



CLEANUP— The Nome Volunteer Fire Department was on cleanup duty recently, giving Nome's Front Street a good hosing-down.

Photo by Amelia Cooper

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GOLD STRIKE— Joe Fortunato is all smiles for a good reason. The visitor from Colorado found three good-sized gold nuggets vacationing at AKau Gold and Resort at Anvil Creek. See story page 16.

## Shall Richard Foster Building include Kawerak's museum?

By Sandra L. Medearis

"They hear them knocking, but they can't come in," say some Nome Common Council members on whether Kawerak Inc. will be allowed to join forces with the City of Nome in designing and occupying space in the new Richard Foster Building.

Kawerak needs a museum-quality space of about 3,500 square feet for display and storage associated with its Beringia Center of Culture and Science.

The Nome Common Council, City of Nome administrators and the Nome Museum and Library Commission have been working with architect Terry Hyer on design stages and site selection to invest a \$16.5 million appropriation for a combined museum and library facility to provide a larger space for Nome's collection of historical items and a

library facility at a site away from potential flooding and water damage. The City's library and museum are currently squeezed into 3,600 square feet, with artifacts stored off site and out of public view. Kawerak has been planning for a regional cultural center. State representatives have made it clear that only one facility would be funded.

Operating budgets for the existing library and museum run around \$35,000.

Hyer provided in a June 27 work session several scenarios to include Kawerak or not. Kawerak favors an option that shows Kawerak having 3,300 sq. ft., the library 3,086 sq. ft., and the museum taking 10,600 sq. ft., for a total footprint of around 17,000 sq. ft. Library Director Marguerite La Riviera said \$3,086 sq. ft. would be sufficient for library pro-

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## Planning commission makes camp legal

By Sandra L. Medearis

It took several months, but Mitch Erickson of Nome Gold Alaska has finally secured approval from the City to host campers at the company's industrial campground west of Dredge 6.

The Nome Planning Commission approved a conditional use permit at a special meeting June 28 to allow residential use for the ground that had been zoned as an industrial district. Nome Gold Alaska had fulfilled all the requirements set by the planning panel earlier in June to clear the way for camping use by gold seekers seeking accommodations on the cheap, except for setting up the appointed number of portable toilets. Last week there were only two standing on the campground instead of half a dozen, as required on a list of work orders prior to the camp's land use approval.

Two sanitation stations seemed to be sufficient for now, Erickson told the planning commission. The NPC gave Erickson preliminary permission to open the gates of the camp pending public notice and public

hearing by the NPC on the conditional use. Erickson estimated June 28 that there were roughly 75 people with tents, yurts and shipping containers set up.

With sanitation services in place, maybe demand could set the number, NPC President Tom Sparks suggested.

"Maybe Allen [Maxwell, building inspector] can keep track of that; maybe more than six are needed," Sparks said.

Commissioner Charles Weiss suggested that the commission strike the six portable toilets language and put something in the specs about "a sufficient number with change as needed." Hence, the commission unanimously voted in the conditional use measure for the camp, with the flexible number of "Port-a-Potties" in the language.

Approval of the campground infers a site plan, trash receptacles with pickup as needed, a beach access road developed and maintained, access suitable for emergency vehicles,

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## Organizations prepare for increased Arctic shipping

By Amelia Cooper

The International Union for Conservation of Nature hosted a brainstorm session at the Aurora Inn in Nome last week. The goal of the workshop was to identify ways to minimize the potential danger to Ecological and Biological Significant Areas, ESBA's for short, along the Bering Strait associated with in-

creased Arctic shipping traffic.

Fourteen presentations and a day of "breakout sessions" led the representatives of federal agencies, conservation groups and Native non-profit organizations down many paths.

The group debated whether the measures to protect sensitive areas should be mandatory or voluntary.

Should there be laws or merely guidelines? Coast Guard retiree Ed Page advocated the voluntary approach, proposing that ships install an Automatic Identification System to allow the U.S. Coast Guard and federal government to track ships' routes, speed and location, among other things.

USCG vessels already use AIS

tracking. "It has changed the way we communicate," Cmdr. James Houck, one of the presenters, said. Instead of relaying GPS location and coordinates, they can identify and locate vessels from the name alone through AIS tracking. Page compared the AIS to the speed-tracking signs on some roadways. A sign shoots a mi-

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# Letter to the Editor

Hello out there,  
I was talking to someone the other day that wanted me to address cancer. Although cancer is scary, it is treatable. You may lost a piece of yourself, but you are still here—you are still alive.

Stinkweed cures over 100 different illnesses. As I have said—they told my grandma and R.I. that they didn't have much time to live, yet it kept them alive for 25 years and they made as much as they could out of their days. I respected that very much and them also. The would drink stinkweed two to three times a

day. They say you can get the stinkweed wet, and then apply it to the area that hurts/tumor is for at least 15 minutes at a time, and it makes it go away. Quit being so stubborn, I think it tastes better than the cough syrup and if you give it to them as babies then they don't mind taking it. All you have to do is boil water and let the stinkweed seep in the water for a while. It seems to grow everywhere. Also, should have faith in God. After all he put us here for a reason.

My son was saying how he missed his grandma and uncle. He said at

least they were nice to him. Like the rest of the people in his age group—I keep telling him I won't be around forever, so he has to go to training/school now. That the kids think that the things they have to do are really tiring, back when we had to do about three times the work.

I'm tired of the punk ass people thinking they could beat no people and get away with it—the so called Justice System sure aren't doing there job.

So many victims, with the preps doing so little time. If you feel so small to have to do things to a per-

son—instead of a thing—then I guess you had better find something constructive to do then.

I wrote to our legislators and I hope some of you will too, and told them that I think it would be a good idea to have a pipeline follow the Iditarod trail or go from Fairbanks area going toward Unalakleet, Nome, on up to Kotzebue or somewhere, with sub-hubs along the way so that the other communities could benefit from it too. There is no reason why they can't build a bigger refinery in Alaska and do the pipeline as such. If Alaska grossed 4.2 billion (not

million) in 2010, then we must have money to do that.

Anyway, yea, the greens are out. Remember to give some to the elders; they would love to have some.

Be careful—I think you'd all like to enjoy the summer activities instead of being laid up.

As always,  
Karen Nanouk  
P.O. Box 282  
Unalakleet, AK 99684

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

## Editorial

### Oh what a relief!

Just when we thought nothing could go right for the little guy, and we listened to the stooges and the Tea Party goons spew their hate message the Supreme Court did the unexpected. They ruled in favor of the "Affordable Health Care Act."

In a fit of wishful reporting the Ultra Conservative news newarks reported its defeat. But wait, they were wrong. They got it wrong. The Supreme Court upheld the law. Yeah! Oh it's so sad to listen to the hate-filled rants. Boo Hoo!

Sure there needs to be some changes, but that's OK. Just look at the current health care mess with insurance companies thinking they are banks. Yes, it really is refreshing to look forward to a health care law with the good of the Nation at heart.

-N.L.M.-

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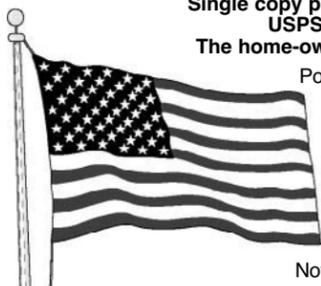
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## A Look at the Past



Photo by Wilfred McDaniel from the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Archives  
July 14th, 1900— "Can see gold in our boxes this evening. We are very anxious to get to work and have a clean up so that we can tell how it will pay." From the diary of Wilfred McDaniel.

### Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)

Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
7/5	Th	7:56am	+1.3	6:07pm	+1.5	12:34am	-0.3	12:19pm	+0.9
7/6	Fr	8:44am	+1.4	7:11pm	+1.4	1:25am	-0.3	1:29pm	+0.9
7/7	Sa	9:26am	+1.4	8:14pm	+1.4	2:13am	-0.3	2:37pm	+0.8
7/8	Su	10:05am	+1.5	9:15pm	+1.3	2:58am	-0.2	3:43pm	+0.7
7/9	Mo	10:42am	+1.5	10:16pm	+1.2	3:40am	-0.1	4:45pm	+0.6
7/10	Tu	11:17am	+1.5	11:19pm	+1.1	4:21am	+0.1	5:43pm	+0.5
7/11	We	11:51am	+1.5			5:01am	+0.2	6:37pm	+0.4

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### Weather Statistics

<b>Sunrise</b> 07/05/12 04:41 a.m. 07/12/12 05:01 a.m.	<b>High Temp</b> +56° 06/28/12 <b>Low Temp</b> +33° 07/01/12 <b>Peak Wind</b> 29 mph, W, 06/27/12 <b>Precip. to Date</b> 03.06" Normal 05.16"	<b>National Weather Service</b> <b>Nome, Alaska</b> (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
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# A Look at the Past: The 1900 Nome Gold Rush



Photo by Wilfred McDaniel from the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Archives

**THE SHOVELERS** – Imagine being one of the first to run the ruby sands of Nome through your sluice box back in 1900.

By Laura Samuelson, Director, Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

In an attempt to reincarnate the spirit of the 1900 Nome Gold Rush, the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum is pleased to present "The 1900 Diary of Wilfred A. McDaniel" in The Nome Nugget Newspaper.

Wilfred McDaniel was 25 years old when he first landed at Nome in June 1900 in the midst of the largest gold rush in Alaska. Wilfred was a gifted photographer, writer, artist, poet and an amateur dentist. During the eight years he lived in Nome he lugged his 20 pound Kodak camera from town to beach claim through rugged creeks and mosquito infested tundra, during powerful Bering Sea storms and furious blizzards. All the while he wrote descriptive letters to his parents in California and maintained a diary covering almost every day he lived on the coast west of Nome.

In the last issue of the Nome Nugget Newspaper, Wilfred and his brother Ed finally rounded up all of their freight which had arrived on separate ships several days apart. They received their syrup but not their pork and who the heck stole the lumber? Does this sound familiar to any of you 2012 Nome gold miners? Anyhow, the McDaniels had yet to start sluicing for gold! They were still working out the bugs...

**July 8th, 1900**

The night was very cold. Windy and cloudy this morning. Today is Sunday but we will work as the time is flying. We will set the pump today. Got our pump set and the suction pipe laid. We quit work at 4:30, as today is Sunday. Wrote some letters today.

**July 9th, 1900**

The night was very cold and windy. The weather may clear up

today. The wind still blows but the clouds are breaking. Got our engine and scraper running and they work splendidly. We also built our sluice boxes. We expect to be running Wednesday if all is well. Had a pleasant day, sun was shining all afternoon. Took a snapshot at a 16-dog team on the beach. The team came to haul our oil at 8 this eve. Paid the driver 10 dollars. The tide was out so we fixed our foot valve and strainer and put the lower joint of our suction pipe out in the surf. Worked until about 11PM.

**July 10th, 1900**

Spent the day in town.

**July 11th, 1900**

We got out pump working and pumps fine. Had to make another

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, July 5

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Port Commission WS	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>noon</b>
*The Joys of Stress	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Ranger Talks, Demonstrations & Games	Bering Land Bridge Visitors Center	2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
*Comforting Your Fussy Baby	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
*hardCore!	Nome Rec Center	8:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

### Friday, July 6

*Pickup bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Junior Ranger Programs	Bering Land Bridge Visitors Center	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
*CAMP Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Two To Get Ready	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Latin Dance Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### Saturday, July 7

*Ranger Hikes	Bering Land Bridge Visitors Center	10:00 a.m.
*Babies in Waiting	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The Baby System - the First Year	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.

### Sunday, July 8

*Yelling: Threatening? Putting Down	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Welcome To The World	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.

### Monday, July 9

*Pickup Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10:00 p.m.
*Summertime		12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Summertime		1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*RELAX-Stress Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Breastfeeding/Another Way of Saying I Love You	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Patient Advocate-Sherry Anderson	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Latin Dance Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Space Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*NCC Reg Mtg	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 10

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Summertime		1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Lamaze: You and Your Baby	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*First Ad: Vol 1: Accidents	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*NCC Reg Mtg	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Toning up	Nome Rec Center	7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Latin Dance Fitness	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 11

*Pickup bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Tundra Tots Program	Bering Land Bridge Visitors Center	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Summertime		12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Summertime		1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Infant Learning Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*SIDS: Reducing The Risks	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Latin Dance Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Space Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 a.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Evening Ranger Presentation	Bering Land Bridge Visitor Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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## Midnight Sun Parade winners

The Nome Convention and Visitor Bureau and the Nome Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Midnight Sun Parade "best in show" competition. Out of 19 floats that entered the parade, "Hawaii in Alaska" won the Judge's Choice award; The XYZ Center and Quyanna Care won the "Best float representing the theme" category; best bicycle went to Asaaluk Irelan and Best Skateboard went to Jared Wiggins. Judges for the Parade included Matthew Guiffre from KNOM as well as two visiting tourists to Nome, Sherry Bottoms and Janice Stango. Cash prizes for this year's winners were donated by The Nome Chamber of Commerce.

# Alaska State News

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## Shell rigs are northbound, Greenpeace follows

Shell reports that its fleet including drill rigs Noble Discoverer and Kulluk left Seattle on June 27 and are traveling to Dutch Harbor. Their ultimate destinations are Shell offshore leases in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. On June 25, Shell conducted a test of a capping stack to be deployed if a blow out or oil spill happens. The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement was on hand to witness the test. Upon arrival in Dutch Harbor, the fleet wait for open water to make entry into the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. According to Pete Slaiby, VP Alaska, once open water allows, the rigs will sail to their respective theaters and commence exploratory drilling.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on June 27 denied a request from Greenpeace to stay an injunction against the environmental group. In a federal District Court ruling the court banned Greenpeace from occupying any of 19 vessels Shell plans to use for its upcoming drilling campaign. Greenpeace appealed the ruling, but also asked the court to stay the injunction while the appeal played out. The Greenpeace ship Es-

peranza is shadowing the Shell fleet, and on the mission to document Arctic environmental conditions.

The Dept. of Interior must still issue final drilling permits for Shell.

## Lt. Governor holds hearings on ACMP

Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell has scheduled ten public hearings on the Alaska Coastal Management Program ballot initiative. After State Legislators allowed the ACMP to sunset last year, the Alaska Sea Party formed and initiated a ballot initiative to resurrect the program. Treadwell is now holding public hearings on the ballot initiative, but has not scheduled a meeting for Nome. Non-coastal communities like Wasilla and Fairbanks are scheduled for hearings. A hearing in Anchorage is scheduled on July 9 at 9 am until 2 pm for a statewide teleconference and Nome and regional residents can call in to participate in the hearing.

## Interior finalizes five-year plan for new oil & gas leases

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management director Tommy Beaudreau last week announced the release of a proposed final offshore oil

and gas leasing program for 2012-2017 that makes all areas with the highest-known resource potential – including frontier areas in the Alaska Arctic – available for oil and gas exploration. The 15 scheduled potential lease sales contained in the plan will occur in six planning areas – the Western and Central Gulf of Mexico, the portion of the Eastern Gulf Of Mexico not currently under Congressional moratorium, and the Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea and Cook Inlet Planning Areas offshore Alaska.

For offshore Alaska, the proposed program schedules three potential sales – one each in the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea Planning Areas that span the Alaska Arctic, and one in the Cook Inlet Planning Area off of south-central Alaska.

“We are committed to moving forward with leasing offshore Alaska, and scheduling those sales later in the program allows for further development of scientific information on the oil and gas resource potential in these areas and further study of po-

tential impacts to the environment,” said Deputy Secretary of the Interior David J. Hayes. “We must reconcile energy resource development with the sensitive habitats, unique conditions and important other uses, including subsistence hunting and fishing, that are present in Alaska waters.”

The Proposed Final Program reaffirms existing protections for Arctic coastal areas by continuing to exclude certain areas from leasing, including a 25-mile buffer area near the coast of the Chukchi, as well as two subsistence whaling areas in the Beaufort near Barrow and Kaktovik, Alaska. The program also identifies an additional exclusion area in the Chukchi, near Barrow, that will not be made available for leasing because of input received from Native Alaskan communities and because the area is known to be of particular importance for subsistence hunting and fishing. With respect to all other areas in the Arctic that are open to oil and gas exploration and development in the Proposed Final Program, BOEM will

identify targeted areas to offer in the lease sales based on information the agency will gather

## Mushers sign up for 2013 Iditarod

Iditarod fans know that June 30 is a special day. It marks the first chance to sign up for next year’s Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and last Saturday, 54 mushers plopped their entry fee of \$3,000 on the table. Current champion Dallas Seavey, along with former champs Lance Mackey, Martin Buser, Jeff King, John Baker and Mitch Seavey signed up as well as Nome/Nenana musher Aaron Burmeister. Cim Smyth and Jeff King won their entry fees back in a drawing.

## Mining firm drills near Council

Canadian mining company Millrock plans to drill six shallow holes at their Council claim to test surface gold anomalies and gold-bearing veins discovered by prospecting crews at the Elkhorn prospect in the past. The project is budgeted at \$1 million and is expected to begin in mid-July. Kinross is earning in to this project.



# Look at the past

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foot valve as the one we put in let the priming run out. I worked all afternoon on the foot valve. We will put it on this evening. The weather is much warmer today. The mosquitoes are coming out. We worked until 11 o’ clock PM putting on the foot valve.

### July 12th, 1900

I made another valve today, as the other was not satisfactory. Worked on the pump all day. We now can all the water we will need. We hope to have gold in the boxes tomorrow evening. Saw a mirage today a ship

at sea appeared to sail in the air high above the water.

### July 13th, 1900

Was taken sick on the evening of the 12th with a severe attack of indigestion. Suffered all night and was no better in the morning. Walked a mile to Dr. Whitney’s camp and got some medicine. Cost me five dollars. Returned to camp and slept all day.

### July 14th, 1900

I feel better this morning but am very weak. Did not do much today. We started sluicing at 3PM. Our

pump don’t work just right. Can’t get enough water. The ground prospects fine. Can see gold in our boxes this evening. We are very anxious to get to work and have a clean

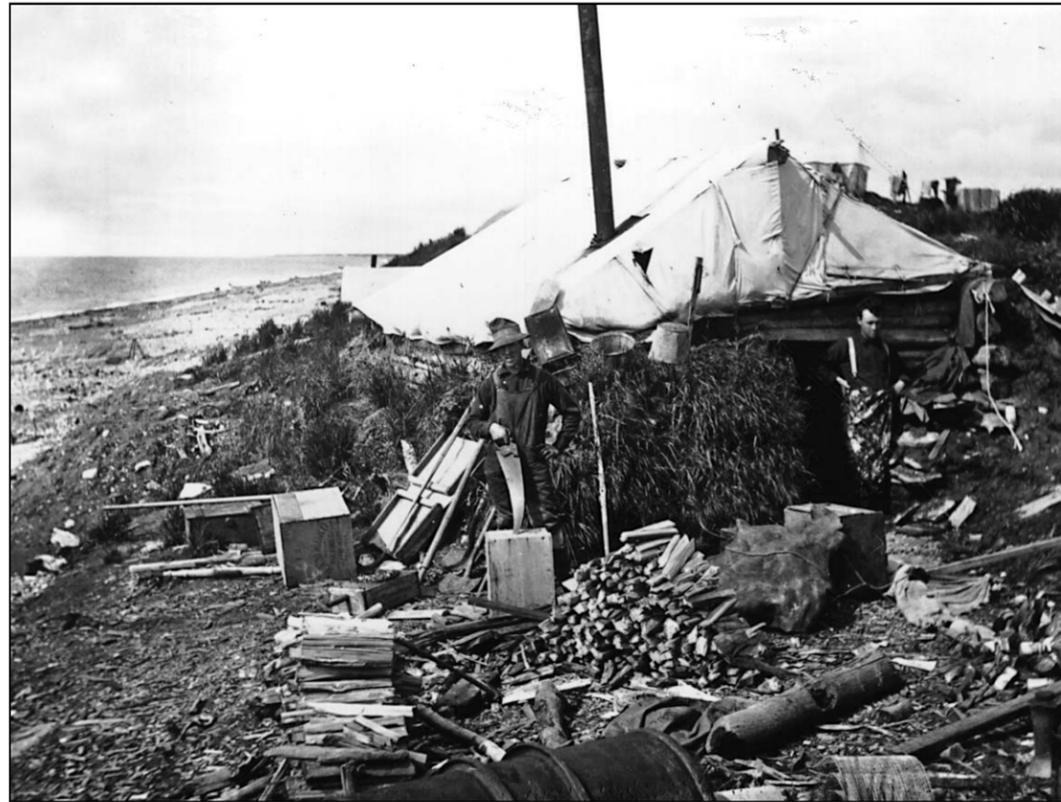
up so that we can tell how it will pay. There is a report that 2000 men have asked government aid to get out of here. Lots of cold feet here. Also a report of 54 cases of smallpox in the

pest house.

To be continued in the next Nome Nugget.



July 9th, 1900 – “Got our engine and scraper running and they work splendidly. We also built our sluice boxes. We expect to be running Wednesday if all is well.” Looks like the boys are having gravity issues!



Photos by Wilfred McDaniel from the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Archives  
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• **Museum**

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grams. Councilwoman Josie Stiles, also a member of the Nome Museum and Library Commission, said no to combining the two museums: As a Native herself, she said, she acknowledged the importance of preserving Alaska Native culture, but she wanted to see Bering Straits Native Corp., Nome Eskimo Community and Sitnasuak Native Corp. working together with "the same vision."

The City had worked long and hard to plan the museum, and she did not want to see another organization coming in at the last minute to absorb space from Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum programs, she said.

Councilwoman Mary Knodel had a similar opinion that she did not want to see inclusion of Beringia Center to cut back on space for the municipal museum.

"We are paying high dollars for storage space. We want things collected for the entire City of Nome to be protected," Knodel said. "We will end up with things in storage vans. Let's look at what is reasonable, what the whole city can afford."

On the other hand, Councilman Jerald Brown is ready to throw open the door on a cooperative project, with Kawerak helping to defray operation and maintenance costs on a building that will hold thousands of square feet of artifacts display and library shelving.

"I really like the idea of Kawerak in there," Brown said. "I don't see 4,000 square feet as sufficient for the needs of the culture center, but if Kawerak had \$20 million, the City would be clamoring to get into their building."

Kawerak has been knocking at the door for several years, but the Museum Commission had not displayed an interest in exploring a combined museum, Kawerak Pres. Melanie Bahnke said at the work session. Kawerak has been ready to work with the City, throwing in human resources, capital investment and money to rent space, she said.

Kawerak has offered to provide land it has acquired and set aside on Seppala Drive for a Beringia Center of Culture and Science.

"We're not a competing interest," but able to complement the City's goals, Amy Russell, Beringia Center program director said. "We're a financially stable company, able to bring in resources."

Councilman Stan Andersen said he was on the fence.

"I'm inclined to incorporate Kawerak, but not if they are going to take that much space," he said.

Councilman Randy Pomeranz urged program leaders to pare down needs to fit within the proposed 17,000 sq. ft. "I don't want to raise the tax burden to meet the operation and maintenance expense on a larger

building.

"Sometimes you shoot for pie in the sky, but you have to live within your means," he said.

Councilman Louis Green Sr. expressed concern on the cost of site preparation, should the City go ahead with the Thu Lan Munn site and need to tear down Munn's building.

Before the Council can take a definitive vote on whether the new museum will house the Carry M. McLain Museum, the Kegoayah Kozga Library and Kawerak's Beringia project, or any combination of the three, the City needs a legal opinion on possible conflicts of interest attached to Council members and City's administration, according to Mayor Denise Bahnke, who is an employee of Kawerak and potentially unable to cast any tie vote on the issue. Councilmember Jerald Brown works for Bering Straits Native Corp., parent of Kawerak, its nonprofit arm. BSNC has written a letter of support for Kawerak being included in the museum space. The City's attorney, Brooks Chandler, or perhaps an attorney independent of City retention will have to rule on who is eligible to vote free of conflict of interest under City ordinance and state laws on conflict or appearance of conflict in spending public funds.

The City has accepted federal and state money in the amount of \$16.45 million with which to build the Richard Foster Building and set it aside in a special capital projects und budget. At the end of the June 27 work session, the Council had not settled on a site for building the facility to house a new museum and a new library to replace the current structure next door to the Board of Trade Saloon complex. The Museum and Library Commission, along with the Council, are still considering the corner of Federal Way and the old ball field property on Steadman St.

The Council gave City Manager Josie Bahnke and John K. Handeland of the museum commission direction to negotiate lower prices with three owners of property on the corner of Front Street and Federal Way—Thu Lan Munn, Leo B. Rasmussen family and Jim West Jr.

Hyer, architect, compared the museum project to building a three-legged stool: decrease or add space for one program and the whole structure have to be rebalanced.

At the end of the meeting, Beringia Center director Amy Russell nailed down the Council on an intent to consider a resolution at the July 9 regular meeting concerning whether museum plans would move ahead with Kawerak programs included in the design. That issue would be on the agenda, the administration said. Council meetings are open to the public.

**DNR to miners: Avoid the pain of losing permits**

By Sandra L. Medearis

Byron Redburn, state DNR's Nome offshore mining administrator, has issued a friendly warning to miners who owe the state money. The warning is a "heads up" for people who mined last season.

That warning is to pay up before the state finds the miner out of compliance on production royalties and Miner's License Tax, in which case a miner delinquent in payment would

have his permit jerked immediately.

"This is not a new stipulation, and has been in effect. It will be looked at. Please get ahead of this and take care of the business end of your license immediately," Redburn's letter said.

Miners must file the Miner's License Tax, administered by the Dept. of Revenue, before they can submit production royalties, administered by Dept. of Natural Resources. Produc-

tion royalties are due on state property. The requirement applies to offshore mining tracts, Redburn said.

"It's just a part of good business, keeping records," Redburn said Friday. "If you are running your mining operation like a business, you shouldn't have too much trouble putting this together."

This is just a friendly little warning that I will making some calls on some miners," he said.

• **Miners' camp**

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camp closure and West Beach structures removed by Oct. 15. Additionally, operators will provide an inventory of personal property left at the site over winter by Jan. 13.

Operators of the camp did not expect use and generator sounds to cause issues with neighbors, as at

least a mile separates campers from neighbors living at the state trailers on Lindbloom Drive.

Limiting the speed allowed to 10 mph would also limit dust concerns.

The camp is designed to allow all the miners to work on equipment as conditions allow, with enough space between larger dredges to allow dis-

tance between larger camps to provide some privacy.

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crowave beam at an oncoming car, measures the time it takes to reflect back, and prints the MPH. If the vehicle is going faster than the legal limit, the number flashes for everyone to see. If vessels with AIS transceivers are going too fast, or heading the wrong direction, a third party can monitor the status. Page said that there are very few infractions because people know that they are being watched, and do not want a reputation of non-compliance. "We have 99.9 percent compliance on a voluntary measure," he said.

It is theoretically possible for coastal communities to have access to the AIS information of ships near their ports, but Page said that it is at the discretion of the stakeholders.

Installing an AIS receiver can cost anywhere from \$100 to \$100,000, Page said. The tracking radius is the variable. A \$100 receiver can track about 15-to-30 miles, whereas more expensive models can track up to 220 miles offshore.

USCG Cmdr. Houck provided an update on the Bering Strait Port Access Route Study. Potential ship routing measures include establishing precautionary areas or Areas To Be Avoided, ATBA for short, and recommending routes to the vessels. Predictable traffic patterns, for example, northbound traffic on the east side of Saint Lawrence Island, southbound on the west, is the ultimate goal. "Predictability automatically lends itself to safety," Houck said. Using AIS tracking, the USCG can tailor personal directions to each vessel, depending on their cargo, and monitor the route that they take.

The health and safety of marine mammals is a prominent concern. "What affects the game will affect subsistence," Martin Robards of the Wildlife Conservation Society said. According to an Audubon Alaska Arctic Marine Synthesis, there are 4.5 million birds nesting on the Diomed Islands, and whales migrate along virtually the entire width of the strait. Both shipping routes and sea ice affect whale migration. Currently, there are routing measures, mandatory ship reporting, and speed restrictions in place to protect whales, according to Robards, but he would like to approach the upcoming issues proactively instead of waiting for a shock to persuade policy-changing action.

The International Maritime Organization can designate Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas. A PSSA is "an area that needs special protection through action by IMO because of its significance for recognized ecological or socio-economic or scientific reasons and which may be vulnerable to damage by international maritime activities," according to the

IMO website. The U.S. currently has two PSSAs: Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in Hawaii, and the sea around the Florida Keys. Though PSSA restrictions are not enforced by any legal entity, they are internationally recognized. Many who attended the workshop believe that the Bering Strait could qualify as a PSSA.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has a similar designation called a National Marine Sanctuary. Nine out of the fourteen present sanctuaries also have IMO designations, including PSSA. According to the NOAA presentation, NMS designation gives explicit authority to implement and enforce domestic regulations and recover damages when sanctuary resources are injured. It is also "a flag of special national significance," NOAA wildlife biologist Brad Hanson said.

Hanson advocated these mandatory measures, noting "You tend to get better compliance when somebody is there watching all the time." When it comes to voluntary measures, he said, "The literature suggests that they really don't work."

Oil spills, ship strikes, discharges from the ships, and vessel casualties are all issues, Hanson said. Rerouting traffic paths on the east coast to pass through an area with a lower density of baleen whales has resulted in an 80 percent drop in ship strikes. NOAA locates whales using acoustic mapping.

Victoria Gofman of the Bering Sea Sub Network is also working on a project to map sensitive areas. They are essentially subsistence density maps. BSSN surveys the hunters. During the interview, each hunter draws his or her subsistence hunting area. Using this information, BSSN compiles a map of the areas most densely utilized for subsistence. Between gathering information and producing the maps, Gofman said, "there's a bit of a lag." BSSN started in 2007, and has both Russian and Alaskan members.

The Eskimo Walrus Commission is concerned with how both shipping and receding sea ice conditions are affecting the walrus and subsistence. The commission works with 19 Alaska Native communities. Trolling vessels affect the food resources at the bottom of the sea, which are important to the communities, so restricting trolling north of the Bering Strait is important.

Multi-lateral cooperation with other Arctic countries is another challenge, since the water isn't claimed by any one government, and is used by all. "We haven't actually drawn a boundary," U.S. Dept. of State representative Ray Arnaudo said concerning US-Russian ownership of the continental shelf.

Mikhail Stishov of the World Wildlife Fund said that protected areas and buffer zones are still in the process of being established on the Russian side of the Bering Strait. Implementing and enforcing protective measures is still a few steps ahead.

The IMO is in the process of moving toward a mandatory "Polar Code." In 2002, non-mandatory guidelines for ships operating within Arctic ice-covered waters were set in motion, but currently there are no specific mandatory measures. Polar waters are controlled by three systems: the Baltic, Russian and Canadian systems. The Baltic System is the oldest, the Russian System relies on "icebreaker" escorts, and all systems have their own sets of paperwork.

The non-mandatory guidelines are not being used as a base for the code.

Going from voluntary to mandatory code is hard to do, the IMO representative said. The Polar Code attempts to address issues of both safety and environmental protection from a risk-based perspective. There are still many questions to be answered, including defining an acceptable level of risk. The target completion date is set for 2014.

Developing rules of the Northern Sea Route and Russian use of the Bering Strait was the topic of the final presentation. The Northern Sea Route has two main routes—"Northern" and "Coastal"—for draughts greater than 36 feet and less than 36 feet, respectively. These routes are calculated for maximum fuel efficiency and minimum days at sea.

Using diesel-electric and nuclear icebreakers, the Northern Sea Route could be used year-round. Russia has

planned to build four icebreakers for an Arctic fleet, one of which has already been launched. To get an icebreaker escort, one must discuss contracts and fees with Russia.

The risks of the current system include negative impacts on phytoplankton and marine mammal migration, pollution from vessels, and a "foggy impact on fisheries." The presentation did not provide solutions for managing these risks. Combining US and Russian efforts seems to be the best hope. The Russian representative said that "we cannot stop the increased volume of traffic."

According to the presentation, the Bering Strait will likely see through traffic of seven to nine vessels each day, all year, by 2021. He suggested that the Arctic countries proceed to some kind of agreement before 2017.

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# Does the U.S. Supreme Court decision make you healthier?

By Bob Lawrence, MD  
Alaska Family Doctor

Some people view health care as a fundamental human right. Others say health care is not a right, but a responsibility. On June 28th, the Supreme Court of the United States defined health care in the U.S. as neither a right, nor a responsibility, but as an investment.

According to the court's decision, Congress may use its taxing powers to encourage citizens to invest in health insurance, much the same way as raising taxes on cigarettes will theoretically encourage people to quit smoking.

Many people believe that those who have health insurance have better access to health care, which in turn leads to better health. But does having health insurance actually make people healthier?

Consider car insurance. Everyone would agree that having auto insurance is good because it makes repairing the vehicle a much easier process in the event of an unexpected accident. But car insurance does not inherently make a person a better driver.

In the same way, health insurance does not make us healthy. Health insurance is merely one way a group of people can share the cost of unexpected events so that when a serious injury or illness occurs no one person suffers financial ruin. Having health insurance for unexpected illness or injury is important. But whether or not a person has health insurance does not determine whether or not a person is actually healthy.

The provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) do not inherently make Americans healthy. PPACA was designed to solidify the financial relationships between health care administrators and third party payers and lower the overall cost of health care by shaping the way Americans invest in the health care market.

PPACA includes the controversial and constitutionally challenged mandate that all Americans purchase insurance. The idea is that people will invest in some form of health insurance so that, in theory, when illness strikes the doctor's bill would already be covered.

The general belief is that the price of health care will decrease if everyone has health insurance. Proponents of PPACA argue that the price of medical care for insured patients has historically increased in order to cover the cost of providing care to uninsured patients who cannot pay at the time of treatment.

Chief Justice Roberts argues, however, that the lack of health insurance is not the primary driver of high medical care costs in the United States. In the Supreme Court's majority opinion, Chief Justice Roberts points out that many people in the U.S. do not eat a balanced diet. This group, says Roberts, makes up a larger percentage of the population than those without health insurance. "The failure of that group to have a healthy diet increases health care costs, to a greater extent than the failure of the uninsured to purchase insurance."

As an example, the Chief Justice points out the undeniable link between obesity and the rising cost of medical care. "Those increased costs are borne in part by other Americans who must pay more, just as the uninsured shift costs to the insured," says Roberts.

If the Chief Justice is correct, the combination of unhealthy lifestyles and increased insurance costs will increase the cost of healthcare for all working Americans. Under PPACA, otherwise healthy working Americans will be required to invest a growing percentage of their income with private health insurance companies to cover the increasing costs of illnesses that result from largely preventable lifestyle diseases.

The Congressional Budget Office esti-



Photo by Nadja Cavin  
**COLD WATER— Tate Coggins cools off in the Grand Central River on a warm June day.**

mates that health insurance premiums will continue to increase by 5.7 percent a year over the next decade.



Under PPACA, insurance companies may not be able to deny coverage for pre-existing conditions or overcharge their customers, but this does not mean the coverage will be affordable for everyone. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, a self-employed couple with two

children making \$93,000 a year will pay an average of \$17,094.00 in 2014 to a private health insurance company for basic coverage or pay a penalty tax to the IRS the following year.

People who receive health insurance benefits through their employers will notice higher insurance deductions from their paychecks and an increase in their insurance deductibles (the amount that must be paid before insurance kicks in). More importantly, money that would otherwise provide an annual salary raise will likely go to pay health insurance benefits for the employees.

Even Alaska Native patients, who are largely insulated from the increased financial costs of health care, are expected to bear a greater personal cost because ac-

cess to Indian Health care services will be shared with an expected increase in Medicaid patients, and perhaps newly insured non-Native patients, who are also seen at many IHS facilities.

The bottom line is that health care is expected to become more expensive, despite the provisions of PPACA, because being unhealthy is expensive and health insurance is not what makes a person healthy. Even the most comprehensive health insurance plan cannot compete with the simple, inexpensive, daily choices to eat right, exercise, maintain a healthy weight and stop smoking.

Furthermore, health insurance should never be thought of as health care. Health care is centered on a relationship between a patient and his or her provider. The re-

lationship is ancient, sacred and results in better health. Health insurance is a business relationship centered on administrators and third-party payers where a patient's health, if it improves at all, is merely a by-product.

I think even the Chief Justice would agree that the decision to put on your tennis shoes this evening and go for a walk after eating a healthy dinner will do more to improve your health than any decision made by the Supreme Court, and that the relationship you maintain with a trusted physician means more to your wellbeing than the relationship you will soon be forming with an insurance company. You may be required to give the insurance company your money, but your health is not in their hands.



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## Community health aides quietly treat Alaskans for 40 years

By Amelia Cooper

The Community Health Aide training facility is built like a functional clinic. There are exam rooms full of medical equipment, and even a waiting room for mock patients. But, nobody is treated there. It is strictly for training Community Health Aides.

The Community Health Aide Program provides rural villages with an accessible health care option, and an opportunity for villagers to pursue health care careers. The training takes place in four month-long sessions, and can be completed as quickly as two years.

CHAs are “hired and trained from scratch to be health care providers,” Dan Thomas said.

Dan Thomas is one of the trainers at the Norton Sound Health Corporation CHAP Training Center. He has been involved with the CHAP off and on since 1977. The Nome facility has six trainers, all of whom are doctors and mid-level health professionals.

CHAs are employees of the Norton Sound Health Clinic. They are paid from the moment they're hired, and they're hired before they're trained, Thomas said.

Many CHAs are in their early 20s, Thomas said, but there are older aides too. The only educational requirements are a high school diploma or GED, and a test to make sure hires can do math at an 8th grade level. “We're training new people all the time,” Thomas said.

At the beginning of training, health aides are handed a Community Health Aides Manual. The CHAM is a medical encyclopedia with step-by-step instructions on how to diagnose and treat hundreds of illnesses. CHAs are thorough, Thomas said. “Doctors are trying to see people in 15 minutes; a health

aide typically takes an hour, or more,” he said.

The curriculum and manual were an early 1970s addition to the program. Health aide type jobs have existed since as early as 1830 when Russian doctors trained locals to take care of their own. The more recent model evolved from volunteer nurses in the 1950s, who made sure people took their TB medicines.

The CHAP developed in Alaska because access to health care is not as easy as on the road system. “People can't go see a doctor without having to take a plane ride,” Thomas said. CHAP doesn't exist in any other state.

There are 60 funded health aide positions spread across 15 villages in Alaska. Currently, most of the positions are filled, which is uncommon. “PTSD is a big concern with health aides,” Thomas said. “You have to take care of your own family and people you've known for a long time,” he said, “it can be pretty traumatic.” There is about a 20 percent turnover rate for CHAs.

CHAP training can double as college credit. Completing all four sessions is about half of an associate's degree, Thomas said. Some CHAs go on to be nurses, or physician assistants.

The Norton Sound Health Corporation CHAP just finished Session II training. There are nine sessions offered each year, with one week between. “It's pretty action-packed all year 'round,” Thomas said.

CHAP has been functioning for at least 40 years. In 1972, Thomas said, “I remember getting my thumb stitched up by a health aide with a doctor telling her how.” There are also dental and behavioral health aides.

“It's a tough job,” Thomas said.

## New faces at Quyanna Care Center



Photos by Carol Gales

**CARING FOR THE ELDERLY**— Quyanna Care Center at Norton Sound Health Corporation has welcomed six new employees who recently completed a certified nurse aide training course through the University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus. From left: Samantha Ustaszewski, Megan Rock, Cara Hancock, Susan Rand, and Lisa Sepplu (not pictured: Audrey Buie).

## Medical billing & coding students graduate



**STUDENT RECOGNITION**— Four Nome students were recognized for completing occupational endorsements in medical coding and billing. Pictured from left to right are: Glenna Tate, Laura Gipson, Brenda Green and Gloria Landry.

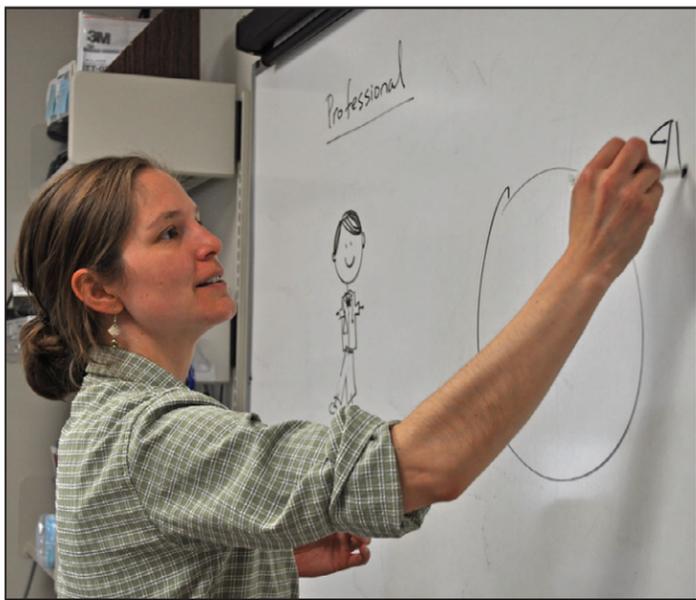


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**HEALTH AIDE TRAINER**— Dr. Nora Nagaruk, MD, lectures students on professionalism.



Photo by Amelia Cooper

**FUTURE HEALTH AIDES**— The Session II Health Aide class prepares for an impromptu operation on Tom Vaden, the EMT/ETT trainer. Left to right: Charlene Katchatag, Dolly Kiyutelluk, Jessie Headley, Cody Martin, Pauline Man

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**GRAND VIEW**— Grand Central Valley at mile 35 of the Kougarak Road provides the road side traveler with a view of Mt. Osborn, at 4,714 feet the tallest peak on the Seward Peninsula.

*Photo by Nadja Cavin*

**Kegoayah Kozga Library summer reading program**



*Photos by Nils Hahn*  
**HAPPY DINOSAUR**— Kelly Lyon shows off her colorful dinosaur. The art class was part of the summer reading program at the Kegoayah Kozga Library.



**DETAIL WORK**— Christine Daniel puts the finishing touches on her dinosaur.



**SERIOUS BUSINESS**— Raina McRae had fun with a green dinosaur.

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# Obituary

## Ida Weyauvanna

Ida Ulugiina Weyauvanna was born on December 5, 1920, at Ikpik to George and Minnie Olanna. Ida married Charlie Weyauvanna on November 26, 1938, they had six children of their own and adopted one grandson, Bryan. Charlie and Ida resided in Brevig Mission until 1964, moved to Shishmaref and there they resided until Charlie's passing in 1972. Ida then moved to Nome with her youngest son Bryan in 1973, where she resided until her passing. She went to be with the Lord on June 13, 2012, while living at the Quyanna Care Center in Nome, where the workers enjoyed her company and personality.

While Charlie and Ida lived in Brevig Mission they were enjoyed by many, they left a respected impression. They lived a very active subsistence way of life, always fishing and hunting. Ida is remembered as one to carry a shotgun, to hunt ptarmigan. She was always doing something, tanning squirrel skins and making mukluk bottoms. Rita Olanna was one of the many she taught how to make crimped mukluk bottoms. As Charlie's eyesight worsened, Ida was there to be his eyes. Charlie was an interpreter for the church, translating the pastor's messages in Inupiaq and Ida held the longest term as a Sunday school teacher.

While living in Brevig Mission, Ida was a respected health aide and midwife. In those days they would report patients to the Kotzebue hospital via radio because Nome did not have a hospital. She then continued providing excellent care to the community of Shishmaref until her retirement. Many mothers in Ida's care often spoke of the appreciation they have for her caring hands. She delivered and assisted with difficult pregnancies, ending in a healthy delivery. Some of the children have been named after her, in honor of their successful delivery.

Ida was a devout Christian of the Lutheran Church, attending whenever physically possible. She appreciated the communions brought to her by the Lutheran pastors while still residing in her home. She constantly yearned to return to her home after moving into full time care. She listened to and watched many Lutheran conferences and gospel singspirations on her cassette recorder and TV. She stressed the importance of the Bible and prayer to her children and grandchildren, thankful for her strong faith she had in the Lord and all he has done. Ida was also a member of the church choir, and she always said, "Remember Jesus and always pray".

Ida whole-heartedly loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was blessed with 11 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Her home was always open to all family, relatives, and friends. Those who were in Nome for doctor's appointments, summer vacations, Iditarod basketball tournaments, or



Ida Weyauvanna

church conferences, whether visiting a few hours or staying for a time, were always welcomed with food or a place to sleep. All her grandchildren called her "mom". The love Ida extended to all included her nieces and nephews, many in the extended family also called her "Auntie Momma", and later she was referred to as "great-mom" by her great-grandchildren.

Ida was a very skilled sewer, she made many muklucs, parkies, kuspuks, and hardsoles; providing warmth to her family and others. She was a very willing teacher to those learning to sew, many showed their work for her to critique and learn the correct method or style. While living in Nome she continued a subsistence lifestyle, gathering various greens, berries, eggs, and fish, and continually processed the meat and skins her son harvested. Ida enjoyed the times she and Bryan spent out in the countryside, traveling via car on the road system to gather food, fresh water, or just to get some fresh air. The grandchildren and great-grandchildren who had the opportunity to spend time with her all have fond memories of the great excursions out in the country. She greatly appreciated her son Bryan for taking her for a car ride out in the country every Mother's Day, until she was unable to do so.

Ida was a great fan of basketball, whether it was high school, city league, college, or professional. She and her friend Loretta Sinnok would sit for many hours watching

the Iditarod basketball tournaments, enjoying each other's company as they also did visiting in her home. She would gladly hear all the high school updates, discussing statistics over the phone, and watching games on TV intently with her grandsons and great grandsons.

Ida is survived by her children Clara and Shelton Kokeok, Susie and Ben Kokeok, Bryan Weyauvanna (Charlie, MacKenzie, Hailey). Grandkids: Warren and Bessi Sinnok (Ralph "Skip", Victoria "Sweety", Esau, Fred) Frieda Sinnok and Warren Ningeulook (Ralph, Raymond, Frank) John and Kate Kokeok (Edward, Carter, Elizabeth), Joshua Kokeok, Nancy Kokeok and Robbie Ningeulook (Austin, Corey, Edgar, Sarah, Sonja, Hunter), Harry Kokeok and Lori Hadley (Morgan), Wilsa Kokeok and Ralph Sinnok (Bradley, Michael, Carl, Dawn), Annie and Jason Weyiuanna (Luke), Norman "Mickey" Kokeok and Vanessa Eningowuk (Kaden). Sister-in-law: Edith Olanna.

Ida is preceded in death by her parents George & Minnie Olanna. Brothers: Alfred and Irene Olanna, Arnold and Katherine Olanna, Harry and Faye Olanna, Elliot and Emma Olanna, Washington and first wife Frieda Olanna, Frank Olanna. Sisters: Marie and Jack Ningeulook, Helen and Verne Eutuk. Children: Al Jacob, Jacob, Warren and Edna Weyauvanna. Grandchildren: Alfred Charlie Kokeok and Norman Charlie "Boy" Kokeok.

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**Across**

1. Change places
8. More drab color
15. Divided into small spaces
16. Core
17. Dishes the dirt
18. Lure with music
19. Atlas enlargement
20. Length x width, for a rectangle
22. "Whatcha \_\_\_?"
23. Whispers sweet nothings
24. Backless seat
25. Decide to leave, with "out"
26. "\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
27. Risk
28. European language
29. Cut
31. Electric dart shooter
32. "O, gie me the \_\_\_ that has acres o' charms": Burns
33. Freudian topics
35. Calculator, at times
38. Speak incoherently when angry
42. Bassoon, e.g.
43. Vocation
45. Biochemistry abbr.
46. Churchill's "so few": Abbr.
47. Abreast (of)
48. Stallion, once
49. \_\_\_ cheese
51. Knowledge gained through anecdote

**Down**

1. Enchanting
2. Magnetite, e.g. (2 wds)
3. Plaster of Paris painting surfaces
4. Derby prize
5. Came down
6. Bug
7. Lesser quality substitutes
8. Falling star
9. Presidential assassin
10. "It's no \_\_\_!"
11. Lentil, e.g.
12. Within a building
13. Overshadow
14. Come in again
21. A way
24. \_\_\_ souci
27. Try, as a case
28. "\_\_\_ of Eden"
30. Coaster
31. \_\_\_ de force
33. Androgynous
34. Delight
35. Unpaid overdue debt
36. Fixed (2 wds)
37. Actual
38. Antares, for one
39. White, crystalline, poisonous alkaloid
40. Joins the military
41. Notched wheel and pawl
43. Bad feeling
44. Ages
48. Apple gizmo
50. A fitting reward
52. 1984 Peace Nobel
54. What "it" plays
56. "Walking on Thin Ice" singer

Previous Puzzle Answers

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# HOROSCOPES

July 5 - July 11

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22 - January 19

Get ready, Capricorn, as some serious challenges are headed your way. Don't worry. You will meet them with ease. A fitness goal is reached.

**ARIES**  
March 21 - April 19

Ready to throw in the towel, Aries? Don't. The answer you seek is right in front of you. A transportation issue is fixed once and for all.

**CANCER**  
June 22 - July 22

Sleep deprivation is not unheard of in your household, especially these days. Cancer. Do what you can to scale back and rest. You will need to be at your best at work.

**LIBRA**  
September 23 - October 22

Look out, Libra! Things are not as they seem, and you would do well to find out what is really going on. The prize you seek falls into the hands of another.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20 - February 18

You hit an impasse. Give it some time, Aquarius. You can't expect miracles overnight. The tickle of the ivories gets the party started.

**TAURUS**  
April 20 - May 20

A coworker raises the stakes. Are you willing to commit, Taurus? Don't say yes unless you're certain you have the time and resources. A furry friend brings laughter to your home.

**LEO**  
July 23 - August 22

Getting information from a young one at home feels like pulling teeth, but it will be well worth the effort, Leo. The more you know, the better.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23 - November 21

Pipe down, Scorpio. You stated your opinion, and now it's time you let someone else speak. There are many views on the matter, and all must be heard before it can be resolved.

**PISCES**  
February 19 - March 20

A turn of events changes your tune big time, Pisces. You see the situation for what it is, and you must move out of your comfort zone for a solution.

**GEMINI**  
May 21 - June 21

Small lifestyle changes now will have big impact later, Gemini, so don't dismiss the need for them. A request from a young friend must not be denied.

**VIRGO**  
August 23 - September 22

Great satisfaction comes in knowing you have all of your Ps and Qs in order, and you do, Virgo. Now it's time to help another get theirs in order. The project depends upon it.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22 - December 21

An impromptu shopping trip uncovers many glorious finds, and you're compelled to change your décor. Start with that dreary room, Sagittarius.

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**A Fortnight for Freedom  
By Father Ross Tozzi,  
St. Joe's Catholic Church**

Each 4th of July, the people of the nation look back to the founding of the nation and celebrate Independence Day. The wisdom from the Declaration of Independence acknowledges that God the Creator has given every human the Rights to "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." It is the duty of our government to protect those rights. If the government does not respect our dignity and our freedom, then the governed must take a stand for their God given rights. Health care reform in our nation while certainly needed and well intentioned, threatens our freedom. This is why Catholics through the nation have undertaken a campaign of prayer and education under the title of a Fortnight for Freedom..

Almighty God, Father of all nations,

For freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1)

We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty,

The foundation of human rights, justice and the common good.

Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties;

By your grace may we have the courage to defend them,

For ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

The sacredness of human life calls for us to care for the sick with dignity and respect. Jesus did that time and time again through the healing of the sick. Take for example the women who suffered for 12 years and exhausted all of her funds seeking a medical cure (Mark 5:25-34). The respect and dignity Jesus had for the woman who but touched his clothes recognized her faith. What if the women had not run into Jesus? Would there have been any help from the government of that time to assist her? Probably not.

The fundamental sacredness of human life calls us to work for laws that help people in their weakness and sickness. The Catholic Church in the United States has been calling for the government to do more to help people with respect to health care since 1919. One might then ask, so what is all of the fuss about health care reform in the United States? Shouldn't we all be in support of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)? Man made laws are not always fair and just.

Many people anxiously awaited the Supreme Court's decision in our past Thursday over health care in our Nation. Some cheered the decision. Others vowed to repeal it at the first chance. A church spokesman had this



**GONE FISHING**— With pink salmon having arrived in regional waters, Nome residents and visitors hit the Nome River mouth on Sunday, July 1, sinking their hooks in the river for a fresh harvest of salmon.

Photo by Diana Haecker

to say, "The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has not joined in efforts to repeal the law in its entirety, and we do not do so today . . . The decision of the Supreme Court neither diminishes the moral imperative to ensure decent health care for all, nor eliminates the need to correct (the law's) fundamental flaws."

The spokesmen went onto make three points:

"First, ACA allows use of federal funds to pay for elective abortions and for plans that cover such abortions, contradicting longstanding federal policy." Beyond longstanding federal policy, God has given every human the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our founding fathers acknowledged that these Rights are "unalienable" as they come from God alone. As a nation, we have certainly drifted far and wide from the principles of our Declaration of Independence.

"Second, the Act fails to include necessary language to provide essential conscience protection, both within and beyond the abortion context." According to the Bill of Rights, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." With the silence of the law to provide for religious liberty, the Health and Human Services Administration has run roughshod over the Bill of Rights and mandated religious employers to violate deeply held religious beliefs to cover sterilization and contraception, including abortifacient drugs. Let us recall the words of Jesus in healing the woman who but touched his clothes. "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace

and be cured of your affliction" (Mark 5:34). Jesus respected the woman's faith and recognized it as essential to her cure. Federal laws and mandates need to respect the religious liberty of our faith consistent with the Bill of Rights.

"Third, ACA fails to treat immigrant workers and their families fairly. ACA leaves them worse off by not allowing them to purchase health coverage in the new exchanges created under the law, even if they use their own money. This undermines the Act's stated goal of promoting ac-

cess to basic life-affirming health care for everyone, especially for those most in need."

One case has been settled in the Supreme Court but there are many other legal challenges still to be addressed. The cases in the courts and the debate rages on. Certainly many would disagree with a Catholic understanding of what is most important. However, if our government does not exercise the wisdom to protect and promote the liberties that our Creator has endowed us with, can we truly celebrate our independence?

Dear Wilfred, Harry, & Kelik,  
I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for sharing your catch with me and my family. It was wonderful to have a taste of our native food. For a number of years I have not been able to hunt due to problems with my health. It goes to show that the Inupiaq way of sharing is still strong and alive among our people and it makes my heart feel good to know this. May you get many more seals and oogruks to share with the elders of our community. Quyanna! ~ Vince

*Quyanna*

## Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church**  
443-2144

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

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West 3rd Avenue • 443-5448 • Pastor Bruce Landry

Sunday Small Group Bible Study: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

**Community United Methodist**  
West 2nd Ave • 443-2865

Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.  
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

**Nome Covenant Church**

101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey

Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)  
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295

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Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.  
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**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

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Icy View • 443-5137

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## Seawall

**Disclaimer:** This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party.

On 06-25 at 10:01 pm Conrad Paniptchuk, age 62 of Nome was contacted by NPD at 402 Loman Avenue. After investigation, Paniptchuk was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass and being Intoxicated on a Licensed Premise, bail was set at \$250.

On 06-25 at 11:36 p.m. NPD responded to a report of disorderly conduct at 303 East 3rd Avenue. After investigation, Timothy Lockwood, age 32 of Nome was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and remanded to AMCC, bail was set at \$250.

On 06-26 at 4 p.m. NPD responded to a report from members of the Discovery Channel of the theft of a Pelican Hard Case. Investigation continues; if you have any information regarding the stolen item please contact the NPD at 443-5262.

On 06-27 at 3:53 a.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on David Blanning, age 27 of Nome. Blanning was issued a citation for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance.

On 06-27 at 12:02 p.m. NPD responded to a call from Bonanza Express stating that a blue single cab Toyota truck with a gas tank in the bed had driven off without paying. Investigation into this matter continues. If you have any information regarding this fuel theft please contact NPD at 443-5262.

On 06-28 at 1:21 p.m. NPD made contact with Seijiro Heck, age 30 of Nome at 4th and H St. Heck was arrested and transported to AMCC for a Probation Violation.

On 06-28 at 8:12 p.m. NPD received a report of a stolen bike. If anyone has any information regarding the whereabouts of a gray Mongoose bicycle that was taken from outside NSRH please contact our office at 443-5262.

On 06-28 at 8:38 p.m. NPD responded to a report of assault at 609 East 4th Avenue. After investigation Tiffany Slwooko, age 31 of Gambell was arrested and transported to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

On 06-29 at 6:11 a.m. NPD responded to a report of Domestic Violence at 203 W. Front Street. After investigation Ryan Antoghame, age 35 or Nome was arrested and transported to AMCC for Assault (DV). There was no bail set for this offense as it was a domestic violence offense.

On 06-30 at 1:36 a.m. Dennis Bahnke, age 38 or Nome was contacted by NPD at Bering Street and Lomen Avenue. Bahnke was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence and bail was set at \$1000.

On 07-01 at 12:53 a.m. NPD responded to a report of a person who was intoxicated and would not leave. After investigation, Marvin Okleasik age 54 of Teller was arrested and transported to AMCC for Criminal Trespass, bail was set at \$250.

On 07-01 at 3:14 a.m. NPD responded to a report of a fight at 210 West Front Street. After investigation, Jamie Ahkinga, age 30 or Nome was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault, bail was set at \$500.

On 07-01 at 4:39 a.m. NPD responded to a report of sexual assault and theft at 302 East Front Street. After investigation, Raquel Noongwook, age 35 of Savoonga was arrested and transported to AMCC for filing a False Report. Bail was set at \$500.

On 07-02 at 2:21 a.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on East Fourth Street. Randy Bruns, age 31 of Teller was issued citations for Operating a Vehicle with Expired Registration, Driving While License Expired and Driving Without Motor Vehicle Insurance.

On 07-02 at 12:06 a.m. NPD responded to a report of a disturbance at 115 West 5th Avenue. After investigation Andrea Douglas, age 21 of Nome was arrested and transported to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

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# All Around the Sound

### New Arrivals

Harriet and Dave Easton of Anchorage announce the birth of their daughter **Alice Mae Easton**, born May 15, at 5:31 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 7.4 ounces, and was 20" in length. Her sisters are Chelsie, Rhiannon and Sarah and her brothers are Troy, Wallace and Tony.

Laverne and Albert Saccheus of Unalakleet announce the birth of their son **Aniguiin Jacob Saccheus**, born June 5, at 10:47 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19.5" in length. His siblings are Nicole Saccheus, Justin Davison, Gabriel Anagick and the late Ada Arlene Saccheus.

Renita L. Toolie and Clinton Kogassagoon of Savoonga announce the birth of their son **Vincent J. Raymond Harry Toolie**, born June 14, at 8:12 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20" in length. Siblings are proud big sister Jacinda Toolie, 4; Kyan, Jada Wongittilin, sisters; and Taylor J. Wongittilin, brother. Maternal grandparents Bernard and Sylvia Toolie, and proud

great-grandparents Raymond and Elizabeth Toolie, all of Savoonga; and paternal grandparents Barbara Kogassagoon of Savoonga, and the late Emerson Kogassagoon.

Lorraine I. Olanna and James S. Olanna of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their son **Roger Omedalina Seetot Olanna**, born June 16, at 2:21 p.m. His brother is Elton Wesley Alfred Olanna, 2 years, 4 months. Maternal grandparents are Percy and Hannah Olanna, of Brevig Mission and paternal grandmother Joanne Olanna.

Sheila C. Olanna and Thomas E. Eningowuk of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their son **Mason Robert Olanna**, born June 18, at 7:37 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 18" in length. His brother is Ethan P. Olanna, 22 months. Maternal grandparents are Dickie and Pauline Kugzruk of Brevig Mission and Rita Attatayuk and Joe Eningowuk of Shishmaref.

Dora E. and Clark W. Davis of Golovin, announce the birth of their daughter **Mary Etta Tingook Davis**, born June 19, at 4:40 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was

18 1/2" in length. Her sisters are Rachel and Agnes; and her brothers are Edwin, Edward, and Luke. Maternal grandparents are Edith Olanna of Nome and Mary Ann Davis of Anchorage.

### Newly Weds

Larry Sr. and Kathy Fagerstrom of Goovin and Michael Sr. and Charlotte Sookiyak of Shaktoolik announced the marriage of their children **Larry Jr. and Joann** on June 16, 2012 in Golovin.

### Graduates

Niaomi Brunette of Nome, graduated from Fort Lewis College in April 2012. Brunette received a Bachelor of Arts with a major in History - United States Option. Nearly 450 students participated in the April commencement ceremony. The commencement speaker, Senator Mark Udall, encouraged the new graduates to seek out adventure and to not shy away from taking risks.

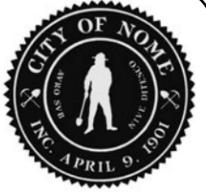
### Former Nomeite selected as first female National Guard command sergeant major

Former Nome resident Pam Harrington was selected to be the first female state command sergeant major for the Alaska Army National

Guard, effective June 1. Harrington was stationed in Nome for six years, from August 1, 2002 until July 31, 2008. Harrington was deployed to Afghanistan for a year during that time. She said she misses the hunting and fishing she got to do in Nome. Harrington has 25 years of experience in military administra-

tion, logistics and maintenance, along with a tour to Afghanistan, where she was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. As the state command sergeant major, Harrington will advise commander of the Alaska Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Leon "Mike" Bridges, also a former Nomeite, on enlisted soldier-related issues.

## PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING COMMISSION SEAT APPOINTMENTS



The Planning Commission has one seat open for appointment. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk's Office by **Friday, July 14th, 2012 at 5:00 PM.**

Applications are available at City Hall or at [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org)  
Please call 443-6603 for more information.

6/21,6/28,7/5,7/12



NEWLY WEDS— Larry Jr. and Joann Fagerstrom.



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

**PASTURE**— A herd of musk oxen has discovered a vacant lot owned by Alaska Gold Co. at 5th Avenue in town, and partake in the lush greens growing there. The Nome Police Department has alerted residents to stay away from the animals.

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Please be advised that the State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities/ Contractor: Phillips and Jordan, Inc. will be performing road resurfacing and major culvert replacement on Nome-Council Road Milepost 62-73.6. Construction is slated to begin June 6, 2012 and continue thru August 30, 2012. In addition to the above stated project, Nome-Council Milepost 54 will be posted for truck crossing and drilling/blasting of bedrock. Expect frequent delays.

For additional information contact:

Ulysses Hall, DOT/PF Construction Project Engineer, 907-443-3440 or Bobby McCown, Construction Project Superintendent, Phillips and Jordan, Inc., 907-398-6918.

During these construction activities, motorists can expect changes in traffic patterns and delays. Please be alert to these conditions.

6/14-21-28,7/5

## STEBBINS NATIVE CORPORATION

### Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Friday, September 07, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. in Stebbins, Alaska at the City Hall

Shareholders who are least 18 Years of Age and wish to run one of the 3 (Three) board seats open for election are requested to send a Letter of Intent, including current address, telephone number and a resume listing qualifications to:

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Letter of Intent must be received by Stebbins Native Corporation, on or before July 31, 2012

6/28,7/5



Photo by Diana Haecker

**JET SKI TO WORK—** An offshore gold miner pulls his dredge on a jet ski as other dredges are already in place working the ocean floor for gold, on Friday, June 29.

## Trooper Beat

### Week ending 6/28

On June 15, at 9:30 p.m. the Alaska State Troopers received a report of an intoxicated person at the Safety Roadhouse. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Adrian Daniels, 28, of Elim, for probation violation. Daniels was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On June 15 at 10:20 p.m. AST received a re-

port of an intoxicated person in the road at 29 mile Nome-Council Highway. Troopers subsequently arrested Laurie Keith, 21, of Elim, for probation violation. Keith was remanded to AMCC.

On June 15, AST received a tip that alcohol was being transported from Nome to Elim via boat. Elim is a local option community where the sale and importation of alcohol are banned. Subsequent investigation led to the seizure of nine,

750ml bottles of liquor and a boat with motor. Suspects have been identified and the investigation is complete. Criminal charges will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review.

On June 22, Nome WAANT contacted an adult male traveler at a local air carrier headed to Shishmaref. Incident to contact, 2-750ml bottles of alcohol were seized from his luggage. He was allowed to travel and charges will be forwarded to

OSPAA. Shishmaref is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol.

On June 25, at 1:15 p.m. AST investigated a domestic violence protective order violation that occurred at the Nome Court. A suspect has been identified. Criminal charges are pending.

On June 28, Nome WAANT contacted an adult

male and an adult female traveling to St Michael, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 8-750ml bottles of alcohol were seized from their luggage. They were allowed to travel and charges will be forwarded to OSPAA. St. Michael, is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol.

## Court

### Week ending 6/29

#### Civil

Giffin, Rochelle v. Johnson, Gene; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children  
Engstrom, Ronna L. v. Mathisen, JR. , William A.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children

#### Small Claims

Rural Credit Services v. McCann, Andrew; Small Claims More than \$2500

#### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Dorcas M. Okpealuk (12/23/95); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Date of Offense: 5/27/12; Fine: \$300 with \$100 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court 7/6/12; Probation until 6/21/13; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.

State of Alaska v. Michelle Kavairlook (8/15/91); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat Offense; Date of Offense: 5/27/12; Fine: \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid to the court 11/15/12; Driver's License or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 90 days; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 6/21/13; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.

State of Alaska v. Felicia J. Larsen (4/20/95); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat Offense; Date of Offense: 6/3/12; Fine: \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid to the court 11/15/12; Driver's License or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 90 days; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 6/21/13; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.

State of Alaska v. Dinah Toolie (12/24/93); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Date of Offense: 6/6/12; Fine: \$300 with \$100 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court 11/15/12; Probation until 6/21/13; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.

State of Alaska v. Caitlin Mocan (10/5/93); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat Offense; Date of Offense: 5/19/12; Fine: \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid to the court 11/15/12; Driver's License or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 90 days; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 6/21/13; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.

State of Alaska v. Hubert Ronald Southern (12/25/80); Judgment and Commitment; Count 001: Tamper Phys Evid- To Prevent Proceeding; Date of offense: 5/6/11; Defendant came before the court on 6/22/12 with counsel, Rex Lamont Butler, and the DA present; 4 years, 0 years suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 (Felony) due within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facility surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; 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; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated when defendant reports to the jail to serve the sentence.

State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevaseuk (8/30/83); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DVPO; Filed by the DAs Office 5/16/12.

State of Alaska v. Robert K. Johnson (5/20/93); Dismissal; Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 6/25/12.

State of Alaska v. Emory C. Wheeler (4/6/45); Driving While License Cancelled, Suspended or Revoked, or in Violation of Limitation; Date of violation: 7/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 7 days, 7 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 6/2/13; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Sherry Kulukhon (11/13/65); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4, DV; Filed by the DAs Office 6/22/12.

State of Alaska v. Cyrus S.E. Savetilik (6/14/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: see attached; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; Amended Special Conditions of Probation attached, as stated in order.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Fagundes (12/19/90); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110670408; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 150 days; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jason Toshavik (12/23/92); Notice for Withdrawal Of Petition To Revoke Probation; The State withdraws the Petition to Revoke Probation filed on or about 4/17/12; The court should quash any outstanding bench warrant issued on this case; Filed by the DAs Office 6/28/12.

State of Alaska v. Richard Schulling (9/22/69); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 6/28/12.

State of Alaska v. Andrew Kunayak (2/27/72); Count 001: Assault 4°; DV; Date of violation: 1/22/12; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: ct 2 (002); 240 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 4/30/12, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 4/20/15; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Lorraine Saccheus (11/8/85); 2NO-11-751CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112697199; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Require Assessment for treatment by 7/15/12; Comply with treatment recommendations; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Lorraine Saccheus (11/8/85); 2NO-12-168CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113267203; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all time revoked; Remand into custody.

State of Alaska v. Shantah Esparza (9/24/87); 2NO-11-118CR Notice For Withdrawal Of Petition To Revoke Probation; The State withdraws the Petition to Revoke Probation filed on or about 11/21/11; The court should quash any outstanding bench warrant issued on this case; Filed by the DAs Office 6/27/12.

State of Alaska v. Shantah Esparza (9/24/87); 2NO-11-756CR Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4°; Count II: Reckless Endangerment; Count III: Criminal Mischief 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 6/27/12.

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# Polar bear sighted near Cape Nome

By Diana Haecker

Reports reached Nome that a polar bear was seen at the beach between Hastings and Cape Nome in the afternoon of Wednesday, June 27.

When it saw people it dashed into the ocean and swam toward Cape Nome.

According to Jack Omelak with the Alaska Nanuq Commission, the commission has heard several reports that indeed a polar bear was sighted walking along the beach near Cape Nome. The Alaska Nanuq Commission is co-managing polar bears with the federal US Fish and Wildlife Service. Omelak said that the commission has relied on the knowledge and efforts of local people to safely deter polar bears from their villages, or have relied on the Alaska State Troopers -when available- or the USFWS Enforcement Officer based in Nome.

The Nanuq Commission has no formal deterrence or interaction plan in place, but is working on developing a long-term strategy dealing with

human-polar bear encounters. "This effort is crucial, as the probability for increased interactions is inevitable with the impending loss of polar bear habitat and sea ice, and our phased implementation of a quota for the Chukchi population," Omelak wrote.

"This plan is part of a five-year project which seeks to identify human and polar bear interactions within the villages the ANC represents and to identify and assess previous and current polar bear deterrence and interaction plans, and lastly, develop and implement polar bear deterrence and interaction plans within the villages we represent," Omelak wrote.

The Alaska Nanuq Commission and several of its partners, the USFWS, World Wildlife Fund and the Defenders of Wildlife, are putting together a two day workshop in December of 2012 to introduce members of the region to the concepts and issues regarding humans and polar bears.



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**NUGGETS**— Colorado visitor Joe Fortunato shows the gold nuggets he found at Krutzsch's gold camp. According to Augie Krutzsch, the smaller nuggets weigh an ounce, the bigger nugget weighs 4.5 ounces.

# Colorado man strikes it rich during vacation in Nome

By Diana Haecker

With a name like Fortunato, fortune did smile on Joe Fortunato, a 65-year old tourist from Westminster, Colorado doing some prospecting at Betty Krutzsch's AKAu Gold and Resort near Anvil Creek. On day 11 of his Nome vacation at the gold resort, Fortunato ran his metal detector over an area that had shown some color before and then struck it rich. "You always hear about these kind of stories, but you don't think it could happen to you," Joe Fortunato said. It did. Fortunato said his metal detector started sounding the alarm and he started digging a few inches through the dirt before he found a pigeon-size gold nugget. "When I first saw it, I didn't think it was a nugget," Fortunato said. "I thought it was a rock covered with dirt." Fortunato said that a friend had been in the same area the day before and found some gold. He as well has been running his metal detector over it, but he said, he had not paid close enough attention to the task. "I'd gone right past them," he said. But on Tuesday, June 26 Fortunato had his mind on the game. Holding the heavy dirt-covered nugget in hand, the gold shone through and Fortunato realized what he's found. Giddy with excitement, he kept digging and found a second gold nugget about the same size. And then the metal detector went off again. Fortunato dug yet deeper into the earth and a few feet into the ground, he found a hunk of a

gold nugget, weighing in at about four and a half ounces.

The nuggets are his to keep, says Augie Krutzsch who runs the gold resort with his mother Betty Krutzsch. The Krutzsch's have operated their mine for years, but this year, they have opened their claim to visiting prospectors. The Krutzsch's have built guest cabins and offer visitors the chance to try their luck prospecting with metal detectors as well as high-banking with sluice-boxes.

Fortunato has been dreaming of

coming to Alaska to prospect all his life. He said, this was his first trip to Nome and he'll likely be coming back, next time with his wife. "I will treasure this forever," he said. At 65, he is still working at his business manufacturing machine parts for spray-painting equipment and computers. He said the three nuggets would be his forever. "No way, I'm gonna sell them. They'll be in a glass case on top of my mantelpiece for me to look at," he said with a big smile.



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**LUCKY**— Joe Fortunato, left, gets the thumbs up from AKAu Gold and Resort co-owner Augie Krutzsch, right.



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**EYES ON THE PRIZE**— Tyler Hill of South Carolina fishes for pinks at the Nome River, on Sunday, July 1. He is a missionary with the Bible Baptist Church, spending the summer in Nome. Pictured behind is Summercise intern Kylie Knapp of Arizona.



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**GOING FOR THE GREEN**— A musk ox bull is grazing on greens near Center Creek Road.

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