

### Agenda items include (but are not limited to):

- Wildlife issues
- Proposals to the Alaska Board of Game to change regulations for muskox, moose, caribou wolverine, wolf and brown bear in Unit 22

For more information, contact Susan Bucknell, Committee Coordinator, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Kotzebue at [susan.bucknell@alaska.gov](mailto:susan.bucknell@alaska.gov) or **1-800-478-3420 ext. 17**

10/15-22

# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Request for Information Concerning the Pacific Walrus Population



The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service was petitioned to list the Pacific walrus as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The ESA allows private citizens or groups to formally request (petition) that the Federal Government consider listing a species. When this occurs the Federal Government is legally required to respond through due process. As required by law, a detailed review of the health and status of the Pacific walrus population has begun. To help us with the review we would like to gather comments and information from all interested parties.

We would like your comments and information relating to the following topics on walrus population health and habitat: Historical and current status of the Pacific walrus population, habitat use patterns, effects of climate and environmental changes, potential threats to the population, and the effectiveness of existing management programs to protect walruses, their habitat and prey.

For a more complete list of the type of information we are seeking and how it will be used, please visit <http://alaska.fws.gov/fisheries/mmm/walrus/esa.htm> and see the Federal Register Notice, or contact the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Marine Mammals Management Office at **1-800-362-5148**

Please submit information by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- Enter the following text in the search box **FWS-R7-ES-2009-0051** and click the "Search" button. You may click on the "Submit a comment" link and follow the instructions to submit your comments.
- U.S. mail or hand-delivery: Send your comments to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: **FWS-R7-ES-2009-0051**; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203.
- Telephone or FAX: Contact Marine Mammals Management, USFWS; by telephone (**1-800-362-5148**); or by FAX (**907-786-3816**).

**Please submit information by November 9, 2009.**



## Shaktoolik Native Corporation

### Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

As designated in their by-laws, the Shaktoolik Native Corporation will hold its annual meeting of shareholders on Monday, November 2, 2009 at the Shaktoolik School Gym. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and call to order at 7 p.m. or upon establishment of quorum. This year shareholders will be electing four (4) directors. Shareholders are encouraged to send their proxies to be received by no later than 5 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2009.

For more information, please contact:

Shaktoolik Native Corporation  
PO Box 46  
Shaktoolik, AK 99771  
Ph. 907-955-3241  
Fax 907-955-3243

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## Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for NSEDC's 3rd Quarter meetings. Please see the schedule below for locations and times.

Meeting	Location	Time
November 3, 2009		
Executive Committee Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	9:00 a.m.
Scholarship Committee Meeting	EET Office	10:00 a.m.
NSSP Working Group Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	10:00 a.m.
Rules & Bylaws Committee Mtg.	UNK Memorial Hall	1:00 p.m.
Fisheries Development Comm. Mtg.	UNK Memorial Hall	2:30 p.m.
November 4, 2009		
Finance Committee Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	9:00 a.m.
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Board of Directors Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	9:00 a.m.
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Annual Meeting of Members	UNK Memorial Hall	9:45 a.m.
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# Sgt. Maj. Aukongak blazes path for Native women

Through hard work, goal setting and devotion, Lillian Aukongak has climbed the ranks in the Alaska Army National Guard over her 23-year career to make the rank of sergeant major.

Sgt. Maj. Aukongak's accomplishment, however, carries more than just personal significance. An Inupiaq, Aukongak is the first Alaska Native woman to attain the highest enlisted rank possible in the National Guard. She was pinned Oct. 1 in a promotion ceremony held at the Alaska National Guard Armory.

Born in Nome and having grown up in Golovin and White Mountain, Aukongak enlisted in the Guard in Nome Oct. 14, 1986. She started her career as a radio operator for 1/297th Infantry (Scout) Battalion. Aukongak held several different jobs and moved up the ranks quickly.

She joined the Active Guard Reserve program in 1991, but the idea of earning a college degree stayed at the front of her mind. Aukongak began taking college courses while working full-time and received her bachelor's degree in Human Services in 2007.

Aukongak's drive and determination developed after life dealt her a tough blow early on. Orphaned at age 6, she and her seven sisters and two brothers were split up and put into foster care. Aukongak was the second to the youngest and paired up to live with her younger sister.

Despite the separation, Aukongak said she looked up to her older sisters, seeking their guidance as she grew up. "Everyone has challenges and not everyone goes through what I went through," she said. "But that didn't stop me from pursuing my goals and following my dreams. I've always had very positive sisters who kind of mothered me; because I lost my parents at such a young age, I really looked up to them and admired them from a distance."

As she has climbed the ranks, Aukongak has played both the role of admirer and admired. "You have soldiers who admire you from a distance, whether you acknowledge it or not. The higher grade you make, the more you put yourself in a position to be a mentor and role model; I call it being admired from a distance," she said. "I personally have a

lot of people whom I've admired from a distance. Command Sgt. Maj. Pamela Harrington and Sergeants Maj. Jane Dennis and Kerry Averett are just a few people I've admired from a distance."

Aukongak's achievement has drawn admiration from the highest ranks of the Alaska Army National Guard. "I think Sgt. Maj. Aukongak's accomplishment is a great triumph and success story," said State

Command Sgt. Maj. Gordon Choate. "She is a leader who our soldiers can look up to, and she epitomizes the truth that soldiers who live the Army values can achieve the highest ranks through leadership and hard work."



**PROMOTED**— Sgt. Maj. Lillian Aukongak is the first Alaska Native woman to attain the highest enlisted rank possible in the National Guard. She was pinned Oct. 1 in a promotion ceremony held at the Alaska National Guard Armory.

## Court

Week ending 10/16  
Civil

Capital One Bank (USA), N A vs. Nguyen, James V.; Debt - District Court Kauer, Caroline C. vs. Davis, Thomas Clyde; District Court FED Soolook, Andrea vs. Ahkinga, Jamie; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term

Small Claims

Nome Storage Co vs. Mitchell, Matthew; SC Conf of Judgt \$2500 or Less

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Diana Katongan (5/12/62); 2NO-09-627CR Count 1: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 10/9/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 5 days, 5 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/9/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances without a prescription; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Diana Katongan (5/12/62); 2NO-09-627CR Count 2: Criminal Trespass 2<sup>o</sup>; Date of offense: 10/9/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 15 days suspended; Probation: see count 1 until 1/9/10.

State of Alaska v. Richard R. Rollins (6/27/63); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110680074; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Cynthia Madsen (4/12/80); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 10/14/09.

State of Alaska v. Ann Soolook (6/29/70); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 10/12/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 9 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months.

State of Alaska v. Nellie Trigg (6/30/85); Dismissal; Tampering With Physical Evidence; Date of offense: 9/25/09; Minute Order; On this date (10/6/09) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the State of Alaska gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter; On motion of the defense, the court hereby dismisses the above named case for failure to timely proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to Rule 5/5.1.; Accordingly, it is ordered that the defendant shall be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

## NSEDC Announces the 2010 Outside Entity Funding Program

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# Coast Guard

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Nome could play. "We're still encouraging the Coast Guard using Nome as your operating base as much as possible," Michels said.

It was Baker who voiced the main question on the mind of Nome representatives in the room, inquiring about the potential of the Coast Guard stationing a cutter permanently in western Alaska—and specifically, in Nome. Breckenridge dismissed the possibility of a base for a large cutter, adding that the Coast Guard is still taking stock of challenges and opportunities in the region. "You're probably a half step to a step ahead of us," Breckenridge told Baker. "We're in the process of digesting what happened this last season."

Colvin added that there is no perfect solution as the communities of Nome, Kotzebue and Barrow are eyed for their potential. While Nome's port infrastructure is the most developed in western and northwestern Alaska, the harbor does have some natural disadvantages. "It's a wonderful place as far as support goes, but the challenge is the depth of water," Colvin said. Colvin said a pier suitable to serve the larger cutters would potentially need to extend up to a mile seaward to reach an adequate depth.

Colvin said at this point Nome would be more likely to see some sort of land-based installation rather than serve as a homeport for a cutter. Such a base could serve as a coordination center and aid in search and rescue efforts, he said. But even a scaled-back presence is not yet called for, Colvin said. "Clearly when you're forward deployed, you can react more quickly. But it takes money to build that infrastructure," he said.

Breckenridge added that funding any new installation would be a lengthy process. Even if all funding requirements were met, it would take a number of years before money could start flowing. "We're really talking 2013," she said. "The best scenario for getting something new is three years." Breckenridge's tone implied that such a best-case scenario is currently not envisioned.

Breckenridge said even if the Coast Guard was determined to base out of Nome it would face a series of logistical challenges in doing so. Foremost, she said, the current fleet of cutters are not made to be operated in heavy ice conditions. "The hulls cannot operate in ice. They're not built for that," she said. Breckenridge added that the class of large cutters are currently in the process of being decommissioned.

As noncommittal as the admirals were in regard to any Coast Guard permanence in Nome, much of the discussion with city leaders signaled future involvement in the region.

One way or the other Nome will continue to play a role as more shipping activity in the warming Arctic spurs a larger Coast Guard presence. "We know we have missions we are going to be working up here," Breckenridge said.

At the start of the meeting, Mayor Michels distributed handouts detailing the growth in traffic and business at Nome's port of the past 20 years or so. The number of ships stopping in Nome has increased to historic levels. In 1990, Nome saw a total of 34 dockings. In 2007 that number jumped to 184. This year, that number has jumped to 274 with a small window of ice-free water still ahead.

The increase in dockings comes as more equipment, gravel, research vessels and fuel barges pass through the region. The rise is also an indicator of more traffic through Arctic waters. Each year, more and more ships are pushing their way through the Northwest Passage, whether they are independent adventurers or even small cruise ships.

The uptick in Arctic sailings has definitely caught the Coast Guard's attention. "With the water opening in the Arctic, we're trying to figure out what boats work, what type of planes work, what type of helicopters work," Colvin said.

This summer's Arctic Crossroads Operation, which saw a large influx of Coast Guard personnel in the region for training exercises and medical visits to villages, was part of the Coast Guard's process to acquaint itself with the realities of today's Arctic. Colvin said the exercises proved valuable in fleshing out challenges, such as communications, and familiarizing itself with the region's terrain in cooperative weather and without the stress of responding to some sort of emergency. Colvin said that time spent training and interacting with local sources will aid the Coast Guard in responding to future incidents in the region. "It just accelerates the timeline for operations," he said.

More traffic also means more potential for an accident or spill. "It's still not a huge amount of traffic," Colvin said of the vessels attempting the Northwest Passage. "But it scares the heck out of me. I'm just hopeful that we don't have a Titanic-like accident up here."

"It's on all our minds," Breckenridge said. Breckenridge associated the emerging interest in the Arctic frontier with her generation's drive to explore space. As the Coast Guard participates in that exploration, Breckenridge said it has to relearn some lessons from its past.

The Coast Guard had a presence in Nome more than a century ago, but over time it pulled out of the region. "You remember more of that than we do. You've been here and we



**ARRIVAL BY AIR**—A crew works to unload a Coast Guard C-130 from Kodiak after landing in Nome in June. The flight was in preparation for the Coast Guard's Arctic Crossroads operation largely based out of Nome this summer.

left," Breckenridge said. "We know we've been here before, but, quite frankly, we've lost some of that knowledge." Breckenridge highlighted that the numerous recent visits by the Coast Guard are aimed at filling those knowledge gaps.

Part of that investigation, Breckenridge said is establishing a supply-chain system to support the operations that are occurring in the region. "What kind of spare parts do we need if we're operating up here? Our system isn't that mature," she said. She did note that the Coast Guard is a little more advanced in its logistics for supporting air operations in the region than it is for its marine fleet.

The Oct. 16 meeting also allowed for Nome officials to voice more city-specific concerns. Port Director Baker asked to be given more advance notice of Coast Guard ship arrivals so that she could better route traffic at the port to make room. "Years ago a vessel could count on Nome having an open cell to be able to pull in," she said. "Nowadays it's a different story."



Photos by Tyler Rhodes

**GIFT EXCHANGE**—Nome Mayor Denise Michels laughs as the Coast Guard's Vice Adm. Jody Breckenridge presents her with a clock and compass as a gift thanking her for the city's hospitality this summer. Michels had earlier presented Breckenridge and Rear Adm. Chris Colvin with historic photos of the Coast Guard's presence in Nome.

Fire Chief Matt Johnson spoke to the need for more coordination between his search and rescue department and the Coast Guard. Noting that the rescue department's marine resources are minimal at best, Johnson said rescues at sea most often require them to call out for help themselves.

Johnson also wants to find out what sort of resources would be necessary to fight a fire on a ship if such a situation were to occur while a vessel was docked in Nome. "If there are one or two connections we would need to have in our arsenal, we would like to know that," he said.

# NovaGold

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The mining firm reports spending \$12.5 million so far this year at Rock Creek. NovaGold in the report says its foremost plan at Rock Creek is to "establish the structures and action plan required to ensure the project remains in compliance with all environmental regulations during next spring's freshet."

Indeed, runoff water has caused headaches for the mining firm at Rock Creek. This year, NovaGold agreed to pay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a record \$883,628 (U.S. dollars) for discharges of sediment-filled water into area streams between April 2007 and September 2008.

In July, NovaGold also received a Notice of Violation from the state Department of Environmental Conservation due to its failure to comply with water treatment and injection requirements related to water in its tailings pond. To settle the violation, the firm has agreed to treat and inject water at a higher rate to reduce the build-up behind the pond's dam. The dam was not designed to hold back water. NovaGold was not fined for the violation.

NovaGold also says it does not intend to commence development or construction at either Donlin Creek

or Galore Creek for the rest of 2009. Either action, it states, would require external financing. As of Aug. 31, NovaGold reported its cash and cash equivalent holdings at \$46.4 million with working capital of \$38 million.

Activity at Galore Creek was halted in 2007 when the company and its project partner, Teck Resources, determined the project costs had ballooned well beyond expectations. The project became the subject of a U.S. shareholder lawsuit, portions of which were thrown out earlier this year. However, another shareholder suit has been filed in the Canadian courts for \$100 million. The new suit carries similar allegations to the U.S. filings regarding when NovaGold and its partners were aware of the increased cost estimate to develop the project and when it reported those estimates to shareholders.

NovaGold describes the Donlin Creek prospect as its "flagship property." The firm reports that it has "pre-permitting" activities underway after a feasibility study was completed earlier this year. Donlin is owned in equal shares by NovaGold and mining giant Barrick Gold. As of Aug. 31 NovaGold reported spending \$11.9 million (U.S.) of the \$14 million (U.S.) budgeted for 2009 at the property.

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