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HARVEST TIME—Lucy Kitchen picks surah greens on a hillside above the Snake River valley June 9.

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

FLOWER POWER—Vivian Heers, 5, waters newly planted flowers in one of the dredge buckets lining Anvil City Square during a Nome Preschool project to add a little greenery to the center of town June 11.

## State office site remains unsettled

By Sandra L. Medearis

State agencies and local businesses with a stake in the location of the new state building met with Nome Common Council last week to put their best feet forward on getting the building placed where it would generate benefits for those concerned.

The meeting centered on a visit from state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Commissioner Leo von Scheben who came to have a "face-to-face" with community leaders on the location of the proposed \$40 million project, an issue of controversy currently over keeping the state offices on Front Street or moving them north of town

on the old Alaska Gold Co. site at the end of Steadman Street.

"I'm getting some mixed signals I'd like to get straightened out," von Scheben said.

The commissioner got some straight information in the session all right—that the signals are indeed mixed.

He would like to get it all sorted out, he said, because he wants to build a building for state workers, he said. The need became clear to him during a fact-finding visit to Nome in 2007 when he visited workers in the current storm damaged, old, shabby building

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## City budget takes shape

By Laurie McNicholas

The City of Nome's proposed general fund budget for FY2011 includes \$140,000 for staffing and startup costs for the bowling alley at the Nome Recreation Center, \$84,000 to buy two new patrol vehicles for the police department, \$250,000 to buy a D-6 dozer for use at the landfill, and \$185,000 to buy a new dump truck with a 15-yard box for the Public Works Department. Those items were among major budget requests discussed by the Nome Common Council during a work session on June 11.

Among smaller funding requests favored by council members are \$15,000 to help the Nome Sportsman's Association upgrade the Sunset Firing Range and \$36,000 to compensate volunteers for the fire and ambulance departments for the cost of keeping their personal vehicles plugged into electrical outlets in winter months. The compensation figure is based on paying 60 volunteers \$100 per month for six months.

Councilwoman Mary Knodel asked that the funds be budgeted to

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## School board OKs Gast as new principal

By Tyler Rhodes

By a 2-1 vote, the thinned-down Nome Board of Education approved the hire June 8 of Steve Gast as the new principal for Nome-Beltz Junior/Senior High School next year.

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Gast, who has spent the majority of his career in Texas, had the recommendation of Superintendent Jon Wehde and unanimous approval from a hiring committee following a public interview at the high school June 2. At the June 8 board meeting, Board President Gloria Karmun and member Kirsten Timbers followed suit and gave their support to Gast while member Barb Nickels voted no. "While I'd like to think I could stand by [Wehde's] current recommendation, I think I am going to have to stand by his prior recommendation," Nickels said before her vote.

The prior recommendation to which Nickels referred was for Janean Sullivan, the principal who just finished the school year and—despite Wehde's recommendation—

was denied a new contract by the board in January. That decision set forth a series of events that ultimately resulted in the fact that only three board members were seated at the table June 8. The final results of a recall election for all five board members were certified the previous day, leaving ousted board members Albert McComas and Heather Payenna observing the June 8 meeting from the audience.

The June 8 meeting showed that settling of the drawn out recall vote did little to settle tensions both within the board itself or between segments of the community and board members. The issue of the denied contracts for Sullivan and assistant principal Doug Boyer has surfaced at every meeting since the

board's Jan. 12 vote to replace the two high school administrators.

The inclusion of Gast's potential hire on the agenda only ensured that divisive discussion would continue. "I would wager this is the hot-button issue of the evening," Wehde said, prefacing his recommendation for the new administrator. But Wehde didn't really need to point it out; the interest in the agenda item was already evident at the beginning of the meeting.

One of the released administrators was among the first to speak during the meeting's public comment period. "You have the principal's position on agenda. I would like you to take into consideration Mr. Wehde's recommendation of Jan. 12," Boyer said. "The majority of the board that is here now supported Mrs. Sullivan's contract."

Both Karmun and Nickels voted Jan. 12 to renew the administrators' contracts, but were outvoted by Timbers, Payenna and McComas. While Karmun did originally vote to retain both administrators, she has firmly maintained that the board democratically and fairly arrived at the majority decision. Ever since the Jan. 12 meeting Karmun had stood with the rest of the board in refusing to revisit the issue, despite Nickels' repeated attempts to put the issue up to another vote, one way or another.

The June 8 meeting was no different as Nickels again put a motion on the table to add a discussion of Boyer's contract to the agenda for the meeting. She received no second,

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Child’s Play in Rural Alaska

By Ben Howard  
Unalakleet, AK

During last football season, I often saw commercials sponsored by the NFL encouraging children to play at least 60 minutes a day. The commercials showed NFL players with kids in parks and playgrounds playing games, running around, and generally having a good time, all set to pumped-up background music. Apparently, the campaign, “Movement For An Active Generation”, is an effort to get kids off their couches and exercise through play. It coincides with the other national initiatives to battle childhood obesity. It endeavors to remind parents and society as a whole, to put down their children’s Cheetos and Wii remotes and get outside to play with their friends. Ride bikes, play kickball, camouflage in Hide and Go Seek, engage in epic water wars or fight bad guys as the latest superhero. Overall, not bad reminders.

The big question is, “Why the reminder?”

Why do we need to remind kids to play? It seems so simple on the surface, considering our collective experiences as children ourselves long

ago, yet it’s perhaps a bit more complicated when you have time to observe and reflect on it. Am I willing to let my kid go to the playground by himself? If not, then my child’s playtime is now subject to my schedule. Do I take him to the playground or finish the report on my desk due tomorrow? This is a classic dilemma faced by countless generations of working parents. If on the other hand, I do allow my child to go to the playground by himself, the worry soon sinks in. CNN flashes before my mind and I see Nancy Grace reporting on another missing child... and it’s mine. No way in hell is my kid going to the playground by himself. “Dad, can I play Lord of The Rings on PlayStation?” “Of course. I need to finish my report that’s due tomorrow. We’ll go to the playground on Tuesday.” As I sit down to begin writing my report, an unnoticed Lynyrd Skynard serenades, “Tuesday’s Gone With The Wind.”

“Honey, don’t forget that Johnny has football practice at 4:30 p.m. today. Can you take him?” What about organized sports and activities? Gets kids off the couch. Check. Great exercise. Check. Learn some-

thing new. Check. Probably meets the mission of the NFL’s campaign, but is it really play? I would argue that by simply having as many adults involved in an activity as there are kids, the answer is no. Adults mean rules. Rules for behavior, time management, conflict resolution, and making sure everyone gets a turn. All valuable lessons in the context of the activity, but foreign in its form of genuine play. In the realm of this type of play, kids take care of the rules. Somehow they figure it out. They know when someone isn’t being treated fairly. They know the rules, how to follow them, and the consequences of not adhering to them. Bullies are eventually dealt with, cheaters admonished, and the self-centered ignored. A fate worse than any of Dante’s circles is not being asked to go play. The kid walking about by himsel for not being asked to play, probably falls into one of these categories and more often than not, it follows them into adulthood.

There is something truly wondrous about a gang of unsupervised kids playing. Leave in the morning, check in at lunch for a PB & J, head out again, and finally plead for 10 more minutes when called to come home in the evening. Rare are these days for sure in most parts of the country.

I wrote this commentary for two reasons. The first and most important reason is from a moment of clarity. I took my middle son to the local health clinic to have a stitch removed from his head. As he sat on the examination table, dangling his feet off the side, I had a fleeting chance to simply look at him. He was literally the walking wounded. Banged up, but happy. His shoes were shabby, one zipper broken, knees scuffed with remnants of glue from old band-aids, a bruised lip, a single stitch in his head, and best of all dirty. Each wound had a story. I asked what happened and he simply said he got hurt playing. What a lucky guy.

The second reason is a nod to the community I live in, Unalakleet, AK. I recall reading an article a couple of months ago about a man who lay dying by a storefront in New York City. After being stabbed in an attempt to interrupt a mugging, he fell mortally wounded. Video surveillance showed multiple people simply walk by as he died. No help or concern. The connection with my story is my son’s single stitch. When he fell playing and injured his head, my wife and I were out of town. A community member saw him by the street, holding his bleeding head, took him to the clinic, calmed him when the health aide began the work of cleaning and stitching his wound, and then took him home to our babysitter. He called us and assured us our son was fine and didn’t even cry through the entire experience. No big deal. That’s how it is in Unalakleet. Kids play. Kids are safe. Nancy Grace won’t be visiting soon.

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

Editorial

Dirty Trick

Governor Sean Parnell in an attempt to exercise his newly discovered personal conviction against Denali Kid Care threw the baby out with the bathwater. He vetoed increased funding for Denali Kid Care and 1,300 Alaska children are without medical care, and 218 pregnant women are ineligible for health care coverage.

He must be proud of himself for cutting off our nose to spite our face. Is this so he can turn up his nose to matching federal money? It makes one wonder why he has become so extremely righteous. This is the same Denali Kid Care he supported years ago. Medically necessary abortions have always been funded and Parnell must have known this to be true.

Are there enough legislators to call a special session to override Parnell’s veto? Probably not. What is apparent to most Alaskans is that Parnell is proud of following the fiscally conservative branch of his party and refusing to accept federal money. Hey! Kids can’t vote. They won’t cry foul, but their parents and caring adults can vote. Parnell’s running for re-election. Ooops! He was appointed, wasn’t he?

—N.L.M.—

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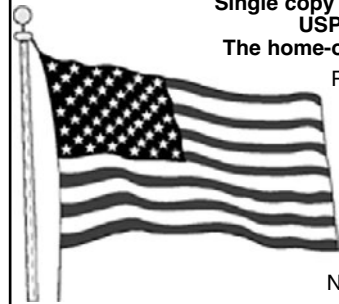
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Foster’s Report

By Rep. Neal Foster

SJR 21 increasing the number of legislative districts

While this bill is still awaiting transmittal to the Governor, the Lt. Governor, who is in charge of ballot initiatives, has already started drafting proposed language. The proposed language we are reviewing is as follows:

“This Act would amend the Alaska Constitution. It proposes changes in the membership of the legislature and redistricting. The act would increase the number of senate members from 20 to 22. It would increase the number of house members from 40 to 44. The Act would

increase the number of house districts from form 40 to 44 and senate districts from 20 to 22. The changes proposed by the Act would be effective after a new redistricting plan adopted on or after January 1, 2011, is in place.

Should this constitutional amendment be adopted?”

While this language is not a bad first draft, it seems overly complicated and duplicative. Language regarding membership, sentences three and four, are unneces-

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Ulu News

By Senator Donald Olson

Governor signs Capital Budget

On June 3 Governor Parnell signed the capital budget for fiscal year 2011. The capital budget determines infrastructure developments and projects statewide having a tremendous impact on Alaska’s local and rural economies. Although the

Governor did veto a few things for both Districts 39 and 40, many of the requests were left largely intact. Despite the vetoes, our collaborative efforts with councils, school boards, and communities working to request financial support permit our districts to secure the critical funds needed to progress. I am pleased with the funding allocated to our villages.

Our districts will see funding for many water and sewer and road projects, as well as for many heavy equipment needs. We also got money for our schools, including funds to replace the one in Alakanuk; and we got funding for a new elder care facility in Kotzebue with Mani-

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Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — June 17 - 23, 2010

Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	06/17	03:14AM	LDT -0.4L	10:33AM	LDT 1.5H	03:43PM	LDT 0.9L	08:57PM	LDT 1.4H
F	06/18	04:04AM	LDT -0.3L	11:14AM	LDT 1.6H	04:52PM	LDT 0.8L	10:15PM	LDT 1.3H
Sa	06/19	04:52AM	LDT -0.2L	11:52AM	LDT 1.6H	05:59PM	LDT 0.6L	11:33PM	LDT 1.2H
Su	06/20	05:40AM	LDT 0.0L	12:30PM	LDT 1.6H	07:03PM	LDT 0.4L		
M	06/21	12:52AM	LDT 1.1H	06:27AM	LDT 0.2L	01:07PM	LDT 1.6H	08:03PM	LDT 0.2L
Tu	06/22	02:14AM	LDT 1.1H	07:15AM	LDT 0.5L	01:43PM	LDT 1.6H	09:00PM	LDT 0.0L
W	06/23	03:40AM	LDT 1.1H	08:04AM	LDT 0.7L	02:20PM	LDT 1.5H	09:54PM	LDT -0.1L

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

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	06/17/10	04:19 a.m.	High Temp	52° 6/13/10	National Weather Service
	06/23/10	04:19 a.m.	Low Temp	33° 6/9&10/10	Nome, Alaska
			Peak Wind	33 mph, W, 6/8/10	(907) 443-2321
Sunset	06/17/10	01:46 a.m.	Precip. to Date	2.34"	1-800-472-0391
	06/23/10	01:49 a.m.	Normal	4.10"	

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State News Briefs

Ulmer appointed to Gulf oil spill commission

President Barack Obama on Monday appointed Fran Ulmer, former Alaska Lt. Governor and current UAA Chancellor, to the five-member national commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill and offshore drilling. The commission was established by executive order on May 22 and its mission is to examine the relevant facts and circumstances concerning the root causes of the Deepwater Horizon oil disaster and to develop options to guard against the impact of oil spills associated with offshore drilling. The commission is to submit a final public report to the President with its findings and options for consideration within six months of the date of the Commission's first meeting.

No special session to override Parnell's SB 13 veto

When Governor Sean Parnell struck funding for the expansion of the Denali Kid Care program, Senators who supported the bill to create the expansion were outraged and called for a special session. However, a Senate poll last week showed that only eleven Senators supported calling a special session. Forty members of the Alaska legislature are needed to make this happen. Anchorage Democrat Hollis French, also running for governor in this fall's election, said the issue is not dead and vowed to tackle the issue again in the next session. Parnell had supported SB13 all along, but last week asserted that he didn't know that the Denali Kid Care program used state money to pay for abortions.

Nome Senator Donny Olson said that Parnell's rejection came as a surprise since the governor had pledged his support throughout the legislative process. Olson said in his newsletter that he does not condone abortions either, but that "Medicaid funding has always covered medically necessary procedures related to abortion, and this bill would not have done anything to change that one way or the other." The Nome Senator also expects that the matter will be before legislators again.

Polar bear subsistence quota established

After 20 years, negotiations between

Russia and the U.S. came to an end with the agreement to establish a Native subsistence quota for the Chukchi Sea polar bear population. Alaska Public Radio reports that at a meeting in Anchorage last week, a commission set the quota at 58 bears for both countries. The commission was established with a bilateral treaty that is designed to conserve the population of bears who live on both sides of the border. The quota of the allowable take of 19 females and 39 males struck a compromise between the scientific working group, who wanted less polar bears taken, and Native hunters who wanted a larger allowable harvest. The quota does not affect Barrow or Wainright hunters, as they take from the Beaufort Sea polar bear population.

AG questions ANWR review process

Attorney General Dan Sullivan has called on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to issue a new notice of intent for its review of a comprehensive conservation plan for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Sullivan questioned whether the current notice impermissibly excludes public comments on the prospect of oil and gas development on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge coastal plain. Fish and wildlife gave notice that it asks the public how they view the desired future conditions of the refuge and to define ANWR's full range of purposes. The notice also stated that it would not consider comments related to oil and gas development in ANWR, highlighting the fact that only Congress can open the coastal plain to oil and gas development. Because that is the crux of the matter – for both opponents and proponents of oil drilling in ANWR – AG Sullivan suggested that the notice violates the service's duties under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act because the agency is expressly required by these statutes to evaluate the impacts of oil and gas exploration in ANWR. Not to allow public comments on matters related to oil and gas development in ANWR likely violates NEPA, Sullivan said.

Murkowski looses fight to limit EPA's reach

In a final showdown on June 10,

Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski's disapproval resolution regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's regulation of stationary greenhouse gas emitters failed on the Senate floor. The vote was along party lines with all Republican Senators plus six Democrats voting for her disapproval resolution. The measure failed 47 to 53. Murkowski said that her disapproval resolution was about protecting the whole economy from EPA regulation and ensuring that elected representatives in Congress are the ones developing energy and environmental policies for the nation, not unelected bureaucrats. She was supported by Gov. Sean Parnell and the companies involved in development of Alaska's natural resources, Anchorage Mayor Dan Sullivan, Alaska Chamber of Commerce, Denali Project and ConocoPhillips Alaska, Alaska Pipeline Project, Pacific Seafood Processors, Alaska Miners Association, CalPortland Cement, Usibelli Mine and the Alaska Native Corps. NANA and ASRC.

Murkowski said the disapproval resolution would have avoided the coming "economic train wreck" EPA regulation of greenhouse gases is expected to cause. In Alaska, former commissioner of commerce and economic development Larry Merculieff and Pat Lavin, Alaska Director of Clean Energy Works, criticized Murkowski for delaying comprehensive energy legislation.

New housing construction for Nome's National Weather Service

The National Weather Service is about to award an almost \$2 million construction contract to build new housing for National Weather Service families in Nome with federal stimulus money. The plan is to replace the 40-plus year old current NWS housing in Nome, because it is not meeting modern housing standards. The construction project is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2010 and be completed no later than the summer of 2011. The contract comes on top of more than \$150 million in Recovery Act funds delivered to Nome to date, said US Senator Mark Begich. Construction is already underway on the Norton Sound Regional Hospital. Other funding has supported the Nome School District, energy efficiency upgrades and tribal housing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR June 17 - June 23, 2010

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, June 17		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:20 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Children's Library Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Crafts and Activities (ages 6-13)	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Summertime	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Social Services class	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*I Am Your Child video	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Pool	6:20 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Thrill Shop	Inupiat Heritage Center	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Polar Bear Public Hearing		
Pool closed until July		

Friday, June 18		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
Lions Club BBQ Chicken Feed	Front Street	11 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Baby's First Months video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
Music for Kids: Crooked Still	Elementary Commons	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Ballet 5-9 years old	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Pregnant Teens video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Arms and Abs	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Folk Fest	Elementary Commons	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Folk Fest: Open Jam	Airport Pizza	10 p.m.

Saturday, June 19		
Bird Outing - meet at Bering Land	Bridge Visitor Center	7 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Midnight Sun Parade	Begins at State Building	11 a.m.
Lions Club BBQ Chicken Feed	Front Street	11 a.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Midnight Sun Annual Bank Robbery	Wells Fargo parking lot	noon
Nome Rotary Club Polar Bear Swim	East Beach	1 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Still Shiny video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.
*Open Gym	Pool	2:20 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Folk Fest: Main Stage	Elementary Commons	4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
*Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.
Folk Fest: Crooked Still	Board of Trade Saloon	10 p.m.

Sunday, June 20		
Happy Father's Day!		
*Breast Self Examination video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*After Childbirth: Postpartum Experience video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
Nome River Raft Race	Nome River, 13.5mile	1 p.m.

Monday, June 21		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Summertime	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Pregnancy and Smoking video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Prevent Baby Bottle Tooth Decay video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Total Body Toning	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:20 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-In Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 22		
Nome Joint Utility Board mtg	Council Chambers	TBD
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*NACTEC Classes	Pool	8 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Children's Library Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Storytime and Crafts (ages 3-5)	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Summertime	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Ear Infection video	Pool	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Junior Lifeguard	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Having Your Baby video	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	6:20 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Pool	7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Thrill Shop	Methodist Church	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Adult Drop-In Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	

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*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Summertime	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*ACSA Swimming	Pool	noon - 2 p.m.
*Pregnancy: Mom and the Unborn Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The Final Score Winning Against Fat video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	4:30 pm.m - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Butts and Guts	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:20 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.

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		10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Sa)
		10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Su)
		additional hours by appointment
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		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
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Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
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ilaq. A full list of funded projects was sent to all the cities and boroughs within the districts; if you did not receive that information, please contact our office. Thanks to all of you for your hard work in your communities and in communicating with Governor Parnell about the importance of these necessary projects.

### SB 13 Expansion of Denali Kid Care

This bill became very controversial when Governor Parnell vetoed the additional funding and then the bill. The bill would have expanded coverage from 175 percent of the federal poverty level to 200 percent of the federal poverty level for those pregnant women and children who are otherwise eligible for Medicaid through the Denali Kid Care pro-

gram. It came as a surprise since the governor has been a supporter of this program from its inception in Alaska, and he pledged his support throughout the legislative process. The governor stated his reason for the veto is that he only recently discovered that Medicaid funding covers medically necessary abortions, and he does not support that. Likewise, I do not condone abortions either. Medicaid funding has always covered medically necessary procedures related to abortion, and this bill would not have done anything to change that one way or the other. A medically necessary procedure can be anything from counseling to taking a sonogram to an actual abortion. Elective abortions are not covered by Medicaid. The courts have already ruled that if funding for

medically necessary treatments to low-income residents is given, then the providers cannot exclude medically necessary treatments for abortion. Many people feel the Governor reneged on his promise and support. But more importantly, regardless of a person's position on abortion, there are nearly 2,000 Alaskan pregnant women and children who will not be covered under Medicaid as a result of his veto. In spite of this, there does not seem to be the support in the legislature to call ourselves into special session in order to override this veto. Expect to hear more about this next session.

### ICC General Assembly

My wife, Willow, and I will be among many who will be traveling to Nuuk, Greenland as Alaskan delegates for the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) General Assembly Conference from June 28 to July 2, 2010. Inuit from Arctic regions Chukotka, Alaska, Canada and Greenland gather for a conference every four years. The is the international organization representing approximately 160,000 Inuit living in the Arctic regions listed above.

The principal goals of are to

strengthen unity among Inuit of the circumpolar region as well as to promote Inuit rights and interests on the international level. ICC works to ensure and further develop Inuit culture and society for both the present and future generations. The organization also seeks full and active participation in the political, economic, and social development in our native homelands. It hopes to develop and encourage long-term policies, which safeguard the Arctic environment. ICC also advocates international recognition of the human rights of all Indigenous Peoples

### Intro of New Staff

My staff and I are happy to welcome some new staff on board. Laura Lawrence began working in the Nome office in May. She was born in Nome and grew up in Unalakleet. Laura attended Harding University in Arkansas, earning her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education. Laura taught middle school English in Arkansas and high school English and History at East Anchorage High School in 1995 through 1998. She and her husband, Bob, who you may know since he is a doctor in Nome have four children:

Degnan, Audrey, Ada, and Adria. She is excited to be on Senator Olson's staff. Laura enjoys flying, reading, outdoor activities, and spending time with my family. Stop by the Nome office and welcome Laura. She can be reached at (907)443-3707 or at laura\_lawrence@legis.state.ak.us.

Another new staff member is Loren Peterson from Mountain Village. He also began working for Senator Olson in May and will be with us throughout the summer. Loren completed his undergraduate studies at University of Oregon studying Journalism and Political Science. He also completed some graduate credit from the George Washington University through a Semester In Washington Program. Loren is grateful to be serving his home district while being away from home. He enjoys travelling, biking, hiking, and spending time with friends and family. He can be reached at my Anchorage office at (907) 269-0254 located at 716 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 560 or loren\_peter-son@legis.state.ak.us.

## • Foster Report

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sary as sentence five covers both items. What's important about this initiative is that it increases the number of districts. This helps mitigate the expanding geographical size of rural districts which would otherwise be inevitable with redistricting. It will not change rural to urban representation, because urban areas will enjoy the same benefit. Right now, each of the 40 House Districts is made up of roughly 15,000 residents. That's based on the population during the last redistricting plan when Alaska had about 600,000 people. Estimates of the population today center around 700,000 (though they could be higher or lower). Without this increase in the number of voting districts we would change to 17,500 residents per district. That would be the equivalent of adding about five villages the size of Scammon Bay (Pop. 534 as of 2008) to each House District. How can candidates afford to travel to each village and get to know its people and its issues? How can they balance the needs of one village against another? Rural districts are already spread thin. I'm afraid that without this ballot initiative we could be stretched to the breaking point. It is important for us to unify around this point. This is not about the legislators who leave their home for Juneau every session. It is about the people they represent.

### HCR 22 the Northern Waters Task Force

This bill is also awaiting transmittal to the governor, but I believe it is more crucial than ever. With the increased interest in fishing, shipping and development in the northern waters (US and International) it is important that Alaska establish its seat at the policy table. As one of the United States we are subject to national laws and regulations. Anything three or more miles offshore is federal and not state waters. So while Alaska is the only state that will feel the real world effects of these laws and regulations, and is the one and only state giving the USA Northern Waters status, we do not necessarily have appropriate input into the process. The impetus of this task force is to work with local and state interests to establish key goals, concerns, and opportunities; and to have significant input on the best structure for a federal body to address these issues. This task force would then work with the legislature, the governor, and the federal government in developing just such an organization. The events in the Gulf of Mexico highlight Alaska's need to have a say in policies affecting our adjacent waters and coastline. In the case of OCS drilling it is a double edged sword. The events in the Gulf call attention to the safety concerns of off shore drilling. It is essential that recent events do not replicate themselves in our state. That being said, there are those outside our state who would draw erroneous similarities in an effort to shut down all oil and gas development. An important difference between the Gulf and Alaska OCS is the depth at which the rigs are working. In the Gulf, the break in the pipe is 5,000 ft below sea level. In Alaska we will be drilling in less than 100 ft of water. What has caused the complications in the Gulf is the inability of remote control submersibles to act effectively. At the shallow depth Alaska operators would be dealing with, divers would be able to go down and physically asses and deal with the problem. In the case of OCS, Alaska has two things to protect, its environment, and its right to responsible development.

### Interim Contact Information:

My office in Juneau is available to answer questions or to help with issues related to the state. Please feel free to contact me or my staff.

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### Nome Office Information

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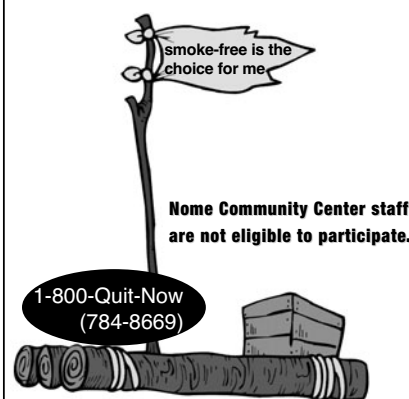
Participation in the contest is limited to **ages 18 and under**, however adults are allowed on the raft during the race, **as long as adults do not out number youth**.

Limit of eight participating youth

per raft or team.

Remember, rafts are being judged from the bridge, so tobacco-free messaging must be visible from there. Messaging may include (but is not limited to): raft decorations, costumes, chants and cheers, props and songs.

Messaging **must** be non-offensive. Positive and informative messaging is preferred.



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## Slow start to commercial herring fishery, but 13% roe fetches high price

By Laurie McNicholas

The Norton Sound herring sac roe fishery began slowly last week, with ice around Cape Denbigh and Shaktoolik preventing fishing in that area.

However, by Monday 12 fishermen had harvested 150 tons of herring with 13 percent roe near St. Michel, reports Jim Menard, area manager for Norton Sound and Kotzebue for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The target harvest for the fishery is 1,000 tons.

A herring catch comprised of 13 percent ripe eggs by weight fetches \$260 per ton, the high end of the price range set by the Norton Sound Economic Development board in April. Icicle Seafoods sent the processor *RM Thorstenson* and four tenders to Norton Sound for the herring fishery under an agreement with NSEDC.

"The fishing usually occurs to

the north at Cape Denbigh or south at Tolstoi and Saint Michael where more herring come in to spawn," Menard noted. He said some fishers from northern Norton Sound villages have made their way through icy waters to join the herring harvest near St. Michael. "The ice has been moving offshore and coming back, so they are able to get out at times," he explained. "Also the tender helps the boats to get out."

On June 11 only two Norton Sound fishermen were harvesting herring due to ice conditions, and Menard was worried because the tenders are scheduled to leave for Bristol Bay late this week.

Waiting in the wings is the Norton Sound commercial red king crab fishery with a harvest quota of 400,000 pounds this year, an increase of 25,000 pounds over the 2009 quota. An open-

ing date for the fishery has not yet been determined. The ADF&G man-

agement plan for the 2010 commercial red king crab fishery is posted at

[www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us](http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us). Click on Norton Sound on the map at the site.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**SOUP'S ON**—Bonnie Hahn dishes up another helping of one of more than a dozen soups at the annual DAWN (Drugs Aren't Wanted in Nome) Souper Bowl fundraiser June 12 at the high school.

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\* Schedule in effect for June & July unless changed by emergency order.

\*\* Check the back of the salmon permit for subsistence areas where set gillnets are allowed and the catch limits for each area. No drift nets allowed.



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## Schedule of events:

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1:30 P.M.**  
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**FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 7:30 P.M.**  
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Soak up the nu-folk/bluegrass sound of our guest band, all the way from Boston, Crooked Still!

### OPEN JAM AT AIRPORT PIZZA

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 10 P.M.**

After the Crooked Still concert, break out your own instrument to play tunes with festival musicians.

### FOLK FEST MAIN STAGE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 4 - 9 P.M.**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • FREE!**

Nome's talented musicians take the stage to perform in the elementary school commons, with a special set by guest band Crooked Still! Stop by the elementary school gym to shop for crafts by local artisans and fill your belly with tasty goodies!

### CROOKED STILL AT THE B.O.T.!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 10 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF TRADE SALOON • FREE!**

Don't let the party end at the school! Head over to the Board of Trade for a show by Crooked Still! Leave the smokes at home, the B.O.T. will be smoke-free!



## Crooked Still: A must-see act!

Nome, do not miss this opportunity! Marking a decade of delivering high-caliber musical talent to Nome, the Folk Fest is proud to present 2010 guest band **Crooked Still**. Hailing from Boston, this rising star in the music world promises to electrify Nome's stages. The group arrives in town on the heels of the release of their fourth CD, *Some Strange Country*.

Praised by everyone from *USA Today* to *National Public Radio*, Crooked Still delivers a performance that has roots in old-time music but travels through uncharted territory. The unique combination of a cello, banjo, fiddle and bass provide a rich and textured background to singer Aoife O'Donovan's vocals which can range from sultry to soaring—and are always spot-on.

## SCHEDULE OF PERFORMERS • FOLK FEST MAIN STAGE SATURDAY, JUNE 19 • 4 P.M. - 9 P.M.

4 p.m.: **Opening Acts** • 4:20: **The Nome Homeschool Choir** (Bethany & Larissa Johnson, Liam, Lindsey & Julia Floyd, Gareth & Clara Hansen, Noah & Shaina Hobbs) • 4:30: **Dan Oliver** • 4:40: **Tyler Rhodes & Erika Eaton** • 4:50: **The Buffleheads** (Ian McRae, Dave Coler) • 5:00: **David Dodman** • 5:10: **Cory Reynolds & Shaun Kacena** • 5:20: **Lance Johnson** • 5:30: **Landbridge Tollbooth** (Dan Thomas, Jim Dory, Carol Gales, Anahma Saito) • 5:40: **Diego Ayala** • 5:50: **Jim Abbott & Tattoo** • 6:00: **The Salmonberry Sisters** (Leah Radde, Linda Maack, Lindsay Johnson, Danielle Sylvester) • 6:10: **Darrell Harrison** • 6:20: **Sarah C Hanson & the Huzband** • 6:30: **Don Timmons** • 6:40: **The Northland Brothers** (Laura Davis, Lorne Carroll, Jeff Collins, Tyler Rhodes) • 6:50: **Andrew Cooper** • 7:00: **Naomi Jorgensen** • 7:10: **Crooked Still** • 7:40: **Ian & Kristine McRae** • 7:50: **Coho & the Flannel Mongers** (Arlo Hannigan, Jamie Saghafi, Aidan Smith, Jon Schield, Lorne Carroll, Dave Coler) • 8:00: **Nikki Scherer & Wes Adkins** • 8:10: **Karen McLane, Phil Hofstetter & Erin Forton** • 8:20: **Jerry Faires** • 8:30: **Waves in Motion & White Surf** (Diego Ayala & Fawn White) • 8:40: **Kellen Baker** • 8:50: **One Voice** (Anahma Saito, Laura Davis, Bridie Trainor, Sarah C Hanson Hofstetter, David Dodman, Arlo Hannigan)

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# NSEDC dissolves education foundation

By Laurie McNicholas

The board of directors of Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. decided to dissolve the NSEDC Education Foundation at a special meeting June 4 in Anchorage. Barb Nickels has served since June of 2009 as executive director and president of the foundation in Nome.

"The NSEDC board really struggled with this issue," said NSEDC president and board chairman Dan Harrelson in a press release issued last week. "The foundation was created as the result of years of discussion and planning by the NSEDC board, but after careful consideration, the board determined that the future of NSEDC's scholarship program is best left in the hands of the parent company. The board sincerely appreciates all the efforts made by the NSEDC Education Foundation board and staff."

"The NSEDC board created the foundation in 2009 as a means of establishing a perpetual scholarship fund for the residents of Norton Sound," continues the press release. "NSEDC planned to endow \$15 million to the education foundation after it was recognized by the IRS as having tax-exempt status."

The board determined that the future of NSEDC's scholarship program can be protected through internal financial controls and development of the company's existing Education, Employment, and Training Department, the release states.

In e-mail responses to questions from the *Nugget*, Harrelson said the

\$15 million with which NSEDC planned to endow the education foundation would have included the balance of the company's education endowment fund, plus any additional funds needed to reach the total. "That \$15 million fund was intended to provide a long-term source of funding for the foundation," he added. NSEDC established the education endowment fund as an investment account in 1993.

Harrelson said the dissolution of the foundation will not in any way affect the administration of NSEDC's established scholarship program, and all students who were awarded scholarships this spring will receive timely payment of their \$2,000 NSEDC scholarship. "It should also be noted that the application process for NSEDC scholarships will remain the same and continue without interruption," he added.

"The total amount of money in the education endowment fund as of May 31, 2010 was approximately \$9.4 million," Harrelson noted. "NSEDC intends for this fund to remain dedicated to funding its educational projects and programs. In 2009, NSEDC awarded just over \$606,000 in scholarships to students seeking post-secondary or vocational education. Also in 2009, NSEDC provided over \$93,000 in funding for other educational and training programs in the region. Jerry Ivanoff will continue to oversee the NSEDC Education, Employment and Training Department."

Harrelson said the education endowment fund had a balance of \$10.4 million at the end of 2007,

\$7.8 million at the end of 2008, and \$9.3 million at the end of 2009. "All changes in value reflect market fluctuations, as NSEDC has not made contributions or withdrawals to the education endowment fund in a number of years," he added.

## Origin of the foundation

During a meeting in Nome on Nov. 1, 2007, the NSEDC board unanimously approved a motion by Unalakleet representative Paul Johnson to set up a foundation to protect the company's education endowment fund. It was stated that the fund totaled \$10.6 million.

Johnson said he was leaving the board and wanted to be a party to preserving the company's education funds. He said NSEDC had no mechanism to protect the funds from a lawsuit. Nome's board member Don Stiles said the company needed to endow the foundation with funds for scholarships and training so that the

principle can never be touched.

Eugene Asicksik, who was then NSEDC's chief executive officer, noted that the company had not added any funds to the endowment for five years. The company's original Community Development Quota plan was to establish an endowment and contribute revenues until the fund reached \$5 million, he explained. He said profits from the investment of endowment funds provided money for scholarships and training.

As one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program established under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, NSEDC represents 15 member communities in the Bering Strait region. A portion of the annual total allowable catches of certain groundfish and crab species in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands is allocated to the CDQ Program to promote sustainable economic development in western Alaska.

The first meeting of the NSEDC

Education Foundation board of directors took place in January 2009 in Nome. The directors are Victor Joe, chairman, Wilfred Katcheak, Stebbins; Laura Degnan Lawrence, Nome; Eric Morris, White Mountain, and Janice Dickens, Unalakleet. Joe and Katcheak are also members of the NSEDC board.

Harrelson said Nickels is the foundation's only employee, and she is employed directly by the foundation board, not NSEDC. "Based on communication with the foundation board, it is NSEDC's understanding that Ms. Nickels will be assisting with the dissolution process, which is expected to be completed by the end of June," he added. "Once this process is concluded, the foundation will no longer exist and employment of an executive director will not be necessary."

When contacted by the *Nugget*, Nickels referred all inquiries about the decision to dissolve the NSEDC Education Foundation to Harrelson.

## • Council

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demonstrate the city's appreciation to the volunteers.

At a regular meeting on Monday the council heard the first reading of an ordinance to approve and adopt the FY2011 general fund budget and scheduled it for a public hearing and final action on June 28. The budget projects a total \$10.8 million in revenues, \$9.1 million of which is obtainable from resources other than a municipal property tax.

The ordinance identifies the total assessment valuation of all taxable property within the city as \$241.1 million and levies 7 mills on taxable real and personal property within the city. The 7 mill rate will raise \$1.7 million in revenues for the FY2011 budget, and the city's 5 percent general sales tax collections are expected to produce revenues of \$4.6 million.

The council also heard first readings of ordinances to approve four other FY2011 City of Nome budgets—the capital project fund budget for \$3.4 million, the special revenue fund budget for \$196,151, the Port of Nome budget for \$1.3 million, and the construction capital funds budget for \$2.9 million. The council will hold a public hearing and take final action on the budgets June 28.

The council approved an ordinance to revise Chapter 11.50 of the Nome Code of Ordinances as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The definition of "development" in Section 11.50.060 is amended to read: "Development means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operation or storage equipment or materials located within the area of the flood hazard." Section 5.10.050(b) is amended to read: "A floodplain development permit is required for any development in an area of special flood hazard as defined in Section 11.50.060." No testimony was given at a public hearing preceding the council's action.

### Council adopts resolutions

The council unanimously took the following actions by resolution:

- Approved a risk management plan for the City of Nome by adopting the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association's Safety Incen-

tive Plan for FY11. The city is insured by and a member of AMLJIA.

- Approved a one-year contract with Wendy Chamberlain of Legislative Consultants in Alaska for state lobbying services for FY 2011 in the amount of \$75,000.

- Approved an agreement for professional planning services with Eileen Bechtol of Bechtol Planning and Development from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for a total cost not to exceed \$20,000.

- Approved an agreement with Amy Smithhisler to continue contractual services as the animal control officer for the City of Nome. Compensation for services under the agreement includes payment of \$3,300 per month.

- Approved a City of Nome mill rate of 7 mills for 2010. Alaska Statute 29.45.240 requires that a municipality shall annually determine by resolution the rate of levy by June 15 of the tax year. The mill rate will be used to determine revenues in the FY2011 budgets.

- Authorized City Manager Josie Bahnke to enter into an agreement with Colby Carter for professional services to assist with maintenance and operations of the City of Nome's emergency communications equipment at a rate of \$75 per hour.

The council approved a fee waiver request for use of the Nome Recreation Center for a celebration of life held May 28 for Lloyd Hardy.


### City manager's report

Bahnke drew attention to a report from Police Chief John Papasodora in which he described 50 hours of training provided to members of the Nome Police Department in the past 2 1/2 months.

Papasodora reported that all officers received six hours of training and review in relevant Alaska case law in search and seizure, four officers took four hours of instruction in alcohol influence recognition and standardized field sobriety testing, and all members participated in two hours of orientation to the department's new operations and procedures manual and 18 hours of firearms training and orientation.

Papasodora said he served as primary instructor for the training, which was conducted with little or no overtime involved.

Mayor Denise Michels and all council members attended the meeting.



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# Obituaries



David Iгнаeze Soolook, Sr.

## David Soolook, Sr.

David Iгнаeze Soolook, Sr. was born September 22, 1932, bringing joy to his mother, Mary Taalereuna, his father Tom Awooklabok Soolook and to the many people who would come to know and love David throughout his life.

As a young man his elders taught him how to hunt seals, oogruks, walrus and whales, catch birds, make tools, build and repair skin boats, carve ivory, and the generations of knowledge of what it takes to be a successful provider on Diomede.

David was very humble about his years spent in service to his country as a member of the Alaska National Guard for over 20 years, and he was buried with military honors. David married Dorothy Elasanga, and for ten years lived in Seattle where he became a master carver of soapstone and ivory, and supported his family well.

But his beloved island called him home where he resumed producing some of Diomede's finest ivory bracelets and carvings. He purchased a Wales-style skin boat and modified it into a stable ocean-going Diomede boat. And just as he had learned Diomede's traditional ways from his elders, David patiently taught his son, David Jr., and his many beloved nephews the skills of hunting, and helped guide them into manhood. Even in his later years he continued to teach Diomede's children as an elder in the classroom.

David also skillfully maintained and operated heavy equipment for the City of Diomede from February 1991 to January 2004. He had a tremendous work ethic and would donate additional hours of his time to make sure the planes and passengers could make it safely in and out of Diomede.

But more than any of his accomplishments, David was most loved for his quick and sincere smile, his easy laugh, his kindness to all, and his ready willingness to help anyone in need. He was a man immediately liked by everyone who met him, and deeply loved by all who knew him—especially his son and the nephews and nieces he helped raise. He will be greatly missed.

David was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings Robert Soolook Sr., Frances Soolook, Sam Soolook and Michael Soolook Sr., his wife Dorothy Elasanga, his aunt and uncle Paul and Theresa Soolook, and his grandson Sean Lee Kiminock. He is survived by his sister-in-law Alice Soolook, his son David, Jr., his grandchildren Brandon Immanuel Soolook, Theresa Elizabeth Soolook, Bernice Penayah, Elizabeth Ersten Val Soolook, Dean Rex Micheal, Lucy Tiffany Soolook, Frank Allen Soolook, and innumerable nieces, nephews and their children. He will also be dearly missed by everyone fortunate enough to have called David their friend.

**Ung-uup-chuk Frances Kokochuruk (Matthews) Johnson**  
April 23, 1910 to May 29, 2010

On the date and time appointed by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Mother left her earthly home on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at approximately 8:20 a.m. to join her

Heavenly Father.

Mother was born at Cape Darby on the shores of Golovin Bay. Because her exact date of birth was not recorded, she was officially assigned April 23, 1910 as her date of birth. She was the fifth child born to Eunice and Matthew Kokochuruk.

As a toddler, she was stricken with polio. Her earliest memories were watching other youngsters running and playing; and of wishing she could join them. She went on to overcome this and many of life's



Ung-uup-chuk Frances Kokochuruk (Matthews) Johnson

other catastrophic illnesses, including tuberculosis, hypothyroidism, diabetes, cancer, and cardiac arrest. Having survived her bout with cancer, she became a speaker on two videos for Alaska Native and American Indian women—Breast Cancer Awareness and Stories of My Sisters—to encourage and support other women to seek early treatment for breast cancer.

She was raised in a traditional subsistence lifestyle. She harvested and learned to preserve all the subsistence resources in her region; and willingly shared this knowledge with her children, her grandchildren, and anyone wanting to learn.

She grew up doing “man’s work”—driving dog teams, hunting game animals, seining for fish, working in the local saltry, and trapping fur-bearing animals—which she later tanned for use in garment making. Her father told her “I see that women can work as good as men” for she helped provide for her family from her earnings gilling, packing, and salting herring.

She was an accomplished seamstress—whether her medium was skins, fabric, yarn, beads or threads—who learned the skills from her mother, Eunice. During her lifetime, she fashioned seven traditional fur dress parkas—two of which went on to win awards in Anchorage, Alaska. Her hands were never idle.

She was a storyteller of many Inupiat legends, stories, and songs. She worked to translate into Inupiaq, hymns she sang in the Evangelical Covenant Church.

She was named Mrs. Arctic Native Brotherhood Queen in Nome, Alaska in 1982—and greeted finishers of the famed 1049-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

She was named Elder of the Year for the ANCSA Corporations Bering Straits Native Corporation and Council Native Corporation for sharing and passing on the knowledge of the cultural traditions of her people.

In 1933, she married Albert A. Johnson of Council, Alaska; and together they made a family of seven children—five of whom are still alive. Following the tragic passing of one of her daughters, she and her husband opened their home and helped raise three granddaughters; but they opened their hearts to everyone including their lifelong friends and relatives and the friends of their children as well as their numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Mom was preceded in death by her parents, Eunice and Matthew Kokochuruk, her siblings, Bertha, Charlie, Edwin, Belinda, Rosa, and Job and

her children Wallace, Allen, and Loretta; and grandchildren, Lynette, Tony, and Jon.

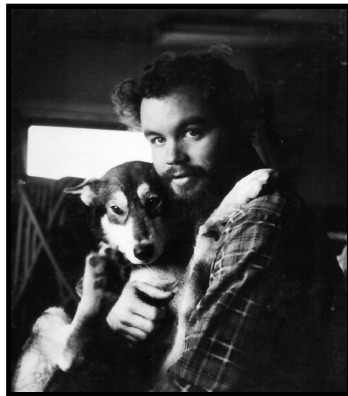
Surviving her are her children Clarence, John, Frances, Carolyn, and Pearl as well as her granddaughters Phyllis, Rene’, Loretta and Sharon; grandson Bryan, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and extended family members Ruth Mah-nga-ruk and Donald Storms of Washington State and Sharon Watson of Arkansas and close and special friend, Sheila Vreeland Of Anchorage.

Mother’s life was enriched and extended by the quality of care she received from the doctors, nurses, and the staff of the Qu yana Care Center as well as the care of Mrs. Jamie Nanestad.

Numerous family members and friends took time to visit her at QCC during her stay there or inquired after her. For that, Mother’s family is deeply indebted to each and every one of you. Each of you helped in your own way to support, encourage, and extend her life and for that we thank you with all our hearts.

She credited her longevity to a lifelong trust and faith in God—as well as having been raised on a healthy diet of fish, marine mammals, waterfowl and their eggs, as well as a wide variety of wild greens and berries. Well into her nineties, her stated goal was to live to be 100 years old. Only by the grace of God and with HIS help, she achieved that on April 23, 2010.

On the occasion of her 99th birthday, when asked if she had anything to say, without hesitation, Mother led us in the Lord’s Prayer.



Jerry Austin

## Jerry Austin

The funeral went with little fanfare.

People from the community came out to support the family, but there

was no extra ceremony nor dignitaries making speeches. There was, however, a ripple across the state and world at the passing of an icon of Norton Sound. News spread rapidly about the loss of Jerry Austin, Iditarod musher, big game guide and rural businessman. Those who hadn’t spent time with Jerry over the past year or so were shocked to learn of his death at a too-young 62. His vibrant love of life and perpetual motion had indicated that he would probably live to a ripe old age. Nonetheless, Jerry passed out of this life late on the evening of June 2.

There are a lot of good men who provide for their wives and families. There are quite a few who are also good businessmen, building prosperity for themselves and others. There are even fewer yet who find additional time to guide rock stars and millionaires on world-class fishing and hunting trips. The list becomes a single entry when a man does all the above **and** is an Iditarod Hall of Famer, with 18 races (12 in the top 20), three Sportsmanship Awards and a Humanitarian Award. This is the man Jerry Austin was.

Jerry was born in Seattle in 1947, graduated from the University of Washington with two degrees and came to our “neck of the woods” as a VISTA (Volunteers In Service to America) volunteer in 1969. His desire to help others led him to Stebbins, but his immediate love for rural Alaska kept him in the region. After his VISTA tenure, Jerry was hired by Northern Commercial Co. to help handle fuel in St. Michael. He soon took over management of the Chevron fuel storage and disposal, moving permanently to St. Michael. A beautiful young local girl caught his eye and he married Clara Lockwood on April 23, 1977.

Dogs were a part of Jerry’s life almost from the time he got to Norton Sound. He was unafraid to ask questions and quick to learn, and by 1976 he was entered into the Iditarod Race, then in its third race. He became a fixture in the race, finishing in the top 10 in only his second running and placing third in 1982 in a mad dash to the finish line with Rick Swenson and Susan Butcher.

His competitive nature pulled the best out of himself and his dogs, but he never placed a higher finishing position above the health of his dogs or another racer. Numerous times he made an assist for another musher, acts that would impact his placement. Most notably he and a couple of other mushers saved the life of fellow racer Mike Madden, who had fallen ill on the trail. One would be hard-pressed to find a competitor who hadn’t been helped by Jerry in some way during his Iditarod career.

When the Iditarod Hall of Fame inaugural class was announced in 1997 it was no surprise that Jerry was named a charter member. He and Clara continued their connection with the race as annual sponsors of the Rookie of the Year award.

Jerry loved the wilderness that he had adopted as home. This affection became a major part of his life and livelihood when he obtained his hunting guide’s license and began leading people like rocker Ted Nugent, baseball pitcher Bruce Sutter and NFL icon Larry Csonka on hunts for the big coastal brown bear, moose and other Alaskan big game. His hunts have resulted in numerous entries into the Boone and Crockett record books and his reputation as world-class guide (and storyteller) spread globally. Many of his stories can be found in the pages of books like “Alaska Bear Tales” by Larry Kaniut.

With the need for a hunting camp, Jerry and Clara decided to build a base at the mouth of the Golsovia River, 40 miles east of their home in St. Michael. This tent frame evolved over the years to become a first-rate guide camp, currently boasting running hot water, showers, hot tub and beautiful setting. This became the home away from home for their family and the many friends with whom they shared it. With great wildlife viewing, great fishing and exclusive access, it is every guide’s dream location. With the more recent addition of dog-sled touring to the Austin’s Alaska Adventures a second camp has been set up as well.

Jerry did not allow all of this to encroach on his attention to his family. With the addition of Dena and then Jerrine, Charlene and Tony, he became a doting father, taking them with him on his adventures and including them in his work. He was a rabid fan of anything they did, often following them (with Clara) to their academic and athletic events. Each of the children grew to be integral parts of Jerry’s businesses as he taught them what they would need to carry on if he wasn’t there. With the more recent addition of grandchildren this continued.

Jerry Austin lived a full life, albeit one that ended too soon. He laughed and loved with the best of us. He didn’t meet a challenge he was afraid to overcome and shared his spirit and enthusiasm for life with all he encountered. No one who met him forgot this vibrant quality. He passed from this world peacefully leaving a void that will be difficult at best to fill. His legacy of hard work, success and vitality will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

## Midnight Sun Parade Parade Route

The parade will begin at the State Building and will run west down Front St., turn onto Bering St., then take a right on First Ave., and another right on Division St. in front of City Hall. The parade will then proceed east down Front St. and end at the State Building parking lot. Candy will only be thrown the second time down Front Street.

Come join the fun,



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## Float Contest

**Theme:** “Make A Splash”

Categories and prizes

**Judges Choice:** \$100

**Best float representing theme:** \$100

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Prizes donated by the Nome Chamber of Commerce. Winners will be announced after the bank robbery. If you have any questions, contact the Visitor’s Center at **443-6555**.

Floats must be registered by **10:00 a.m., on June 19** to be eligible for prizes. You may pre-register by emailing the Nome Visitor’s Center at **nomeinfo@gci.net** or stopping by in person at **301 Front Street**.



## • State building

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that stands on the seaside of Front Street across from the Pioneer Hall.

"I get really warm and fuzzy over this project," he said. "They need a new building, I thought. This building is a priority with me, to get the land, to get financing, to get contracting."

Besides local officials, the work session included representatives from Bering Straits Native and Sitnasuak Native corps., the governor's office (via phone), and state Department of Commerce.

Alaska Gold Co. has available and would like to sell land north of town; Sitnasuak Native Corp. would like to sell a large lot it owns on Front Street across from Board of Trade Saloon and construct the building to suit the state and lease it back, a solution that likely goes against state procurement laws. The state DOT&PF has sights set on the AGC land at the north end of Steadman Street. At the direction of his superiors, DOT&PF Project Manager Matt P. Desalernos has pushed ahead preliminary plat approval and environmental assessment work at the Steadman site. That work is on hold, Desalernos said Monday, pending the go-ahead and last word on a building site.

"It's still up in the air. I'm not anticipating an answer in the next week," he said. "I'd like to move past the controversy and get something done."

Desalernos said he began last summer by trying to find out which agencies were interested—only the current occupants of the state building or all state offices.

He wanted "to at least have some sideboards on our cost estimates," he said. Preliminary conversations with the city showed sites downtown not



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

**WHERE WILL IT FIT—The Alaska Department of Transportation's Matt Desalernos points to proposed sites for the new state office building in Nome. Desalernos and his boss, commissioner Leo von Scheben, were in town June 9 to try to sort out where the new structure should sit.**

large enough for all agencies, Desalernos said. He looked at the AGC site and a couple of sites on the Bypass Road and started negotiations with AGC. He submitted a preliminary plat to the Nome Planning Commission. But other people became involved and Nome Common Council passed a resolution approving the gold company site, and a month later, when the mud hit the fan, reversed its stand in favor of Front Street.

The whole issue then went above "my pay rate" to sort out, Desalernos said.

Front Street business people, including four members of Nome Common Council, do not want to see agency offices leave Front Street, further emptying the main drag. Sitnasuak and Bering Straits Native corporations do not want to lose rent from offices in the Sitnasuak office building and the Old Federal Building.

"Vacating the agencies from our building is going to hold a negative impact for us and our shareholders,"

Sitnasuak CEO Trudy Sobocienski said. Sitnasuak currently rents 9,400 square feet on Front Street to state Department of Labor, Division of Motor Vehicles, Public Assistance, Public Defender and Alaska State Troopers.

Sitnasuak got involved when the Nome Chamber of Commerce started meeting with Front Street property owners to lobby for keeping the offices on Front Street. She and other Sitnasuak executives contacted the governor's office to propose a private entity-state partnership where the state would lease and eventually own the office building. A lease arrangement would fall under the Department of Administration's purview, rather than DOT&PF.

"Look at the human perspective," Councilman Jerald Brown said. "What is it going to do? It will have a negative impact on a number of businesses, a negative impact on the City of Nome, property values on Front Street will drop," and it will have a negative impact on the economy of Nome.

Some residents do not want to see

traffic congestion on Steadman and in the Sixth and Seventh avenues area. They say that a mix of state employees going to work and children heading to school puts people in danger.

State DOT personnel say the space needed to include all state agencies and keep the justice system offices—Alaska State Troopers, probation offices and the like—under one roof will require around 60,000 square feet and a bigger site than any on Front Street. Law enforcement agencies need to be together for common security facilities. Front Street proponents say the footprint of the building could be less, more like 30,000 square feet in three or four stories.

That would make a giant building higher than anything else on Front Street, Desalernos said. He advised people to go look at the four-story infrastructure of the new hospital on Seventh Avenue to see what a building that high would look like.

There are rumblings afoot concerning a site that would combine the Sitnasuak lot with dirt under the Old Pharmacy Building and the Laundromat/bar with the vacation of the Lane's Way right-of-way.

Unless the city insists on onsite parking, that scheme could yield close to a 40,000-foot building, Desalernos said. The way that could work would be for the city to purchase the land from Sitnasuak, Jim West Jr. and the Sackett family, then offer the whole package for sale to the state. The state will not negotiate with a combination of owners to piece together a site, Desalernos said.

The idea of Sitnasuak building the state facility and leasing it back to the state has met with a lukewarm reception from state officials who point out that state procurement law bars sole-source job awards without the competitive bidding process. DOT personnel said they would seek the advice of state procurement specialists on that concept, but the idea probably did not have legs, because a lease arrangement would have to go out to competitive bids that would all be measured against a predetermined set of requirements.

So far, Sitnasuak has not said whether they would be willing to sell their large piece of property on Front Street outright without building and leasing the building.

## NACTEC honors late Rep. Foster

Submitted by NACTEC

A crowd gathered June 7 at the Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center House to celebrate the accomplishments of Nome's longtime legislator, Richard Foster.

As a tribute to the late Representative, NACTEC Director Douglas J. Walrath led the ceremony and presented his family with a plaque in recognition of Foster's leadership, dedication, service and hard work in support of vocational education for all rural Alaskans. Foster was successful in the passage of HB 239 in 2001. This bill established a regional learning center as a four-year pilot program to see if such centers would be a viable alternative for rural Alaska vocational education.

Since the inception of NACTEC, the program has served over 1,500 students in the Bering Strait School District and Nome Public Schools. As a testament to the program and its ability to meet student needs for developing employability skills, NACTEC has also attracted students from the Chugach, Lake and Peninsula, Kuskokwim, Northwest Arctic Borough, Tanana, and Yukon-Koyukuk school districts in recent years.

Foster was a proponent of vocational education, believing that a regional boarding school could provide the means to teach vocational skills, job-related and living skills not available in high schools of small isolated communities. "We need to be looking at creative ways to give our students every opportunity to build their career awareness and skills so they can go back to their home towns

ready for work," Foster said, according to his press statement released shortly after the successful passage of HB 239 in 2001.

Since the bill was passed, career and technical education has progressed through the development of a collaborative infrastructure. The Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center is a joint venture of the Bering Strait School District and Nome Public Schools. Its continued success is accomplished through cooperation and partnerships with Kawerak Inc., University of Alaska Fairbanks/Northwest Campus, Norton Sound Health Corp., Bering Straits Native Corp., the Nome Common Council and the 16 communities of the Bering Strait region.

Neal Foster, who was appointed by Gov. Sean Parnell to the vacancy left by his father, was in attendance to accept a plaque on behalf of his family. Neal Foster emphasized that support of the regional training center model took the efforts and beliefs of others, such as Sen. Donny Olson, in addition to his father to evolve into what has become NACTEC. His father's legacy and support for vocational education lives on through recent tax credit legislation. Neal Foster referred to the support of both Bering Straits Native Corp. and SIU Alaska Corp., a subsidiary of Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., which each made \$200,000 donations to NACTEC through a HB 61 tax credit program in 2009. The support of local partners through this tax credit program will sustain career and technical education through

NACTEC in the years to come.

A plaque will be permanently displayed at the NACTEC House honoring Rep. Richard Foster and his efforts to promote vocational education, while serving as a reminder to all of the students, staff, partners and the public of the many successful partnerships formed since NACTEC's inception.



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## Preparing for the allergy season

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Soon the air will fill with the smell of blooming fireweed, berries, willows, and tundra. For people who suffer from seasonal allergies, these smells of summer mean an increase in nasal congestion, sinus infections, and runny noses.

The symptoms of seasonal aller-



gies result from an overactive immune system and excess production of a normal amount of nasal mucus. Here is a piece of trivia you will likely wish to forget: the sinus cavity and nasal passages of a healthy adult produce 1.3 fluid ounces of mucus per hour. That means in a 24-hour period you will sniff, blow, wipe, or swallow a full quart of mucus, every day.

While this may sound a little gross and admittedly a more appropriate topic for a junior high audience, the process of mucus production is biologically important, and understanding its purpose can help treating problems that arise when the nose and sinuses go into over-production as the tundra begins to spread its pollen throughout the region.

The nasal cavity and sinuses are designed to produce a constant, almost imperceptible, flow of mucus that forms a protective coating over the inner surface of the upper airway. The mucus captures particles of dust, pollen, viruses, and airborne bacteria. Mucus is full of antibodies that kill or inactivate bacteria and viruses.

When a harmful virus or bacteria is detected, defense cells release a substance called histamine, which leads to increased mucus production and swelling of nasal tissues as blood flow increases to the area bringing white blood cells and nutrients to fight off the infection.

Furthermore, mucus acts as a natural humidifier for the deeper portions of the airway. Air moving into the nasal cavity picks up moisture from the mucus lining and the mucus lining, in turn, absorbs moisture from expired air as it passes out of the nasal passage.

Microscopic hairs, called cilia, line the airway and wave in a coordinated fashion to create a flow of mucus out of sinuses through the nasal cavity to the back of the throat where the mucus is usually swallowed. Interestingly, chemicals in tobacco smoke paralyze these cilia, making it more difficult for people who smoke to clear mucus from the airway, leading to the typical smoker's cough. The function of these cilia improves within a few days of smoking cessation.

People who develop a problem with excess production of mucus and sinus congestion in reaction to certain allergens like pollen or dust have what is called allergic rhinitis. This problem occurs when a person's nasal cavity responds to dust or pollen particles as if they were infectious bacteria or a virus. If the problem persists, it is called chronic rhinitis.

Treatment is appropriate when excess production of mucus interferes with healthy breathing patterns and disrupts daily activity or sleep.

Non-drug therapy with nasal saline, or the use of a Neti pot, can help break up mucus and improve clearance of the upper airway. Staying well hydrated during times of illness or exposure to allergens serves

much the same purpose, as the body will use the extra fluid to improve the flow of mucus from the sinuses and nasal passage.

Over the counter medications, called anti-histamines, like diphenhydramine (Benadryl), cetirizine (Zyrtec), or loratadine (Claritin) block the body's response to allergens, dust, and pollen. These are best taken before exposure to known allergens.

Guaifenesin, a medication found in many cough syrups and cold medications like Robitussin or Mucinex, breaks up mucus and allows for increased clearance of thick mucus.

Pseudoephedrine (Sudafed) is a decongestant that may be taken for short periods to reduce the swelling of tissues in the nose and sinuses.

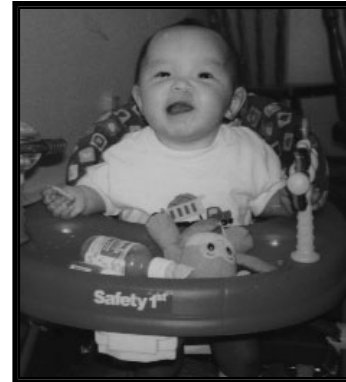
Stronger antihistamines and nasal steroids are helpful for many patients with chronic rhinitis, but these

medications have more serious side effects and must therefore be prescribed and taken under the direction of a physician.

Both prescribed and over-the-counter medications taken for nasal or sinus congestion can increase a person's blood pressure and place further strain on the heart. There-

fore, patients with hypertension or heart disease should discuss appropriate use of decongestants and antihistamines with their provider.

Appropriate treatment of seasonal allergic rhinitis can mitigate the effects of seasonal allergies and make summertime in the outdoors more enjoyable.



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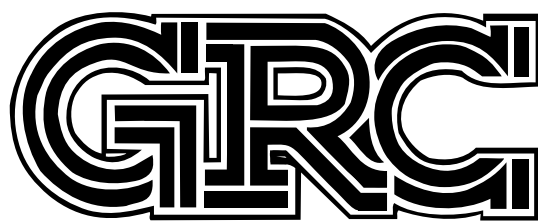
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Lester Keller remembers when was attending Nome Public Schools in the late 1960s, the breakfast program was just beginning. “They fed us Sailor Boy crackers and salami,” he told Nome Elementary School

Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor Everett Arnold For the Nome Ministerial Associate

Some of us may have heard the story of Elijah and the widow’s son at church this week [I. Kings 17:17-24]. The widow’s son is dead. His body is dead. But first his spirit was dead. The widow’s spirit was dead too. And the spirits of lots of other people around her were dead.

Our spirits are dead when we do not draw new life from God every day. Then the rest of us slowly dies too. And our life becomes a story about our dying. That story may go on and on. We may even wish it would end. But it goes on. And the story of our dying will go on until we confess faith in God. Then new life comes from God each day. And our story becomes one about being spiritually alive instead.

In the story of Elijah and the widow’s son, only Elijah’s spirit is still alive. He respects, loves, trusts, and serves God. So he takes his grief to God: “O Lord my God, hast Thou brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?” It’s honest-to-God prayer. It’s trusting-God-to-care prayer. Then God does care. God takes Elijah’s grief, the widow’s suffering, and the boy’s death into God’s own heart. God uses God’s messenger to carry life from God into the dead boy. It’s life for the boy’s body and life for the boy’s spirit. This brings life to the boy’s mother also. Her spirit comes to life. She confesses faith: “Now I KNOW that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.” She, her son, and God’s messenger will live through what’s killing the spirits of people all around them.

There can be stories in our lives. They may be killing our spirits. And we might wish they would just end. But those stories will not end until we confess faith in God. Then our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ would help us end those stories. He would open His heart to us. Our Savior would open His own divine heart to feel our hurts with us. He would share our hurts. He would feel our pain along with us. Jesus would help us take our hurts to the Heavenly Father in honest-to-God prayer. Our Savior would share His spiritual energy with us. He would give life to our spirits. He would give life to our bodies.

Then we could live in a new story – a story like that of the widow’s dead son who was raised to a new kind of life.

students during the school’s May 27 awards assembly. “A lot of us came early to get the breakfast.”

Keller was on hand to present a gift to the Nome Elementary School, a \$20,000 check to fully fund the breakfast program for the 2010-2011 school year, from Nome Eskimo Community.

Research directly links nutrition to school performance. The Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition Policy has found undernourished children tend to have lower standardized test scores and are more likely to become sick and miss school. Research also suggests that skipping breakfast can affect the intellectual performance of a student. Breakfast is also a substantial source of daily nutrients. Greater proportions of children who skip breakfast fail to meet dietary guidelines on key nutrients than those children who eat breakfast.

Nome Eskimo Community has been active in providing academic opportunities for NPS students, including the after-school tutoring program. “But we know many kids don’t come to school ready to learn,” said Marsha Sloan, Tribal Services Director for NEC. NEC’s Tribal Council found an easy answer to help the students in Nome succeed—have breakfast available to all students.

“Nome Eskimo has been funding the breakfast program at Nome Elementary School for several years now,” Sloan said. “It’s a big commitment that NEC has made to the students. Hopefully, it can give them a good start and they can be ready to learn every day.”

Great Job!

I express my appreciation to the Boy Scouts for the astounding number of bags of trash that they cleaned up on the highway...most notably Dry Creek. They started working at 9 a.m. and

didn't stop until 5 p.m.! There were over 60 bags of garbage cleaned up. The boys collected enough bags to have several chances at winning a bike from AC. They won two bikes and AC was gracious enough to exchange the bikes for a large monetary certificate for the Food Bank! Congratulations boys on a job well done and an excellent example of work and service!

Trooper 298 volunteers included Jeremy Knudsen, Daniel Head, Ethan Kelso, Nolan Horner, James Horner (on crutches even), Nathan Evak, Connor Merrill, and Paul Bioff. Special thanks to the Scout leaders and adults who helped! Dr. Mark Kelso, Ron Horner, John Bioff, Arne Handeland, and Kim Knudsen! (I sure hope I'm not forgetting anyone!)

Thank you to the Lion's Club for offering refreshments to these hard workers (and others that worked throughout town). This clean-up effort is a remarkable thing and I'm proud to be part of this community!

-Marcy Merrill



Kawerak Inc. Child Advocacy Center

Did You Know?

You can help prevent child abuse, speak up, act up, and take a stand against child sexual abuse

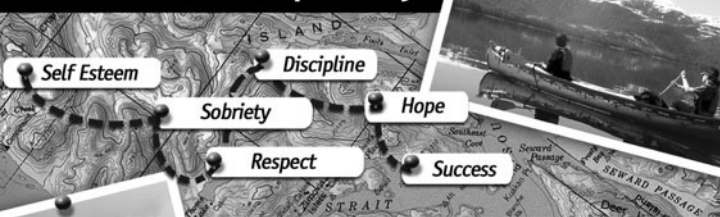
For more information, resources or help contact the Child Advocacy Center at 443-4379

Thank You!

Thanks for all your support, prayers and well wishes as we have been grieving the loss of our loved ones, Minnie Tucker and Stinky Hardy. Our sincere appreciation for everyone who sent food, cards, donations and flowers. Special thanks to those who helped coordinate the Celebrations of Life, including the wonderful pilots who performed the Missing Man Fly-by.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts, the Family of Minnie Tucker and Stinky Hardy.

Troubled Teen? We Can Help Today.



Alaska Crossings Wilderness Therapy programs can provide the direction and life skills for the journey of a lifetime.

Girls Program: June 9 - July 27 Boys Program: June 16 - August 3

Services available at little or no cost to Alaskan families.



Call today for program dates and additional information: 1-866-550-2371

Alaska Island Community Services (AICS) is an authorized Medicaid Provider and is a Certified State of Alaska Community Care Provider. Alaska Crossings is permitted to operate in the Tongass National Forest and are an equal opportunity employer.

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144 Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

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

Community United Methodist 2nd Ave. West, 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 St. 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 & Bering, 443-5295

Wednesdays Quiet Communion 7 p.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

June 1 - 4 VBS 3rd - 6th Grade 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527

Corner of Steadman & King Place

Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137

Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m. Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene 3rd & Division, 443-2805

Sunday Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & Worship Service 11 a.m.

Fishing Reports.

Subsistence-Sport-Commercial

Hear the latest fishing information from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game as well as local tides and marine weather: Monday through Sunday at 9:20 AM, 12:20 PM and 6:20 PM

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

SALE— Case Wheel Loader; in Nome 1983 W24C, \$21,000 Call 907-771-2305 5/6-tfn

I am searching for the two daughters of late Misha L. Tucker, my first cousin, of Unalakleet, AK, formerly of St. Michael, AK. Please contact me via e-mail at nctucker@hughes.net or by mail to: Nick

Tucker, Sr., P.O. Box 178, Emmonak, AK 99581. 6/10-17-24; 7/1

NEEDED 2-4 strong men 18-25 years of age. Pick and shovel \$25,000 or more two-three weeks. See Pat East Beach. Blue/tan shelter. 6/17

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## Real Estate

### Nome Sweet Homes

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*Gorgeous timber frame home with shop and rented apt*  
**DEXTER ROADHOUSE - \$200k**

*Liquor license included*

#### 5 ACRES SNAKE RIVER - \$75,000

*Small cabin, river frontage*  
**AFFORDABLE 1BR - \$79,900!**

*New wiring! New Plumbing!*

**310 BERING ST - \$99,000**

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#### ELEGANT

This 1600+ sq ft home with 3br/1.75 ba features radiant floor heat, custom window treatments hardwood flooring and top of the line appliances **AND A GREAT PRICE \$320,000**

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## Employment

### Shishmaref Native Corporation JOB OPENING Executive Director

•Determine and formulate policies and provide the overall direction of companies or private and public sector organization within the guidelines set up by the Board of Directors.

•Plan, direct, or coordinate operational activities at the highest level of management with the help of subordinate executive staff managers and investment advisors.

**Qualification:** High school graduate or GED, knowledge of computer usage with Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet and QuickBooks. Accounting training preferred. No criminal history. Two letters of recommendations required.

**Other Qualification:** Top executives must have highly developed personal skills. An analytical mind able to quickly assess large amounts of information and data is very important, as is the ability to consider and evaluate the relationships between numerous factors. Top executives also must be able to communicate clearly and persuasively. For managers to succeed they need other important qualities as well, including leadership, self-confidence, motivation, decisiveness, flexibility, sound business judgment and determination.

**Preferable Education and training:** Have a bachelor's or graduate degree in Business Administration, Liberal Arts, or a more specialized discipline. Needs a strong background in securities and finance.

**Salaries:** \$18/hr. min. D.O.E.

**Deadline to Apply:** Open until filled

**Applications are available at the Shishmaref Native Corporation Office, between the hours of 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Monday—Friday, 6/3-10-17-24**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska seeks qualified applicants for a Part -Time Community Di-**

**rector position in the Nome office.** Responsibilities include: recruiting, interviewing, assessing and matching volunteers and youth, supporting families and volunteers participating in the program, identifying and cultivate relationships with community members to ensure an ongoing supply of potential volunteers, financial support and partnerships with local agencies, employers and school districts. The successful incumbent will produce positive outcomes in the following areas: partnerships developed, revenue raised and program metrics, including but not limited to: volunteer yield and processing time; customer satisfaction, six month retention rate, on time match contacts, match closure rate and average match length. Minimum Bachelor's degree preferred, excellent communication and organization skills required. Knowledge and experience working with Alaska Native/American Indian people preferred. Visit our website for a complete job <http://www.bbbsak.org/site/c.meJSISO-qEnH/b.5776127/k.B44F/Careers.htm> To apply, for this position email a completed Application, Cover Letter and a Resume to Attn: Susan Kirm at [susan.kirm@bbbs.org](mailto:susan.kirm@bbbs.org) or fax (907) 235-8392 6/10-17

### Nome Public Schools

Onsite Inspector Quality Control person needed for the Nome Beltz High School Bldg D & E Re-roof project. 8 weeks Temporary Hire position. Salary depends on Experience. Must be experienced in reading and understanding project plans and specifications, reliable, dependable and thorough work traits required. Call 443-6192 for further information. Nome Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer. 6/10-17

**NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY** is recruiting for the position of

### Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENT: Administration  
REPORTS TO: Executive Director  
STATUS: REGULAR, FULL TIME  
SALARY \$21.15 – 25.24/hr. DOE  
For a job description and application contact:  
Josie Stiles Human Resources Manager  
**NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY**  
P.O. Box 1090  
Nome, AK 99762  
phone: (907) 443-2246 fax: (907) 443-3539  
e-mail: [jstiles@gci.net](mailto:jstiles@gci.net)  
6/17-24

## TelAlaska

### CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE - Nome

TelAlaska, your local telephone company and a leading provider of advanced telecom services, is recruiting for a Customer Service Rep in our Nome office. This is an exciting opportunity to learn about the latest & greatest telecom services available & the chance to share that knowledge with your neighbors by providing them with courteous, efficient & timely assistance.

**Basic Qualifications:** H.S. diploma or GED; AND 1 year recent customer service exp in the Telecom industry; OR 2 years related customer service exp. Visit [www.telalaska.com](http://www.telalaska.com) TelAlaska is an AA/EOE.

**Fax resumes to 550-1614, e-mail: [jobs@telalaska.com](mailto:jobs@telalaska.com)**

6/10-17

## Seawall

6/8

Jake Rand, 24, received a citation for Driving an Off Road Vehicle on a State Highway.

6/9

Clarice Hardy, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence. Thomas Soolook, 42, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Homer Hoogendorn, 34, received a citation for Operating a Vehicle with Expired Registration.

6/11

A Nome juvenile received a citation for curfew. Joann Kulukhon, 37, received a citation for Open Container in a Public Place.

6/12

Catherine Kakaruk, 35, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for 4 counts of Assault 4, Domestic Violence.

Carrie Komonaseak, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

6/13

Roberta Tokeinna, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4 Domestic Violence and Criminal Trespass and received a citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Walter Reynolds Jr., 32, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

6/14

Anthony Okpealuk, 43, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

## Looking for a best friend?

This is Muktuk, a male terrier-mix, who is available for adoption at the animal shelter!



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

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

## Trooper Beat

On June 4, at approximately 1:30 p.m., a Nome resident reported that their family's cabin at 30-mile Council Highway was burglarized. The door to the house was forced and left open and melting snow caused damage inside. Kitchen items were damaged along with the oil stove. Anyone with information is asked to call the Alaska State Troopers.

On June 4, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Amos Siwooko, 26, of Gambell was arrested after investigation determined that he violated his probation by consuming alcohol. AST responded to Gambell to transport Amos Siwooko to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center on June 5.

On June 6, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Edward Barr Sr., 25, of Brevig Mission, was arrested for Assault IV DV after the investigation revealed that he assaulted his girlfriend. Barr was transported and lodged at AMCC.

On June 9, at about 7:45 a.m. a 27-year-old female reported to the Gambell VPO she had been assaulted by her boyfriend, Garrett Oozevaseuk, 29, of Gambell. Oozevaseuk was arrested for Assault IV and telephonically arraigned. Oozevaseuk was later transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC.

On June 10, at about 12:55 a.m., Gambell VPOs received a report that a 51-year-old female was assaulted by her husband. Preston Apangalook, 62, of Gambell, was contacted and subsequently arrested for Assault IV and Resisting Arrest. Apangalook was telephonically arraigned.

## Real Estate Auction

**Nominal Opening Bid Start at \$10,000**

**3509 Kirby Pl, Anchorage**

**4BR 1BA 1,196sf+/-**

**Property sells: 12 noon Tuesday, Jun. 22 on site**

**204 Fore And Aft Dr, Nome**

**3BR 1BA 1,560sf+/-**

**Property sells: 11 a.m. Thursday, Jun. 24 on site**

### Open to the Public

For open house info., please go to **[williamsauction.com](http://williamsauction.com)** or call **800-801-8003** for details.

*Many properties now available for online bidding!*

A Buyer's Premium may apply. Williams & Williams  
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# NOW HIRING, Join the crew!

Already applied? Make sure your application is current and complete.



Construction is underway for the Hospital Replacement Project. We need: **carpenters, electricians, ironworkers, laborers, support staff** and more. This project has an Alaska Native/American Indian hiring preference and pays Davis Bacon wages. Nome Eskimo Community is creating and managing a large labor pool of applicants to support the hiring process throughout construction. You can be a part of this exciting project.

Apply today at the following locations:!

- Nome Eskimo Community: 200 West 5th Avenue or [www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org)
- Nome Job Center: 214 Front Street, Suite 130
- Your local IRA Office

**For more information contact Dora Davis at 443-9124 or toll-free 1-877-943-2246.**

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE: ALL APPLICANTS MUST PASS PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING



Nome Eskimo Community

Go on-line to update your application.  
**[www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org)**



Legals

**City of Nome**  
The City of Nome is accepting bids for Vehicle(s) Repair and Service contracts. All bid requirements and documents are available at the City Clerk's office. All sealed bids must be received in the City Clerk's office located at 102 Division Street, Nome, City Hall, P.O. Box 281, Nome, Alaska, 99762, by 5:00 PM, June 18, 2010. The bid opening will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 21, 2010. The City Council shall award the bid at their regular meeting of June 28, 2010 or at the next date at which a quorum is present.

The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
6/3-10-17

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on July 29, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Tommy J. Guil- liam and Dolores Guil- liam, Record Owner, recorded on June 10, 1999 in Book 353, on Page 866, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 7, block 68, TOWNSITE OF NOME, BEING WITHIN U.S. AMENDED SURVEY NO. 451, RECORDS OF THE CAPE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA EXCEPT THE NORTH 55 FEET THEREOF, a/k/a/ 402 G Street, Nome, AK 99762.

\$122,733.11 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status.  
6/3-10-17

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IMPOUNDED AIRCRAFT (TAYLORCRAFT - N44133)**  
Notice is hereby given that a 1946 Taylorcraft air- craft, registered with the FAA to Harold K. Horstmann under tail number N44133, having been impounded and considered abandoned at the Lake Hood Seaplane Base Airport under Title 17 of the Alaska Administrative Code, Chapter 42.115, due to the owner's failure to respond to either a tag affixed to the aircraft or written notices to the owner's last provided and subsequently identified addresses, will be sold "as is, where is" without log books or other records, by sealed bid, at **12 noon, Wednesday, July 14, 2010**, unless the owner redeems the aircraft by paying the im- pound and storage fees **on or before 5 pm, Tuesday, July 6, 2010**. Contact Andy Hutzel, Manager, Lake Hood Seaplane Base, to receive a sealed bid packet. To submit a sealed bid, to be paid in cash or cashier's check within 24 hours of bid opening at approximately **12:10 pm, Wednes- day, July 14, 2010** at the Lake Hood Seaplane Base General Aviation Office, 4451 Aircraft Drive, Ste. H, Anchorage, AK 99502 or for the current registered owner to redeem this aircraft **on or be- fore 5 pm, Tuesday, July 6, 2010** you must con- tact the Airport Manager, Andy Hutzel, at **907.266.2741** or **Andy.Hutzel@Alaska.gov**.  
6/10-17-24

**CITY OF NOME**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**O-10-06-01 An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the FY2011 General Fund Municipal Budget for the City of Nome, Alaska Exercising the Power to Assess, and Authorizing the Levy of a General Property Tax**

**O-10-06-02 An Ordinance to Establish, Ap- prove and Adopt the FY2011 City of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget**

**O-10-06-03 An Ordinance to Establish, Ap- prove and Adopt the FY2011 City of Nome Special Revenue Fund Budget**

**O-10-06-04 An Ordinance to Establish, Ap- prove and Adopt the FY2011 City of Nome Port of Nome Fund Budget**

**O-10-06-05 An Ordinance to Establish, Ap- prove and Adopt the City of Nome FY2011 Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget**

These ordinances had first reading at the regular meet- ing of the Nome City Council on June 14, 2010 at 7:30 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.  
6/17-24

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT — SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

A foreclosure sale will be held **August 19, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.** outside the Clerk's Office, Nome Superior Court, 113 Front Street, Room 230, Nome, AK of the Deed of Trust recorded October 31, 1985, in Book 314 Page 110, Cape Nome Record- ing District, Second Judicial District, State of

Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lot 2B, Block 54, NOME, according to Plat No. 83-7, filed June 3, 1983, Records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District,

State of Alaska; which has a street address of 508  
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Thank you!

The quality of care, compassion, patience and under- standing given residents of the Quyanna Care Center at Norton Sound Health Corporation by the staff--aides, employees, nurses and doctors cannot be overstated or more greatly appreciated. Our Mother, Mrs. Frances Johnson, was fortunate enough to have been cared for and loved by the ENTIRE staff. That she lived to achieve her stated goal of 100 years of age, we can only credit to the ill of God, and to the highest level of care she received during her stay there. To the current and past employees of the Quyanna Care Center, we gratefully extend to each of you our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for a **JOB VERY WELL DONE!** QUYANNAQ-PUK! For the love you showed her, we thank you. For the care you gave her, we thank you. For the trust we enjoyed while she was in your care, words seem inade- quate to express to each of you our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the treatment she received while she was there.

We know that you will miss her--maybe not in the same sense as we, her family, will. But, our hearts go out to each of you when you reminisce about her and what she meant to you. Quyanaaq-puk. GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!!!

On April 23, 2010, many of you joined us to celebrate the occasion of the 100th Birthday celebration of our Mother, Mrs. Frances Johnson. On June 3, 2010, you took time to share with us the Celebration of Life for our Mother, whom our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ took home on May 29, 2010.

During her lifetime, you may have visited her. You may have shared something with her. You may have inquired after her or shared memories of her with us. For anything you may have done or said about her, we are eternally grateful and appreciative that you took the time to share the moment with us.

QUYANNAQ-PUK for the flowers, the smiles, the hugs, the tears, the food--but mostly for being there to help to lift our burden in our final farewell to a very gracious lady, a humble woman, a worker, a seamstress, a loving wife, a caring Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, a friend, and a woman whose unending faith and trust in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ helped her to achieve her dream of living to be 100 years old. Without your help, the help of her care-givers, and **MOST IMPORTANTLY** Our Heavenly Father, she may not have accomplished that. QUYANNAQ-PUK!!!

Our benefactors, not necessarily in order of their benevolence:

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| Clarence Waghiyi Family           | Colleen Johnson                          |
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| Mrs. Maggie Olson                 | Donna Morgan                             |
| June & Franz Kugelmann            | Angela & Jon Larson                      |
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| Council Native Corporation        | Jack & Delia Johnson & Family            |
| Nome Eskimo Community             | Sue Greenly @ Alaska Airlines            |
| Maggie Kowchee, Luke & Julie      | Pat Booth & Karen                        |
| Norton Sound Health Corporation   | Mary & Pat Straub                        |
| Jones Wongittilin & Family        | Norma Nichols & XYZ                      |
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| Jay Waters                        | Mrs. Pat Kemmerer                        |
| Angela Knoedler                   | Mrs. Ida Hardin                          |
| Velma Brown Family                |  |

Our deepest and sincere apologies if we have inadvertently omitted anyone. Thank you for your benevolence. It was truly appreciated by the family.

Family of Mrs. Frances Johnson



**KOYUK NATIVE CORPORATION**

PO Box 50, Koyuk, Alaska 99753  
907-963-3551

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**  
**KNC Board of Directors**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Shareholder of the Koyuk Native Corporation (must also be 19 years or older to submit candidacy form.)

**FILING DEADLINE:** July 5, 2010 (TO BE ON BALLOT)

DECLARATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE at the Koyuk Native Corporation Office. Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#  
Diane Nassuk, General Manager

6/10-17-24



**KOYUK NATIVE CORPORATION**

PO Box 50, Koyuk, Alaska 99753  
907-963-3551

**NOTICE OF KOYUK NATIVE CORPORATION SPECIAL ELECTIONS MEETING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Koyuk Native Corporation will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2010, at 1 p.m. at the KNC Building for the following purpose:

**1.) Election of three (3) KNC Board Directors.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#  
Diane Nassuk, General Manager

6/10-17-24



**KOYUK NATIVE CORPORATION**

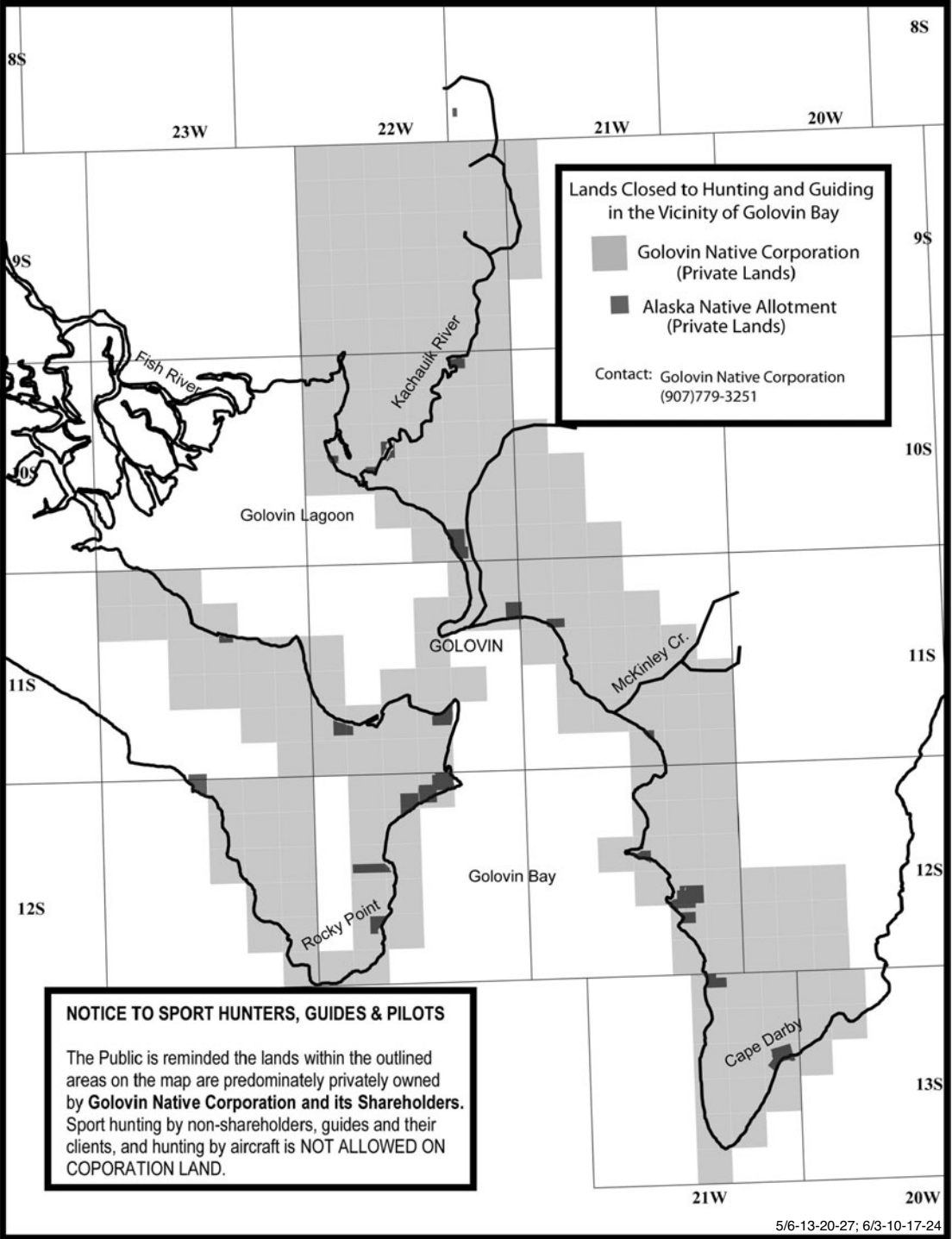
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907-963-3551

**KOYUK NATIVE CORPORATION** announces an extension of its Section 14 (c) 1 and (c) 2 program. Individuals or organizations who oc- cupied lands on December 18, 1971, which are now owned by Koyuk Native Corporation, 1.) a primary place of residence 2.) a primary place of business 3.) a subsistence campsite 4.) a site used by a non-profit organization Are eligible to apply for the surface title to same.

Applications will be accepted beginning May 24, 2010 through August 31, 2010

Koyuk Native Corporation  
PO Box 530050  
Koyuk, AK 99753  
Phone 907-963-2423

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• More Legals

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W. 3rd Avenue (aka 182 W. "D" Street), Nome, AK 99762. Trustors/Record Owners Ralph Olanna, Jr. and Belinda A. Olanna, husband and wife, have breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, State of Alaska-Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs, Housing Assistance Division, by Assignment recorded October 31, 1985 in Book 314 Page 116, is owed the principal amount of \$31,736.72 plus interest from December 1, 2009 at the rate of 8.0% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474.

Dated: May 12, 2010

Fidelity Title of Alaska, LLC, Trustee  
By: Leslie Plikat, Agent  
6/17-24; 7/1-8

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

An application for a new oil discharge prevention and contingency plan, under Alaska Statute 46.04.03 and in accordance with 18 AAC 75, has been received by the Department of Environmental Conservation. The details are as follows:

**Applicant: Bering Marine Corporation**  
Proposed Activity: The applicant will conduct oil transfer operations using the

**ARCTIC SEAL**, a freight vessel landing craft and mini-bulk-oiltanker. The vessel will transport diesel #2 or heating oil. The vessel will carry a maximum of 19,572 gallons of refined petroleum product while in state waters. An oil discharge prevention and contingency plan is required that will commit adequate resources to plan for the containment, control and cleanup of petroleum products. The review document consists of the Plan and the supporting document the Alaska Chadux Response Manual.

**Potential Results:** A potential risk exists of product spills entering the lands or waters of the state as a result of this operation.

**Location of Activity:** Aleutians Region; Bristol Bay Region; Western Alaska Region; North West Region; North Slope Region

**Activity Identified As:** Bering Marine Corporation Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan

Any person wishing to submit a request for additional information (RFA) or provide comments regarding the application may do so in writing to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conser-

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**Court**

Week ending 6/11

**Civil**

Knodel, Julie vs. Sherman, Larry; Stalking Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term

J.G. Wentworth Origination, LLC vs. Steve, Gilbert; Structured Settlement - Superior Court

J.G. Wentworth Origination, LLC vs. Niksik, James; Structured Settlement - Superior Court

**Small Claims**

Credit Union 1 vs. Savetilik, Luke W.; Small Claims \$2500 or Less

Credit Union 1 vs. Titus, Henry J.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

**Criminal**

State of Alaska v. Randall Huffman (12/17/70); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110010789; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 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. Clyde Rudd Iyatunguk, Jr. (10/4/91); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 5/1/10; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 7/31/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 6/2/10); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Nicole Renee Topkok (5/2/91); 2NO-10-267CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 5/7/10; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 8/31/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 6/3/10); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Nicole Renee Topkok (5/2/91); 2NO-10-283CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 5/8/10; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 8/31/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 6/3/10); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Raleigh T. Iyapana (7/28/90); 2NO-10-131CR Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 3/1/10; State dismissed Counts, 2NO-10-136CR; 90 days, 70 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 6/23/10; Immediate remand for violation of probation; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10 days (date of judgment: 6/9/10); Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Defendant shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay surcharge, show proof of community work service, and report to jail as ordered; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Failure to comply with community work requirements will result in an extra months revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Raleigh T. Iyapana (7/28/90); 2NO-10-136CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 6/9/10.

State of Alaska v. Joseph C. Wilson (11/21/73); Disposition Order; This matter came before the court on 6/8/10 upon the filing of a Petition to Revoke Probation on 7/7/09; The plaintiff was present through Jay Fayette, Assistant DA; the defendant was present and represented by Kianna Bradley, Assistant Public Defender; The accepted the defendant's admission to allegation(s) were withdrawn by the state; Having found the defendant in violation of probation, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that 73 days of jail time are imposed; The jail time has been satisfied by the time already served; The defendant is thereafter readmitted to probation according to all terms and conditions as previously imposed, with the added as follows: (no indications marked on Order); Any appearance bond previously posted in the above-captioned

case is hereby exonerated, ENTERED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010 at Anchorage, Alaska.

State of Alaska v. Gordon Raymond Takak (12/26/76); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 5/28/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-06-884CR; Recommend Seaside and/or treatment for substances abuse; Fine: \$5,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$5,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 6/8/10; forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/8/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Frank R. Johnson (1/18/79); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Manslaughter; Date of offense: 11/17/03; Plea: Not Guilty; Trial: Jury; 10 years, 3 years suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served with defendant remanded to custody; Defendant credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: pay to the court the following surcharge within 10 days: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification; If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration system when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in Order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: has been exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Moses Milligan (4/16/85); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Sex Assault 1-Penetrate w/o Consent; Count 002: Sex Assault 2-Penetrate Incap Victim; Date of offenses: 6/26/08; Plea: Not Guilty; Trial: Jury; Count 001 and 002: 30 years, 10 years suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served with defendant remanded to custody; Defendant credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: pay to the court the following surcharge within 10 days: count 001: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification; If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration system when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 15 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in Order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated; Must register as a Sex Offender.

State of Alaska v. Donald Douglas (2/24/78); Assault 4<sup>th</sup>; DV; Date of offense: 6/2/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50

through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Debra Aningayou (8/27/77); Harassment 2<sup>nd</sup>; Date of offense: 2/19/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 30 days, 20 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 9/1/10; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/9/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence.

State of Alaska v. Kevin K. Kava (12/21/65); 2NO-09-800CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110012337; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 40 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-10-291CR and 2NO-10-312CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Kevin Kava (12/21/65); 2NO-10-291CR Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 5/21/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC and consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-10-317CR and revocation in 2NO-09-800CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Kevin Kava (12/21/65); 2NO-10-312CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 5/31/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC and consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-10-291CR and revocation in 2NO-09-800CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Nicholas Anasogak (12/29/75); 2NO-10-39CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 11007189; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 6/9/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Nicholas Anasogak (12/29/75); 2NO-10-193CR Assault 4<sup>th</sup>; DV; Date of offense: 4/7/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/9/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); Assault 4<sup>th</sup>; Date of offense: 4/22/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 150 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall not exceed time served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/9/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Aholagana Tukshaq (6/17/83); 2NO-09-784CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110704941; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-10-208CR.

State of Alaska v. Aholagana Tukshaq (6/17/83); 2NO-10-208CR Resisting/Interfering with Arrest; Date of offense: 4/14/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-784CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

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meaning the issue dies without a discussion, let alone a vote. Nickels failed a second time in the meeting when she attempted to bring forth a motion to release the contents of a closed-door session that was held just before the board voted on the contracts Jan. 12.

Other familiar faces, like Lloyd Perrigo and Liz Korenek-Johnson, stepped up to the podium June 8 to again ask that the two released administrators be informed as to why they were not retained. "I believe the single action you can take tonight that will have the most impact on us... is to give letters to Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. Boyer telling them truthfully why their contracts were denied in January," Perrigo said.

Like Boyer, Perrigo pointed out that two of the remaining three board members had voted to retain the two administrators and questioned the installation of new leadership at Nome-Beltz when there has been so much turmoil within the district and turnover at the school. "Almost half of our teachers are going to be gone next year," he said. "It's important to bring stability back."

Perrigo also offered concerns that hiring Gast as the new principal may not deliver that stability. Perrigo mentioned reading a news article from Texas detailing how Gast had resigned from his last principal job after coming under question for fiscal issues.

According to an August 2008 story in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Gast was put on administrative leave and ultimately resigned after questions arose over personal checks cashed against the Mansfield High School's activity fund. Gast was cited as acknowledging the practice, saying the checks were mostly written to pay for his high-school-aged daughter's school fees. He also noted that he was upfront about it and that no money ever went missing. Gast's former school district did not find any criminal wrongdoing on his part and dropped its investigation after he resigned in April 2008. He spent the next school year in Wisconsin taking care of his ill father.

Nome school board member Timbers spoke in Gast's defense at the meeting, noting that he had been upfront and transparent in discussing the issue with the hiring committee. "It was something we were able to look into and look beyond," Timbers said.

Timbers repeatedly highlighted that it was a well-rounded group that made up the hiring committee, and a group that repeatedly backed Gast as the top candidate for the job. "We had a really diverse group, as many as 15 different people in the room at some times," she said. "This gentleman consistently received the highest rating from everyone in the room."

Before casting her dissenting vote, Nickels said she had attended the public interview with the two leading candidates the previous week. "Mr. Gast had the right answers to all the questions," she said. While the other candidate in that interview had hinted at not wanting a long-term job

in Nome, Nickels questioned how long Gast may stay. "I have concerns about him being new to Alaska and being a short-timer," she said.

### Other administrative positions still in limbo

With the hiring of Gast as principal, the district's next administrative spot that needs filling is the assistant principal position.

Boyer, the man who just finished serving in that role, has requested at nearly every meeting since Jan. 12 the reason his contract was not renewed. He later received a letter from the district citing budget concerns and the possibility of the position not being funded for the next year. Once the board approved a budget with the position included and the City of Nome voted to supply the district's request for funds, Boyer began asking for reconsideration.

Board member Nickels again pushed the issue to no avail at the June 8 meeting. "We're still holding Doug Boyer hostage even though we said when the city approved our budget we would speak to it," Nickels said.

Superintendent Wehde spoke to the matter, noting that before the district could look to fill the assistant principal position, it first needed to find someone to staff the principal's office. "It's best to have the principal be an integral part of the hire team. With a principal on board, then the search goes forth," Wehde said.

The district is also on hold as far as announcing who will be principal at Nome Elementary School next year. At a May 11 board meeting, Wehde re-

ported David Keller will return to the district as a principal at one of the district's schools while also directing the special education program. In a later interview, Wehde said he would be inclined to have Keller serve at the elementary school if the position opens.

Nome Elementary School principal Shari Biscotti was on paid administrative from April 1 to May 24 after it was discovered her administrative credentials had been revoked in California just as she started working in Nome last year. Biscotti's standing with Nome Public Schools is in limbo while a state board investigates her credentials.

Wehde said the state investigation is still pending and Biscotti has been on medical leave since May 24. Wehde said Keller will be assigned a position in the district once Biscotti's status with the district is confirmed one way or the other.

### Callahan to return as activities director

The board gave its blessing to another position June 8, approving the return of Pat Callahan as activities director for Nome-Beltz.

Callahan, who has served in the role for years, faced a prolonged wait last year before the board finally offered him the contract for the position. "This is a topic that has not gone without scrutiny in my time at Nome Public Schools," Wehde said as the agenda item came up June 8.

Whatever sticking points that had the board delay its decision in the past seemed to be settled as the board voted unanimously to have Callahan

serve another year in the role. "I must say as your superintendent, Patrick's performances has been exactly what the district needs in good times as in lean," Wehde said. "We are going into lean times... With new coaches coming on, it's good to have Pat Callahan with experience at the helm."

### New board members sought

Down to only three members, the Nome Board of Education is now tasked with filling its ranks. The district has asked for letters of interest from interested candidates who would serve out the terms of McComas and Payenna until the fall elections. Letters were due to the district office by 4 p.m. June 15.

As of press time mid-day June 15, Karmun said she knew of three candidates, Barb Amarok, Jennifer Reader and Wilma Osborne, who had submitted letters of interest.

The school board will hold an evaluation of candidates and selection of new members at a public meeting scheduled to be held at the Nome Elementary School library June 22 at 5:30 p.m. The three members will pose questions to each candidate at the public forum. The candidates will all be present at the same time, alternating who answers first. As in past practice, the board members will rate each respondent's answer. Those emerging with the highest tally after the question-and-answer session will be appointed and sworn in immediately.

The June 8 board meeting marked the first gathering of the board since the prolonged recall election for the entire board was certified. The May 25 vote,

in which a margin of anything more than 10 votes was considered substantial, required multiple recounts and saw results bounce back and forth for one member who was ultimately recalled.

Both the recalled members, Payenna and McComas, sat in the audience June 8. Payenna took the opportunity to comment as a citizen at the start of the meeting. She thanked those who voted for her in the three elections that marked her short run as a school board member—the initial vote in October 2009, a runoff election in which she gained her seat weeks later, and the recall election which she lost by six votes.

Payenna also took the opportunity to criticize Nickels and those who have been critical of the board's move to not retain the two administrators, saying they had been badgering the board. "You're not helping the process," she said, directing the comment at many of those seated in the room. "You want to talk about the school board micro-managing, what do you think you're doing right now?"

Payenna's comments spurred a retort from Korenek-Johnson, a parent and elementary school teacher who has approached the board at nearly every meeting to ask that the administrators be given reasons as to their refusal of contracts. "I'm a little offended at the moment to think that the board considers my standing here offering my concern as a public member as badgering," Korenek-Johnson said.

She went on to ask that Boyer and Sullivan be given their jobs back if no justifiable reason could be given for not retaining them for next year.



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**IT'S OFFICIAL (above)**—Nome's 10th Postmaster, Laura Barnhill takes the oath of office from Darus Macy, Manager of Post Office Operations, at a June 3 ceremony at the Mini Convention Center in Nome. Barnhill's sister, Flora Huffman, holds the Bible.

**CELEBRATION (left)**—Joleen Paniptchuk, Barnhill's niece, commemorates her aunt's installation as postmaster by performing an original dance and song.

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