



Photo by Diana Haecker

QUYANA— The annual Alaska Federation of Natives Convention took place in the downtown Anchorage this year and the two nights of Quyana dance performances were sold out events. The Acilquq singers and dancers were among eight dance groups entertaining the crowds on Wednesday night at the Dena'ina Center.

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AFN calls for better relationship with state government

By Diana Haecker

Mending and improving relationships stood front and center at this year's Alaska Federation of Natives Convention, held at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage last week.

The theme of the 2011 AFN was "Strength in Unity." It takes unity in

order to unleash the combined power of the Native community – that was the gist of many speeches. AFN president Julie Kitka reminded AFN delegates that this strength was shown during last year's Senatorial election, when the Native community threw their weight behind Lisa Murkowski

in her historical and successful write-in campaign.

Kotzebue's Reggie Joule said, "We delivered the money for a political campaign and then we delivered the votes. And then there was a celebration of that strength that so many people have been waiting to see." It

is that strength that was called upon over and over again during the convention.

The cry for unity was to rally delegates behind the idea to be serious about a push to better relationships among tribes, Native village corporations and Native regional corporations, as well as the State of Alaska and the various state departments, and the federal government.

Akiak tribal leader Mike Williams said that many things need mending. It has been 40 years since the Alaska Native Settlement Acts passed. In

exchange for extinguishing future claims to land, Native Alaskans settled for 44.5 million acres of their ancestral lands and a payment of more than \$900 million. ANCSA created Native corporations that were meant to provide economic opportunities for tribal members.

Williams said while there are great successes, there still are many issues that need resolution. What can be done to amend ANCSA to restore aboriginal hunting and fishing

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Photo by Diana Haecker

TALKING HANDS— Elders with the King Island dancers rocked the house during dance performances on Wednesday night at the AFN convention, held at the Dena'ina Convention Center in Anchorage.

Missing paperwork delays bid awards in offshore lease sale

By Laurie McNicholas

Gold miners Mike Benchoff and Scott Meisterheim were among high bidders for tracts in an offshore minerals lease sale held Sept. 28 in Nome by the Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources. They bid on small, nearshore tracts in an outcry auction.

However, a qualifying statement required for all bidders in the sale is not on file for Benchoff and Meisterheim, according to Kerwin Krause, mineral property manager for DNR's Division of Mining, Land and Water. Krause said he notified the miners by

phone on Sept. 30 that their qualifying statements were missing and then searched all sale documents three times in a futile effort to find them.

A few other bidders placed their names on a qualifying statement form, but did not check the boxes verifying they are United States citizens and 18 years of age or sign the document, Krause noted. He said the DNR has delayed publishing a list of the three highest bidders for each tract offered in the lease sale while

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Council to address high energy costs

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council took initial action on five budget revision items Monday, unanimously passing them into second reading and final passage at the next regular meeting Nov. 14. These spending plans deal with revenue and expenditure adjustments to the 2011 general fund budget, construction capital projects, special revenue budget, capital projects fund budget and the Port of Nome fund budget. Copies of all are available at Nome City Hall.

In other business the Council approved a bid award to Arctic Slope Regional Corp. Builders, Inc. for a high mast lighting project at Port of Nome. Bid opening Oct. 7 showed a range of \$897,000 (ASRC) to \$1,085,105 from Hot Wire Electric. Other bids were from Puffin Elec-

tric, \$898,200; Alaska Mechanical, \$997,750; and Pro-West Contractors, \$1,035,000. The engineers estimated the cost at \$833,135 a year

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Letters

Dear Nancy:
Recently Nome had the privilege of having the Dept of Natural Resources, (Alaska) permitting folks come to our town. The intended purpose was to get public opinion on how to improve and speed up permitting processes. There should have been time for everyone to come forward with their compliment or complaint. Unfortunately, the miner's code was not honored (whereby one works hard and talks little), and the meeting was dominated by a few people repeating the same complaints. We would like to take this opportunity now to voice our opinion, as we didn't get an opportunity at the public meeting without interrupting repeated dialogue.
The offshore lease sale is owned and was conducted by the State of Alaska under State of Alaska Rules and Regulations. Perhaps reading the Alaska Statutes and Alaska Administrative Code could enlighten some as to the rules and regulations about bidding on any State bid. It is the bidder's responsibility to request a bid packet, read, study and understand the bid packet and process. Then perform your paperwork according to the bid packet and become successful in the bidding process. No portion of the above can be legally deviated from. It is not the State's duty to comply for the bidder's irresponsibility. It is the bidder's responsibility. Millions and millions of dollars of bids have been disqualified over the years within the State of Alaska and lost due to a small bid error. Unfortunate but true, and a lesson we ourselves have learned the hard way in the past.
We and many others received our bid packet, studied the bid packet, prepared our paperwork and turned in our required documents to enter the bid process. We did not find the bid process chaotic, but normal. We studied hard, prepared ourselves the best we could and systematically entered the bid process. If it was the first time for someone to be in a competitive bid process and an outcry auction, and they were not prepared for the process, it might have seemed chaotic to them, but it was in fact, the normal process.
We attended this permitting meeting to be helpful and learn what we could about streamlining the permitting process. We have done many prospecting and mining permits through the years, and they are complicated. We applaud Governor Parnell in working with the participants in mining to streamline this large process. Prospecting and mining permits are a lot of work, but necessary for the privilege of mining in Alaska.
After hearing the accusations against the current DNR personnel - who work in the mining division, it has become apparent that there are

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

Editorial

Corporate Influence

Corporations are individuals. They may not have a heart or a soul and they can't vote, but they must be treated as individuals when it comes to paying taxes. How much leniency should the State of Alaska give to big multinational corporations to make it easier for them to do business in Alaska? Nomeites will remember the "Roads to Resources" program that built a brand new highway across the tundra right up to the front door of NovaGold's Rock Creek Mine. The state even paid the gold company to supply the gravel for their new road. Would they have done the same for a local corporation or individual who wanted to build a hotel along the banks of Glacier Creek?
Corporations are to be treated as individuals, but it seems the state frequently confuses them for royalty. Maybe this is because they are expected to pay royalty payments for use of state land. Corporations are not above the law and the state need not turn a blind eye to potential problems. In Nome NovaGold has several tons of explosive grade ammonium nitrate unsecured only 1/2 mile from our high school. NovaGold claims it is nothing but fertilizer. Yep! It's fertilizer. Just a little bit of this same kind of fertilizer claimed a lot of lives when the Murra Building was blown up in Oklahoma City a few years back. We have too many instances of favoritism and special consideration for big multinational corporations at the expense of public safety.
We need to realize that the special interests of big corporations are not what is best for Alaskans. We should not be too anxious to give away our resources. We should not give special tax breaks to big names. Sure, we always hear the jobs mantra. We remember hearing it in Nome, but look what it brought us. Families were afraid to let their daughters walk down Front Street. It's not about jobs, it's about well-financed political demands. Readers can contact their state senators and representatives to urge their attention to this problem.
— N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



F.H. Nowell photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
YOUR GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS — Eskimo children of Teller Reindeer Station, August 18, 1906. If you can identify anyone in this photo, please contact the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum in Nome.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) - October 27 - November 02, 2011									
Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
10/27	Th	04:49 a.m. LDT	1.5 H	11:31 a.m. LDT	0.0 L	06:05 p.m. LDT	1.4 H	11:33 p.m. LDT	0.5 L
10/28	F	05:32 a.m. LDT	1.5 H	12:24 p.m. LDT	-0.1 L	07:06 p.m. LDT	1.4 H		
10/29	Sa	12:25 a.m. LDT	0.6 L	06:19 a.m. LDT	1.5 H	01:19 p.m. LDT	-0.2 L	08:06 p.m. LDT	1.4 H
10/30	Su	01:20 a.m. LDT	0.6 L	07:10 a.m. LDT	1.5 H	02:15 p.m. LDT	-0.2 L	09:07 p.m. LDT	1.4 H
10/31	M	02:17 a.m. LDT	0.7 L	08:07 a.m. LDT	1.5 H	03:13 p.m. LDT	-0.2 L	10:09 p.m. LDT	1.4 H
11/01	Tu	03:17 a.m. LDT	0.7 L	09:10 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	04:14 p.m. LDT	-0.1 L	11:13 p.m. LDT	1.3 H
11/02	W	04:21 a.m. LDT	0.8 L	10:18 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	05:14 p.m. LDT	0.0 L		

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Sunrise	10/27/11	10:31 a.m.	High Temp 37° 10/19/11	
	11/03/11	10:54 a.m.	Low Temp 10° 10/22/11	
			Peak Wind 26 mph, N, 10/21/11	
Sunset	10/27/11	06:59 p.m.	Precip. to Date 15.34"	
	11/03/11	06:35 p.m.	Normal 14.20"	
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Native and environmental groups challenge EPA drilling permits

The Environmental Protection Agency issued the final Clean Air Permit to Shell's exploration vessel *Kulluk*. The *Kulluk* and its own fleet of support vessels are to start exploration drilling in the Beaufort Sea next year. Permits allow the drillship and its support fleet to emit 30 tons of particulate matter, 240 tons of nitrogen oxides and 80,000 tons of carbon dioxide. A coalition of the Native Village of Point Hope and several environmental groups appealed EPA's decision to issue a different Clean Air permit for Shell's drillship *Discoverer*. The ship is to start exploratory drilling in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas in June 2012.

Earthjustice lawyers say that the Arctic is already under huge stress from climate change, and that Shell's industrial activities would significantly increase global warming pollution in this critical region, which is warming twice as fast as the rest of the world. The appeal was filed before the Environmental Appeals Board by the Center for Biological Diversity, Native Village of Point Hope, Resisting Environmental Destruction on Indigenous Lands, Alaska Wilderness League, Natural Resources Defense Council, Northern Alaska Environmental Center, Ocean Conservancy, Oceana, Pacific Environment, the Sierra Club and the Wilderness Society. The organizations are being represented by Earthjustice.

USDA funds water improvements in Diomedes, energy improvements in Stebbins

Little Diomedes will see some improvement in their water situation as they received grants for the construction of a new 340,000-gallon water storage tank and 500 feet of water distribution mains. The additional storage capacity of the new tank would ensure that the community has a year-round safe water source. The current tank is filled for winter use, but the water supply typically runs out around March. The washeteria is then closed and residents are required to

melt snow and ice for drinking water. All households on Diomedes use privies and honeybuckets. Unalakleet was among a few villages that received construction and planning funds for water and wastewater improvements. Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium received \$12.3 million in grants for water and sewer systems including Golovin and Kiana.

The money comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development which awarded funds to

project in the 1980s.

During last months' elections, Talkeetna residents voted on an advisory ballot, opposing the construction of the Susitna-Watana dam by a vote of 109 to 19. According to community radio KTNA, a local group spearheading opposition to the dam, the Coalition for Susitna Dam Alternatives, believe that, with education, others will see that the dam is too big, too expensive, and unnecessary given other more viable alternatives. They are concerned about potentially devastating impacts on salmon and other wildlife.



the Rural Alaska Village Grant program funding and a grant to the Denali Commission for Norton Sound projects. The \$5.7 million award to the Denali Commission in Alaska will fund projects to upgrade the Stebbins/St. Michael Rural Power System and replace a generator for the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Susitna Dam gets project manager

The plan to create a multi-billion dollar, mega-hydroelectric power plant by damming the Susitna River in South Central Alaska is moving forward as the Alaska Energy Authority hired a project manager, Wayne Dyok. Dyok is slated to begin work on Nov. 1. Dyok has more than 35 years of U.S. and international experience in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission licensing, engineering design, environmental studies and energy planning on hydroelectric projects. He has managed major hydroelectric licensing projects for the California Department of Water Resources, Seattle City Light and Dominion Generation. Dyok has a master's degree in civil engineering and is a licensed civil engineer in Alaska.

Dyok also served as chief hydraulic engineer and assistant manager on the Susitna hydroelectric

Yukon leader receives 2011 Presidential Citizens Medal

The President of the United States Barack Obama awarded 13 Americans with the highest civilian award, the Citizens Medal, and among them was Yukon leader Clarence Lee Alexander. The president in his speech said that Alexander has helped lead the charge in protecting the Yukon River Watershed. In addition to working to save the waterways, he has been instrumental in saving lives through the Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments, which provides health care to some of the most remote villages in North America. The president said that Alexander exemplifies the difference one person can make in preserving natural resources and cherished traditions for the next generation of Americans.



Photo courtesy of Senator Mark Begich
HONORED — U.S. President Barack Obama honored Fort Yukon's Clarence Alexander with the Citizens Medal for his environmental stewardship.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 27 - November 2, 2011

EVENT	PLACE	
Thursday, October 27		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*STDS: Guide to Prevention video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*All About Babies Part 1 & 2 video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball: Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*City League Vball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Ping Pong	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 28

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Quiet Time	Kegoayah Library	10:00 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Team Handball: Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
*CAMP class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Special Delivery video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Co-Ed Bowling League	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

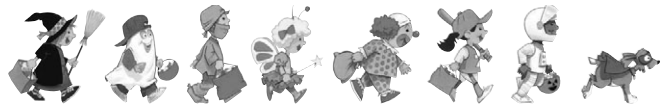
Saturday, October 29

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Making a Difference: Mother's Guide	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*I am your Child video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday, October 30

*Having Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Birth Control: Know Your Options video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Pick Up Women's Bball	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Monday, October 31



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Patient Advocate Class	Prematernal Home	11:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Dance: Grades K-2	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Family Fright Night	Elementary School	starts at 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	TBA

Tuesday, November 1

*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 2:00 p.m.
*Special Deliver video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*All About Babies video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Volleyball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*NPC WS (Reg Mtg to Follow)	Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Nome Planning Commission	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	TBA

Wednesday, November 2

*Pickup Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Sexual Transmitted Disease Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Choices in Childbirth Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Corporate Bowling League	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	TBA

Community points of interest:

*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum - Front Street: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Tu - Sa)

*Kegoayah Kozga Library - Front Street: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (M - Th)
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (F - Sa)

*Nome Visitor Center - Front Street: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M - F)

*Northwest Campus Library - Northwest Campus: Closed for renovation

*XYZ Center - Center Street: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M - F)



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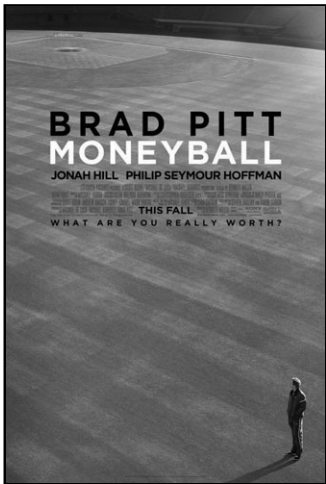
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ago. The bulk of the money for the project, \$666,508, came from the Denali Commission, plus a port match of 20 percent—\$166,627, and \$63,865 for the difference between the estimate and the bid coming from the port's FY 2013 maintenance and operation fund.

High mast lighting uses mounts of 100 feet or more to light large areas, which port boss Joy Baker said was needed for safety and opportunity for vessel landing and unloading. When Councilman Stan Andersen asked what the port had been using up to now, Baker responded that operation required two to three lower lights for barge loading and unloading; the new lights are high efficiency lights that would be on only as needed. Andersen also pointed out that there was only \$1,200 difference in the bid from ASRC Builders and the next bid from Puffin Electric and wanted to know if ASRC had been found capa-

ble and had equipment in town. Josie Bahnke, city manager, responded that ASRC would be using three subcontractors for the job: STG, Inc., for dirt work, NJUS for electrical work and PK Electrical as electrical administrators. The project engineers, PND Engineers, reviewed the bids before the award. Knodel abstained from the approving vote, as her son, an electrician, would be working on the job, she said.

Knodel asked that Mayor Denise Michels appoint Jim West, Jr. to the Port Commission. Andersen balked, asking that the issue be taken up in executive session. Michels pointed out that a person being discussed in executive session had an option to be present. West was not present at the Council meeting. The Council approved West's reappointment to his expired seat with a vote of 5-1. Knodel commented that West had done a good job, was a port user and knew a lot about the operations.

Under water and lights business,

the Council received an update on a wind turbine project poised for Banner Ridge from NJUS Manager John K. Handeland, but attempted to put the brakes to the project in favor of taking a broad look at big-picture, long term energy options to ease the high costs keeping Nome residents and businesses under siege.

NJUS has applied for funding for one, and now two, 900 kw turbines to join Banner Wind Farm's 18 smaller machines. Handeland met with the state Alaska Energy Authority, a panel that has approved the conceptual design, approving its progress to the next phase of final design and permitting. The energy produced from the turbine project would potentially save half a million gallons of diesel fuel and allow a re-integration of two smaller generators to relieve wear and tear on the system's Wartsila 5.2 megawatt generators. NJUS is looking into funding for putting up two 900-kilowatt generators to use one pass of the large crane that

has to be brought from Kotzebue.

Whoa, said Knodel. Whoa, said Andersen. They felt the town as a whole needed to sit down and talk about energy solutions and also have a joint work session with NJUS to look at the future. The diesel fuel oil meter hit \$6 a gallon about a week ago, surpassing high oil prices in 2008.

"We need to have more expertise before we start shelling out our own money," Andersen said. State and federal funding is in the works, Handeland said, with NJUS working on obtaining a fraction as a local match. The turbines could be spinning in summer of 2013, with other energy options taking as long as 10 years to develop, Handeland said.

"We hope effort by Kawerak to coordinate regional energy plans will flush out options, Bahnke, city manager, added.

Studies lie in file drawers concerning coal, natural gas and hydroelectric energy sources. Realizing

that people are leaving and business is suffering from high energy costs, the Council wants to dig into storage cabinets to revisit studies and to find energy solutions.

Knodel wants the drill records from gas exploration in Norton Sound from the state now that the leases have been turned back and the information is in the public record.

Concerning the fluoride—Handeland reported that NJUS is working with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium to take them up on an offer to provide the fluoride chemical, the equipment and the training to restart fluoridation of Nome's drinking water supply. The Council did not act on a resolution from the NJUS board asking the Council to rescind the fluoridation requirement. An equipment failure stopped the fluoridation some months ago. The equipment is being replaced and ANTHC has agreed to replace test-

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state officials consider options for resubmitting qualifying statement issues.

Benchoff was the high bidder on 10 tracts and Meisterheim bid highest for two tracts offered at the outcry auction, according to Krause. He said high bidders paid a deposit of 88 cents per acre for each tract and were given receipts for the deposits. Leases larger than 160 acres were sold through sealed bidding.

Krauss described preparations on the day of the lease sale at Old St. Joe's Hall. He said signs posted on the entry door and on a table inside the building told prospective bidders to qualify by signing in on a register and filling out a qualification statement. The same information was included in a pre-sale notice, he added. He said it is a prerequisite to have a bidder's qualification statement on file even if the bidder is well-known.

Officials who assisted the lease sale in addition to Krause were Bill Cole, mineral property manager, Division of Mining, Land and Water; Allen Eddy of DNR's Division of Oil and Gas; and Leslie Tose, small mines coordinator with the Army Corps of Engineers, who is in charge of permitting the operations in deeper water.

Krause said Eddy came along to gain experience in the lease auction process and was instructed not to give numbers to bidders unless they filled out paperwork. (Bidders in the outcry auction held up number signs to make their bids.) Krause said Eddy has acknowledged he probably told several persons who asked whether they needed to fill out the form if they have mining permits that he wouldn't think so. Jim All-eva, one of two auctioneers from a private firm hired by DNR helped at

a table, Krause added.

The Oct. 6 edition of the *Nugget* reported that bidding at the auction began an hour late because the plane carrying DNR officials was delayed. The story also noted that offshore gold leases aren't offered anywhere else in Alaska, and DNR's previous gold lease sale was held in 1999.

A decision whether to allow Benchoff and Meisterheim to file qualifying statements or to disqualify them in the absence of the required documents is due soon, Krause added.

Miners air complaints

Benchoff and Meisterheim presented verbal complaints about the qualifying statements issue to Joe Balash, deputy commission of DNR, and Brent Goodrum, director of the Division of Mining, Land and Water at public forum held by DNR Oct. 20 in Nome. DNR also hosted a forum in seven other Alaska communities in the past month to gather input on streamlining permitting processes at state resource agencies.

Both Benchoff and Meisterheim questioned why they had received a bidding number if they were not qualified to bid. "The procedures changed three times, and now it's the responsibility of the miners," said Meisterheim. Benchoff said some lease sale participants said they were told they were qualified to bid if they have a mining permit.

"[Some] are saying I drove up the price and was in collusion with the state," Benchoff said. "I had an influence on the auction by being able to bid. It's a Pandora's Box."

Sandra Madearis said she wants to underline that the paperwork process was very casual for the gravity of the situation. "I said, 'What do I do, do I fill it out?' I have a riff on over

18." Madearis said she was told, "At some point you've got to fill this out," so she did.

John Manz said he bid second highest on a tract for which Benchoff made the top bid and would benefit if Benchoff is dropped, but Benchoff had a bid number and paid a deposit fee, and that's fair enough. "The bottom line was the money taken from each individual," Manz added. "The fees were minimal, but they paid the fees in good faith...."

Dredge regs don't work

Manz said regulations specifying an 8-inch diameter hose and a maximum 36 horsepower motor for dredges in a recreational mining area are not feasible. "Most people now are not following the regulation," he added.

Manz explained that it's hard to find an application to mount on a 4-

by-5-inch pump that pumps 1,500 gallons of water per minute and have it work properly. He said motors with more than 36 horsepower level off at 32 horsepower because too much suction would pull rocks into the nozzle.

"We want gold, not to suck our way to China," stated miner Scott Travis. "Why does DNR even do horsepower?" Travis said he uses a Buick motor. "My V6 uses less gas; 30 gallons a week, while others with V8s burn 100 gallons a week...."

"Are there any miners actually working at DNR?" asked Travis.

Brent Goodrum said the division needs to get a workable answer back to the miners. Other state officials at the forum were Kirsten Ryan, director, Division of Environmental Health, Dept. of Environmental Conservation; and Bruce Phelps and Brandon McCutcheon, Resource

Assessment and Development Section, Division of Mining, Land and Water.

Nome attendance low

DNR's Nome forum drew a dozen members of the public, most of whom participated in the Sept. 28 offshore lease sale. The meeting was linked by audio conference to the Kotzebue Legislative Information Office, but no one provided input from that site.

Meisterheim said a few people heard about the meeting by word of mouth in Nome. "The other 100 miners are not here and should be," he added.

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CHAMBER CHANGE— Barb Nickels is the new director of the Nome Chamber of Commerce. Outgoing director, Mitch Erickson will now be working for the Nome Gold Alaska mining company.



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CATCHING UP — Sue Steinacher catches up with old friend Albert Johnson at the AFN Arts and Craft Fair in Anchorage last week.

• Council to address high energy costs

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ing equipment next. Handeland has told ANTHC he wants the fluoride monitoring system integrated into NJUS computer industrial control system.

The Council approved an ordinance accepting a right-of-way easement on Nathan's Loop at Panorama Subdivision for maintenance along with ownership of two lots for snow storage.

Finally, Bahnke assured the Council that its involvement in a state building to be built by Sitnasuak Native Corp. on their land was following an orderly time line drawn up by

Sitnasuak CEO Dave Hoffman and Mark Pfeffer of Pfeffer Development. At this stage of the game, according to the task list, the City and Sitnasuak have confirmed their commitment to the project and notified the state Dept. of Administration of the public to private partnership having secured Sitnasuak's site on Front Street and clarified that the financing and risk will be assumed by Sitnasuak, keeping the City in the clear. Sitnasuak will borrow the money, build the building, and then sell it to the City. According to conversation among the Council and City administration, the City will buy it only on paper, without funding, and sell it to

the State of Alaska on the same day. In this way, the deal will be government to government.

Anderson still questioned whether the transaction would go against state procurement laws that require a competitive bid.

"I still don't see how that's legal," he said.

A next task on the project will be to nail down the size of the building and the cost, then forward these to the Dept. of Administration, followed by a construction phase, according to Bahnke.

• Strength in unity— AFN

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rights? What is done to pass shares on to those born after Dec. 18, 1971? "As tribes we consider these sections to be a throwback to the days of termination when the only good Indian was one who had been made to prematurely join his ancestors," Williams said. "Out of necessity we have been developing and growing our ANCSA corporations for the last 40 years — we now must take the time to strengthen our tribes and their capacity as governments. We need both."

Williams said unity is needed to secure and protect Native ancestral lands, recover hunting and fishing rights and restore the rights of the so-called after-borns to have a stake in their corporations.

Musher and 2011 Iditarod champion John Baker of Kotzebue gave the keynote address on the opening day of AFN. Baker evoked the metaphor of traveling by dog team to bring about the message of what strength in unity means. "It was a 16-year journey to winning the Iditarod," Baker said. "You can learn a lot from a dog team."

Baker said when he first flew over the Iditarod sled dog trail, he wanted to run the race. After his first completion of the race he changed his dream: "I wanted to win this race," Baker said. "But what are the odds that one of the poorest mushers from Kotzebue is going to win the toughest race in the world?"

One of the ingredients of his success, he said, is to never give up on a dream. His role model, he pointed out, is his mother Marge Baker, who in the face of adversity never complained and always persevered. Baker's father died in an airplane accident and while Marge Baker raised seven children, she also owned and operated her own airplane taxi company. Baker said that he learned real

courage from her and then cast the net of his speech further, to include what courage, strength and unity means in the larger context of Alaska's past, present and future.

Baker said that Alaska Native Corporations today are the backbone of Alaska's economy. "What makes our corporations so unique is that we are sharing," Baker said. "Our corporations are not victims, we *are* Alaska's economy. That's really something to be proud of," Baker said. He also reminded the convention that political unity sends a powerful message. "We faced the odds that a person would go to Washington who didn't represent us," Baker said. "But we came together and prevented a disaster."

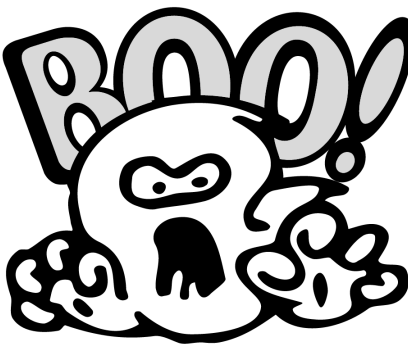
Alluding to differing opinions on resource development, Baker said that even though they may not agree on how much mining and drilling is done in the arctic, they should make sure that their voices are heard.

Baker appealed to the leadership qualities that are in each individual and finished his speech with an episode from the trail. "In a particularly cold year, by the time we got to Unalakleet, I was spent and the dogs were spent," Baker said. Instead of giving in to frustration and tiredness, and resisting temptation to just give up, Baker said a wonderful thing happened. "When it was time to go, I gave the command to go [smacks his lips to mimic the sound of his command] and very little happened. But then I did it again, and Velvet [his lead dog] stood up. Then the dog next to her stood up. And pretty soon the whole team was up and we were off and running again, heading for Shaktoolik. Sometimes all it takes, is the willingness to stand up," Baker said.

His speech was met with a standing ovation and shouts of "Arigaa".

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• AFN: Trying to find strength in unity

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An honest debate

Tara Sweeney, representing the Arctic Slope, put the cards on the table during her speech regarding changes in the AFN. The country as a whole and the Native community in particular are faced with federal spending cuts never seen before.

This creates an unknown future in terms of funding and although the federal government has by treaty a trust commitment to Native Americans, budget cuts are a given in the new reality of budget deficits in the trillions and a House of Representatives controlled by Tea Party members whose sole mission is to cut the budget at all costs.

Alaska has wealth in its resources and substantial savings in state coffers, but as the oil that is pumped through the trans-Alaska pipeline is declining, Sweeney said, more resource development is needed to assure the survival of many current programs. As a result, a unified Native voice is needed to further the cause of self-determination and for continued funding of necessary programs. And not only does this mean a unified Alaska Native voice is needed, but it also means that mending of the relationship between Native Alaskans and the state government is in order.

Time and again, fiery speeches called for the state to recognize the

federally recognized tribes. Roy Huhndorf, CIRI board member, said that the biggest impediment for a more fruitful dialogue between the Native community and the state is that the state does not recognize tribal governing rights.

Natasha Singh, general counsel for the Tanana Chiefs Conference, echoed the feeling and said that any deeper engagement would have to start with the state's recognition of tribes and ANCSA corporations. "Recognition is the first step, then we could develop a consultation policy and figure out a formal way how to speak to state entities," Singh said.

DNR Commissioner Dan Sullivan maintained that the areas of common

interest are far greater than the areas of disagreement and differences. "We want to build on that, we are committed to that partnership," Sullivan said. However, no commissioner commented on the request for formal recognition.

Sullivan, who was commissioner for the department of Law prior to his DNR appointment, said that while a lot of the discussions highlight rifts between the state and the tribes, Native and non-Natives, there is common ground. "We are all Alaskans and a lot of the problems that we are discussing are affecting all of us," he said.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER— John "Quniaq" Baker gave the keynote address to kick off the AFN convention on Thursday, Oct. 20. Baker won the 2011 Iditarod Sled Dog Race and was repeatedly referred to as the first Native musher to win the race. Baker corrected the notion in his speech, acknowledging prior Native Iditarod champions Carl Huntington, Emmit Peters and Jerry Riley as well as mentioning second place winner Herbie "The Shishmaref Cannonball" Nayokpuk.



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ROLE MODEL— Marge Baker, mother of John Baker, was greeted with thundering applause during John Baker's keynote speech. The 2011 Iditarod champion said that his mother is his hero and an example of living life with courage, determination and perseverance.



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INVITATIONAL DANCE— Nomeite Allison Komonaseak, middle, enjoyed dancing at the Quyana performance on Wednesday night and joined the Wainright dancers and singers during an invitational dance.

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Education commissioner Mike Hanley also expressed his willingness to work together. "We import 70 percent of our teachers," Hanley said. "They don't even understand Anchorage, and how can they be effective teachers when they don't understand the culture in rural Alaska? For the sake of Alaska, we need to raise our own workforce to live here, work here and thrive here," Hanley said.

Commissioner of Health and Social Services William Streur also reaffirmed that both the state and the tribal health organizations would fail if they would not cooperate and tackle the issues together.

Willie Hensley, one of the leaders

pushing for the 1971 Native Claims Settlement Act, was not as optimistic. He half-joked that he isn't ready for a slow dance with Commissioner Sullivan yet, but said that concerns are deeply rooted because Alaska Natives didn't really have a say in the creation of the state of Alaska. "It's better to have a state in which we are citizens than have Alaska run from Washington D.C.," Hensley said. He added that one small part of Alaska has contributed much to the wealth of the state, but that recognition has yet to come from state entities. "It's about time for the state to help us out with some of the issues that are facing us," Hensley said.

During a following panel discus-

sion, Georgianna Lincoln of Fairbanks said that Native people need to be more assertive in making their voices heard. "We need to become rabble rousers and we have to speak up," she said.

In the context of a question that asked how to encourage more Native people in state and community leadership roles, she went so far as to say, "We need to take their [commissioners] job, get on the assembly, be the mayor, that's how."

Panel discussions were a new, added feature to the AFN convention. Instead of listening to reports all day, delegates were treated to panel discussions in an interactive,

talk show format with comfy armchairs and a moderator. This format allowed for discussions between panel members and the audience through written, submitted questions. An electronic device was handed out to delegates and used to take opinion polls from the audience to questions posed.

Almost an entire day was dedicated to panel discussions with the theme on how to improve the Native relationship with the state. Top Department heads including the commissioners of Natural Resources, Education, Health and Human Services, Fish and Game, Commerce and Economic Development and Public

Safety as well as Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell and the governor's senior rural affairs advisor John Moller were present, sitting in the front rows to listen to the panel discussions.

Outgoing North Slope Mayor Edward Itta said that the Native community needs to spread more awareness of the critical role that Native ANCSA corporations are playing for the economic wellbeing and health of the State of Alaska. "Our corporations are economic powerhouses but somehow that does not translate into recognition," Itta said.

He added that rural Native

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RECAPING — Alaska State Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Commissioner Susan Bell, originally of Nome, took notes during the AFN panel discussions on ways to improve the relationship between the Native community and various state departments.



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LISTENING — State commissioners were present during AFN discussions on improving the relationship between state agencies and Native organizations. Front left to right are John Moller, senior rural affairs advisor to the Governor; Joe Masters, Public Safety commissioner; William Streur, Commissioner of Health and Social Services; Mike Hanley, Commissioner of Education; Susan Bell, Commissioner of Commerce and Nome's Haven Harris.

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Alaskans keep on having to explain their subsistence lifestyle to urban Alaskans. “There is a world of difference of living in rural Alaska and living in the urban areas. Our challenge is that we need to make them understand and go further and empathize with our lifestyle and then act,” Itta said.

This was exemplified when the Alaska Legislature failed to extend

the Alaska Coastal Zone Management program, a federal program that allowed local input in resource development affecting coastal areas. AFN delegates passed a resolution that called for the re-establishment of the ACMP “to allow meaningful participation by local coastal districts.”

The panel discussions also highlighted perennial topics including making education relevant to rural students, combating outrageously high incidents of domestic violence

--and sexual abuse, alcohol abuse and the lack of sobriety centers in rural areas.

Changes to AFN

Tara Sweeney, chair of the AFN leadership committee, gave a report that dealt with reforming the governance structure of AFN. The leadership committee came up with several measures to restructure the organization, including increasing the size of the board from 37 to 49 members by adding a tribal or at-large member from each region.

The committee also recommended the creation of Governance Council to oversee the operations of AFN and to afford full voting rights to tribes and village corporations as so-called class A members. Currently, only regional corporations, regional non-profits and villages have full voting rights that also come with a yet-to-be determined amount of dues.

According to Sweeney’s committee report, only class A members in good standing are “eligible to participate at appropriate levels within the AFN organization.” The committee

recommended installing term limits for co-chairs at a maximum of four terms and to come up with a mechanism to adequately fund AFN.

Sweeney ended her report saying that unity doesn’t necessarily mean always agreeing on all issues. “Instead, unity should be defined by what we have all in common and what we all are striving for as a Native people: self-determination,” she said.

Sweeney, from the Arctic Slope region, also issued a challenge to the tribes. “We must not be held hostage to the remnants of the BIA school teachers who wrote many of our IRA or Tribal council organic documents,” she said. “The BIA continues its chokehold on our people by promoting an agenda that convinces us that we are not sovereign or have no right to self-determination unless we are recipients of federal money or grants.”

She then addressed the corporate entities and said that the creation of ANCSA corporations resulted not only in great successes, but also in a division between corporations and tribal entities. “We must reach across

the aisle and seek to understand the needs of our tribal organizations and help lift them up and continue to build capacity in our communities,” she said.

Dancing, arts and side exhibits

As usual, the exhausting days spent talking about serious matters were balanced by two nights of Qujana dance performances. Dancing took place on Wednesday and Thursday night and were sold-out events at the Dena’ina Center. Dance groups from all corners of the state performed, including a mixed Nome and Anchorage group of the King Island dancers, the Wainright dancers and singers and a Yupik dance group with dancers from the Y-K Delta and Anchorage.

The lower level halls were filled with arts and crafts as well as informational booths for mining and against it, governmental agencies, non-profit and for-profit corporations, and non-governmental service entities.

The halls of the second floor were

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BUSY HANDS— Kawerak Inc. president Loretta Bullard multi-tasked and didn’t slip a stitch during the AFN convention panel discussion on strengthening the relationship between state and the Native community. Bullard worked on *qiviut* gloves with a finished edge.



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GIFT— U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski accepts a wooden loon from AFN president Julie Kitka.

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KING ISLAND DANCER— Gertrude Analoak performed a solo dance during the Quayana performance of the King Island dancers.



LITTLE DANCER— Wainwright dancer Emma Nashookpuk, took to the dance floor during Wednesday’s Quayana performance at the Dena’ina Convention Center in Anchorage.

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also occupied by arts and craft sales tables. Inside the conference rooms, a health fair exhibited a walk-through colon with interpretive features of polyps, offers of free flu shots, help to quit smoking and injury prevention tips. The Southcentral Foundation also boasted special guests at their Family Wellness Warriors Initiative table. Actor Wes Studi, known as Magua in “The Last

of the Mohicans” and a fierce Pawnee warrior in “Dances with Wolves,” signed autographs and posed with visitors for photos. Actress Irene Bednard, originally from Alaska and working for the Southcentral Foundation, also was on hand to explain the Wellness Warriors initiative that was designed by Alaska Natives to tackle domestic violence, child sexual abuse and child neglect.



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QUYANA— King Island dancer Andrea Painter entertained the crowds on Wednesday night during the Quayana performances at AFN.



WOLF DANCE— The King Island dancers performed parts of the wolf dance during AFN Quayana night performances.

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GRACEFUL— Lena Steadman performed with the Acilquq singers and dancers during AFN Qujana night, on Wednesday, Oct. 19 in Anchorage.

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HAVING FUN— Alice Moses of Mountain Village was part of the Acilquq singers and dancers, comprised of dancers from Western Alaska.



YOUTH AND ELDER— Adele Argaitchiaq Solski, left, and Elaine Chooshaa Abraham of Yakutat gave their Youth and Elder report to AFN delegates.



THE KARMUNS— Elders Dan and Ethel Karmun enjoy the 2011 AFN with their daughter Gloria.



MEDICINE MAN— A King Island dancer performs a dance mimicking the age old battle between good and evil.



HONORING CALEB PUNGOWIWI— Inuit Circumpolar Council officials (left to right) Melanie Bahnke holding baby Ivy, Jim Stotts and Edward Itta honored the late Caleb Pungowiwi, who died last summer after a battle with cancer. Pungowiwi was born and raised in Savoonga.



IVORY ART— Shishmaref carver Percy Nayokpuk sells ivory jewelry at the AFN arts and crafts show, with wife Josie and son Walter.

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Northern Waters Task Force hears public testimony during AFN

By Diana Haecker

The Northern Waters Task Force took advantage of the largest gathering of Alaska Natives in the state during AFN week and held a public hearing in the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage last Wednesday. The meeting didn't draw a large crowd, but about 30 people in the audience shared their concerns with the task force.

Task force chair Reggie Joule (D-Kotzebue) said that public hearings were held all around the state and in early 2012, the task force will put forth recommendations to the Alaska State Legislature and then cease to exist, if there is no recommendation to extend it in some form or another.

No departments or federal testimony was invited and the floor was open to the public. Michael Brubaker with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium presented a compilation of last year's disasters that can be linked to climate change. "All across Alaska, we experience climate change and its impacts.

"Some of these impacts affect health, cause injuries or death, and are affecting food security and food safety as well as water safety and sanitation infrastructure," Brubaker said. And then he rattled off the disasters: ice storm in Savoonga, back-to-back blizzards in northwestern Alaska, unusual windstorms in southcentral, storm surges in the north, avalanches in southern Alaska.

The month of May was the driest May on record, followed by an early outbreak of wildfires.

Unusual fungus turned the ocean orange in Kivalina, shell fish poisonings spiked in the south and sick ring seals show up on the North Slope with a mysterious skin disease. "The

cause of these events is unknown, but it is important that we prevent harm from these events to communities," Brubaker said.

Dorothy Childers with the Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group presented a mapping project of 17 communities from the Kuskokwim Bay to the Bering Strait to show the combination of cultural and ecological significance of subsistence.

The project was prompted by the concern about changes in fisheries.

Childers presented the report and urged the task force to keep in mind that the underlying message of the report is that subsistence and the desire to continue their way of life is the Elders' primary concern.

A subsistence user from Merko-ryuk testified to what he encounters. He said last November, he found a dead, mature ringed seal and sent it in to Fish and Wildlife for an autopsy. Turned out, the seal died of pneumonia.

On another occasion, he found a dead walrus with lots of cavities instead of teeth and tusks. This was also sent in for an autopsy. He said the first halibut he caught this season was terribly deformed with a long jaw, small head and horn growing out of his belly.

Reggie Joule closed the hearing saying that there is much science out there. "But we need to hear those who chose to live along the coast of the Bering Sea, not just those who want to take advantage of the situation," Joule said.

The last NWTF meetings are scheduled to take place in Barrow and Wainwright before the task force compiles its findings for a report to the Legislature.



Photo by Diana Haecker

ANCSA WARRIORS—Willie Hensley, left, and Rep. Reggie Joule find a quiet moment to catch up during the 2011 AFN Convention held in Anchorage last week.

DISEASE OUTBREAK - SEALS

October 2011 Update

Over 100 sick or dead pinnipeds with diseased patches of skin have been discovered in the Arctic in recent months. The cause is unknown but is being studied. During July near Barrow, ringed seals were reported with blisters on flippers and face as well as hair loss. This condition is now being reported in the Bering Strait / Norton Sound region.



PLEASE REPORT UNUSUAL SEALS!

If you find an unusual seal in the Bering Strait region, contact:

- Eskimo Walrus Commission: **1-877-277-4392** (Nome)
- Gay Sheffield: **1-800-478-2202** (UAF-Marine Advisory Program, Nome)
- NMFS **1-877-925-7773** (Marine Mammal Stranding Network – Juneau)

PUBLIC HEALTH / SAFE HANDLING

It is generally recommended to not eat seals or walrus that look sick.

Until we know more, if you harvest or find a sick seal you should:

- Wear gloves
- Wash your hands
- Cook meat before eating it
- Wash your equipment. Rinse it with a bleach solution.

ACMP sees efforts for its revival

A ballot initiative aimed to revive the Alaska Coastal Management Program has garnered the support of the Alaska Federation of Natives, which issued a resolution to endorse the effort. The initiative is sponsored by the Alaska Sea Party, a group of municipal officials including City and Borough of Juneau Mayor Bruce Botelho, Kodiak Island Borough Mayor Jerome Selby and Kenai Peninsula Borough assemblyman Mako Haggerty. Outgoing North Slope Borough Mayor Edward Itta voiced support for the initiative at the annual AFN convention and said that the program gave the locals a voice in big resource development projects which mostly are in rural Alaska.

"If we work together early in the process, the chances of a timely and successful start are much better than if local people are just left out in the cold. Coastal management never stopped a project in the past. It just

gave communities a stake in the project," Itta said.

After operating successfully for 34 years, Alaska's Coastal Zone Management Program died when the Alaska Legislature failed in 2011 to renew it during both the regular session and two special sessions called in part to restore the program. Without a program in place, federal agencies need not consult state or local officials on questions of coastal development. If the petition is signed by some 26,000 Alaska voters, and if the Alaska Legislature fails to enact substantially similar legislation during the 2012 regular session, "An Act establishing the Alaska Coastal Management Program" will appear on either the August 2012 primary or the November 2012 Alaska general election ballot. If voters approve the measure, the Act will create a coastal management program to replace the one dismantled in 2011.

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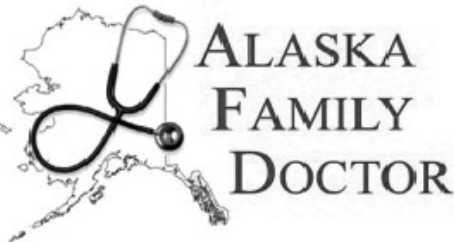
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By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Most health care professionals want to honor a person's wishes regarding how he or she wants to be treated in the final days of life. But even well meaning providers and nurses cannot know what a person wishes when it comes to the many decisions regarding medication, nutrition, hydration, testing, and treatment that must be made during the closing hours of life.



An “Advance Health Care Directive,” otherwise known as a “Living Will,” provides the health care community with important in-

1. How long do you wish to prolong your life? If you are unconscious with no hope for

6. Who do you want to speak for you? If you are unconscious or otherwise are unable to speak for yourself, who would best be able to let doctors and other health professionals know what you would say or want done? In Alaska you may pick up to three people to serve as your agent(s) for making health care decisions.

Though end-of-life care may be an uncomfortable topic, when it comes to receiving the best care at the close of life, your wishes matter. There may come a time when you cannot speak for yourself. If this happens, one of the best gifts you can leave your family, loved ones, and healthcare providers is clear direction regarding your wishes and who should speak for you if you lose the ability to speak for yourself.

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Then seek God's glory! Moses did and God showed him part of it. The effects were so great a veil had to be placed over Moses' face because of its great radiance from being with God. If you are truly "*Hungry for more*," then step out of the "box" and make the "*glory of God*" your goal! May the Lord bless you with his abundant love and glory!

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Obituaries

Marie G. Pushruk

Marie G. Pushruk, better known as "Tweet," was born in Nome, Alaska on August 11, 1990. She died unexpectedly October 7, 2011.

Tweet lived in her hometown of Teller until she turned 18, and moved to Nome to work as a personal care assistant for her Papa James Omiak. She later moved back to Teller and was able to obtain her GED and work at the school as a substitute preschool and kindergarten teacher. Soon after, she moved back to Nome where she found a job as a housekeeper for the Norton Sound Health Corporation. Tweet was very happy and proud of her accomplishments. She was also a very family oriented



Marie G. 'Tweet' Pushruk

person and always enjoyed being around her family and friends. Her beautiful smile will be greatly missed.

Tweet is survived by her loving parents, Brenda Pushruk and Delbert Okbaok, siblings Donna, George, and Lisa, niece Lallaurauq, nephew Ahnorak, Papa James, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Tweet is preceded in death by her namesake and grandma, Marie Omiak, papa Fred Pushruk Sr., grandma Josie Okbaok, papa Steve Okbaok Sr., grandma Gladys Rogers, uncles Fred and Rudy

Pushruk, auntie Laura "Awk" Rush, cousins Brian, Jon Dean, MariRose, Robbie, Galen, Jennifer and good friend Kenny.

Marie was laid to rest in the Teller Cemetery on Saturday October 15, after a funeral Mass held at the school gym in Teller.

Paul "Koublou" Charles Johnson

Paul "Koublou" Charles Johnson died suddenly on October 14. Paul entered this world on July 28, 1957 as the eighth child, and fourth son, of Harry, Sr. and Ruth Johnson. Whether folks knew him as Paul, "Paulie," "Koublou", "Chubs" or "Putty," it was apparent from a young age that he was a caring, generous person.

Paul spent his early years in St. Michael with his family until their move to Unalakleet in 1964. His school years showed evidence of his intellect and remarkable abilities. He attended the Unalakleet Day School and graduated from Covenant High School as the 1975 valedictorian. After high school he attended Le-



Paul "Koublou" Charles Johnson

Tourneau University and the University of Alaska.

Paul had a vast array of skills that made him successful at almost everything he did, whether it was

running the Unalakleet Native Corporation, building boats, guiding big game hunts, dog mushing, commercial fishing/crabbing or just being an "uncle" to his vast group of biological or "adopted" nieces and nephews. He was as at home in a corporate boardroom as he was elbow-deep in an engine overhaul. He was a gifted public speaker and a patient one-on-one teacher. He could drive policy decisions and Iditarod dog teams with equal ease. He did all of this, and more, with a humility and grace that is uncommon. He never wanted recognition for any of his accomplishments, always deflecting the praise. His generosity was unparalleled whether he was paying a crew share or giving the shirt off his back.

Following in the steps of his grandfather, Henry Ivanoff, who ran in the original Serum Run, Paul became an accomplished dog driver. He ran the Iditarod Sled Dog Race in 1986 and 2011 as well as many other mid-distance and local races. He sat on numerous boards and held several executive positions. He guided annual spring and fall big game hunts that resulted in world class trophies. He operated the F/V SKJ in the Norton Sound king crab fishery, completing his most successful season this year. His meticulous aluminum boat fabrication resulted in strong, safe vessels.

All of this pales in comparison to the loving care he gave to his mother, Ruth, after his father passed away. Paul was her rock. Annually he would make special trips to allow her to spend time in the country she loves.

Accolades and praise are often given to those that pass on. But Paul is one of the few who have earned all that can be said. He lived his life to the fullest while keeping his God first, friends and family second, and himself third. He leaves a host of family and friends who grieve at the loss of a unique and irreplaceable man while rejoicing at the eternal joy he earned and is experiencing in Glory.

Paul is survived by his mother Ruth Laura Johnson, sisters Harri-lyn (Harold) Sager, Tia (Larry) Wilson, brothers, Frank Sr. (Kathy), Merlin Sr. (Velma), Harry Jr. (Joan), Gus (Francine), Brian (Louann),

Bruce (Gloria), Middy (Aurora) and numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Johnson Sr., sisters Laura Dill and Esther Lestenkof, nephew Dane Johnson, maternal grandparents Henry and Laura Ivanoff, paternal grandparents Alexander and Malorie Johnson.

His memory and legacy will live on in the lives of all he touched.

Elouise Cobell

Elouise Cobell, an enrolled member of Montana's Blackfeet Tribe who led a 16-year landmark legal fight to get the federal government to pay an estimated 500,000 Native Americans for mismanaging their trust accounts, died October 16 at Benefis Hospital in Great Falls, Mont.

A great-granddaughter of Mountain Chief, one of the legendary Indian leaders of the West, she had been diagnosed with cancer weeks before her class-action lawsuit was given final approval by a federal district judge in Washington on June 20.

Born on the Blackfeet Reservation on Nov. 5, 1945, with the Indian name Yellow Bird Woman, Ms. Cobell was one of eight children.

Her survivors include: her husband, Alvin Cobell of Blacktail, Mont.; a son, Turk Cobell and his wife, Bobbie, of Las Vegas, two grandchildren, Olivia, and Gabriella, a brother, Dale Pepion of Browning, Mont., and three sisters, Julene Kennerly of Browning, Mont., Joy Ketah of Seattle and Karen Powell of Browning, Mont.

In 1996, Ms. Cobell and four other Native Americans filed a lawsuit against the federal government demanding that the government give Native Americans an accounting of billions of dollars it received for oil and gas leases and other uses of individual Indian lands held in trust by the United States.

After a long, tenacious fight with the government, the Obama administration agreed to settle the lawsuit in December, 2009, creating a \$3.4 billion fund to, among other things, make payments to individual Indian money account holders. This was the largest class action settlement

with the government in American history.

After finding government records of the Indian accounts inadequate to support an accounting of all items of the Individual Indian Trust, a federal judge declared the Indians could never receive a full accounting of their funds and other trust assets. He then urged the parties to engage in direct negotiations at the highest levels, negotiations that led to the historic settlement. The settlement was ratified by both Houses of Congress and approved by the President of the United States. It then went back to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for final approval and judgment, which was entered on August 4, 2011.

Ms. Cobell served as lead plaintiff in the lawsuit and tirelessly led the effort from Browning, quietly raising millions of dollars for expert witnesses and other major costs associated with the litigation.

In part, Ms. Cobell used funds from her own 1997 "Genius Grant" from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Fellows program to fund the cost of the lawsuit.

In 2005, she received a Cultural Freedom Fellowship from the Lannan Foundation, an award that cited her persistence in bringing to light the "more than a century of government malfeasance and dishonesty" with the government-run Indian Trust.

Two years later, she was one of 10 people given an AARP Impact Award (for making the world a better place), and in 2004 the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development presented her with the Jay Silverheels Achievement Award. This year, she was named "Montana Citizen of the Year" by the Montana Trial Lawyers Association.

She received the 2002 International Women's Forum award for "Women Who Make a Difference," in Mexico City.

Ms. Cobell was one of the founders of the Native American Bank, based in Denver. Her professional and civic experience and expertise includes serving as co-chair of Native American Bank NA and as

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Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church 443-2144

Sunday School: 10 a.m./Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Community United Methodist West 2nd Ave • 443-2865

Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thrift Shop Tuesday & Thursday: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Nome Covenant Church

101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey

Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church 5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295

Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.

Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

River of Life Assembly of God 443-5333

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m./Evening Worship: 7 p.m.

Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Corner of Steadman & King Place • 443-5527

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Seventh-Day Adventist

Icy View • 443-5137

Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.

Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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Employment

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DIVISION: Community Services
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EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
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10/20-27

POSITION OPENINGS
The Nome Emergency Shelter Team (NEST) is hiring Shelter Monitors:
Position status: Six-hour shifts, nightly Nov. 15 – April 15. Two shifts per night, 2 monitors per shift.
Hourly wage: \$20.10/hour
Positions open until filled
First-shift job summary: Open shelter on time.

See that guest intake and registration forms are completed, and enter nightly notes into computer. Review shelter rules with guests, and conduct shelter set-up with help from guests. Serve dinner, clean kitchen, and maintain a safe, quiet, clean and orderly environment where NEST rules are followed.

Second-shift job summary: Maintain a safe, quiet, clean and orderly environment where NEST rules are followed. Prepare and serve breakfast, insure that shelter is thoroughly cleaned with help from guests. Make sure all guest paperwork is complete, enter nightly notes into computer, coordinate with and assist outside service providers, and close shelter on schedule.

Requirements: Candidates must have an employment record reflecting dependability and timeliness, possess a positive and respectful attitude toward all shelter guests, and not have a recent record of sexual or violent crimes. Preference given to applicants with experience working with homeless clients, a demonstrated ability to diffuse tense and sometimes combative situations between inebriated individuals, and a willingness to offer guests tactful encouragement in a culturally sensitive manner to make positive lifestyle changes. Familiarity with shelter operations and objectives, and recent certification in basic first aid and CPR, is a plus.
For more details and an application contact Bryant Hammond, at 434-1828 or Sue Steinacher at 443-7673.
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The cost of dinner tickets (by 11/25): \$50

Seawall

10/18
Andrew Ozenna, 25, received a Citation for Open Container.

10/19
Charles Edwards, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 1°.

10/20
Demolo Walton, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4° and Probation Violation. Frederick Pete, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 1°.

10/21
William Alvanna, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on License Premises.

10/22
Todd Kunnuk, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct. Brenton Kunnuk, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

10/24
Maxine Ungott, 56, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Assault 4°, Domestic Violence.

Legals

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT KOTZEBUE**

Notice of Judgment – Change of Name
A Judgment has been issued by the Superior Court in Kotzebue, Alaska, in Case No. 2KB-11-185C1 ordering that the minor child's name will be changed from Thaddeus Caspian Ticket to Johnnie Emil Ticket Jr., effective on the effective date stated in the clerk's Certificate of Name Change.
10/27

**CITY OF NOME
PUBLIC NOTICE**

O-11-10-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF NOME FY 2011 GENERAL FUND MUNICIPAL BUDGET

O-11-10-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF NOME FY 2011 CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET

O-11-10-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF NOME FY 2011 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET

O-11-10-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF NOME FY 2011 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET

O-11-10-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF NOME FY 2011 PORT OF NOME FUND BUDGET

These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on October 24, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **November 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.** in Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.
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Trooper Beat

On October 9, the Alaska State Troopers investigated an anonymous alcohol importation tip, which led to the seizure of two 750 ml bottles of Monarch Vodka destined for the dry local option community of Wales. The investigation showed that a 24-year-old female from Wales attempted to transport and conceal the alcohol inside grocery boxes via a local airline. Criminal charges were forwarded to the District Attorney's Office in Nome.

On October 10, AST confiscated four 750 ml bottles of R&R whiskey from a 26-year-old female resident of Gambell. The woman was attempting to transport the alcohol to the dry local option community of Gambell via Bering Air. Charges for Alcohol Importation against the woman are pending.

On October 10, AST contacted a man and a woman from Gambell, at Era Aviation and seized two 750ml bottles of Monarch Vodka. Investigation determined the pair was traveling to the dry local option community of Gambell. Charges for Alcohol Importation were forwarded to the District Attorney's Office against both individuals.

On October 14, Unalakleet AST contacted a 34-year-old male resident of Elm at the Unalakleet airport as he waited for a flight to Golovin. He was found to have marijuana hidden in a hand carry. The marijuana was seized and he continued on his travels. He will be summonsed to the Unalakleet Court on charges of Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree.

On October 18, AST arrested Marvin Takak, 33, of Elm for Alcohol Importation and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance. M. Takak was observed outside of Bering Air attempting to conceal a bottle of R&R whiskey and a package of marijuana underneath a car tire after seeing the Troopers parked in the parking lot. Marvin was going to take both items to Savoonga. Marvin was transported and remanded to AMCC.

On October 18, Unalakleet AST contacted Charlie Doty, 29, of Unalakleet after he had been observed driving a 4-wheeler erratically. Doty was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for DUI. He was lodged at the Unalakleet Jail pending arraignment.

On October 18, Unalakleet AST observed Jason Toshavik, 18, of Unalakleet to be highly intoxicated and in possession of alcohol. Toshavik ran away while AST was conducting a separate investigation. AST attempted to locate him later to no avail. Toshavik is charged with MCA, Violation of Conditions of Release and Probation Violation, a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

On October 19, at 2:00 p.m. AST received a report of an assault in Savoonga. A 15-year-old juvenile was subsequently charged with Assault 4.

On October 21, at 9:46 a.m. AST received a report of a theft at the Savoonga city office. Currency was stolen and a door was damaged during the burglary. Investigation continues.

Job Vacancy Notice
Professional Executive Level Secretary
(Administrative Specialist III)

This position is responsible to provide high level administrative support to the senior leadership. Duties include, but are not limited to: scheduling appointments, drafting correspondence, compiling and processing various reports, recording and transcribing meeting minutes, maintaining corporate, division and other files pertaining to the Board of Directors and the hospital administration. This requires a working knowledge of Roberts Rules of Order and a minimum of three years of executive level secretarial experience. An understanding of Native Alaskan tribes is required and knowledge of the tribal health system is preferred.



Please submit your resume for consideration to:
NSHC Human Resources Department:
Gerri Ongtawasruk
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NSHC will apply Alaska Native/American Indian (under PL 93-638), EEO, and Veteran Preferences. To ensure consumers are protected to the degree prescribed under federal and state laws, NSHC will initiate a criminal history and background check. NSHC is a drug free workplace and performs pre-employment drug screening. Candidates failing to pass a pre-employment drug screen will not be considered for employment.

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some wrong attitudes about this vision. We thank those very over-worked people for the time and attention they give each person, and we are sure they would like the process streamlined as well.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to speak.

Sincerely,
Doug and Judy Martinson
Nome, AK 99762

Hello out there,

Wow, this first day of snow is always so beautiful. But, then, I wake up every day and look outside at my scenery and think what a beautiful sight I have.

Anyway, I tried to order a computer from a company that says, “because Alaska and Hawaii are not a part of the 48 states, then we don’t service those states.” Last thing I knew Alaska and Hawaii are a part of the United States. And it seems to me, things like computers would be sent by air anyway, so why should our states be excluded?

Along with the outrageous prices we have to pay to travel within Alaska. After all, aren’t we the ones

providing the oil and gas from our resources? I find it funny that a person could travel anywhere out the States for way less then it costs us to travel round trip to Anchorage, Nome, or just about anywhere else around here.

As for our homeless people here in Alaska, some of them feel like they could not live in their own hometown for some reason or another, and some are just down on their luck. Regardless of the reason, they are still human beings, and a lot of them do have some type of skill that they are good at. Just because they are down on their luck doesn’t mean they are less worthy then anyone else, it just means they need help along the way. Folks shouldn’t be looking down on their fellow man; instead they should be thinking of ways they might be able to help them. Remember, even just a hug can make a person feel good or even just listening to them.

Now that winter is upon us, please dress warmer. When folks don’t, they just harm themselves. Once a person gets frostbite or pneumonia then it is much easier for them to get it again. So stay safe. Take care y’ all. Happy holidays!

As always,
Karen Nanouk
Unalakleet, AK 99684

• Elouise Cobell

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a former trustee of the National Museum of the American Indian, as well as service on other boards. She served for 13 years as treasurer for the Blackfeet Indian Nation in Montana. She also served as executive director of the Native American Community Development Corp. the bank’s nonprofit affiliate.

With her husband, Alvin Cobell, she operated a working ranch that produced cattle and crops. She was active in Montana agriculture and environmental issues, founding the first Land Trust in Indian Country. She also served as a trustee for the Nature Conservancy of Montana.

She graduated from Great Falls Business College and attended Montana State University, from which she later received an honorary doctorate. She also has honorary degrees from Rollins College and Dartmouth College.



**Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer
survivor support group.**

Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

Thursday, November 3 • 7:30 p.m.

**Guest Speaker:
Rev. Karen Sonray**

For more information call 443-5726.

House committee on fisheries hears from angry subsistence users

By Diana Haecker

A day before the Alaska Federation of Natives main convention started, the State’s House of Representatives’ special committee on fisheries held a meeting on salmon management in the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim region. Nome area fishermen and representatives from local organizations gave the legislators and Alaska Department of Fish and Game officials an earful about the lack of fish returning, the hardship of subsistence users while commercial fisheries are allowed to take large amounts of salmon as bycatch out of the water.

The meeting, chaired by Fairbanks Representative Steve Thompson, started with the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game managers giving presentations. According to ADF&G officials, there are 12 stocks of concern, four of them in the AYK region. The AYK stocks of concerns have gone down from nine in 2000 to four in 2011.

Out of the four, three concern chum salmon in Norton Sound sub-districts and one is concerned with king salmon in the Norton Sound subdistricts 5 and 6.

The remaining stock of concern is Chinook in the Yukon River.

ADF&G numbers show that the state funds 15 projects in the Yukon with almost \$2.2 million. In the Norton Sound region, funding is much less —\$506,000 for 12 projects.

John Linderman, AYK regional supervisor of commercial fisheries, testified for ADF&G and said that the department does not know why the salmon are not returning to their home rivers. “We don’t have the answer to the decline of Yukon River Chinook. A lot of what we see is driven by the marine environment and it’s difficult to get information in that kind of environment,” Linderman said.

In the Nome area, chum haven’t returned in numbers for an adequate commercial harvest and at one time

went into a Tier II, the most restrictive fishing designation. That is nothing new to locals.

Rose Fosdick, vice president of the Natural Resources Division at Kawerak Inc. gave invited testimony and requested funds from the state legislature for research and restoration efforts through the Alaska Sustainable Salmon fund.

Fosdick also demanded respect for the local people and the right to subsist off the land and the sea. She said that Inupiaq, Yupik and St. Lawrence Yupik cultures and traditions are based on hunting, fishing and living off the land. “We want to maintain our subsistence practices and prefer subsistence foods over store-bought food,” Fosdick said. “Our culture is not disposable or replaceable, our subsistence needs are no less important than offshore commercial fisheries.”

Fosdick pointed out that the National Marine Fisheries Service’s made it a first priority to meet

spawning escapement goals and once met, the first priority then is to assure subsistence priority. However, she said, despite this, the mandated subsistence priority is not met.

“Commercial fishing interests have been consistently favored by government fisheries managers on state and federal levels,” she said. Commercial Pollock fishing trawlers intercept salmon as bycatch and prevent the fish from returning to their home rivers to spawn.

In Nome, the chum season starts with a closure and Fosdick said, regional ADF&G managers are basically out of options to preserve the chum stocks. “The burden must be shared with False Pass sockeye fishermen and the Pollock industry,” Fosdick said.

Given the dismal numbers of returns, Fosdick said that filing an Endangered Species Act petition would be an option. She requested that ADF&G fund research for the AYK sustainable Salmon Initiative, that the department solicit rural Alaskans’ input and to set meaningful bycatch numbers for both the federally managed Pollock fishery and the state managed False Pass sockeye fishery.

Testimony after testimony showed that people are getting impatient. Timothy Andrew, representing the Association of Village Council Presidents, which represents most of the lower Yukon and upper Kuskokwim Rivers, said that they are salmon dependent people. “Within the most recent three years, the return fell near or below minimum amount necessary for subsistence,” Andrew said. “In the state’s presentation I didn’t hear anything about the amount necessary for subsistence.”

He added that in the next year, it’s not likely that they can depend on fish runs to feed their families. Karen Gillis with the Bering Sea Fisheries Association said that there are massive knowledge gaps and that fishery managers need to improve their connection to rural Native residents. She pleaded for local voices in the process to come up with solutions.

“Our fishermen are having a hard time,” Orville Huntington from Huslia said. He said that he’s been a commercial salmon fisherman for many years, but out of concern for salmon stocks, he let his commercial fisher license sunset this year and only fished for subsistence. “I’ve gone to the federal government, Senators Murkowski, Begich, Akaka and Inouye, and all they tell me is to try the best you can without asking for money,” Huntington said.

Louie Green, Jr. from Nome was present to testify and said that the warning flags of declining salmon went up a long time ago. “But our concerns fell on deaf ears,” Green, said. Green said that Tier II has not improved the situation and that he is baffled by the local ADF&G management style. “Local managers allow you to take part in the fishery

before salmon get up the river, then when escapement numbers aren’t reached, they shut them down on emergency order. To me that’s upside down,” Green said.

Green criticized the local Community Development Quota group to pay Alaska Fish and Game to count fish. “Fish and Game has an oilfield up there,” Green said, wondering why ADF&G has to be supported by Norton Sound Economic Development when NSEDC’s money should flow into community development instead of into state coffers.

Green argued that one way to get the salmon going again would be investing into science and a small-scale enhancement project such as the Hobson Creek “hatchery”, started by fisherman Tim Smith.

Smith testified via telephone and began his testimony saying that when listening to the department’s presentation he thought he was living in a parallel universe. “We have no useful information as to what is causing the shortages,” he said.

Smith went on to say that he manages the Hobson Creek hatchery and that despite producing healthy fry, he was denied an ADF&G permit to collect eggs. “And I don’t understand, why,” Smith said.

Roy Ashenfelter, Northern Norton Sound advisory committee chair, testified to the effect that commercial fisheries are allowed to curtail subsistence fishing. “We don’t hear anything from the governor or from the commissioner about that atrocity,” Ashenfelter said. “When are you going to ask the department to do their job?”

Fred Alexie, Sr. from Kaltag was present to ask for increased sonar monitoring to collect data from up-river areas like Bishop Mountain and Eagle. “The distance from the sonar station to Kaltag is too great. How do we know where fish from Pilot Station are going?”

“This summer we had a five-day closure right at the peak of the Chinook run,” Alexie said. “In all my years of fishing, I’ve never seen it that bad.”

Rep. Alan Austerman then said that comments are directed at ADF&G and that the hearing has highlighted a lot of things known in the AYK area. “I listen to the amount of dollars spent on research and I am wondering, where does that take us?” Austerman said.

“I am just as frustrated as the people who testified today. We should give the department notification that we do want to see stronger answers to what is happening and what it is going to take,” Austerman said in closing.

Committee chair Steve Thompson ended the meeting with the words, “Commissioner Campbell, Mr. Regnart and Mr. Linderman, I hope you took note. This will be followed up in January, when we will have more talks.”



TALKING FISH— Nome fisherman Louie Green Jr. chats with Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioners Cora Campbell during last week’s special meeting of the House subcommittee on fisheries, addressing the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim salmon fisheries.

Photo by Diana Haecker

PUBLIC NOTICE

BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT - Board of Education Meeting

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on **Wednesday, November 2, 2011 for the 190th Regular Session.** The 190th Regular Session will be held in Anchorage at the Hilton Hotel in the Dillingham room. The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ACTION ITEMS:

Personnel
The FY2011 Audit Report & Approval
Board Policy Adoption

REPORTS ITEMS:

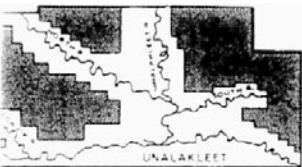
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First Quarter Financial Report
Election Results-Board & AEC
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Legislative Report
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Picou
Superintendent

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Unalakleet Native Corporation P.O. Box 100 Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Unalakleet Native Corporation will take place at the **Aaron Paneok/Myles Gonangnan Memorial Hall in Unalakleet, Alaska on 19th November 2011 at 10:00 A.M.** for the following purposes:

- 1) Approval, Additions or Corrections to the minutes of the 2010 annual meeting.
- 2) Reports from the management and committee.
- 3) Introduction of the director nominees and statements by nominees, if they wish.
- 4) Election of five (5) directors.
- 5) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Only stockholders of record as of 5:00 p.m. on 3rd October 2011 are entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Stockholders are entitled to vote at the meeting in person. If you will not be able to attend the meeting in person, you are requested to fill in and sign the mailed proxy and return it to: **Unalakleet Native Corporation, P.O. Box 247, Unalakleet, Alaska 99684, Attention: Proxy Committee.** Proxies will be available at the time and place of meeting and during the 30 days prior to the meeting at the corporation office in Unalakleet.

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Shaktoolik Native Corporation Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

As designated in their by-laws, the Shaktoolik Native Corporation will hold its’ annual meeting of shareholders on **Monday, November 7, 2011 at the Shaktoolik School Gym.** Doors will open at **6:30 PM** and call to order at **7:00 PM** or upon establishment of quorum. This year shareholders will be electing four (4) directors. Shareholders are encouraged to send their proxies to be received no later than **5:00 PM, Monday, November 7, 2011.** For more information, please contact:

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AFN awards \$200,000 to Marketplace competition winners

The Alaska Federation of Natives held its fifth Alaska Marketplace competition and announced the winners during the plenary session of the annual convention. The amount of seed money awarded to the winners ranged from \$25,000 to \$1,000, totaling \$200,000.

- Rodrick Phillip** for Caniineq (cha-NEE-nick) Wind Group \$25,000
Tessa Baldwin for Hope4Alaska - \$25,000
Edmond Apassingok for Aksik Detachable Fins - \$25,000
Erin Margaret Forton (NOME) for Bering Tea - \$22,000
Lindsey Meyers for Food As Medicine - \$20,000
Michael Golub for RevUp: Electric Car Instruction - \$15,000
Teri Crawley Norton for Sea Salt from Alaska - \$10,000
Phillip Solomon for Yukon River Fish Wheel Kits - \$10,000
John Stam for Circular Sawmill in Galena - \$10,000
Heather Wells for Enchanted Forest Nursery - \$5,000
Etta Tall (NOME) for Auka's JBK Salve - \$3,000
Penny Olanna for Tory's Tea - \$3,000
Michelle Sparck for ArXotica - \$2,000
Dune Lankard for Copper River Wild Salmon Company - \$2,000
Agnes Phillips for Betty's Shop - \$2,000
Tim Meyers for Meyers Farm - \$2,000
Eva Sheldon for Kobuk River Cabins - \$2,000
Mark & Shelly Leary for Stone Woman Adventures - \$2,000
Kate Rich & Ezekiel Tenhoff (Nome) for Nome Yurt Camp - \$2,000
Michelle Scannell for Tundra Toys - \$2,000
Essay Winners (\$1,000 awarded to each individual listed below):
Vera Starbard - Net-based behavioral health for youth suicide prevention
Dale Rooney - A New Paradigm for Energy Storage, Distribution and Use
Kathy Pratt - Visit to Alaska
Tiffany Jackson - QTech
Walter Rose - Norton Sound Biomass Heating Solutions

AFN award winners:

- Citizen of the Year: Rosita Worl, Sealaska Heritage Institute
- Culture Bearer: Della Mae Cheney, Douglas
- Della Keats "Healing Hands": Sarah Smith, Anchorage
- Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education: Agatha John-Shields, Toksook Bay
- Elder of the Year: Chief Paul Williams, Fort Yukon
- Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement: Joseph "Nashalook" Masters, Unalakleet
- Health: Loretta Throop, Ninilchik
Hunter-Fisher: Thomas and Edith Pungalik, Noorvik
- Lu Young Youth Leadership: Teressa Baldwin, Palmer
- Parents of the Year: David and Teresa Ulroan, Chevak
- Public Service: Dr. Gilbert Truitt, Sitka
- Roger Lang Youth Leadership: Peter Paul Squartsoff, Port Lions
- Small Business: Raymond Michael May, Kodiak



Nome Eskimo Community NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Nome Eskimo Community annual Meeting & Election results will be held Wednesday, November 9, 2011 from 6-9 p.m. at the Pioneer Hall located on Front Street.

There are three (3) Tribal Council Seats up for election, with a term of three years. Candidates must be 21 years old and have resided in Nome for at least one year. Candidate applications are available at NEC's main office, located at 200 W. 5th Avenue and must be submitted to NEC by close of business at 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 3rd.

Voting takes place at NEC's main office on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 8th and 9th from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and at the Pioneer Hall on Wednesday, November 9th from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Staff will provide Annual Program Reports. Door prizes will be given and grand prizes are two (2) round trip Alaska Airlines Mileage Tickets (30,000 miles each), given at the end of the meeting. Members must sign in, attend, and be present to win.

For more information, contact Cheryl Cavota at 907-443-2246, email at nomeeskimo@gci.net or visit our website: www.necalaska.org

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOME PLANNING COMMISSION Subdivision Application

THE NOME PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME PLANNING COMMISSION TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON THE SUBDIVISION APPLICATION: Major Final Plat Application - Camp 5 Subdivision - Alaska Gold A Replatting of USMS 329 Graham's Discovery on Flat Creek Placer, USMS 1262 Yellow Jacket Placer USMS 699 Discovery on Wonder Creek Place, USMS 1176, Mabel Bench Placer USMS 695, No 2 Below Discovery on Saturday Creek Placer, USMS 1116, Good Luck Placer , USMS 463, Crawford Fraction and No 4 Above Discovery on Holyoke Gulch Placer and USMS 776

Bessie Bench Placer INTO Tracts A and B of the Camp 5 Subdivision

DATE November 1, 2011 TIME: 7:00 PM LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

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

Meeting	Location	Time
October 31, 2011		
Executive Committee Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	2:00 p.m.
Rules & Bylaws Committee Mtg.	UNK Memorial Hall	3:30 p.m.
November 1, 2011		
Scholarship Committee Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	9:00 a.m.
NSSP Working Group Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	10:30 a.m.
Fisheries Development Comm. Mtg.	UNK Memorial Hall	1:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	3:00 p.m.
November 2, 2011		
Board of Directors Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	9:00 a.m.
November 3, 2011		
Board of Directors Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	9:00 a.m.
November 4, 2011		
Annual Meeting of Members	UNK Memorial Hall	9:45 a.m.
Annual Meeting of Directors	UNK Memorial Hall	10:30 a.m.
Portions of these meetings may be held in Executive session to conduct confidential business of the organization.		

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Photo by Diana Haecker

STRENGTH IN UNITY — This year's theme of the annual Alaska Federation of Natives convention, held in Anchorage, was finding strength in unity. The Wainwright singers and dancers demonstrated beautiful dances of their northern area during Wednesday's Qujana dance performances.

Court

Week ending 10/21

Civil

Sands, Lucille vs. Rieta, Priscilla; Stalking; Ex Parte
Sands Jr., Loren vs. Rieta, Priscilla; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Sands Jr., Loren C vs. Rieta, Priscilla B.; Petition for Custody - Superior Court
Sookiyak, Marie Renee vs. Merculief, Charles Joseph; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children

Small Claims

No current claims filed.

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Dana James (12/20/83); 2NO-09-597CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110128761; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, (count 2); Remand hearing 2/1/12, 1:30 p.m., Nome; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Dana James (12/20/83); 2NO-10-549CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110131425; Violated conditions of probation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. John Penetac (11/12/64); 2NO-11-569CR Criminal Tres-

pass 2nd; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, Unsuspended 10 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. John Penetac (11/12/64); 2NO-11-644CR Violating Release Conditions; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Stanley Rookok (7/10/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110823192; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Louis A. Pete (3/15/84); Assault 4th; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police

Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 10/20/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact A.P.; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Bertha Iya (7/25/75); Criminal Trespass 1st; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Robert W. Milton (3/30/88); 3AN-08-03845CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110947221; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Robert Milton (7/10/77); 3AN-07-3267CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110203686; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 6 months, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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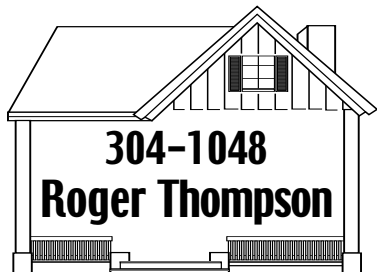
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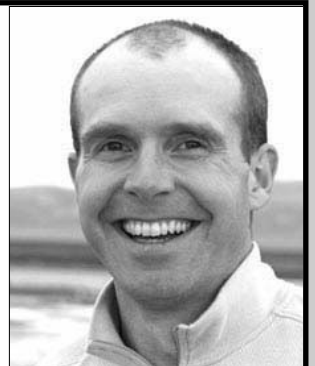
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Nome fares solid at Bush Brawl

By Stephen Palmatier

In what was the third invitational for the Nome Nanooks wrestling squad and perhaps their toughest competition yet, Nome finished in a strong third place this weekend at the Bush Brawl Wrestling Invitational held in Kotzebue. Finishing with a total point score of 154.5, Nome turned in one of its best team results of the season thus far, and only fell to Dillingham with 198.5 and the winner and host of the invitational, Kotzebue, with a score of 230.0 points.

Over the weekend, there were 13 different weight classes in which Nome took home two of the titles. The two titles came from Emery Booshu in the 120 pound weight class and Gabe Cabrera in the 126 pound weight class. These two titles tied three other teams with the same amount of winners and was less only than second place finisher Dillingham, who had five title winners for different weight classes.

Besides a few champions for Nome, the reason for their team's success in the tournament this weekend was their consistency of finishers. They had four other competitors finish in second place for their weight classes, which was matched

only by Kotzebue. These four wrestlers included Dion Williams, Alex Grey, Jason Gilder and Chris Harvey.

The other winners in each weight class were Kenneth Savo from Dillingham in the 106 weight class, Brettlyn Reich of Kotzebue in the 113 class, Jared Miller of Dillingham in the 132 class, Douglas O'Hara of Kotzebue in the 138 class, Mario Kugo of Bethel in the 145 class, Gabe Simple of Galena in the 152 class, Trevour Chavez of Bethel in the 160 weight class, Macaelin Fiensburg of Dillingham in the 170 weight class, Kendall Alvarado of Dillingham in the 182 class, Thomas Hoseth of Dillingham in the 195 weight class, and finally Mishael Angaiak of Galena in the 220 weight class.

One interesting note from the tournament was that in every weight class that had player rankings, which was 10 out of the 13 classes, the #1 seeded player in their class eventually went on to win the title in the tournament.

The Nanooks look to build off a good weekend as they continue their season when they head to Anchorage for the ACS Invitational this weekend.



NOME WRESTLER —Gabe Smith finished in fourth place in the 126 lbs. class.

WRESTLING RESULTS

Brackets can be viewed at www.akmat.org

Junior High Results

- 1. Nome 70.5
- 2. Kotz 51
- 3. Unk 42
- 4. Noatak 34
- 5. St. Michael 33
- 6. Galena 31

Nome Junior High Placers

- 80 lbs Daniel Miller-3rd
- 90 lbs Orlin Golodergen-1st
- 115 lbs Robert Pate-1st
- 125 Tim James-2nd
- 145 Hunter Angasan-4th
- 145 Ethan Kelso-3rd

High School Results

- 1. Kotz 230
- 2. Dillingham 198.5
- 3. Nome 154.5
- 4. Bethel 142
- 5. Galena 74
- 6. Unalkeet 29
- 7/8. Buckland 12
- 7/8. St Michael 12
- 9. Shishmaref 9
- 10. Deering 3
- 11. Noorvik 0

Nome High School Placers (win/loss)

- 106 Alex Grey-2nd (3-1)
 - 113 Jason Gilder-2nd (3-1)
 - 120 Emery Booshu-1st (3-0)
 - 126 Gabe Cabrera-1st (3-0)
 - 126 Dion Williams-2nd (2-1)
 - 126 Gabe Smith-4th (4-2)
 - 170 Chris Harvey-2nd (2-1)
- Other Nome Wrestlers**
- 120 Cameron Smith (2-2)
 - 120 Michael Lyon (1-3)
 - 126 Josh Golodergen (3-3)
 - 132 Junyor Erikson (2-2)
 - 160 Joe Cross (2-2)
 - 170 Russ Smith (0-2)

NOME VOLLEYBALL

The Nome Volleyball team competed at the Lady Lynx Invite in Anchorage. The tournament featured 20 teams from around Alaska. Friday night "pool" play was used to determine seeding for the Saturday bracket. Through pool play Nome qualified for the upper level bracket. Saturday results for Nome had Nome losing to Class 4A Wasilla and Soldotna.



Photos by Jake Stoops

CROWDED HOUSE — Two unidentified wrestlers are trying to get the upper hand on their opponent during last weekend's Bush Brawl Wrestling Tournament in Kotzebue.



NO FEAR — The Elementary School Wrestlers where as serious as their bigger teammates.

NEXT HOME EVENT

The Nome Volleyball team will host the Nome Mixed-6 Volleyball Tournament. Teams are Nome V, Nome II, Nome JV, Unalakeet, White Mountain, St. Michael's, and Shaktoolik. Schedule will be released as soon as travel for all teams is known.

NANOOKS ON THE ROAD

The NBHS Wrestling team will compete at the ACS Wrestling Tournament on October 28-29. The ACS Wrestling Tournament is generally considered to be a preview of the upcoming Class 1A2A3A State Meet. Brackets will be available at www.akmat.org

ON THE HORIZON

Western Conference Volleyball Tournament @ Kotzebue - Nov. 3-5 (Nome, Kotzebue, Barrow, Dillingham, Bethel, Unalaska)
NBHS Wrestling @ Bethel Tournament - Nov. 4-5
Class 1A2A3A State Volleyball Tournament @ Wasilla - Nov. 10-12

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