EARLY FALL STORM— Waves batter the seawall at Nome's east end during a storm on August 25. *Photo by Nils Hahn*

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Contaminated former gold house site to be capped this month

By Megan Gannon

Later this month, Nomeites can expect to see a work crew moving fill over a 1-acre area near Dry Creek. NovaGold, which inherited the site of the former Alaska Gold processing facility there, plans to install a cap over soil that's still contaminated with chemicals like arsenic and mercury.

"Our belief is, the erosion issue is the most significant, as well as potential surficial exposure," said Ron Rimelman, Vice President of Environment, Health, Safety & Sustainability for NovaGold. To keep the contaminated soil stable, the company will cap it with at least two feet of fill material, including boulders from Cape Nome.

Rimelman presented the plan in a sparsely attended public meeting on Friday Aug. 26.

He explained that around 1975, the Alaska Gold Company built the so-called former New Gold House at Dry Creek. Mercury was part of the process to remove gold from the placer ore, and when operations shut down in 1988, traces of the substance remained at the facility. NovaGold acquired Alaska Gold Company's operations in 1999, and in 2004, they removed the gold house.

At the meeting, Larry Pederson recalled that almost 20 years ago, when he was working for Bristol Engineering, he was part of that initial cleanup crew. He entered the old building equipped with a respirator, protective gear and shop-vac to suck up tiny balls of free mercury, or quicksilver.

"They were kind of hard to see unless you shined a light on it," said Pederson. He found enough mercury to fill two flasks. Pederson is now Vice President of Nome Operations for Bering Straits Native Corporation, the contractor providing the materials and labor for NovaGold's capping project.

In that earlier cleanup job, Rimelman said 13 tons of mercury-contaminated soil were removed, along with a 15,000-gallon water tank. "Physically there isn't anything left at the site," Rimelman said. "The building's gone, there's one 250-gallon old empty fuel tank, there's a small manmade pond, but there if you go out there you can't see any evidence that the gold house existed. The site is pretty well vegetated." A fence was installed around the area in 2007 to prevent any access to the site, though occasionally a musk ox does find its way in.

Today, the amount of mercury at the site is no longer visible. But the soil still contains traces of arsenic, mercury and methylmercury leftover from the gold house, and hydrocarbons that seeped down to the site from old power facilities and machine shops that were up on the bluffs near the Foster Building.

"The concentration is on the order of a few milligrams of mercury in a kilogram of soil, but the state's

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Photo by Peter Loewi

HOMEPLATE DIGS IN— On Tuesday, August 30, a groundbreaking ceremony for Homeplate, a permanent Supportive Housing Project, took place at the corner of G Street and Greg Kruschek Avenue. Making the first ceremonial shovel cut were Kelda Barstad, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Program Officer; Rhonda Schneider, Nome Community Center's Executive Director; Dave McDowell, the previous landowner; Margaret Thomas, the NCC Board Chair; and Scott Niblock, the project developer.

Elections: Only few declare candidacy to run for office

By Diana Haecker

The filing deadline to declare candidacy for municipal office ended on Tuesday, August 30 at 5 p.m. and keeping with a trend over the past years, the appetite to run for city government, school board and Nome Joint Utilities board was very subdued. The only contested seat is Seat E on the Nome Common Council, between Derek McLarty and Cameron Piscoya. Seat E, held for a three-year term, is currently held by Jerald Brown who decided not to run again.

Council Seat F sees no competition for incumbent Mark Johnson, who is running for another three-year term.

Utility Board Seat B, a two-year term, is held by Derek McLarty who is running for the seat uncontested.

Larry Pederson, incumbent of Utility Board Seat D, a three-year term, is also running for the seat unopposed.

School Board Seat A, a two-year term, is held by Darlene Trigg who runs unopposed.

Incumbent Dr. Barb Amarok of School Board Seat E, a three-year term, is not seeking re-election. Marjorie Kunaq Tahbone is the only candidate to run for Seat E.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation also holds member representative elections concurrent with municipal elections on October 4. This year, member communities Elim, Nome, St. Michael, Savoonga and Teller will elect their representatives. The official candidate roster will be announced once candidates have passed the eligibility requirements, including drug tests and a background check.

Arctic Commitment Act surprised region

By Peter Loewi

More than three weeks have passed since U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski introduced the Arctic Commitment Act to Congress, but the communities of the region, which feature prominently in the bill, are still in the dark.

"We learned about it by reading the newspaper," Nome City Manager Glenn Steckman said, referring an *Anchorage Daily News* story from August 2, 2022.

The proposed Arctic Commitment Act aims to "enhance the United States' standing as an Arctic nation by facilitating greater maritime accessibility, strong trading partners and reliable infrastructure."

This takes many forms, like ensuring that the Port of Nome is usable for the implementation of the National Strategy for the Arctic Region. The Secretary of the Navy and Commandant of the Coast Guard are to report to Congress the requirements and feasibility of a persistent, year-round presence of the Navy and the Coast Guard at the Port of Nome and the former Coast Guard station at Port Clarence. Included in those reports is to be cost estimates for constructing onshore infrastructure that "will be required to support year-round maritime operations in the vicinity of the Bering Sea and Arctic region.

If the bill passes as written, the implications for the region are significant.

Sen. Murkowski's deputy Communications Director Hannah Ray said in an email to the *Nugget* that the U.S. Military has long held a presence in Nome. "Interest in allowing them to have a greater access point has been a topic of discussion for years, including among the late Mayor Beneville and Senator Murkowski. Because of Senator Murkowski's work, the Port of Nome was awarded $250 million from the bipartisan infrastructure law. Senator Murkowski strongly supports an all-hands-on-deck mentality when it comes to infrastructure development on Indigenous land and has been adamant that any Port construction be facilitate through consultation with Alaska Natives."

However, none of the com-

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Nugget file photo by Diana Haecker

POINT SPENCER— The former Coast Guard site at Point Spencer is one of the port sites that figure prominently in the Arctic Commitment Act.

Letters

To the editor,

I would like to commend, praise and thank all the people who have contributed to the beauty of the city of Nome by growing flowers in the bridge buckets, but the businesses and buildings downtown, and in their own yards. This year was a lovely year to be walking around Nome because of those efforts.

Thank you all,
Lew Tobin
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To the editor,

8/20/22 marks 12 months I've been down in the joint. So i've had a lot of time, many days to reflect on my life. I'd like to shout out to those who are growing up in the foster care system. Foster care is a pretty tough and lonely way to have to grow up in. I know because I lived through 10 years of it. Moving from family to family. Home to home and even a group home for a year. That way of life brings many questions like "Why don't my family want me, why do I have to stay here, what did I do to deserve this?" The toughest question is "Does my family even love me?" That's just a few questions I spent my childhood pondering on a daily basis while trying to focus on school, sports, all the wrestling tournaments, school events and trying to be comfortable in my own skin, living with the next family willing to take me in. The system decides your living situation. They indulge you into counseling, talking to people you've never met before, expecting you to open up and talk to them about your life and expect that it's comfortable talking to strangers. All the while teaching you in school to "never talk to strangers."

Growing up in the system I wasn't allowed to go and visit with my mom, unless she was sober. They took me away from her because she was never sober. So guess what? I hardly ever got to see her. I was sneaking my way to see her, say hi, let her know I'm ok, then I'd be right back on my way, savoring that short happy moment I got to share with someone who even though was an alcoholic, loved me with all her being. Those were the best moments ever growing up in the system. Now you may be thinking I went against the grain an against the systems rules but to feel the love of the one who carried me into this world personally, I didn't care.

My mother wasn't a stranger. I cried to her, told her things I've never told no one else. I did break their rules only because I left my mom feeling renewed energy within myself. Seeing my mom or any family member, always freshened my self intuitions. My heart was happier. Then, all of a sudden, BOOM! Back with a family of strangers again, feeling belittled, feeling like a nuisance, feeling like a user.

In my many lonely nights, I always believed there is a God. You may feel all alone, but I believe God hears us. Before the system took me away, my family was able to set a faith-based foundation in my life. For that I am forever grateful. In him I have someone I can release my feelings, my emotions, my worries, stress, depression, anger, anxiety and so much more.

To those of you in the system and even to those out of it, keep going your days may feel long, lonely and you may also feel you are unwanted or not loved, but that's the farthest from the truth you should feel. I know there is families that are truly in it for the best interest of you. Huge shout out to them, thanks for the love and care you openly give to us strangers.

Every day may not be a good day, so at least find some good in every day. The system is like being temporarily incarcerated, they can only hold you for so long. Do things that are good for your soul; like helping Elders or a neighbor, find a role model to hang out with; join a sport and spend that negative feeling energy in a way that you end the day feeling like you accomplished something. Finally to those who put themselves in the position to take us in, again, thank you for your generosity. Thank you for opening your homes, thank you for arms wide open, even though some of us come to you broken, scared, emotionally shattered. Thank you for facing your fears and going out of your way to make a home for us. I've lived with many different families and I can't recall everyone of them. So if you've taken me or any other foster child in, thanks for taking a chance on me or them. To these in the system, keep your mind occupied with things that are positive. Remember, drinking is what put most of us in foster care, so when you are offered a drink, think twice about picking that jug up. Instead pick up a ball, unroll a wrestling mat, go for a run, build your body and mind to say No to alcohol. And if you feel you don't have anyone in your corner, always know that even though I might be a stranger and you don't know meunderstand I was in your shoes, too. So I'm your number one fan. Now go get that money, son.

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Weather Statistics

Sunrise	09/01/2022	7:44 a.m.			National Weather Service
	09/07/2022	8:02 a.m.			Nome, Alaska
Sunset	09/01/2022	10:17 p.m.	High Temp	+57°F 08/27/2022	(907) 443-2321
	09/07/2022	9:56 p.m.	Low Temp	+33°F 08/29/2022	1-800-472-0391
			Peak Wind	24 mph 08/25/2022 SSE	

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)

Date	Day	Time	Low Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	High Tide
09/01	Th	2:32 a.m.	0.47	9:19 a.m.	1.56	3:23 p.m.	0.74	9:38 p.m.	1.36
09/02	Fr	3:06 a.m.	0.60	9:40 a.m.	1.57	4:14 p.m.	0.57	10:41 p.m.	1.31
09/03	Sa	3:44 a.m.	0.75	10:01 a.m.	1.58	5:06 p.m.	0.43	11:43 p.m.	1.27
09/04	Su	4:25 a.m.	0.89	10:22 a.m.	1.58	6:03 p.m.	0.32		
09/05	Mo	12:56 a.m.	1.24 **High**	5:12 a.m.	1.00 **Low**	10:50 a.m.	1.57 **High**	7:09 p.m.	0.23 **Low**
09/06	Tu	2:22 a.m.	1.24 **High**	6:12 a.m.	1.08 **Low**	11:35 a.m.	1.54 **High**	8:18 p.m.	0.14 **Low**
09/07	We	3:40 a.m.	1.26 **High**	7:33 a.m.	1.11 **Low**	1:02 p.m.	1.51 **High**	9:19 p.m.	0.06 **Low**

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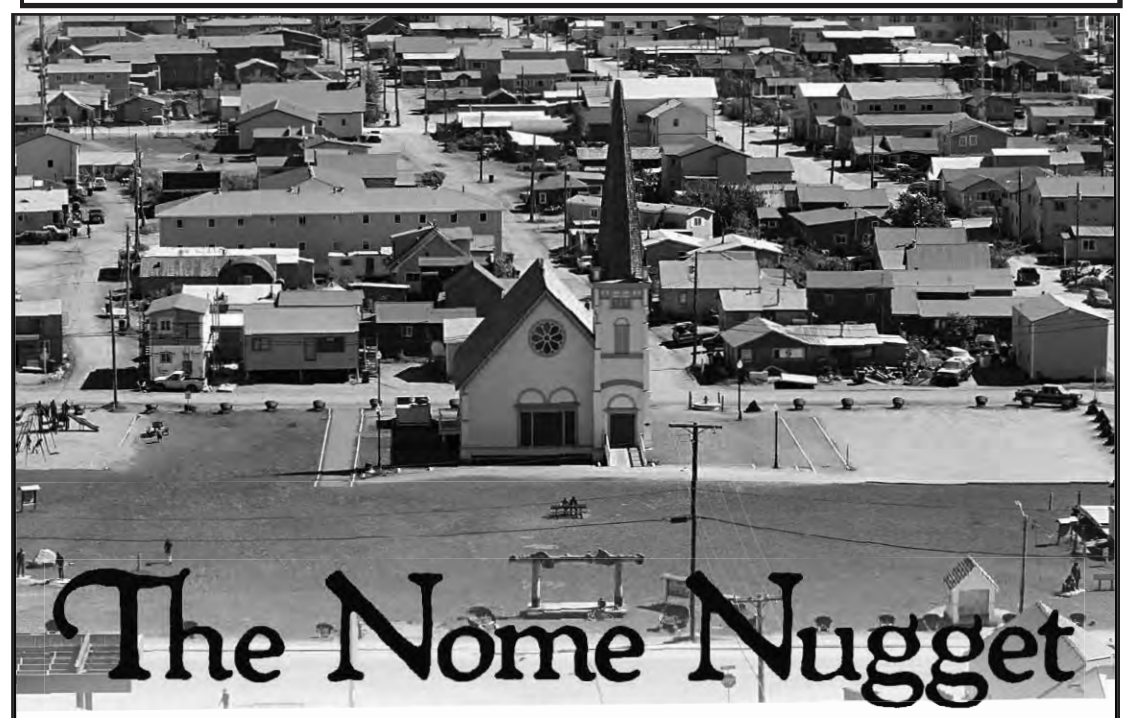

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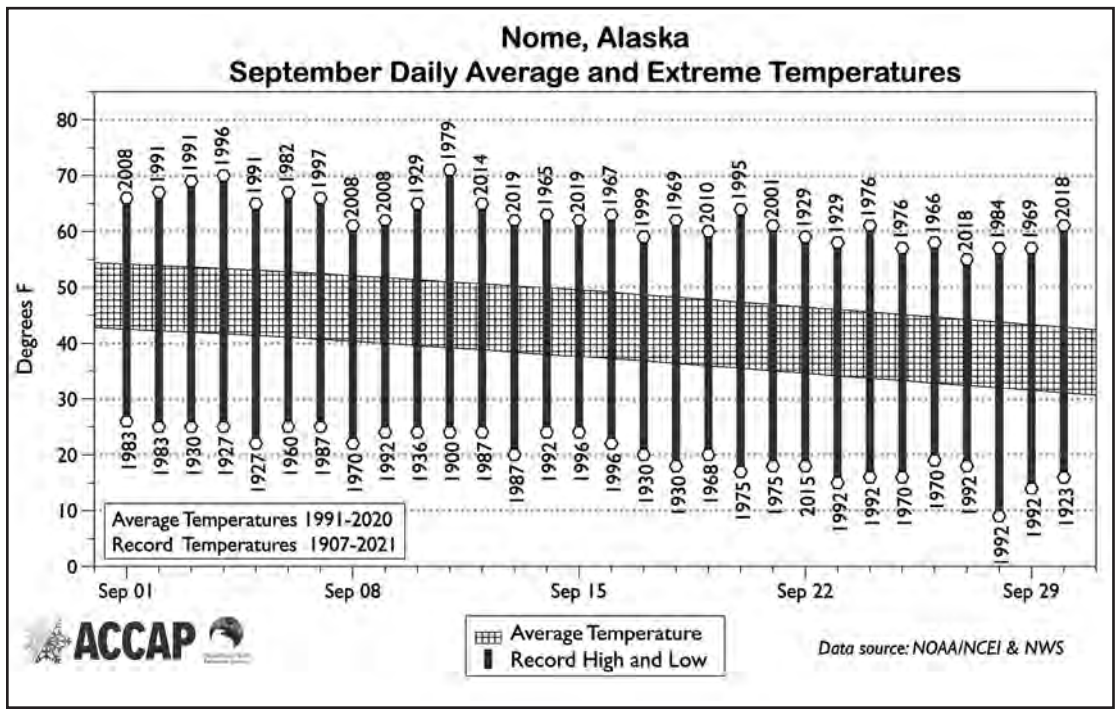

Climate Watch

By Rick Thoman
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The climate outlook for September from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center favors neither above or below normal temperatures or precipitation for Nome and western Alaska. Now this doesn't mean that we should expect "near normal." Rather — in the expert's considered opinion — there's nothing to tilt to odds one way or another.

During much of the year there are pronounced temperature variations around the region due to the complicated interplay between oceans, ice, snow and mountains. This variation reaches its low point in September. At lower elevations, the average temperature varies only by about five degrees Fahrenheit: from 40°F in the inland Seward Peninsula valleys to 45°F on the southern Norton Sound Coast.

Temperatures fall steadily during September, with the average temperature at the end of the month 11°F lower than on the first day of September. With snow playing a larger role, the drop in October is even larger. Over the past 115 years, September temperatures at Nome have reached 70°F only twice, in 1979 and again in 1996. On the cold side, temperatures dropping into the teens in September is quite unusual, with the last occurrence in 2015. September is the last month of the western Alaska rainy season. Average precipitation (rain plus any melted snow), 2.20 inches at Nome, is much lower than for August. Seven times since 1906 has the September rainfall total exceeded five inches, although that has not happened in 35 years. It's even more unusual to have a dry September. Only four times in the past 115 years has precipitation totaled less than half an inch.

Snow in Nome during September happens in most, but by no means all years. However, accumulating snow is less common. The typical date for the first measurable snow, 0.1 inches or more, at Nome Airport is October 8.

Of course, accumulating snow is much more common at even modestly higher elevations. The risk of coastal flooding ramps up during September as storms have the potential to be stronger as the difference between land and ocean temperatures increases. The storm of September 21-23, 2005 was especially notable, producing flooding and infrastructure damage in several communities around the region.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, September 1

Nome City Hall Public hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m./Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center open 7 days a week, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Richard Foster Building - Library + Museum M-F 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Bump, Set, Spike Drills	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Drop-In Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Mad Muscle	Nome Rec Center	5:45 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 2

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*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Free Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	12:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Main Gym Closed for Cleaning: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.		
*Drop in Soccer (Age 15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Kido	Nome Rec Center	6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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NA Meeting is held on Friday night at 7 pm, at the Katirvik Cultural Center

Saturday, September 3

Nome City Hall Public hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m./Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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*****Nome Rec Center*****
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Sunday, September 4

Nome City Hall Public hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m./Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Monday, September 5

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***Public Safety Advisory Commission Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.**
*****Labor Day - Rec Center CLOSED*****

Tuesday, September 6

Nome City Hall Public hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m./Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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***Planning Commission Meeting**	**Council Chambers**	**7:00 p.m.**
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Drop in Soccer (Age15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Strong Nation	Nome Rec Center	5:45 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7

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Photos by Megan Gannon

CAP PLANS — Chuck Fagerstrom and Larry Pederson watch Ron Rimelman of NovaGold present plans to cap the contaminated site of a former gold house at Dry Creek.

FILL AREA — Phil Welker, of GeoEngineers, explains how monitoring efforts led to the plan to cover about one acre of contaminated ground with fill to prevent erosion.

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cleanup level is .36 milligrams per kilogram," said Phil Welker, a California-based environmental engineer with GeoEngineers who is working on the project for NovaGold.

Rimelman said NovaGold began taking a deeper look at the contamination of the site in 2009, and nearly each year since 2013, the company has taken samples from the soil, surface water, groundwater and sediment. Those monitoring efforts allowed the company to define an area of about 1-acre where the soil is contaminated. The company also started looking at what would be the most appropriate long-term remediation method. Welker explained that they weighed a variety of approaches, from more aggressive ones, such as excavating large amounts of old soil, to taking no action. In 2021, the company finally created the engineering plan for the cap.

"The recommended and approved remedy is engineered fill cap, because it really addresses the most important exposure pathway, which is erosion," Welker said. "And it does it in a way that doesn't put you at risk of there being even more erosion created by putting in the remedy, so it's a non-invasive approach."

He added that the cap is designed to withstand flooding, and it will limit, but doesn't totally eliminate, infiltration from precipitation. The manmade pond will be filled. The cap will be at least two-feet thick. A new fence will be installed as well as new boulder barriers. Monitoring wells will be replaced. And in the spring, the fill will be seeded so that the cap is covered with vegetation.

Their design was approved by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation earlier this year.

Rimelman did not give an exact number for the cost of the project but said the company has spent millions to monitor and clean up the site. He expected NovaGold would have to keep monitoring the site for at least another five years to say whether the cap is effective.

"It's a pretty high hurdle to walk away from something like this," he said.

COVID cases remain at high community level

By Peter Loewi

COVID-19 infection rates in Alaska continue to fluctuate but remain high. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Nome Census Area, and much of the state, remains at "high" community level, meaning high quality masks or respirators are recommended, especially if you or someone near you is at high risk of getting very sick.

The Alaska Department of Health's weekly update showed that cases in Alaska residents and nonresidents rose and eight new deaths were reported. Hospitalization numbers went down, but only slightly.

According to an email from the Alaska Department of Health, both Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna have submitted data to the FDA regarding their bivalent vaccines which target both the wildtype of SARS-CoV-2 and the Omicron variant. The CDC's Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices, or ACIP, is scheduled to be meeting on September 1 and 2 to discuss recommending them before a potential fall wave of COVID. The email stated that the shipping date to communities across Alaska is expected to be after Labor Day, and that they are already taking orders on how much to ship to those who request it.

Norton Sound Health Corporation's Dr. Mark Peterson said that "NSHC will be ordering and receiving plenty of the new boosters that are designed to protect against both the older variants and the newer Omicron variants. As soon as we receive them, we will make them available across the region. They will be available at the hospital and clinic in Nome and they will be available in all of our village clinics as well."

While the vaccine development and dispersal phases of the early pandemic were great reasons to celebrate, the coalition of vaccine producers appears to have ended. Moderna has sued Pfizer and BioNTech over patent issues related to their mRNA vaccines. The lawsuit alleges that Pfizer and BioNTech's vaccine development infringes patents filed for by Moderna between 2010 and 2016.

The week in numbers

On Tuesday, August 23, Norton Sound Health Corporation identified 11 new cases of COVID-19 across the region. Six new cases were found in Savoonga, three in Nome, one in Elim and one in Gambell. Active cases hit 30, with 14 in Savoonga, 12 in Nome, and one each in Elim, Golovin, Unalakleet, and White Mountain.

On Wednesday, August 24, NSHC identified five new cases, three of which were in White Mountain and two in Nome. Active cases stayed high but declined to 27. Twelve cases were in Savoonga, 10 were in Nome, White Mountain had three and Elim and Gambell each had one.

On Thursday, August 25, another 11 new cases were detected. Five cases were found in Teller, two in Nome, two in White Mountain, and one each in Savoonga and Shishmaref. Active cases in the region remained at 27. Nome had nine, Savoonga had six, White Mountain had five, Teller had four, and Elim, Gambell and Shishmaref each had one.

Over the weekend, NSHC identified another 11 cases across the region. On Friday, four cases were found in Savoonga, two in Elim, and one in Teller and White Mountain. On Saturday, White Mountain had another new case, and on Sunday, one new case was found in both Nome and Savoonga. Heading into the week, there were 22 active cases in the region: Six in Savoonga, five in Teller, four in White Mountain, three in Nome, two in Elim, one in Gambell and one in Shishmaref.

On Monday, August 29, NSHC

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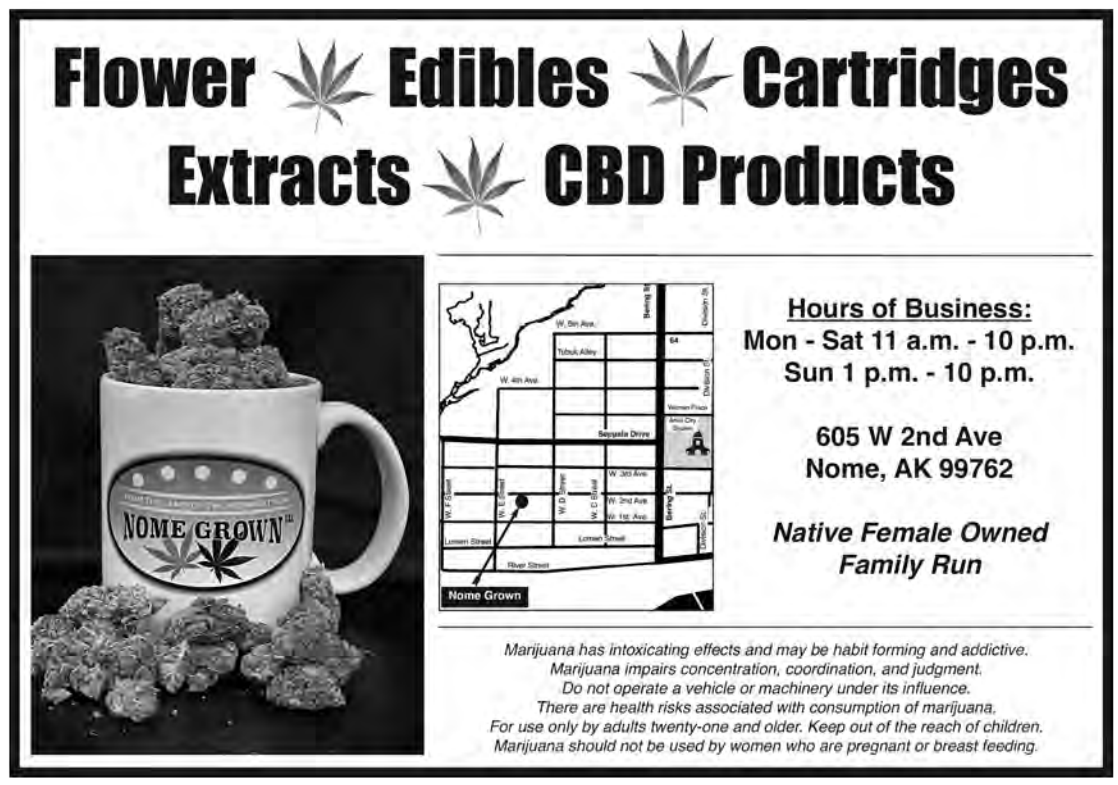

SMALL BOAT HARBOR— Nome's fishing fleet deliver fish to the Norton Sound Seafood Products plant. *Photo by Diana Haecker*

• Arctic

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munities in the region were made aware of the drafting of the bill. Neither of the Traditional Councils in Brevig Mission or Teller had heard of it, and one area mayor even said that they "[didn't] know squat."

Nome City Manager Glenn Steckman said that he hadn't been consulted on the bill, either.

Gail R. Schubert, President and CEO of BSNC, wrote in an email to The Nome Nugget that BSNC was not consulted on this specific bill. "Port Clarence and Nome have long been strategic locations and both locations will become more geopolitically important if current national security trends in the Arctic continue," Schubert wrote. "BSNC has voiced concerns over whether existing Arctic ports, including Port Clarence, have the necessary infrastructure and resources to deal with maritime emergencies, such as oil spill response, that may occur in the future due to increased traffic through Bering Strait. "

Schubert explained that "Historically, our region has had a heavy military presence. The strategic, geographic location of the Bering Strait—which serves as the gateway to the Northern Sea Route (to the west) and the Northwest passage (to the east)—is something we cannot change. If there is a need for national security or military presence in our region, we need to be prepared to work with the appropriate entities and make sure Our People and our communities do not experience negative impacts as a result of these activities."

Bering Straits Native Corporation received a final patent transferring more than 2,000 acres of ANCSA land at Point Spencer, adjacent to Port Clarence, in 2020. Port Clarence has been a port of refuge and the site holds important historic, ancestral and cultural significance, according to BSNC's website.

Murkowski's office denied an interview request with the *Nugget* and only responded to questions 26 days after they were originally submitted. The responses did not directly address the question of why local entities weren't consulted in the process of drafting the bill or what opportunities there would be for further engagement.

During the Senator's visit to Nome in April, when asked about ensuring accountability of the federal government during an interview with the Nugget, she said "nothing in the Arctic without the people of the Arctic" and that "having the Native voices at the table … making sure that there is representation at different levels in different places is a significant part of what has to be done."

Staff from both Senator Murkowski's office and Arctic Commitment Act co-sponsor Senator Angus King, an Independent from Maine, were in Nome on Monday speaking with city officials about the Port of Nome Expansion Project. The staff also toured the Port, but the City didn't know who else they met with.

"Whenever someone comes up, we encourage them to meet with the local community," Steckman said, "but it's up to them."

The Arctic Commitment Act, called "comprehensive" in a press release from Murkowski's office, addresses Arctic security, shipping and research, among other topics deemed national priorities. According to her staff, it is "one of numerous Arctic focused bills that Senator Murkowski is leading."

Outside of Alaska, however it got very little press coverage. An opinion essay in The Hill, a news outlet focused on Congress, by a professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy and an affiliate faculty member at UAF's Center for Arctic Security and Resilience refers to the bill as a "tall order that falls short," and encourages integrating NOAA into its implementation.

Asked what she would include in the bill, Schubert said that "The bill is adequate as it stands now. Building knowledge and consensus about the Arctic, the Bering Strait region and the challenges and opportunities Our People face is a process, and no single piece of legislation or funding will be able to address all needs."

• COVID

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identified 16 new cases of COVID-19 across the region. Six were in Unalakleet, five were in Nome, three were in White Mountain, and one each in Brevig Mission and Teller. As of press time on Tuesday, there were 29 active cases in the region: Seven in Nome, six in Unalakleet, five in Savoonga, five in White Mountain, two in Elim, two in Teller, one in Brevig, and one in Shishmaref.

Since the start of the pandemic the USA has had 94,016,827 officially reported cases of COVID-19 and 1,038,819 associated deaths.

The State of Alaska has had at least 278,680 officially reported cases of COVID-19, 3,857 hospitalizations, and 1,304 associated deaths. There are currently 78 people hospitalized due to COVID-19 in the state.

The Nome, Bering Strait and Norton Sound region has had at least 6,403 cases, 48 hospitalizations and six deaths.

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Survey suggests demand for more Inupiaq language education

By Megan Gannon

Daily use of even a few words and phrases in Inupiaq could go a long way in boosting community engagement, and there's a demand for more resources for self-study among speakers who aren't yet fluent. Those are takeaways from an anonymous language survey that was distributed in Inupiaq-speaking areas of Alaska in May and June of this year.

Paasha Mahdavi, a social science professor at University of California Santa Barbara, teamed up with Ukallaysaaq Okleasik of Northwest Planning in Nome to investigate the connection between community engagement and language acquisition.

According to a report they published in August, a total of 127 people responded to the survey, with about 83 percent saying they speak or are learning Inupiaq, while other respondents spoke Yup'ik, St. Lawrence Yupik and Cup'ik languages.

Of those who responded, about 23 percent said they felt comfortable speaking and understanding an Inuit language or self-identified as fluent. Language comfort varied greatly, however, among different age groups. Only 10 percent of those between 18- and 35-years-old felt comfortable speaking or identified as fluent, though 45 percent said they understood a few words. Among those 65 years or older, 62 percent identified as fluent.

The survey asked respondents how often they attend community and civic events. Speakers were more likely to participate in community activities like potlatches, tribal gatherings and fishing or hunting for non-family members. They were also more likely to participate in civic activities, like meetings and tribal government meetings, contacting leaders, voting and helping people run for office.

"It was nice to see that validated," said Okleasik. He added that the results suggest increasing opportunities for language education could be an effective tool to make people feel more comfortable about getting involved. "I think there's some great ways that our municipal governments, our state government, our tribal governments, our village, corporations, and Native corporations, can really look at this and say, should we re-strategize? This model of assimilation is very discouraging. Something that ties people back to language seems to have a lot more positive pieces to it," Okleasik said.

Mahdavi said he was a little surprised that frequency of use was a bigger factor than fluency in the connection between engagement and language. People who said they speak an Inuit language daily or weekly also said they participated in activities more often, regardless of whether they understood a few words and phrases or whether they were fluent.

"How often you use a language, irrespective of your level of comfort, is the thing that also tracked with greater engagement," Mahdavi said. "The other surprise was just how common self-study was, as a means to learn a language."

Overall, 55 percent of respondents said they learned from Elders, 45 percent said they learned via self-study and 40 percent said they learned from their family or at home. Just over 35 percent said they learned a language at university and 24 percent learned in kindergarten through grade 12 classes. About 23 percent use a community language program and only 13 percent at immersion school.

Self-study seemed to be especially popular among those who were not yet fluent. Of respondents who said they knew enough to have a conversation, 68 percent said they learned through self-study. That number was 55 percent among people who said they knew enough of a language to get sense of what's happening.

"That suggests a really, really clear motivation to learn and speak," Mahdavi said. "It kind of suggests that there's a need for resources and that investment in learning a language is going to be rewarded by the demand that's there."

Okleasik pointed out there could be another way to look at the prevalence of self-study: It might imply a lack of other modes of education. "It shows the opportunity to learn new languages probably are limited and self-study for those that are motivated is the most accessible," he said.

Mahdavi and Okleasik think their results indicate there is considerable room for growth for language education and classes. However, harnessing resources for more formal instruction is not always easy. Nome Public Schools currently has two Inupiaq immersion teachers instructing kindergarten and first grade classes. The district had hoped to find a third teacher to expand the program for this school year, but the position went unfilled.

Mahdavi and Okleasik said they hope to expand their survey work in the future. "One of the things that would be really interesting to unpack more is the kind of questions about feelings of greater connectedness to the community," Mahdavi said. "This idea that language prompts this feeling of connection raises a rethinking this mode of veering away from traditional languages toward more assimilated policies. I'd love to ask more questions about that."

Readers with questions can contact Ukallaysaaq Okleasik at ukallaysaaq@nwplanning.net or Paasha Mahdavi at paasha@ucsb.edu.

Young Hunters: Walrus Summit coming to Nome

By Peter Loewi

The Eskimo Walrus Commission will be hosting a Young Hunters Summit in Nome in early October. In preparation for the three-day event, EWC Director Vera Metcalf and U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologist Joel Garlich-Miller spoke during a Strait Science event last week.

The summit is open to Alaska Natives ages 18-29 who are from one of the 19 tribes which make up the EWC. Due to the grants funding the summit, only one young person per community will be able to attend. Focusing on a bright future, the summit has four main goals: Engage the next generation of informed community representatives; advocate for and provide leadership regarding marine mammal resources; strengthen community capacity; and respond to the future environmental impacts in the new Arctic. "It will be a very busy three days in Nome," Metcalf said. The summit will end with outcome documents including suggestions from young hunters.

Experts will be at the summit talking about everything from the Marine Mammal Protection Act to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to social media to bans on the sales of ivory and their impacts on communities. "Self-regulation depends on following proper, traditional harvest management resources," Metcalf said, thanking harvesters for the nutritional, economic, cultural, and spiritual nourishment they provide.

Applications are due Friday, September 2, and anyone interested in applying should contact the Eskimo Walrus Commission or Sierra Smith at Kawerak.

The 19 eligible communities are Utqiagvik, Wainwright, Point Lay, Point Hope, Kivalina, Kotzebue, Shishmaref, Wales, Little Diomede, Brevig Mission, King Island, Nome, Gambell, Savoonga, Unalakleet, Stebbins, Mekoryuk, Kwigillingok, and Manokotak. While this Summit is only open to members from this community, Metcalf said that the Inuit Circumpolar Council had shared interest from communities in Canada and Greenland, as well.

Garlich-Miller, a walrus biologist, talked about how the Marine Mammal Protection Act was amended in 1994, to include Section 119, which states that "The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with Alaska Native organizations to conserve marine mammals and provide co-management of subsistence use by Alaska Natives."

At the summit, he hopes to expand upon what co-management means. The Pacific walrus population is large and healthy right now, he said, but changes are happening. Sea ice changes are impacting walruses and hunters, such as the increase in coastal haul outs and trampling mortalities. He noted that there are currently several thousand walruses hauled out on the barrier island near Point Lay, which is "a really amazing conservation story." Coastal communities such as Point Lay have led the way working with state and federal entities on management issues as these changes occur.

At the end of this talk, Garlich-Miller had a plea. "We really do need your help," he said, reaching out to young hunters from across the region. There has been, as he called it, "a graying of the fleet," and appealed to those interested in creating opportunities for young leaders.

The Eskimo Walrus Commission was created by Kawerak in 1978, and in 1997 developed a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This was expanded upon in 1998 with a three-way Memorandum of Understanding between EWC, FWS, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game allowing joint management of the Pacific Walrus Conservation Fund.

The EWC has 19 commissioners, one from each of the communities, and has four pillars to their work: ensuring full active participation in research regarding the Pacific walrus including on climate change impacts; sharing culturally relevant information around the walrus and co-management efforts; connecting and convening hunters, communities, and federal and state governments; and advocacy for continued engagement across the board.

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Guidelines issued for missing and murdered Indigenous persons cases

By Megan Gannon

On Tuesday, Aug. 30, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Alaska published new guidelines intended to improve the response to cases of missing and murdered Indigenous persons, MMIP for short.

The new standards were prompted by Savanna's Act, which was signed into law in October 2020 and had been co-sponsored by Alaska's Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski as well as Catherine Cortez Masto, a Democrat from Nevada, and Senators Jon Tester, a Democrat from Montana. The bill directed law enforcement agencies to improve their coordination and communication in response to MMIP situations.

"A top priority for my office and the Department of Justice is to address the disproportionately high rates of violence experienced by Alaska Natives and American Indians and, relatedly, the high rates of Indigenous persons reported missing," U.S. Attorney S. Lane Tucker of the District of Alaska said in a statement. "In Alaska we are fortunate to have strong working relationships across law enforcement, and these guidelines will help us to further strengthen our partnerships and push ourselves to constantly improve our response to bring answers and justice for the victims and families."

Tucker's office said the guidelines are based on consultations with Alaska Tribes and tribal agencies, as well as federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement and victim service providers.

The guidelines are not legally binding, so they do not impose any new duties on law enforcement agencies. But these standards offer best practices on the collection, reporting and analysis of MMIP data—including guidance, for example, on culturally appropriate handling of human remains and ensuring access to victim services. The Savanna Act guidelines include long lists of resources and contact information for relevant agencies and victims' groups.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says it will establish a group consisting of various law enforcement agencies and victim services agencies to review MMIP cases. The goal of the group is to "facilitate accountability and to improve information-sharing and responses." Their first meeting is to be scheduled in no later than six months.

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State Department to appoint first U.S. Arctic ambassador-at-large

By Yereth Rosen, Alaska Beacon

The U.S. State Department announced Friday that President Biden will appoint a designated Arctic ambassador, a new position for the nation and a sign of the administration's commitment to the region, officials said.

The U.S. is the only Arctic nation without such an ambassador, though the State Department does have an Arctic coordinator. It is time to elevate that position, the department said in a statement.

"To further American interests and cooperation with Allies and partners in the Arctic, and after extensive consultations with Members of Congress, local and federal government officials, and external stakeholders, the President plans to elevate the Arctic Coordinator position by appointing an Ambassador-at-Large for the Arctic Region, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate," the statement said.

The ambassador "will advance U.S. policy in the Arctic, engage with counterparts in Arctic and non-Arctic nations as well as Indigenous groups, and work closely with domestic stakeholders, including state, local, and Tribal governments, businesses, academic institutions, nonprofit organizations, other federal government agencies and Congress," the statement said.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, who has pushed for such an appointment, applauded the decision. "By establishing this role, America will solidify its dedication, commitment, and leadership to this strategically important region and have greater opportunities to spur the diplomacy necessary to preserve a peaceful, prosperous Arctic," she said in a statement.

She said that the announcement, along with the recent opening of the Defense Department's Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies in Anchorage, "sends a strong signal to our allies and adversaries that America is all-hands-on-deck in the Arctic. Make no mistake, because of Alaska,

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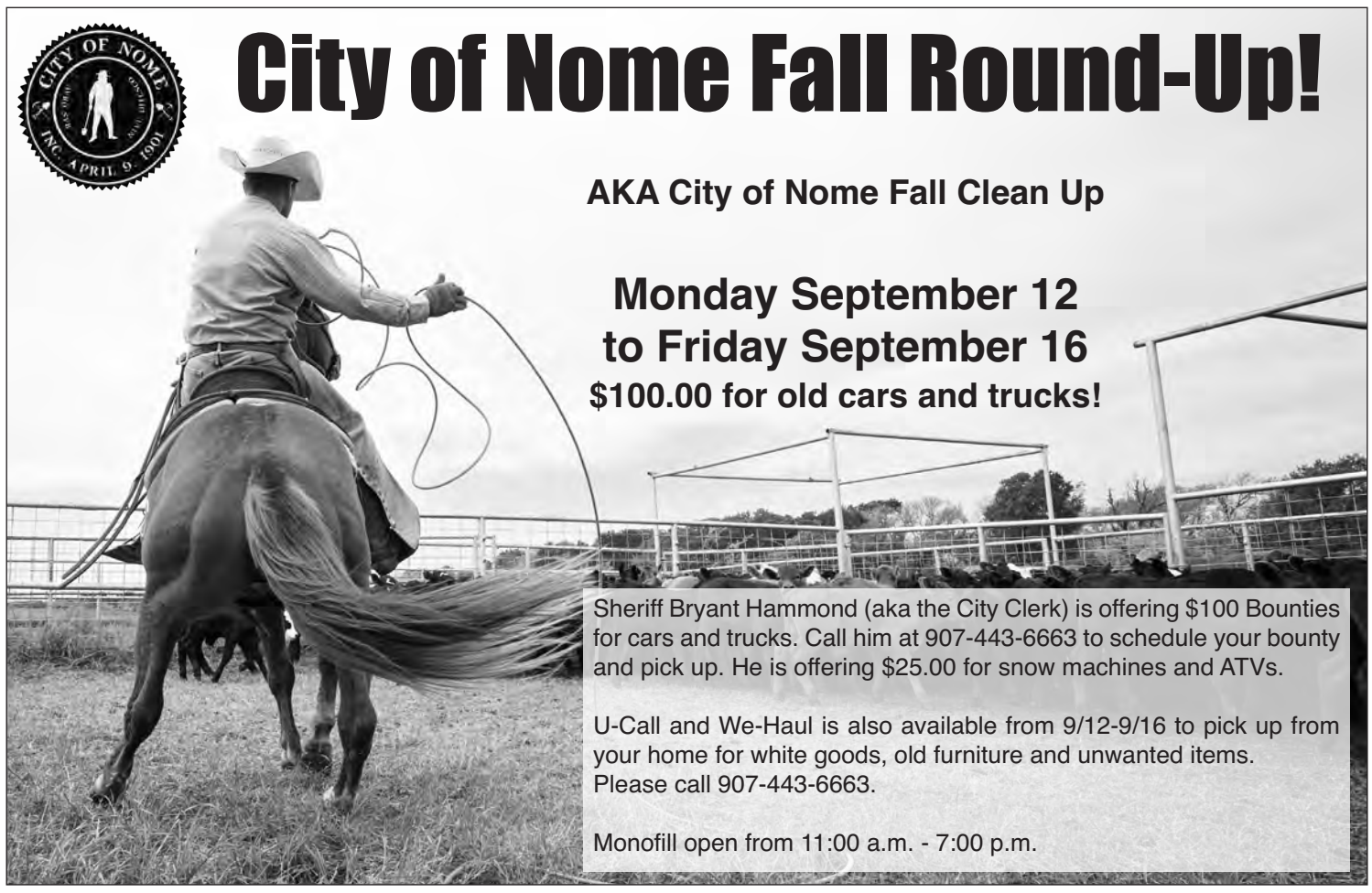

Animal care facilities expand in Nome

By Diana Haecker

Emily Stotts wears many hats. But they all have one thing in common: Improving Nome and the region's animal welfare. Stotts is the director for the Bering Sea Humane Society, president for PAWS of Nome and proprietor of RAAR, Rural Alaska Animal Resources, contracted to do animal control for the city of Nome and offering grooming and boarding.

Her day revolves around getting help to animals. If she doesn't run to the airport to pick up or drop off animals coming from an outlying community or sending it off to Anchorage for health care or adoption, she's at home, tending to the many critters she's boarding there. Husband Lucas doesn't mind, but as more than 65 dogs and cats at one time were occupying every square foot of their property, the need to expand facilities became clear. Two existing outbuildings that Stotts use to house animals, were recently joined by a brand-new, custom-designed building that rolled off the barge a few weeks ago. The buildings are going to part of a new animal facility, set up at the corner of Old Glacier Road and the Nome-Teller Highway. "All of our nonprofit support programs, were all operated out of my house. And with my 2019 grant award for RAAR, my business, we purchased two outbuildings that are on my personal property, and we rigged them together to be one shop space, so I could host more rescue animals," Stotts explained.

These three buildings, once set up at the new location and connected to power, will have a sanctuary space for longer term rescue animals that haven't been able to find foster placements and an outside play area, which will be fenced in. The new building features a multipurpose area for a surgery space, a kennel are for boarding and is equipped with a living space, a full working kitchen, bathroom area to accommodate traveling vet teams. "We also have an isolation quarter so general population boarding is in one building and the isolation quarters in a different facility," she said.

"This entire region is in a crisis for access to [animal] health care," Stotts explained. And through a network of organizations, she's determined to help people to get help for their pets.

PAWS of Nome started as musk ox injury prevention program as musk oxen attacks on dogs increased. Then PAWS saw the need to educate pet owners how to properly care for dogs. They built dog houses and delivered straw to owners in need. Then their volunteer services got stretched even further when they facilitated rescues. "We started small with PAWS of Nome rescue just in Nome and then village requests started trickling in and that trickle became a flood pretty quickly. We're trying to empower owners to be able to provide dog food and straw by us expanding to provide the higher ticket items like costly spay, neuters or yearly vaccinations," she said. The Bering Sea Humane Society was incorporated to offer services regionwide, even to Kotzebue and other northwest Alaskan parts.

Stotts has mastered to weave a network of nonprofits to help domesticated animals find the services they need. Foster care, health care, adoption or vaccinations, she can provide people with resources to help their pets or act as a match-maker between pets for adoption and those looking to adopt.

So, what does a typical day look like for her?

"I transported two dogs to Northern Air Cargo to be sent to the SPCA for adoption. That's after they've been sent to me from the Kotzebue police department and I housed them for a week until they found a placement. Then I dropped off a dog that had been neutered and returned to Nome, for free. The only expense the owner paid was any transport that we couldn't get donated. I dropped that dog off at Bering Air." In between, she was tapped to help out at the Nome Elementary School. As a teacher by trade, she answered the call to help, but she gave up on her teaching career to devote her life to animals and their humans. "Then I got a call from an owner who made it back from the village early and they needed me to go and get their pets for them and release them." She's also on call 24/7 for any animal control calls in the city of Nome. "When I get an animal control call, I do a patrol trying to find it, when I find the dog, I impounded the dog over at the city shelter. And then I started the process of verifying the vaccination and city license record."

But the day is not over yet. "Later today, I'm going to be receiving family of seven puppies. They're two weeks old and one mama and I will also be receiving a porcupine quill injury case. And I gotta check my email. I also got a call on my lunch break of a local person who needed help and trying to liaison get-

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NEW— Emily Stotts and a new building to expand animal welfare services in Nome. *Photo by Diana Haecker*

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• Ambassador

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America is not only an Arctic nation, but an Arctic leader. I look forward to the announcing of a nominee and urge the State Department to quickly move forward with the next steps."

The Obama administration, which oversaw the U.S. chairmanship of the eight-nation Arctic Council from 2015 to 2017, had a designated Arctic envoy at the State Department – retired U.S. Coast Guard Admiral Robert Papp. Though he served largely as an Arctic ambassador, Papp did not have that title but instead was the designated "special representative for the Arctic." Ambassadors must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and Papp's appointment fdid not go through that process. During those years, the Senate was Republican-controlled.

The Arctic position in the State Department was left vacant by the Trump administration until Jim DeHart, a career diplomat, was appointed as Arctic coordinator in 2020. DeHart left that position this summer for an academic post, and his duties were assumed by Derek Chollet, the State Department's counselor.

On Twitter, Chollet said creation of the ambassador-at-large position was a "top priority" for Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and he credited bipartisan support and highlighted Murkowski's "exceptional leadership."

Murkowski and Sen. Angus King, a Maine independent, have urged for elevation of Arctic matters at the State Department. The two, founders and leaders of a Senate Arctic caucus, introduced the Arctic Diplomacy Act of 2021, which would authorize creation of an assistant secretary for Arctic affairs in the State Department. In February, they sent a letter to Blinken urging creation of the Arctic ambassador position.

The new Arctic ambassador position will take over the duties of the Arctic coordinator position, a State Department spokesperson said. The department hopes to name a nominee soon, the spokesperson said.

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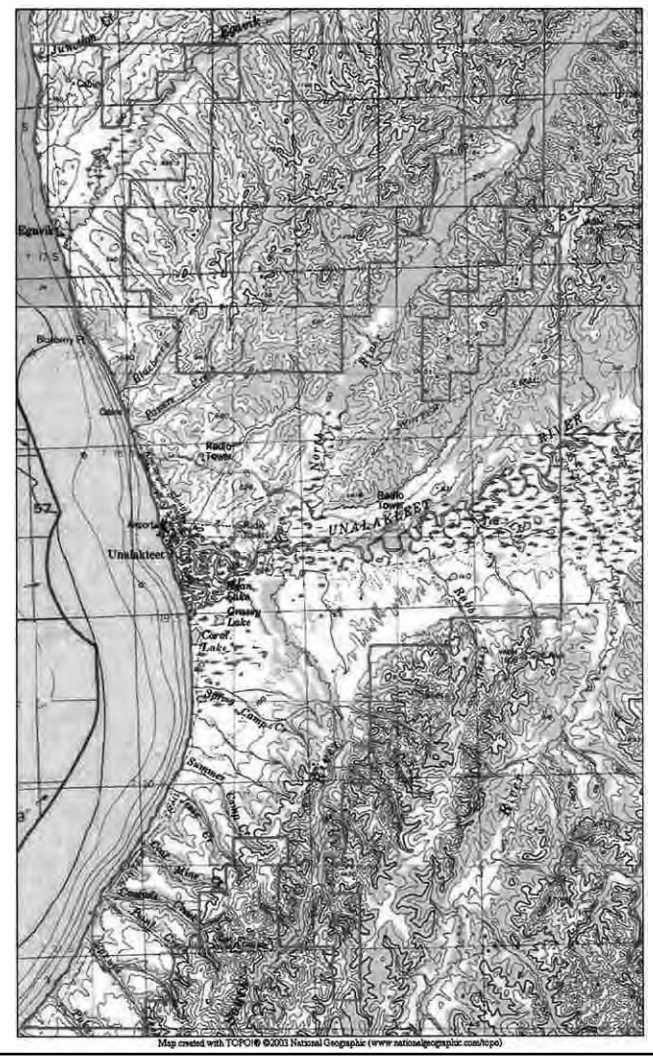

• Animal care

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ting an animal to Anchorage and facilitating what happens if the animal passes away."

Stotts noticed a trend of people getting pets they can't take care of or animals they don't understand. "I'm seeing a lot more purebred pregnant animals coming not only to the villages, but turnaround time and boom, they're coming in as a rescue because that cute little German Shepherd puppy is now a not so cute, untrained German Shepherd juvenile, not spayed or neutered and wreaking havoc. There's a few communities that have those larger breed dogs that are dangerous when they are untrained and unsocialized," she said. But instead of judging, she said, she tries to provide education to pet owners. "I really see a need with preventative regular, ready steady access to health care, free access to the health care. I have people that want to do it and are doing it and I am doing it," she said.

The Bering Sea Humane Society also assists communities to assist with vaccinations and animal control. The communities need to go through an official sign up process in order to accept responsibility for the vaccinations, to keep track and keep record. Once they are signed up, they can request vaccines. "Boom, I'll send you 50 vaccines, 100 vaccines, what do you need, I will give it to you. If your village didn't sign up for that free benefit, you then just purchase the vaccines and send I it off with instructions or a video," she said. If a municipality decides to draft an enforceable ordinance related to Animal Care and Control, she can help and once the ordinance passed, the village can be officially enrolled. "If you don't have one. I'll help you write one," Stott said.

If by ordinance a paid animal control position of employment in their city is created, and he or she responds to a report of someone's dogs ripping through the trash, the animal can be impounded, get that dog checked for its vaccination record and the owner can get a citation if they didn't have what was required. A paid position provides income to one family, holds dog owners accountable and provides education and resources, which is a service to the animals as well. Stotts said that one village in particular, which used to be one of roughest villages with no support, no dog population control and no resources to help animals in a crisis, is now a model community. "When we first went there, it was just stray dog after stray dog and dog attacks and injured dogs and dogs and Parvo. And now we were hard pressed to find a dog that didn't have a vaccination record, we were hard pressed to find somebody who needed an intervention of some kind," she said.

Eventually, she said, with the expanded facilities she may need to hire help but she also plans on having a collaboration with Nome-Beltz students next door to come and help at the new animal compound.

As of Tuesday, August 30, the tally of this year's PAWS rescues is 311. Every rescue is memorialized with a Facebook post and the hashtag gottasaveemall.

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Common Council Seat "E"	**Three (3) Year Term** Derek McLarty Cameron Piscoya
Common Council Seat "F"	**Three (3) Year Term** Mark Johnson
Utility Board Seat "B"	**Two (2) Year Term** Derek McLarty
Utility Board Seat "D"	**Three (3) Year Term** Larry W. Pederson
School Board Seat "A"	**Three (3) Year Term** Darlene Trigg
School Board Seat "E"	**Three (3) Year Term** Marjorie Kunaq Tahbone

Any person with information intending to establish that a municipal candidate may be ineligible to fill that office may challenge the eligibility of the candidate. A challenge may be submitted at any time preceding the date and time of the Municipal Election and must be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall (located at 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska).

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Kawerak receives $645,900 federal grant for Pilgrim Hot Springs

WASHINGTON D.C.– The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration is awarding a $645,900 grant to Kawerak, Inc., Nome, Alaska, to boost tourism in northwest Alaska by aiding the development of a master plan for preservation of Pilgrim Hot Springs. This grant is funded by the American Rescue Plan.

This project will support planning for the preservation of Pilgrim Hot Springs and its future development as a tourist destination.

This project is funded under EDA's $240 million competitive American Rescue Plan Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation program. EDA awarded $510 million in 2021 to all 50 states and territories. The two programs are designed to accelerate the recovery of communities that rely on the travel, tourism and outdoor recreation sectors. Effective May 26, 2022, EDA has officially closed all of its American Rescue Plan programs for applications. The $3 billion program funding will be awarded on a rolling basis through September 30, 2022.

"The travel, tourism and outdoor recreation sector is an important part of many local economies across the country," said Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Alejandra Y. Castillo. "This EDA investment will lay the foundation for future tourism infrastructure in northwest Alaska to support related business and job growth."

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CITY OF NOME
NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL BOARD, AND UTILITY BOARD ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 8:00 PM OF THE SAME DAY.

The polling place for electors will be Old St. Joe's, Anvil City Square, 407 Bering Street, for those persons living in both Nome Precinct No. 1 (39-924) and Nome Precinct No. 2 (39-926).

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE:

1. A U.S. Citizen qualified to vote in state elections.
2. A 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. Not disqualified under Article V of the Alaska Constitution.

THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEATS:

1. Two members of the Common Council, to be elected to 3-year terms:

Seat	Term	Incumbent
"E"	3 Yr.	Jerald Brown (not running)
"F"	3 Yr.	Mark Johnson

2. Two members of the Utility Board, one to be elected to a 2-year term and one to be elected to a 3-year term:

Seat	Term	Incumbent
"B"	2 Yr.	Derek McLarty
"D"	3 Yr.	Larry Pederson

3. Two members of the School Board, to be elected to 3-year terms:

Seat	Term	Incumbent
"A"	3 Yr.	Darlene Trigg
"E"	3 Yr.	Barb Amarok

A FURTHER PURPOSE IS TO DECIDE UPON THE FOLLOWING:

Shall ordinance No. 16-10-09 An ordinance amending chapter 17.10 of the Nome Code of Ordinances thereby to institute an increased seasonal sales tax as approved by the voters be repealed.

Proposition No. 1 **Yes** (____)
No (____)

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Photos by Megan Gannon

SELLER — Idele Aningayou of Gambell was happy to be in Nome to sell her wares and socialize.

DANCERS(*left*) — The King Island and Nome St. Lawrence Island dance groups performed at the Aug. 24 Berry Festival.

Berry Festival brings regional artists and cruise passengers to Nome

By Megan Gannon

The Berry Festival returned to Nome this summer after a hiatus in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19. On Wednesday, Aug. 24, the Nome Rec Center was decked out with a stage for performances and tables where vendors from Nome and the Bering Strait region displayed their artwork, crafts and food.

"Vendors were selling everything from jams and jellies, furs and skins, specialty foods, blueberry delights, ice creams, paintings, carvings, beaded items and much more," said Barb Nickels, director of Kawerak's Community Planning & Development program, who organized the event.

The festival, which started in 2017, had previously been held outdoors on the lawn of Anvil Square, but this year it was moved indoors to keep vendors warm and more comfortable, Nickels said. While gray clouds hung in the skies outside, the atmosphere inside the Rec Center was cozy and convivial as regional artists gathered and mingled with Nomeites and cruise ship passengers alike. The festival was purposely scheduled to be held the day the luxury cruise ship MS Roald Amundsen returned to port in Nome to drop off passengers who had traveled from Vancouver and to pick up guests bound for the Northwest Passage.

"It was great seeing all of our local talent displaying and selling their work," said Robin Johnson of Nome Discovery Tours, which ran shuttles to the festival for the cruise passengers that day. "While many of our guests chose to walk, the shuttles were very busy, and we received lots of good reviews from the guests. They loved the food and entertainment and many of them toted bags with them as they left the festival."

Though local turnout may have been lower as the event was held during a weekday, "vendors expressed they did very well in sales between cruise ship passengers and locals," Nickels said.

A day ahead of the festival, Alice Bioff, Kawerak's business-planning specialist, hosted a workshop for regional artists. Of the 41 vendors who registered, seven were brought in from Teller, Brevig Mission, Gambell, Elim and Shaktoolik to sell their work and the crafts of other members from their communities. Nickels said the workshop included an opportunity for artists to market their products to the cruise industry with reps from the Skagway-based company Voyij.

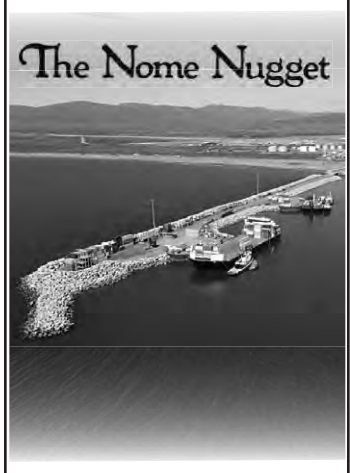
The festival also saw performances from local musicians like Dave Coler and Ian McRae with the Buffleheads. The King Island and Nome St. Lawrence Island dance groups also took the stage. In between live acts, old footage was shown from past Elders Conferences and from interviews regional artists talking about ivory carving.

GONE FISHING— Young anglers try their luck at landing a silver from the Snake River.

Photo by Nils Hahn

Photo by Diana Haecker

TUNDRA BLUES— Blueberries are ripe and ready for picking in the region.



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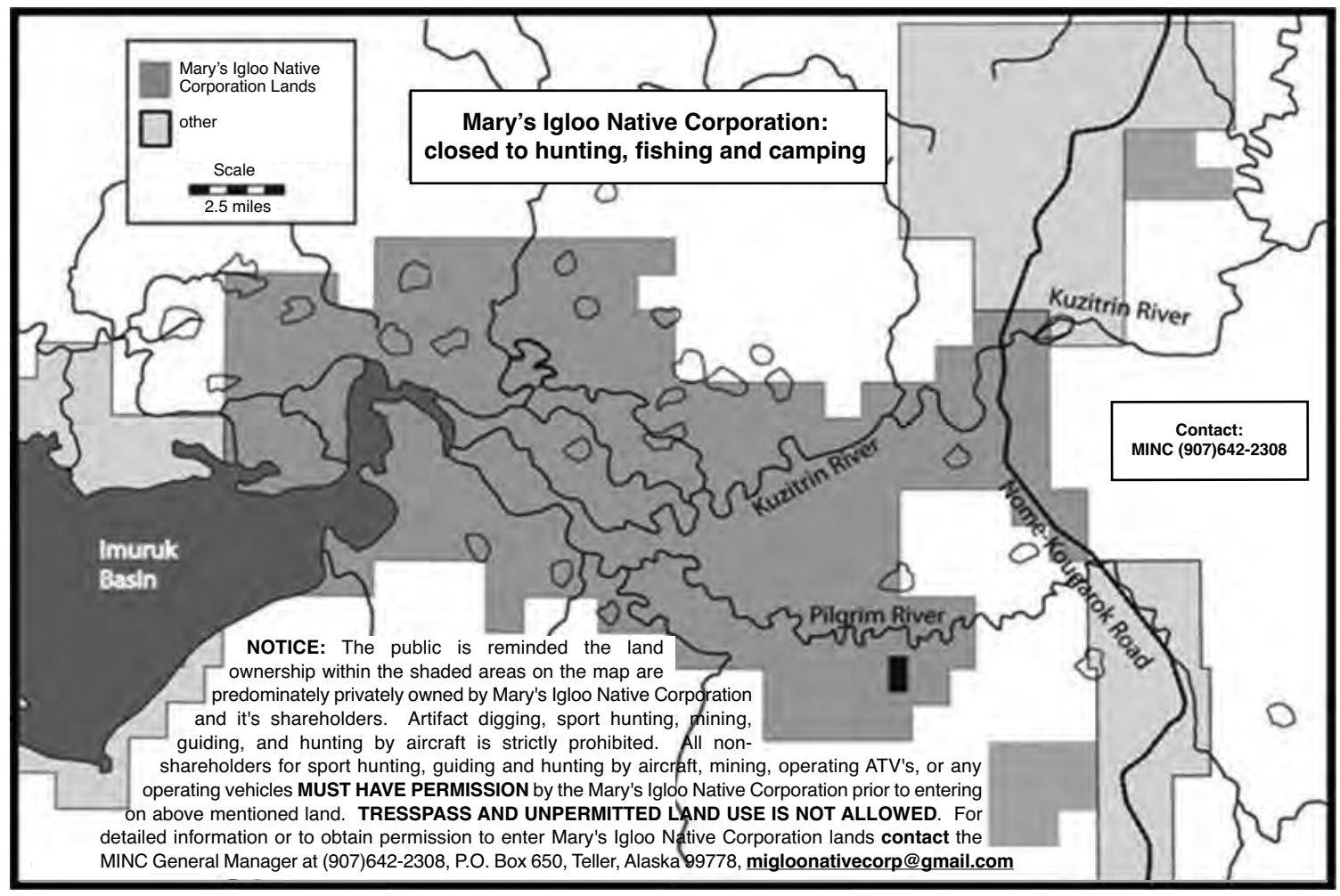

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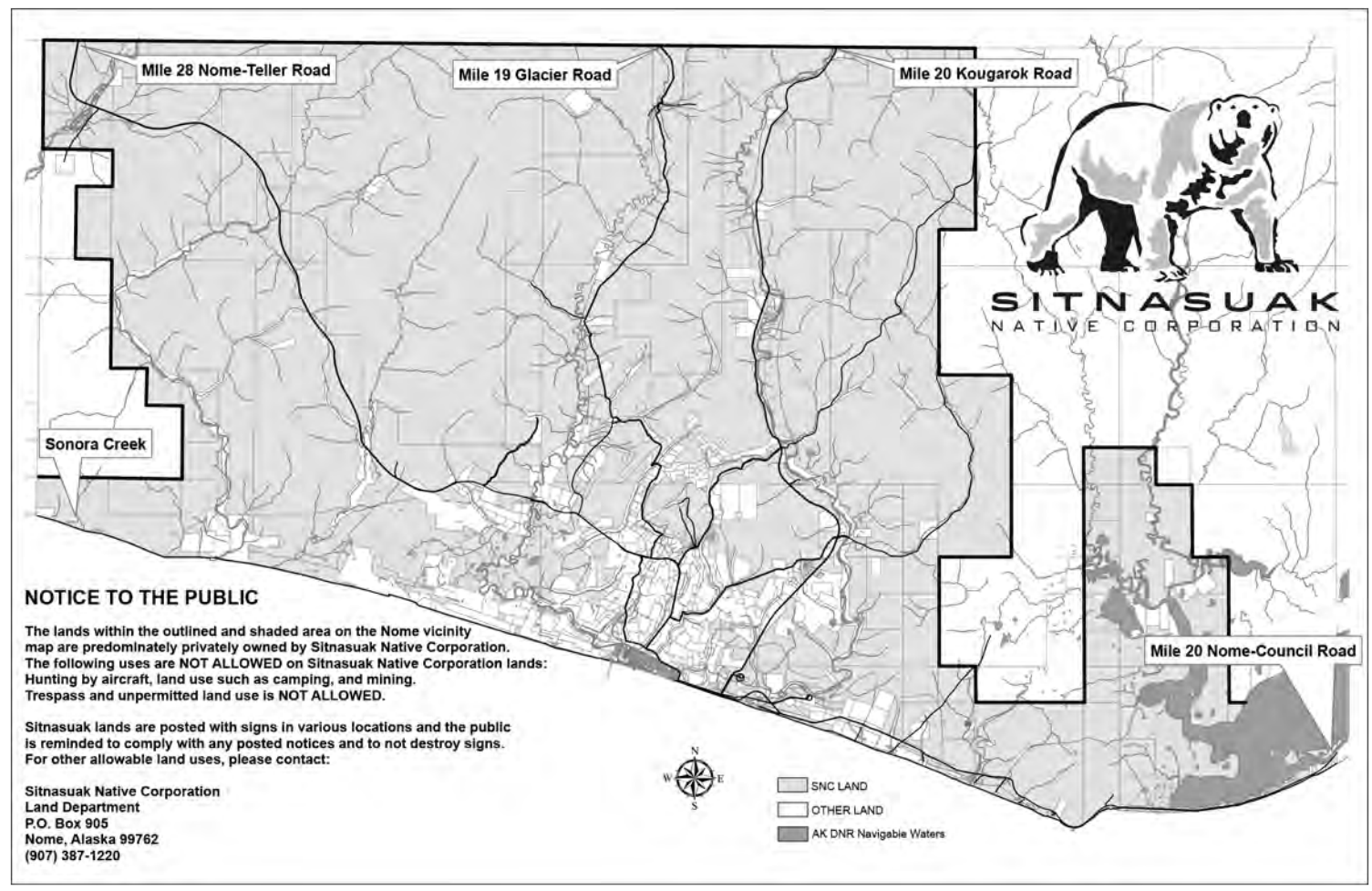

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ADF&G Fish Report for end of August

Photo by Jim Menard/ADF&G

SUCCESS— The processing crew at Copper River Seafood in Kotzebue celebrated a Top 10 harvest. This season's harvest in Kotzebue was over 475,000 chum salmon and was the eighth highest harvest in the 61-year commercial salmon fishing history.

By Jim Menard,
ADF&G Area Manager

Norton Sound

High water continues in southern Norton Sound making counting tower projects inoperable and all projects there have been pulled for the season. Commercial fishing ends after the first week of September. The silver run came in much weaker than expected with a commercial harvest in August of only 12,000 fish and well below the forecast of 50,000 to 100,000 fish.

The chum salmon run came in much better than expected this year with a harvest of over 30,000 fish and well above the forecast of 5,000 to 10,000 fish.

As expected, the pink salmon run was much better than last year's run but was well below the record busting runs from 2016 – 2020, and the 84,000 fish harvested was well below last year's harvest of 289,000 fish.

Unalakleet Subdistrict

Commercial Fishing: Harvest is 250 sockeye, 3,500 chum, 44,000 pink and 4,500 silver salmon by 35 permit holders.

Subsistence Fishing: Net fishing is open 7 days a week, except beach seining for salmon is closed.

Shaktoolik Subdistrict

Commercial Fishing: Harvest is 485 sockeye, 7,500 chum, 33,000 pink and 5,000 silver salmon by 25 permit holders.

Subsistence Fishing: Net fishing is open 7 days a week, except beach seining for salmon is closed.

Norton Bay Subdistrict

Commercial Fishing: Harvest is 1 king, 35 sockeye, 3,500 chum, 3,000 pink and 70 silver salmon by 6 permit holders.

Subsistence Fishing: Net fishing is open 7 days a week.

Elim Subdistrict

Commercial Fishing: Harvest is 2 king, 130 sockeye, 4,000 chum, 2,600 pink and 1,000 silver salmon by 12 permit holders.

Subsistence Fishing: Open 7 days a week.

Kwiniuk River Tower – Camp Joel - Escapement goals: King 250; Chum 9,100 – 32,600; Pink 8,400; Silver 650-1,300 (aerial survey goal). Fish & Game project.

Cumulative counts through August 30 were 39 kings, 18 sockeyes, 9,400 chums, 412,000 pinks, 4,150 silvers. The historical average third quarter point of silver passage at the tower is August 30.

Golovin Subdistrict

Commercial Fishing: Harvest is 190 sockeye, 8,900 chum, 1,600 pink and 1,000 silver salmon by 10 permit holders.

Subsistence Fishing: Open 7 days a week.

Niukluk River Tower – Escapement goals: Chum 23,000; Silver 750-1,600 (aerial survey goal that includes Ophir Creek) – NSEDC project.

Cumulative counts were 42 kings, 900 sockeyes, 37,000 chums, 305,000 pinks and 1,900 silvers. High water prevented counting after August 25 and the project has been pulled. The historical average third quarter point of silver passage at the tower is August 25.

Nome Subdistrict

Commercial Fishing: Harvest is 1 king, 90 sockeye, 3,200 chum, 25 pink and 500 silver salmon by 8 permit holders.

Subsistence Fishing: Marine waters and fresh waters are open 7 days a week. There are no catch limits when fishing in marine waters. Check the subsistence salmon permit for the fresh water catch limits that vary by river. Beach seines are no longer a legal gear. Cast nets, dip nets, and set gillnets can be used only in the subsistence areas.

Nome River Weir - Escapement goal: Chum 1,600 – 5,300; Pink 13,000 – Fish & Game project.

Cumulative counts through August 30 were 4 kings, 13 sockeyes, 2,400 chums, 50,000 pinks and 700 silvers. The historical average midpoint of silver passage at the weir is September 2.

Snake River Weir - Escapement goal: Chum 2,000 – 4,200 – NSEDC project.

Cumulative counts through August 26 were 4 kings, 500 sockeyes, 4,700 chums, 48,000 pinks and 560 silvers. The historical average midpoint of silver passage at the weir is September 3.

Port Clarence District

All net fishing is closed in the lower Kuzitrin River from 300 yards upriver of the confluence with the Pilgrim River to the Kuzitrin River mouth and the entire Pilgrim River and its tributaries until further notice. Salmon Lake is closed to all salmon fishing. Elsewhere subsistence fishing is open 7 days a week. The Pilgrim River weir has been pulled, and the escapement count was just over 1,500 sockeyes this year. A recent aerial survey of Salmon Lake and Grand Central River estimated just under 1,100 sockeyes.

Kotzebue

This season's harvest was over 475,000 chum salmon and was the eighth highest harvest in the 61-year commercial salmon fishing history and over double the department's forecast. Congratulations to the fishing crews, the buyers and their processing crews on the third Top 10 harvest in the past decade.

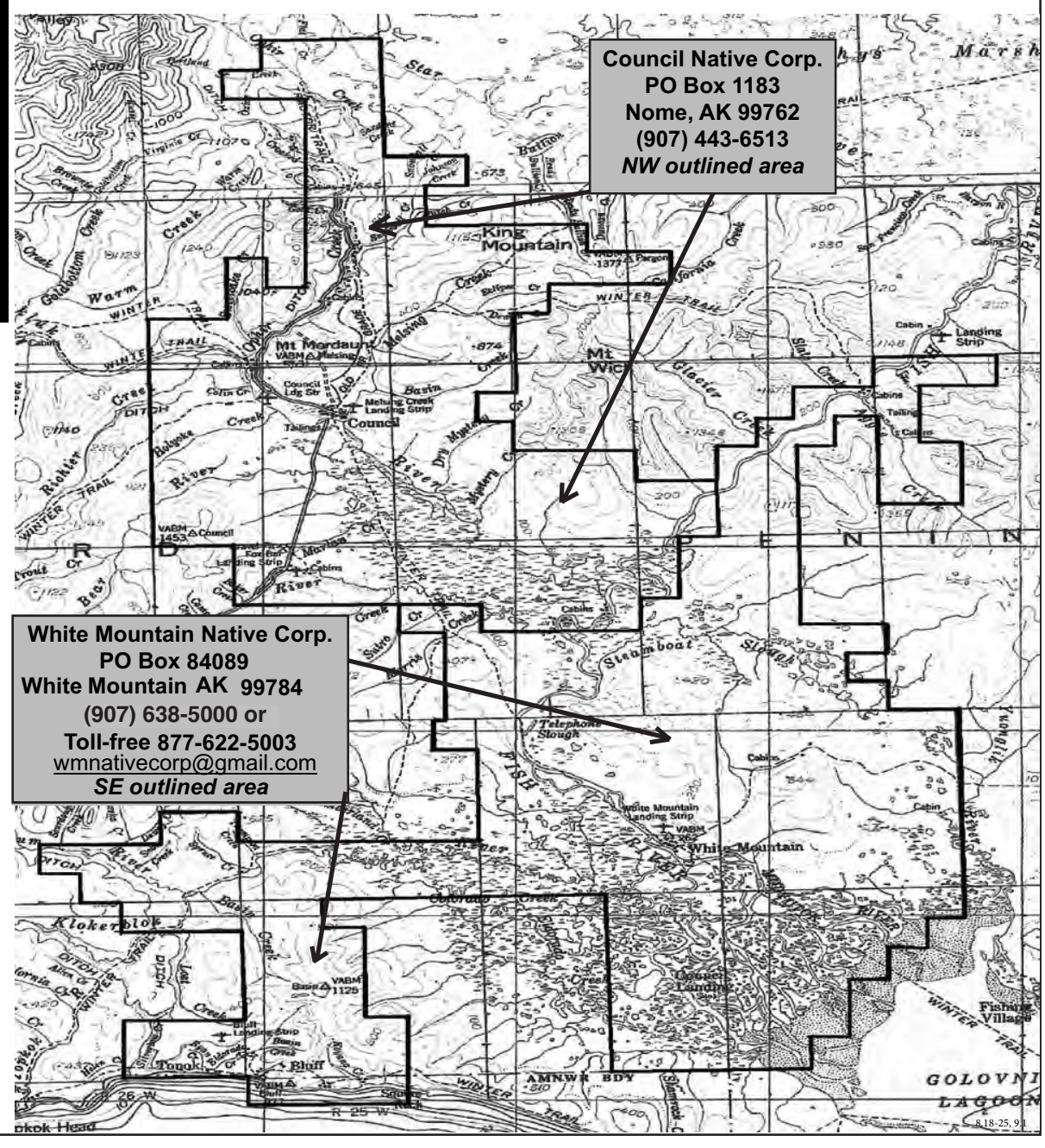
NOTICE TO GUIDES, PILOTS & SPORT HUNTERS

• The Public is reminded the land ownership within the outlined areas on the map is predominately privately owned by Council Native Corporation and its Shareholders, and White Mountain Native Corporation and its Shareholders.

• Sport hunting by non-shareholders, guides and their clients, and hunting by aircraft is NOT ALLOWED. Hunting by Shareholders, spouses of Shareholders and descendants of Shareholders for subsistence purposes is permitted. For other allowable uses of land by non-shareholders, please contact:

- Be advised CNC now has a Land Use permitting process. Contact CNC for more information. Any privately owned in-holdings are excluded.

Game Unit 22B – Niukluk and Fish River Area



All Around The Sound

New arrivals

Kiara P. K. Okleasik and Ryan J. Topkok of Teller, announce the birth of their son **Keenan Jaxson Topkok**, born July 17, 2022 at 2:47 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches in length. Maternal grandparents: In Loving Memory of John Okleasik, and Dolly Kugzruk of Teller; and paternal grandparents are Reuben Topkok and Lucy Oquilluk, of Teller.

Sonja A. and Robert W. Simpson, of Elim, announce the birth of their son **Keagan Simpson**, born July 21, 2022 at 5:01 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19.5 inches in length. Siblings are the Simpson's: Belinda, Francis, William, Cara Lyne and Isabella.

Obituaries

Donald Glenn Beaty
Sept. 25, 1956 ~ July 22, 2022

Donald (Don) Glenn Beaty died peacefully in his sleep after a long illness at the age of 65 on July 22, 2022, in Orofino, Idaho.

Don was born on September 25, 1956 in Fort Dodge, Iowa and was preceded in death by his parents.

After graduating high school Don enlisted in the United States Army in August 1974. He completed Basic Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana and the Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. Don was then assigned to Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 60th Infantry, 172nd Infantry Brigade (Airborne), Fort Richardson, Alaska where he spent his entire enlistment. His decorations and badges included the National Defense Service Medal, Basic Jump Wings, Canadian Jump Wings, Expert Shooting Badge (Rifle and Pistol), and his coveted Expert Infantryman Badge which he was very proud to have been awarded. He separated from the Army in 1978 with the rank of Specialist.

For many years after his time in the Army, Don worked numerous jobs in Nome and Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. In 1981 he traveled to the Philippines for the first time and made Angeles City, Pampanga his second home. He would work long hours during the summer months in Alaska and would return to the Philippines during the winter months to relax and enjoy himself. He had a larger-than-life personality and loved driving his 1944 Willies Jeep and Harley Davidsons around town visiting the many friends he had made over the years.

Don was cremated and his ashes were returned to his home in the Angeles City, Philippines where they will be watched over by his loving wife Maricris Beaty, daughter Marlliane Beaty and son Leo Beaty. He will be missed by his many friends around the world.

Eva Pauline
Ivanoff "Atauchaq"
Nov. 13, 1929
~ August 18, 2022

Eva Pauline Ivanoff "Atauchaq" was born in Shaktoolik on November 13, 1929 to Paul and May Tetpon Ivanoff. Eva Ryan passed away on August 18, 2022 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Eva's early years were spent at Merkoryuk on Nunivak Island in southwestern Alaska. Her father worked for Lomen Brothers and helped manage their trading post while her mother operated the weather station. In the late 30s during World War II, Paul was transferred to Golovin to work for the military. The entire family traveled by boat to their new home on the Seward Peninsula.

Eva completed grade school in Golovin and then attended the nearby boarding school in White Mountain until the end of her sophomore year of high school. She was transferred to Wrangell Institute, a Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school in southeast Alaska. In 1947, BIA opened Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS) in Sitka. Eva was transferred to the high school where she completed her senior year at Mt. Edgecumbe and was in the first graduating class of 1948. As MEHS was established on a deserted World War II installation, Eva often told the story about how the students worked hard to remove paint from windows blackened during the war. During her short time at the school, Eva was involved in many student activities. She was captain of the varsity basketball team and earned the nickname "Tubby". She made many life-long friends at the boarding school and maintained those friendships throughout her life.

Following high school, Eva moved to Dillingham and worked as a nurse's aide at Kanakanak Hospital. She spent a year there before returning to Norton Sound where her family had settled.

Eva met Wilfred Ryan, her future husband, at White Mountain in 1946. Wilfred was driving dog teams as an Eskimo Intelligence Scout traveling with Muktuk Marston. When Eva worked as a waitress in Koggiung in Bristol Bay, the two met again. When Eva returned to Norton Sound, she found employment in St. Michael. Upon hearing that Eva had another suitor, Wilfred piloted a boat from Unalakleet to St. Michael, proposed to Eva and she accepted. Their wedding was arranged on a very short notice. On August 15, 1949, Wilfred and Eva were married in Unalakleet. The ceremony was officiated by her grandfather, Commissioner Stephan Ivanoff. Eva found her wedding dress at the local trading post. The two had a handful of friends invited as witnesses and met at her grandfather's house for the ceremony. Stephan married his granddaughter and her fiancé while wearing rubber boots and work clothes.

Wilfred and Eva moved to Kaltag in 1950 where Eva was hired as a Bureau of Indian Affairs teacher. With some of her wages, Eva paid for Wilfred's pilot training and license. After a year on the Yukon River, they returned to Unalakleet. Eva worked at the local post office and Wilfred began his flying career. Together, they founded Unalakleet Air Taxi in 1953. Eva funded her husband's first aircraft and assisted with the business operation. After six years of employment at the post office, Eva returned to teaching at the BIA Elementary School. Their family and Unalakleet Air Taxi grew, and Eva became not only a busy mother but also a hostess to many guests and clients of the air taxi.

In March 1977, Wilfred Sr. passed away after a short battle with cancer. Eva continued guiding their air taxi which later became Ryan Air Service. In 1980, Eva retired from a long and memorable career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She taught 4th grade in Unalakleet for 20 years. As a gifted teacher and storyteller, she made learning a fun experience for her students. Many of her students fondly recall their participation in Mrs. Ryan's annual Christmas Program.

When the commercial herring fishery began in the Norton Sound in the 1980s, Eva qualified for a permit

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HOROSCOPES

September 1 to September 7

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Listen to the people around you as well as your inner voice this week, Aries. With all the information at hand ,you can make some difficult decisions with confidence.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, it may prove challenging to figure out where inspiration will come from next. Rather than seeking it out, wait for things to unfold more organically.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, do not be afraid to think outside the box this week. The stars are spurring you in a particular direction that could influence various components of your life.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Ideas come from where you least expect them this week, Cancer. Keep your eyes wide open and pay attention to all conversations so you can be attuned to any clues.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, seek the path not often taken this week, even if it seems long and winding. Sometimes the most direct way to go is not the easiest — even if it seems that way.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you have a strong urge to start one project or another that can be used as a stepping stone to a promotion. Run your ideas by someone you trust.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, big financial decisions are looming. A little restraint now can pay big dividends down the road. The rewards will be worth it.

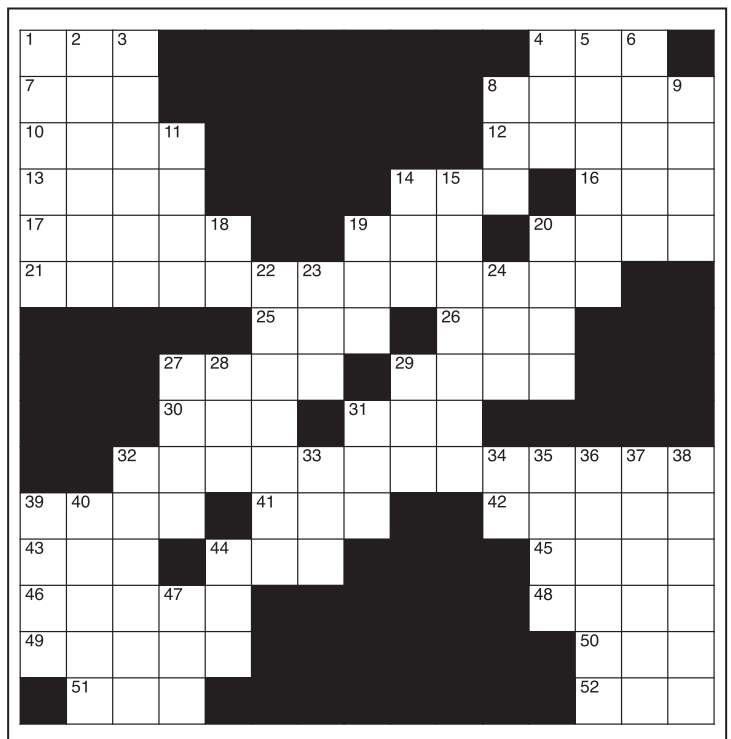
SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you can be effective and efficient when you're in your element. Others will attest to that this week after they see you in action. Enjoy the attention.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, professional motivation is easy to muster this week. Embrace your extra energy and put it to good use at work. Others will take notice.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, let your emotions rather than your intuition guide you this week. That's not something you hear often, but it's for the best right now.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, even though you have little to no work to do this week, the stars indicate you will be busy nonetheless. Enjoy any down time you can muster.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Few signs understand the importance of building a strong foundation as well as you, Pisces. Start crafting a new relationship this week.



CLUES ACROSS
1. Taxi
4. Cattle disease (abbr.)
7. Before the present
8. They burn in a grill
10. Enough (archaic)
12. "A Doll's House" playwright
13. Long loop of cloth worn around the waist
14. Napoleonic Wars battle
16. Chinese surname
17. Fragrant essential oil
19. Follows sigma
20. Model
21. A place with many dining options
25. BBQ dish
26. Corn comes on it
27. A sheep in its second year
29. Triad
30. They __
31. Actor DiCaprio
32. TV's "Edith Bunker"
39. Sustenance
41. Man who behaves dishonorably
42. Cause a loud, harsh sound
43. A way to take in liquids
44. Gene type
45. The Miami mascot is one
46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
48. Casino machine
49. Contains cerium
50. Something with a letter-like shape
51. Handwoven Scandinavian rug
52. Legendary actress Ruby

CLUES DOWN
1. Conqueror
2. Kin relation
3. Increases the value of
4. Pack
5. Popular nut
6. Dogs' enemies
8. Former OSS
9. Unpleasant person
11. Come again?
14. Beverage container
15. Rock formation
18. Dorm official
19. The bill in a restaurant
20. Type of jug
22. Importance requiring swift action
23. Outfit
24. Small Eurasian deer
27. Weight used in China
28. A major division of geological time
29. Popular beverage
31. Confined condition (abbr.)
32. Practical joking
33. Pouchlike structure
34. Pound
35. Lilly and Manning are two
36. Stopped discussing
37. Baltimore ballplayer
38. Candymaker
39. One thousandth of a second (abbr.)
40. Northern sea duck
44. Partner to cheese
47. Cannot be found

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•Obituaries

Eva Pauline Ivanoff "Atauchaq"

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and started a lucrative fishing career, captaining her own crew during the season.

From 1988-90, she worked for the Headstart Program in Unalakleet as a cook. Eva was hired by Neeser Construction as their summer camp cook in Unalakleet in 1988. Eventually, this employment took her away from Unalakleet to Neeser job sites in Gambell on St. Lawrence Island, Stebbins, Wales, and Teller, often for months on end. In 1996, Eva retired, this time for good.

In 1997, The Alaska Federation of Natives selected Eva "Atauchaq" Ryan as the first recipient of their Hunter/Fisher Award. Eva was nominated by her village Native corporation and not only was she the first honoree, but also the first woman to be recognized. Of course, she didn't attend the convention to accept her award – she was out caribou hunting with her son in-laws near Koyuk. In her own words, "I've got too many things to do, I don't have time to travel." Eva taught her children and grandchildren how to hunt and fish. She lived a true subsistence lifestyle, providing for her family and others in the community and elsewhere. Villagers near and far received care packages of meat or fish and berries from Eva. She loved to feed people and her family and visitors were treated not only to good food but unforgettable stories as well.

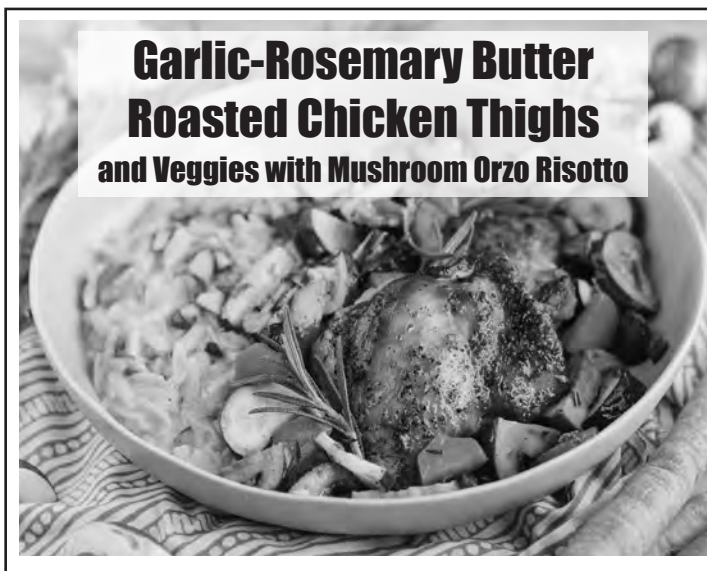
In 2012, the twenty-seventh Alaska State Legislature honored both Wilfred Ryan Sr. and Eva Ryan in recognition of their contributions to air transportation and the Alaskan Aviation community. Wilfred and Eva Ryan, Alaska Native aviation pioneers, were inducted into the Alaska Aviation Museum's Hall of Fame on March 22, 2012.

Throughout her life, Eva spent her days being productive, and depending on the season, she was busy with her subsistence lifestyle. Springtime found her joining family on annual outings to collect herring eggs on kelp, seal hunting, and "heading down the coast" to gather bird eggs. From June until September, she would dry and smoke salmon. Berry picking was one of her favorite pastimes; Eva would spend the entire day picking, not returning until her buckets were full. She also worked hard gathering drift logs for firewood. Her woodpile was the envy of every homeowner who owned woodstoves in town. Chances were great, that if you saw Eva using her chainsaw, she would have a cigarette in her mouth. It was a rare day when Eva's four-wheeler wasn't spotted somewhere on the beach or road. Early fall brought the opening of moose hunting season and Eva would head upriver to her cabin to hunt, usually with family members joining her. It was unusual if she came back from any hunt empty-handed. In the winter months, Eva loved ice fishing. She was a familiar sight on her snowmachine, heading upriver for the day. Eva was proud of her tools, and would tuuk holes in the ice by herself, and return home after dark with burlap bags full of trout. When the caribou returned to the area, she was usually the first to head out of town, eager to fill the freezer with more fresh meat. Bad weather days and evenings were a time to focus on crafts and hobbies. Every one of Eva's offspring, their spouses, and grandchildren were recipients of her beloved knit socks. She sewed fur hats, mittens, parkas, quilts, embroidered pillowcases and doilies. She also taught herself how to weave grass, making beautiful baskets, dance fans, and plates as gifts for her family.

Eva Ryan was a strong, hard-working and independent woman whom many admired, respected and loved. Her kindness, generosity, and compassion will be greatly missed.

Eva is survived by her children Sue (John) Eckels, Linda (Clarence Jr.) Towarak, Wilfred (Victoria) Ryan Jr., Glenda (Jake) Sherman, Adrian (Amy) Ryan, Pauline Nicoll, Dennis Ryan, Ferno (Jim) Tweto, and Stephanie (Craig McConnell) Ryan; 28 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren; brother Larry (Maggie) Ivanoff; and many nephews, nieces and friends.

Eva was preceded in death by her husband Wilfred and infant son Dean; parents Paul and May Ivanoff; siblings Clarence Towarak Sr., Ralph Ivanoff, Myrtle Garrison, Johnny Ivanoff, Emma Moses, Paul Ivanoff II, Henrietta Hansen, Fina Bunch, Laurina Ryan and Glenn Ivanoff.



Garlic-Rosemary Butter Roasted Chicken Thighs and Veggies with Mushroom Orzo Risotto

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks, MS, RD, on behalf of the Mushroom Council

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Servings: 4

Chicken:

- 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 16 ounces mushrooms, such as white button, crimini or portabella, quartered
- 3 zucchinis, sliced in half moons
- 3 large carrots, thinly sliced
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary, leaves removed and roughly chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced

Orzo:

- 4 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 16 ounces mushrooms, such as white button, crimini or portabella, finely chopped
- 1 cup uncooked orzo pasta
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/3 cup white wine
- 1/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

To make chicken: Preheat oven to 450 F.

Pat chicken dry. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. In large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Sear chicken until brown on both sides, 4-5 minutes on each side.

In large bowl, toss mushrooms, zucchinis and carrots with rosemary and garlic.

On large baking sheet, spread vegetables. Nestle chicken into vegetables. Drizzle with butter and juices from pan.

Bake 20 minutes until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are tender.

To make orzo: In small pot over medium-low heat, warm broth.

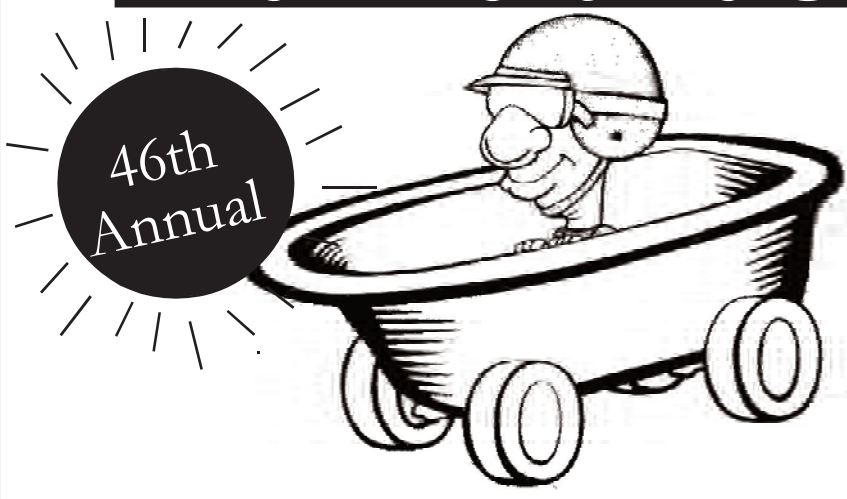
Using skillet from chicken over medium heat, add butter and olive oil. Add onion, garlic and mushrooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions soften, 3-4 minutes.

Add orzo and black pepper. Stir and cook orzo 2 minutes. Add white wine and cook until evaporated, about 1 minute.

Add broth to orzo, 2/3 cup at a time, stirring until liquid is absorbed. Repeat with remaining broth, waiting until last batch is absorbed before adding next. Remove from heat and stir in Parmesan.

Serve in individual bowls with chicken and roasted vegetables atop mushroom orzo risotto.

The Great Bathtub Race



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103 E. 1st Avenue (1st and Steadman)
443-2144
Bible Baptist Church is holding worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m.

Community United Methodist Church
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering Street • 443-2565
Sunday: Sunday School on break for summer.
Worship 11 a.m.
Checkpoint Youth: James Ventress • 841-4333

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295
Sunday:
11am Worship Service
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

River of Life Assembly of God
405 W. Seppala • (907) 949-6125
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Mid-Week Worship: 7:00 p.m.
For more information please contact Pastor Austin Jones

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Corner of Steadman & W. King Place • 443-5527
Holy Mass schedule
Monday-Friday: 5:40pm Rosary; 6:00pm Mass
Saturday: 4:30pm Confessions; 5:00pm Rosary and 5:30pm Mass
Sunday: 10:30am Mass (Broadcast on KNOM)
Note: If you are feeling unwell or in quarantine, please join us via radio on KNOM.
If you would like to receive holy communion contact Fr. Kumar at 443-5527 to arrange a time.

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

Nome Church of the Nazarene
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Pastor Dan Ward
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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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CAMP: Administrative Specialist III $28.32 + DOE
Dental: Dental Assistant Trainee $25.85 + DOE
Electronic Health Records: EHR Support Specialist $32.31 + DOE
Emergency Department: Administrative Specialist II $25.85 + DOE
Environmental Services: Environmental Services Worker I and Relief $23.52 + DOE; Laundry Worker $23.52 + DOE
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Materials Management: Mail Clerk $23.52 + DOE; Material Support Technician $25.85 + DOE
Nutrition Services: Cook $28.32 + DOE; Cook Relief $28.32 + DOE; Food Service Worker I/II/III $23.52 + DOE; Food Service Worker Relief $23.52 + DOE; Nutrition Services Dietetic Coordinator $25.85 + DOE
Office of Environmental Health: Environmental Health Technician $29.93 + DOE
Patient Financial Services: Health Information Technician $24.91 + DOE; Patient Account Representative $24.91 + DOE; Revenue Cycle Analyst $39.98 + DOE
Patient Hostel: Guest Services Coordinator $24.91 + DOE; Manager of Patient Hostel $48.69 + DOE; Patient Hostel Attendant $23.52 + DOE; Patient Hostel Attendant Relief $23.52 + DOE
Patient Housing: Patient Housing Coordinator $28.32 + DOE
Pharmacy: Pharmacy Technician I $25.85 + DOE
Plant Operations: Maintenance Engineer I/II/III $29.93 + DOE; Safety Officer $52.27 + DOE; Office Manager $39.52 + DOE
Primary Care: Certified Medical Assistant $32.31 + DOE; Registration Technician $24.91 + DOE
Quality Improvement: Administrative Specialist II $25.85 + DOE
Quyanna Care: Certified Nursing Assistant $32.31 + DOE
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Maintenance Worker $29.93 + DOE
Savoonga:
Community Health Aide Trainee $25.85 + DOE
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Shaktoolik:
Clinic Travel Specialist Relief $24.91 + DOE
Community Health Aide Trainee PT625 $25.85 + DOE
Environmental Services Worker Relief $24.91 + DOE
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Community Health Aide Trainee $25.85 + DOE
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Teller:
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Unalakleet:
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Clinic Travel Specialist Relief $24.91 + DOE
Community Health Aide Trainee $25.85 + DOE
Environmental Services Worker Relief $24.91 + DOE
Dental Assistant trainee $25.85 + DOE
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City of Nome RFP No. 2022-01

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Request for Proposals:
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NOME, ALASKA

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

This City of Nome (City) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to furnish an articulated boom lift for use by its Department of Public Works. Interested persons may receive an RFP package by contacting the City Clerk by phone at 907-443-6663 or by email at bhammond@nomealaska.org. Contract documents will be available after 2:00 PM, August 26, 2022. Interested bidders shall register with the City Clerk to ensure proper distribution of addenda. A valid e-mail address must be provided.

One complete set of bid documents will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 202, Anchorage, AK 99503, 907-563-2029.

One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Associated General Contractors of Alaska, 3750 Bonita Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701, 907-452-1809.

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is September 22, 2022 at 3:00 PM local time and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids must be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "Proposal Enclosed: Furnish Articulated Boom Lift to Public Works Department" along with the name and address of the bidder. Faxed and e-mailed submissions are not allowed.

The contract will be awarded to the overall best value as determined by the City. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive irregularities in the proposals.

9.1-8-15.2022

JOB OPENINGS

NMS is seeking to fill multiple **Food Service Worker** openings to join and support the Nome Public Schools Dining Services team. This position will support breakfast and lunch kitchen operations with food prep, food service, dishwashing, cleaning and other duties. Starting pay is $23-$24/HR plus full health benefits. Minimal experience required!

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NMS

NSEDC Job Opportunities

Communications Director (Anchorage, Nome, or Unalakleet):
The Communications Director manages internal and external communications and the dissemination of information regarding NSEDC. A Bachelor's Degree in Journalism, Communications or a related field and at least 4 years applicable work experience is required.

Refrigeration Technician (Nome):
The Refrigeration Technician ensures that equipment and facilities at NSSP operate efficiently. A high school diploma and at least two years of applicable work experience is required.

Community Development Coordinator (Unalakleet):
The Community Development Coordinator is responsible for promoting in-region community development and facilitating community outreach while assisting with the administration of Community Benefits Department programs. A Bachelor's Degree in rural development, business administration or related field and at least 2 years applicable work experience is required.

Community Liaison (St. Michael):
NSEDC Community Outreach Liaisons give NSEDC a presence in member communities that do not have an NSEDC office. Liaisons are responsible for the distribution of information related to NSEDC programs and opportunities, the maintenance of an NSEDC-owned informational bulletin board, and are expected to be available at regularly set times and locations.

For an application or a complete job description, visit *www.nsedc.com* or contact NSEDC Human Resources at (907)274-2248 (Anchorage), 800-650-2248 (toll-free) or *hr@nsedc.com.*

NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM

NOTICE OF JOB OPENING

NJUS is accepting applications for the position of Foreman in the Power Generation Department.

Position: **POWER PLANT FOREMAN**

Salary Range: $41.82 (+ DOE) plus retirement, health insurance, leave and other negotiated union benefits

Hours: Normally 40 hours / week, M-F day shift with minor variations to meet project / scheduling needs.

General Description: Under the general supervision of Utility Management, this position is responsible for supervising all aspects of Power Plant operations.

To Express Interest: Submit an application for employment (form downloadable from NJUS.org)
Contact Ken Morton at 443-6304 or KenM@NJUS.org

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Trooper Beat

Norton Sound Region
Sexual Abuse of a Minor: On 8/21/2022 at approximately 2:56 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report of Sexual Abuse of a Minor.

Court

Week ending 8/26/2022
Civil
No civil cases posted on CourtView Website; start 2NO-22-00114CI
Small Claims
No small claims posted on CourtView Website; start 2NO-22-00008SC
Criminal
State of Alaska v. Andrew Weyiouanna (3/16/83); Judgment; Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 7/23/20; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; 45 days, 45 days suspended; No contact, effective immediately, and until unconditional discharge, defendant will have no direct or indirect contact with: Agnes Kunnuk unless she consents to it; Suspended Jail Surcharge: $100 per case, $100 suspended; Must pay if probation revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Probation until 8/25/23; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances; Do not consume or possess alcohol.

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NOME-TELLER HIGHWAY— The Kigluaik Mountains along the Nome-Teller highway are free of snow in August.

•*Employment*

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The City of Nome
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Position:	**Communications Officer I/II (CO)**
Range:	**11-12**
Salary:	**$23.16-$24.97 + Benefits***
Hours:	**Full-Time regular with multiple shifts available**

Qualifications:
Communicate with the public through incoming 911 calls.
Serves as the link between the public and emergency services.
Closing Date: Open until filled

Position:	**Community Service Officer (CSO)**
Range:	**14**
Salary:	**$28.97 + Benefits***
Hours:	**Regular Full time**

Qualifications: To assist sworn police officers in daily operations. A Community Service Officer will assist Nome Police Department and patrol the City of Nome looking for individuals needing assistance. A CSO will implement community policing standards and is not to be seen as an enforcer of law, but a guardian of the community. A CSO can investigate curfew violations, underage tobacco violations, and assist on minor misdemeanor cases. A CSO will enforce the Nome Municipal Code and act as an intermediary.
Closing Date: Open until filled

Applications may be obtained from City Hall 907-4436663, Nome Job Service or call HR Office at 907-4436602 for more information or visit nomealaska.org
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Inuit Circumpolar Council gets new Alaska president and vice president

By Yereth Rosen, Alaska Beacon

The Inuit Circumpolar Council's Alaska branch has new leadership, the organization announced last Tuesday.

Marie KasaNnaaluk Greene, a former chief executive of NANA Regional Corp., is the new president, and Nicole Kannik Paniġiuq "Kanayurak" Wojciechowski is the new vice president, the organization said.

The ICC represents Inuit people in Alaska, Canada, Greenland and Russia's Chukotka region at the Arctic Council, which includes eight countries that work on Arctic issues together.

Greene is from Deering and, in addition to her work at NANA, has served on several boards and was recently elected to the Kotzebue Tribal Council. Wojciechowski, from Utqiagvik, is the deputy director of wildlife management for the North Slope Borough and has focused on combining Indigenous knowledge with Western science to ensure sustainable harvests of fish and wildlife, ICC-Alaska said in its statement.

Both Greene and Wojciechowski have several years of experience working with ICC. They succeed Jimmy Stotts, a longtime leader of the organization in Alaska, and of the Alaska branch, and Vera Kingeekuk Metcalf, who has served as ICC-Alaska's vice president while also serving on the organization's executive committee.

Stotts, from Utqiagvik, has been involved with ICC for decades and first represented Alaska on the international council in 1980. Metcalf, from the village of Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island, is director of the Alaska Eskimo Walrus Commission.

As in Alaska, the other three branches have their own leadership, all of which are united through an international structure.

The Alaska branch represents Inupiat and Yup'ik people of northern and western Alaska.

ICC is one of the six permanent participants at the eight-nation Arctic Council. The permanent participants represent Indigenous peoples whose homelands cross borders. It also has formal status with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the International Maritime Organization.

Among the ICC's international work is a focus on elevating Indigenous knowledge. The ICC recently released a set of protocols to guide scientists'' and industries' engagement with Inuit communities.

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Shaktoolik Native Corporation

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Shaktoolik Native Corporation will hold its Annual Meeting on **Monday, November 07,2022 at 10 a.m.** or upon establishment of a quorum. Place to be determined at a later date. This year the shareholders will be electing **three (3) directors**. Any shareholder 18 years of age or older, and in good standing, may file for nomination to the SNC Board of Directors. All candidacy forms must be filed and received, **on or before September 23, 2022** at the close of business day. All interested shareholders of the Shaktoolik Native Corporation may obtain forms from the Shaktoolik Native Corporation at the address listed above.

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Tribal Coordinator (*Gambell, Solomon, Shishmaref)*
EHS Inupiaq Teacher
Child Development Program Manager
Help Desk Technician
Village System Specialist
Marine Advocate
Office Assistant
Admin Assistant, Head Start
Building Maintenance Technician
Workforce Development Coordinator
Office Manager
Head Start Teacher (5 jobs!)
Curator of Educational Programs (Katirvik)
Substitute Teacher (all Head start programs)
Translator/Transcriber
Tribal Justice Specialist
Probate Specialist I
Head Start Cook (Shishmaref)
Community Development Specialist
Social Science Program Manager
Subsistence Resource Program Director
Child Advocacy Center Clinician
Head Start Teacher Aide/Janitor
Early Childhood Coach Mentor
Tribal Family Coordinator *(Gambell, St Michael, White Mountain, Wales, Shishmaref, Shaktoolik (PT),Koyuk (PT))*
CAC Coordinator
Municipalities Accounting Specialist Northern
Family Advocate *(Nome & Shishmaref)*
Probate Specialist II
Community Planning & Development Program Director
Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership Teacher
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NOME-COUNCIL HIGHWAY — Council lies at the end of the Nome-Council Highway.

•Employment

Nome Eskimo Community

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1) **Executive Director – Nome** Regular/Full-time
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Range: DOE

2) **Tribal Services Manager:**
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3) **Carpenter – Nome** Regular/Full-time
Responsible for carpentry, construction and repairs for all NEC Housing Program projects.
Range: 10, 11, 12, $28.41 - $31.97 DOE

4) **Housing Coordinator - Nome** Regular/Full-time
Responsible for administrative and program support for the NEC Housing Program.
Range: 7, 8, 9, $23.79 - $26.78 DOE

5) **ICWA Specialist I/II – Nome** Regular/Full-time
Provides case management and program support for Tribal children and families with Child Protective Service involvement.
Range: 6, 7, 8 $22.43 - $25.24 DOE

6) **Laborer** Regular/Full-time
Provides manual labor as required to complete housing projects.
Range: 9, 10, 11, 12 $26.78 - $31.97 DOE

7) **Transit Driver - Nome** Regular/Full-time
Must pass driving history requirements and must possess a current City of Nome Chauffer's License.
NOTE: Consideration will be given to NEC members needing assistance to obtain a Chauffer's License.
Pay Range: Range: 8, 9, 10, $25.24 - $28.41 DOE

For a complete list of vacancies and job descriptions and to apply, go online! www.necalaska.org

Questions? Call NEC at 907-443-2246 or email jobs@necalaska.org

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Seawall

Nome Police Department
Weekly press releases
Activities reported between
8/22/2022 – 8/28/2022

During this period there were 136 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center; 57 (42%) of these calls involved alcohol. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to 6 ambulance calls. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to no fire calls during this period.
NPD responded to 9 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. Nobody was remanded to AMCC as protective hold; and nobody remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

Incidents (non-arrests)
Saturday, August 27, 2022
Offense: Endangering welfare of a child, second degree. Name: Bridgette Sherman. Location: Front Street.
Offense: Endangering welfare of a child second degree. Name: Sean Komonaseak. Location: Front Street.

Arrests
A total of 10 arrests made with 10 (100%) alcohol related. Charges below are referred to the District Attorney.

Monday, Aug. 22, 2022
Charges: Assault in the fourth degree; Two counts Disorderly conduct. Name: Adam Saccheus. Location: Front St.
Charges: Disorderly conduct; Two counts Violating Conditions of Release (VCOR). Name: Ernest Iyapana. Location: Bering St.

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022
Charge: Hindering prosecution in the second degree. Name: Joan Miller. Location: E. 6th Ave.

Wednesday, Aug. 24 2022
Charge: Assault in the fourth degree. Name: Florence Seetook. Location: E. 3rd Ave.
Charge: Reckless endangerment. Name: Kara Miklahook. Location: E 5th Ave.
Charges: Misconduct involving weapons in the fourth degree; Two counts VCOR. Name: Thomas Tocktoo. Location: E. 4th Ave.

Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022
Charge: Probation Violation Name: Garrett Oozevaseuk. Location: Front St.
Charge: Criminal trespass in the second degree. Name: David Stickel. Location: E. 4th Ave.
Charge: Violating conditions of release. Name: Florence Seetook. Location: E. 3rd Ave.
Charge: Assault in the fourth degree. Name: Mikel Henry. Location: E. 4th Ave.

Traffic
A total of 2 traffic stops was conducted during this reporting period; with 1 citation and 1 warning issued. NPD responded to 0 report of a Motor Vehicle Accident during this reporting period.

Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022
Charge: Driving while license suspended/can/revoked; muffler requirement. Name: David Habros. Location: Nome-Teller Hwy.

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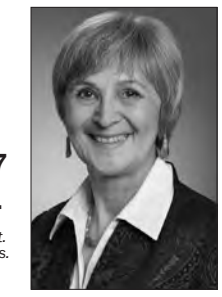
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EARLY SPRING— A pair of whimbrels with down-curving bills are on the left, a pair of bar-tailed godwits whose bills curve slightly up are in the center and a robin is on the right. This was taken in mid-May, perhaps before their breeding areas were snow-free. The ice edge of a river is a rich place for birds to forage when insects and aquatic invertebrates are washed up onto the ice where they are easy pickings. The breeding territories of whimbrels and godwits sometimes overlap.

Birder's Notebook: Whimbrels—Youngsters on the Move

By Kate Persons

In recent weeks, conspicuous flocks of young whimbrels have been circling and calling as they wing their way between feeding areas on the coastal tundra and beaches of Norton Sound. Their parents are long gone, leaving the youngsters to gorge on berries and marine invertebrates in preparation for their first epic migratory flight.

With only instinct to guide them, the fattened young birds will soon lift off and leave our shores, some bound perhaps for wintering grounds as far away as southern Chile.

If they survive, we may see them again in two or three years when they mature and return to breed.

North American whimbrels are one of four whimbrel subspecies breeding in northern regions around the globe. They are all long-distance migrants that make lengthy journeys to breeding grounds where they can feast on a profusion of insects and berries available during short northern summers.

Whimbrels breed commonly on the Seward Peninsula. Their nesting habitat—tundra meadows with hummocks and dwarf shrubs—is widespread throughout the peninsula's uplands and coastal lowlands.

Whimbrels typically arrive in our region between the second week of May and early June. Returning birds often occupy their previous territories and reunite with their former mates.

Pairs nest in loose groups on adjoining territories. Sometimes their territories overlap with those of other large shorebirds such as bar-tailed godwits and bristle-thighed curlews. All respond together to attack potential predators.

Soon after arrival on the breeding ground, males begin performing dramatic aerial displays to attract or court a mate and stake a territorial claim. The male climbs as high as 1,000 feet, alternately flying in large circles over the territory, then gliding downward while whistling and trilling, then climbing again on fluttering wings.

Generally, whimbrels are fairly tolerant of their neighbors, defending their territories with display flights and calls. However, early in the breeding season both sexes may deter invaders with ground or aerial pursuits.

Whimbrels can occasionally be aggressive towards bristle-thighed curlews where their territories overlap. I once watched with surprise as the two species met in midair and dropped together to the ground where a brief tussle ensued before they parted ways.

The whimbrel's nest is a shallow depression on the ground lined with grass and leaves from surrounding vegetation. Usually it is placed on the leeward side of a tussock or hummock, often near a shrub for additional protection.

Egg laying peaks during the first third of June when four eggs are typically laid. The pair shares incubation duty for 22 to 26 days, maintaining their pair bond with trilling calls.

The eggs typically hatch in early July and the downy chicks are up and ready to go within a couple hours. They feed themselves while accompanied by their parents, who lead and protect them by chasing aerial predators and flying directly at animal intruders only to veer away at the last moment.

Interestingly, whimbrels often nest near long-tailed jaegers and short-eared owls that are potential predators of their young. However, those birds also aggressively attack intruders in the area, and studies have found higher survival rates at whimbrel nests that are near nests of those predatory species.

Both parents tend the young on their territory for about a week after hatch. After that the families move to other feeding areas and the females leave to join flocks and feed near the coast. The males remain with the brood until they are close to fledging, 35 to 40 days after hatch.

When whimbrels first arrive on the breeding ground they rely heavily on the previous year's berries for food. Insects and spiders become increasingly important and provide essential protein for growing chicks. During cold, rainy weather, when insects are scarce, flowers are eaten. Ripening berries later become a favored food.

Off the breeding grounds when feeding on the coast, whimbrels probe along the waterline for a variety of crustaceans, mollusks and worms.

In late June, failed breeders move into the lowlands towards the coast, forming small flocks to feed on tundra berries and in coastal mudflats. The flocks increase in number and size as the summer progresses, with successful breeders joining after leaving the breeding grounds. By late July and early August most adults have fattened up and headed south.

When the young fledge, they too move to the coast to stage for migration as witnessed in recent weeks. Most will depart by the end of August.

No tagging studies have been done on the Seward Peninsula, but satellite tags on whimbrels in other parts of northern Alaska have shed light on the impressive migratory travels of this population.

Tagged birds wintered along the Pacific coast from central California to southern Chile. After leaving their breeding grounds they made several stops in coastal areas of Alaska where they lingered for several weeks to feed and build up fat reserves in preparation for long migratory flights.

Segments of their flights were over land, and long portions were over the Pacific Ocean.

Some of the flights are among the longer known nonstop flights made by land birds, covering around 5,400 miles in over 72 hours from central California to central Chile.

Fall migration takes two to three months with stopovers. Spring migration is relatively fast and direct.

The same coastal staging areas were used repeatedly by the tagged whimbrels as well as by thousands of other migratory shorebirds. These migratory staging areas are critical to the survival of many species. Fortunately, these important coastal refueling and wintering sites are being recognized and protected through the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network.

Migration is perilous. Climate change and habitat loss make it more so. Ensuring that these crucial coastal refuges remain intact increases the chance that whimbrels and other migratory birds will continue to reach our shores.

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ADULT— An adult whimbrel on its upland tundra breeding territory in late May. The distinctive downward curvature of the whimbrel's bill matches the curvature of fiddler crab burrows. The crabs are a critically important food source at some of the bird's wintering and migratory staging areas.

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JUVENILE— You can distinguish young whimbrels by their short bills. The bills of the juveniles leaving the Seward Peninsula on their first southerly migration are not yet fully developed, giving the birds a stubby-nosed look. Their bills won't reach full length until mid-winter.