



BOAT HARBOR OF NOME— A study identified Nome’s port as a potential site to be part of a deep-draft Alaska Arctic port system.

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Nome and Port Clarence to be studied as sites for deep-draft Arctic port

By Diana Haecker

Nome and Port Clarence are on top of a very short list of potential deep-draft Arctic harbors to provide services to oil and gas explorers, mining companies, shipping commerce, federal agency support and

search and rescue services.

Changes in the Arctic, diminishing sea ice and expanded resource extraction plus increased shipping traffic prompted the State of Alaska’s Dept. of Transportation and the federal U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

to team up for the study to identify port locations for an Alaska deep-draft Arctic ports system. The study evaluated potential port locations on the northern and western coasts of Alaska in response to the Arctic coast experiencing increased vessel

traffic.

The agencies released a draft of the study last week.

The verdict: Nome and Port Clarence are the top two locations that merit further study. The study draft recommends conducting a “feasibility analysis” on Nome and Port Clarence for 2013 and 2014.

Nome City Manager Josie Bahnke said the news was very exciting. “This study has been going on for two years and hearing that Nome and Port Clarence were selected as the two sites chosen for a feasibility study was thrilling— but not altogether a surprise,” Bahnke said. “We have spent the past several years expending a great deal of time sharing information with the Corps and Alaska DOT and being pro-active in the conversations about Nome’s potential for a deep water port.”

The draft report says the criteria used to come up with the short list considered port proximity to oil and gas, mining locations, the existence of infrastructure for so called inter-modal connections in terms of airports, roads and the possibility for railroad connections or increased marine infrastructure. They also took into account ‘upland’ support and whether the community is already considered a hub, supporting other communities in the area.

A fourth criterion was water depth.

The report says that using the natural water depth was deemed appropriate as a means of avoiding ongoing maintenance dredging and cost. “Minus 35-feet mean lower low water and minus 45-feet MLLW were deemed appropriate depth

measures to capture suitability for various deep-draft port users,” reads the report.

The study used multi-criteria decision analysis software to take several perspectives into account. Nome topped the list titled “All Purpose, all criteria, equal weights.” Second was Port Clarence, third Cape Darby. Nome also headed the list titled “Oil and gas sites, water depth limited to minus 35 feet.” Teller, again, took second, Barrow third. Nome rose to the top of the short list of “Mining sites, water depth limited to minus 45 feet.” Cape Darby took second, Port Clarence third.

While the Port of Nome at this point does not offer a minus 35-feet MLLW depth, the city is actively pursuing funding to expand the port’s capabilities.

Nome Mayor Denise Michels said in an email correspondence with *The Nome Nugget*, “We’re excited about the report that is out for public comment with the City of Nome and Port Clarence making the short list,” Michels wrote. “This project is a priority for the City and we’ve had regional support to extend the causeway to -35 MLLW. We’re in the process of updating our port and harbor plan and this report will need to be reviewed by the Port Commission and we look forward to their recommendations to the City Council.”

According to the report, recent hydrographic surveys done to support the *Renda’s* fuel delivery revealed that deep water is closer than anticipated. Also, the report notes that the current gold rush has

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Photo by Diana Haecker

MOVE POSTPONED— Citing the need for more time to train staff on new equipment, hospital officials say the date to have everything and everybody moved into the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital has been postponed until March 5. That’s when the hospital and Quyanna Care will open their doors for all services, a press release from Norton Sound Health Corporation said. During the opening ceremony in October, officials said that they hoped to complete the move by January 30. According to the press release, the transition time was slowed down because staff needed more training on the more than 700 pieces of equipment in the new hospital. Dental, eye care, audiology, CAMP, finance, human resources, administration, information systems, infant learning program and W.I.C have already moved to the new site and are ready to provide services to patients.

Huntington recovering from snowmachine crash injuries

By Diana Haecker

Evan Booth’s Iron Dog partner Tyler Huntington was seriously injured during a practice run on Monday, Jan. 28 and is recovering at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

About three miles outside of Shaktoolik, Huntington hit a driftwood log and was catapulted off his Polaris Indy 600. He suffered a broken pelvis, internal injuries and

bruising to his lower abdomen.

Huntington crashed full speed at about 80 mph.

Evan Booth said that he was riding ahead of Huntington and periodically looked over his shoulder to make sure he’s there.

When Booth looked back shortly before Shaktoolik and didn’t see his partner, he turned immediately around and came upon the accident site where he found the snowmachine overturned and Huntington laying on the ground, conscious but in great pain.

Booth took Huntington’s snowmachine in front of his injured partner. He stabilized him, covered him up to shield him from the wind and then decided to go for help in nearby Shaktoolik. Booth had a satellite phone with him, but decided it would be faster to go to the village and alert the authorities.

“In Shaktoolik I alerted the VPSO

to pull the trigger on rescue operations because we needed a medevac,” Booth said. He also called Bering Air and the Alaska State Troopers in Nome to give them the heads up.

Within five minutes Booth and Shaktoolik Search and Rescue were with Huntington again, stabilized him and gave him a dose of morphine. They transported Huntington on a sled pulled by snowmachine to Shaktoolik. From there, he was airlifted with Bering Air to Anchorage. Booth flew with his partner for support.

Huntington underwent a seven-hour surgery on Tuesday evening. He is in stable condition, but his Iron Dog aspirations to ride and win with Booth are over for this year.

Booth said that with Huntington’s blessing, he now teamed up with Iron Dog veteran Doug Dixon of Anchorage to run the upcoming Iron Dog race.



RECOVERING— Iron Dog racer Tyler Huntington is recovering at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage from surgery that restored his hip after a snowmachine crash outside of Shaktoolik.

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A Look at the Past



Comment and Photo Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

NO MORE EXCUSES — The holidays are over! Get off the couch and get outside for a good ski. Just like clockwork, Nome is back up to eight hours of daylight. It's time to enjoy our pristine wilderness.

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

Editorial

Money Talks, but the Arctic Should Watch

It's inevitable that the Arctic will no longer be our last frontier. We have big oil companies salivating over our offshore oil. We have international competition to rule the Arctic shipping lanes. We are faced with highly competent and mercenary organizations who want to make money and they think we are benighted and ripe for the pickin'. Our state government does nothing to prove them wrong.

It's time for Alaska to step up to the plate and put infrastructure and regulations into place in the Arctic that will protect our way of life. We need to be very serious about protecting our environment. When it's ruined it is gone forever. The big international players don't really give a damn about our environmental issues. To them the bottom line is all that counts. We need to get spill protection, health and safety regulations in place. We need to enforce the laws of the high seas. We need to be better educated in ways to protect our life-style. We need to have medical evacuation and disaster response systems in place. We need reliable communication. We need to set up a system that will allow our coastal communities to have a say in what happens to our ocean, land and way of living. We need to understand the fragile and delicate balance between nature and economic development. We need to educate the rest of the state and our nation about our concerns. It was ignorant big city Alaskans who believed the big money ads and voted down our Coastal Zone Management hopes.

Our politicians need to get away from short-term programs that give away the store and look to the long run. What kind of environment do we want for our children and grandchildren? What will our future look like? Will we have a handle on our destiny or will we be run over by the big money boys? — N.L.M.—

Letters

Hello out there,

I was sitting here thinking about our kids' education. There are many children out there who struggle with different aspects of school. They need to know that they are not the only ones. They also need to know that there are people out there that can help them to get thru it, so that they might get the help they need to become what they should be—competent in all levels.

Everyone struggles with something at some point, so it would be nice to be able to get the help they need. After all, there are different ways of asking the questions, as to how someone else understands it. It is OK to get help. We would like them to become whatever it is they dream about being; to enjoy their job.

Back when I was growing up we didn't have TV, much less video games. We went outside—rain or shine, winter or summer—and played games like ditchum, mana mana, marbles, hide and seek, among others. We did not play games that shoot at people. Whether they call it zombies, war games, etc., it is still about killing people, and so many people/kids play it. Then they show people doing drugs on TV and in movie. That's like telling our kids it's OK to do those things.

Unalakleet made the Sub-Regional Clinic, along with an 8-plex to house visiting physicians, as well as local physicians, so that we could start getting Specialty Clinics for our community and the surrounding communities that we hoped to serve. Not only would it drive down medical expenses on the health care plans, but Nome would have more open spots to be able to service their outlying communities better. I

would urge the people in these communities to write to Norton Sound Regional Hospital in Nome and ask them why we aren't getting those services here in Unalakleet. After all, the doctors from Anchorage would love to visit this beautiful country area too, wouldn't you?

Take care, you all. I hope you have a great year. Remember, dress accordingly, and don't forget to take snacks if you travel somewhere—we never know what might happen. As always,
Karen Nanouk
Unalakleet, AK 99684

Ulu News

By Senator Donny Olson

Staff Update

Hello from Juneau. The 28th Legislature is underway and my staff and I are eager to get to work for you. My staff is much the same as last year. Dave Scott is the Chief of Staff, Denise Liccioli is the principal Finance Committee Aide, and Sydney Seay is Legislative Committee Aide. New to the office is the 2013 First Alaskans Institute Public Policy Fellowship participant, Freddie Olin. Freddie is from Tanana, Alaska, and will be working as the front desk for the duration of the first year of the 28th legislature.

I am honored to be a member of the Finance Committee, chairing both the Department of Public Safety and Department of Health and Social Services

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Sound Off

National School Choice Week
By Ron Fuhrer, president NEA-Alaska

National School Choice Week starts Jan. 27 as part of a national campaign to inform the public about the educational choices available to students and families.

NEA-Alaska supports the idea of choice in education, and students in Alaska are fortunate to have great choices. Whether it's charter schools, boarding schools or the opportunity to open enroll into a non-neighborhood school, parents and students are able to find programs that fit their needs.

However, NEA-Alaska is strongly opposed to HJR 1, which would open the door for public dollars to go directly to religious and private schools.

No matter the name — parental choice scholarship programs, vouchers, tax tuition credits or educational saving accounts — the end result is fewer

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Strait Action

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Study sheds light on climate change induced displacements

The Brookings Institute published a paper on the relationship between climate change and population movements in the Arctic. Since 2003, federal and state governments have documented climate change impacts on Alaskan communities and the need for immediate action to protect populations. State and federal government agencies are struggling to respond to the enormous new needs of these communities. Despite spending millions of dollars, the traditional methods of erosion control and flood protection have not been able to protect some communities. For several Alaska Native communities, protection in place is not possible and community relocation is the only adaptation strategy that can protect them from accelerating climate change impacts.

The 2009 GAO report recognized that no government agency has the authority to relocate communities, no governmental organization exists that can address the strategic planning needs of relocation, and no funding is specifically designated for relocation. Even with their survival in imminent danger, none of the villages identified in the 2009 GAO report, including Shishmaref, has yet been able to relocate, owing to governance issues that must first be overcome.

Relocation challenges faced by Kivalina, Shishmaref and Newtok exemplify the need to create a governance structure which can better respond to the needs of communities when their environment is no longer habitable because of climate change, the paper says. The inability of government agencies to change their ap-

proach from protection in place to relocation further imperils communities for two reasons. Current federal disaster response legislation requires that funding be spent on repairing and rebuilding in the original location of the disaster. For communities that are no longer habitable in their current location or located entirely within floodplains, this means that

state waters every year. Democrats are up in arms and protested the bill. "We want Outside tourists' money, not their sewage. Alaskans voted in 2006 to protect our waters and the salmon fisheries that depend on them. It is outrageous that Republicans would repeal that citizen initiative on behalf of a few Outside interests," said Mike Wenstrup, Chair of the Democratic Party.

In 2006, Alaskans voted to enact legislation that said cruise ships "may not discharge untreated sewage, treated sewage, graywater or other wastewaters in a manner that violates any applicable effluent limits or standards under state or federal law, including Alaska Water Quality Standards governing pollution at the point of discharge."

Parnell's bill would repeal the last clause of this law so that dumping of sewage and wastewater in Alaska state waters would be considered adequate "treatment."

Lack of understanding about Arctic's ecosystem

US Arctic Research Commission's Fran Ulmer said in an interview that the commission outlined five priority areas in their report last January. These include: environmental change in the Arctic; Arctic human health; the assessment of natural resources; civil infrastructure; and indigenous languages and culture. One priority within the civil infrastructure research agenda is to ensure the provision of clean water and adequate sanitation in Alaska's villages and other small communities in the Arctic.

She said there are concerns about the presence of contaminants in the arctic environment – particularly for indigenous people who rely on wild foods like marine mammals, in which there may be a bioaccumulation of toxins. The people of Alaska rely heavily on harvesting marine mammals like whales, seals, walrus. However, additional research needs to be done to minimize any health risks associated with consuming these foods.

Ulmer said that a lot of the research being conducted in the Arctic is not synthesized in such a way that helps people to comprehensively un-

derstand the Arctic's ecosystems or rapidly changing conditions. The Arctic Council is one entity where some efforts have been made to piece together research from a variety of places and countries, and involve large teams of scientists. The Arctic Commission has agreed to undertake a project in combination with the Department of the Interior, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other agencies to attempt to simplify access to all of the existing web-based data streams on the

Arctic. The proposed web portal will attempt to link together various sources that currently exist, both data and research – a portal of portals. It will be an on-going effort by multiple agencies and entities to advance understanding of the Arctic environment and make information readily available to the public. "Hopefully by the end of this year, a version of this web portal will be available for people to visit, and add to as a constantly evolving resource," Ulmer said.



they are unable to receive government funding to repair and rebuild damaged infrastructure due to state and federal government regulations which prevent government expenditures on infrastructure built within flood plans. Second, no comprehensive governance framework exists that can evaluate when communities and government agencies need to shift their work from protection in place to community relocation.

House passes Governor's wastewater bill

House Republicans last week passed Gov. Parnell's bill to allow discharge of sewage and untreated wastewater in Alaska waters, repealing a provision of the 2006 citizen initiative that protected Alaskans' health and state fisheries. Parnell's bill would allow the release approximately 1,064,448,000 gallons of sewage and wastewater into Alaska

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Thursday, February 7

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*Crafts & Library Activities	Library	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*The Joy of Stress	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Labor & Delivery for Teens	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, February 8

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Winning against FAS	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Care of the sick Child	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Tea Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*League/Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Men's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m..

Saturday, February 9

*Postpartum:From Pregnant to par	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Teen Breastfeeding	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Women's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 10

*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
*Special Delivery	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Vaccines & your baby	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Adult Pool Time	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Vigorous Yoga:	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Monday, February 11

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Comforting your fussy baby	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Staying Sane-Timesaving tips for	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Fitness Fusion	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*First Aid: Accidents	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*SIDS: Saving Infants	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym:	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Strength Train	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Men's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13

*Pickup bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Contraception	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Denali KidCare/Medicaid	Prematernal Home	2:00 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Red Pin Bowling:	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Women's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.

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DIGGING OUT LULU— Contractor Q Trucking continues work to remove the sunken barge *Lulu* from the frozen outer harbor.

• Port study

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brought international mining companies to the area. “The results of private environmental baseline studies by Ashanti and DeBeers will be shared with the City of Nome to support the proposed causeway,” reads the study.

Michels said that the Nome port is a strategic hub for transportation and the city has submitted concept designs to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DOT&PF. When voters approved a general obligation bond last year, several ports, including Nome, received \$10 million for harbor improvements. According to Michels, the City set \$1 million aside to finance additional studies. “We are also working on the public-private partnership and reaching out to various funding agencies and are looking at pros and cons of using municipal bonds, state and federal grants,” Michels wrote.

Aside from initiating feasibility studies on Nome and Port Clarence, the draft study’s recommendations include investment in the Arctic port system, to assign the U.S. Corps of Engineers to permit, design and construct the ports in the system; to encourage private entities and banks plus public agencies to collaborate in funding and constructing marine infrastructure; to increase funding to NOAA for mapping and data needed to support the marine infrastructure development. The study team also recommended developing navigational aids, ship routing, vessel tracking, traffic separation and identifying areas of concern.

Current deep-draft harbors in Alaska are Anchorage, Seward, Valdez, Kodiak, Unalaska and Homer, but none along the Arctic coastline. Potential port sites that the study looked at were Bethel, St. Paul Island, St. Michael, St. Lawrence Island, Nome, Port Clarence, Cape Darby (between Elim and Golovin), Kotzebue/Cape Blossom, Merkoruk, Cape Thompson, Wainright, Point Franklin (between Wainright and Barrow), Barrow, Prudhoe Bay and Mary Sachs Entrance (east of Prudhoe Bay).

The Port of Nome is a medium-draft port that sees traffic from a fish-

ing fleet of about 20 boats, a commercial transportation fleet of about 40 vessels that regularly use the harbor and causeway infrastructure, a gold dredge mining fleet plus visiting research and pleasure vessels. Mayor Michels said that the city requested from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration new bathymetry surveys to update the charts in Nome and the villages that are impacted with the increase of Arctic shipping.

According to city records, ship traffic increased from 30 docked vessels in 1988 to 304 vessels in 2011.

The report also mentions the concept of a port management authority. Mayor Michels said that the City has successfully operated the Port and has the management skills in place. A regional management authority needs further discussion with the public and the Port Commission and Council, she added.

“Establishing Nome Port and Port Clarence as the Arctic Deep Draft Port for the nation and state is important for environmental protection, search and rescue and will create jobs and economic development,” said Mayor Michels.

That Nome came out on top of the lists could be credited to the common vision of Nome’s mayor, city council and port commission, added Nome City Manager Josie Bahnke. “I think what has also helped us advance is the fact that Nome has a mayor, city council and port commission with a vision. A vision for the improvements that have been made over the years and the growth that is needed for the future,” she said. She points to the port development plan that lays out the vision for the future. “We can already check off the land acquisition for port expansion since the Council recently approved the purchase of approximately 20 acres of land at the Port. This acquisition will provide additional land critically necessary to meet the goals of the Port Development Plan and provide expansion land for vessel/equipment storage, containerized and loose stow cargo, as well as suitable space for oil and gas industry development,” Bahnke said.

The Commission and City Council also have prioritized the causeway extension to -35 feet.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project manager Lorraine Cordova notes that all 14 sites the study team looked at are in need of infrastructure improvements, but that Nome and Port Clarence bubbled up to the top because the seemed the most likely sites for serving as deep-draft harbors. “Both have comparatively natural deep water,” Cordova said. Other places, she said, have several miles until they hit deep water, making it not feasible. “Money for maintenance is a big issue,” Cordova said.

The study notes that private industry is expected to lead the siting. “Their decisions are led by making the business case, with proximity to resources and quantity of resources present as the primary drivers,” the study reads. Asked why industry is allowed to take the lead in what will be a public facility, Cordova said that the agencies still have the power to grant or deny permit applications. “But in reality, this [private industry] is where the funding is,” Cordova said. The study identifies public-private partnerships as key ingredients

to getting ports built and points to an existing partnership between Bering Straits Native Corporation and Crowley Maritime. “The primacy of the private industry investment was demonstrated during the course of the study as Crowley and Bering Straits Native Corporation indicated that they were designing port facilities for OCS oil and gas operations support at Port Clarence,” reads the report. BSNC has selected the lands of the Coast Guard’s former LORAN station under the Alaska Native Claims Settlements Act and is in the process of have the conveyance completed.

The study says that BSNC has been working with Crowley Maritime Corp. on a deep-water port development plan. The idea is that Port Clarence could be a base of operations for search and rescue needs, as well as staging for incident response.

Cordova explained that the study allows the Corps and the Alaska Dept. of Transportation to proceed with the feasibility study. She said the two-year study would approximately cost \$2 million, split between the two agencies.

She said there would be a meeting

in Nome to gather input from the public. “The next steps will be to identify what makes sense,” she said.

Nome city officials are well versed in the material. City Manager Bahnke said that City would continue to work closely with both agencies to complete the study. “Just today they have made plans to do a community visit the week of April 15 to get the next phase of the study underway,” she wrote in an email.

Teller officials are still trying to catch up with the news and what to make of it. Teller Mayor Blanche Garnie said the topic would be brought up at the next city council meeting for discussion.

The study is out for public comment. Mayor Michels said she encourages the regional residents to read the report and provide comments.

A copy of the Alaska Deep-draft Arctic Port System Study is at City Hall. The study is also online at <http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Library/ReportsandStudies/AlaskaRegionalPortsStudy.aspx>

The comment deadline is Feb. 28, 2013.



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PORT EXPANSION— The City of Nome is planning to expand the Nome Port to a deeper water depth to accommodate larger vessels. The causeway currently has two docking cells.

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Planning panel steers community quality of life issues

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome's appointed planning panel has knocked out a weighty punch list and loaded their workbench for projects they vow to push forward in 2013. Members arrive for meetings with their sleeves rolled up.

The Nome Planning Commission meets monthly. Meetings lasting as long as a couple hours are not rare, as the group hashes out in open meetings their aims to make the community an orderly, safe and healthy place to live. City Planner Eileen Bechtol supports and helps to guide the committee as they stride through projects.

Bechtol's mantra is "Plan your work; work your plan."

Charlie Weiss, with over seven years' service on the commission, has accepted a leadership position in

the job of chair with Randy Rome-nesko in the vice-chair slot. Jimmy Adams, Nikolai Ivanoff and Larry Pedersen currently complete the panel. The resignation of Greg Smith has left a vacancy to be filled by mayoral appointment.

Along with month-to-month study and ruling on issues pertaining to variances, plats and projects, the commission has accomplished or put into progress the following tasks in the past year:

- Comprehensive plan update finished in May 2012.
- Completed a policy and procedure manual and applications that prescribe standards for conditional use permits, nonconforming land uses, variances, appeals and amendments, mostly related to zoning regulations.

• Foundation laid for abatement of zoning violations, with developing a system to decide with impartiality which violations to abate and setting a bail schedule and ordinance. Work will continue in 2013.

• Taking up a design for economic development. Work continues.

The commission plans to finish the zoning abatement plan in 2013. So far, the plan to decide which abandoned vehicles will leave the public-right-of-way first and whose land-use violations will come under the spotlight first involves dividing the map into a numbered grid and drawing the neighborhoods one at a time for zoning cleanup.

Work will continue on the economic development plan leaning on input from the public concerning the community's strengths and opportu-

nities.

The commission must update a hazards mitigation plan due in mid-June. The commission intends to draw up a continuity of operations plan to provide a smooth transition should local government leaders and departments become disabled by natural or man-made disruptions.

A study of annexation issues including a costs/benefits analysis of including within city limits all areas served by Nome Joint Utility System covers a significant portion of the worktable. The work outcome would not be yay or nay on annexation itself, but just a study of foundation issues, Bechtol stressed.

The Planning Commission will undergo training this spring to whet their talents for community development and planning, with the follow-

ing topics covered:

- Conflicts of interest
- Open Meetings Act
- Planning commission as a quasi-judicial commission
- Variance procedures
- Conditional use permit procedures
- Nonconforming land uses
- Subdivision ordinances and procedures

In 2013, the Planning Commission intends to amend the city codes to require off-street parking for new commercial buildings and other high-traffic developments.

The Nome Planning Commission, an advisory group, informs the Nome Common Council on planning and expansion issues subject to Council approval or rejection.

Nome bids farewell to retiring Judge Ben Esch



Photos by Diana Haecker
HONORED (left)— Alaska Supreme Court Judges honored retiring Nome Superior Court Judge Ben Esch with a declaration of gratitude for his 16 years of service.

HUMOR (top)— Alaska Court System Administrative Director Christine Johnson, left, and Senior Superior Court Judge Niesje Steinkruger honored Judge Ben Esch during a retirement function at the Pioneer Hall on Feb. 1.

FAMILY (right)— Gia Simmons, left, read letters from her brothers Peter Esch and Nick Varrati to her father Ben Esch, middle, to welcome him into retirement.



2013 Iditarod Events Calendar

Another Iditarod season is upon us, and the Nome Visitor Convention and Visitor's Bureau is in the process of assembling the 2013 Iditarod Events Calendar.

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Nome to host State Democratic Party Convention in 2014

By Diana Haecker

Nome was selected as the host city for the 2014 State Democratic Party convention. In the past two years, Sitka and Fairbanks hosted the annual convention. "We try to hold the convention in diverse geographic locations," said Zach Fields, spokesman for the Alaska Democratic Party in Anchorage.

The convention will bring an estimated 100 to 200 people to Nome. Fields explained that the annual convention is an organizational meeting for the party. "Delegates adopt a party plan every two years and changes to that plan are made at the annual convention," Fields said. In addition, the Democrats adopt a party platform and elect regional

party officers. "Every organizational aspect is adopted or changed in these state conventions," Fields said. The convention is slated to take place on May 17-18, 2014.

Nome Democrats are in the process to get organized for the event and will hold an organizational meeting on February 16 at 6 p.m. in the Polar Café.

Nome organizers Louie and Nancy Green said that 18 committees need to be staffed with volunteers to help with the event. "Registration, entertainment, guest speaker, travel, fundraising, set up, pin design, raffle, key note speaker, just to name a few, are the committees," said Nancy Green.

Louie Green said that he'd like to

bring a representative from Provideniya over to Nome for the event. "This would open people's eyes to how close we are to Russia and that we are facing the same issues with increased shipping and so on," said Green.

The last Alaska Democratic Convention held in Nome was in 1990.

Battle of the Books waged at Nome Elementary School



BATTLING — Third grader Adria Lawrence provides the answer to a book question for her team to NPS librarian Nancy Bahnke, during the Battle of the Books event on Monday, Feb. 4 at the Nome Elementary School.

Photos by Diana Haecker



BOOK SAVVY — Fourth graders (left to right) Kalie Knowlton, Madeline Koweluk, an unidentified contestant, Mykca Lockwood and Justus Kowchee deliberate the answer to a Battle of the Books question on Monday at the Nome Elementary School.



GREAT READERS — Nome Elementary students participated in the Battle of the Books last Monday. The winners for the 3rd and 4th grades were Breanna Menadelook, Colin MacFarland, Bode Leeper, Gavin Kinneen and Heidi Okleasik. Fifth and 6th grade winners are Ava Earthman, Bethany Daniel and Kristin Daniel.

Thank you!

Tyler Huntington and Evan Booth thank the following people and organizations for their help and support after the snowmachine accident outside Shaktoolik:

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Two Nome Spelling Bee champions go on to state competition

Bethany Daniel, a 5th grader at Nome Elementary School, and Annalise Contreras, a 7th grader at Nome-Beltz Jr. High were named Spelling Bee champions for the elementary and junior high divisions of the Nome PTA Spelling Bees held on January 30 and 31 at Nome Elementary School. First runners up for the two divisions, respectively, were Mya Robinson, a 5th grader at Anvil

City Science Academy, and 7th grader Katie Kelso, also from ACSA. The elementary bee began with 31 spellers from grades 3 through 6, with only Bethany Daniel and Mya Robinson remaining at the end of the 13th round. The two went back and forth for an additional eight rounds before Bethany was declared champion. Other grade level winners in the elementary division were: Clara

Hansen, 3rd grade; Jessica Noffsfer, 4th grade; and Brayden Bahnke, 6th grade. The Junior High bee began the following night with 15 7th and 8th graders on the elementary school stage. It took 28 rounds of spelling to whittle down to the top two spellers, Annalise Contreras and Katie Kelso. An exhausting 39 additional rounds of perfect back and forth spelling took place between the two before Annalise Contreras was finally declared champion in the 79th round. Tatiana Chanar was the 8th grade winner.

Bethany Daniel and Annalise Contreras will compete in the Alaska State Spelling Bee at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts in Anchorage on March 1, 2013.



Photo by Julie Kelso

JUNIOR HIGH WINNERS— Annalise Contreras, left, was declared champion with Katie Kelso, right, coming in second place. Annalise will head to Anchorage in March to compete in the Alaska State Spelling Bee.



Photo by Angela Hansen

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINNERS— Winners at the Elementary School Spelling Bee where (left to right) 6th grade winner Brayden Bahnke, 3rd grade winner Clara Hansen, 4th grade winner Jessica Noffsfer. Overall winner was 5th grade student Bethany Daniel, second from the right. 5th grade student Mya Robinson, first one on the right, was the runner-up speller. Bethany will join Annalise Contreras March 1 for the Alaska State Spelling Bee in Anchorage.

Nome students celebrate the spoken word

By Kristine McRae

Twenty Junior High Students from Nome-Beltz and Anvil City Science Academy participated in a Poetry Out Loud competition at the elementary school on Jan. 24. The local competition was inspired by the national recitation contest created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. The contest encourages the nation's youth to

learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. The program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. The event was coordinated by ACSA teacher Lisa Leeper and Nome-Beltz teacher Rachel Ventress. Leeper told the audience that the project was the result of work she and Ventress did at an Arts Institute

last summer. Four writing and reading enthusiasts from the community were the official judges of the competition, which saw a range of poems from Robert Frost and Emily Dickinson to A. A. Milne and Dorothy Parker. The contestants presented with concentrated poise as they took turns reciting their memorized pieces. Judges used a rubric that rated the perform-

ances in three separate descriptors under each of two main categories, Speaking and Delivery. The judges concurred that each performance was worthy of a public venue and that all the students brought something of their personalities to the deliveries. Students enjoyed cake and conversation with friends and family while the scorekeepers tallied the points. All the students were recog-

nized for their participation, and Leeper then announced the first eight places. In first place, for his engaging recitation of Carl Sandberg's "Phizzog," was Chad Callahan. Annalise Contreras took second place with her poem "Sunning" by James S. Tippet, and Katie Kelso placed third with her Leigh Hunt poem "Abou Ben Adhem."

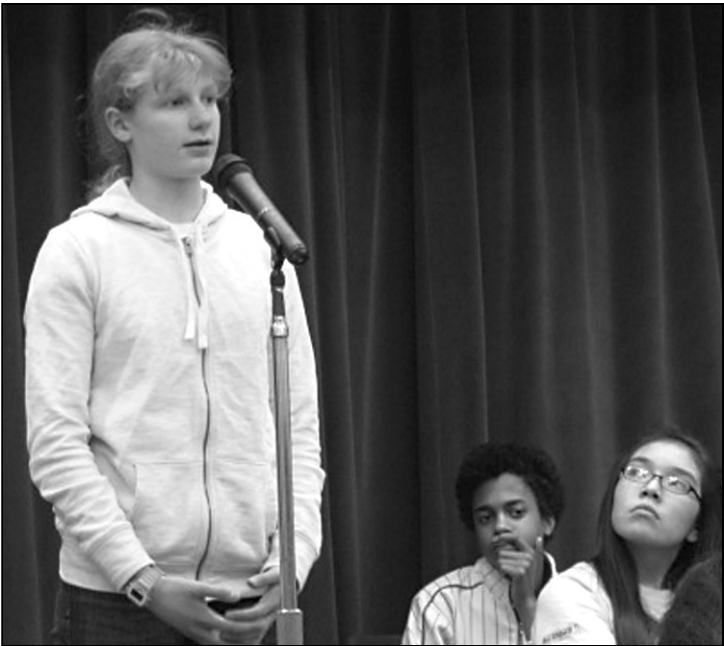



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YOUNG POET— Nome-Beltz Junior High Student Audrey Lawrence participated in the Poetry Out Loud competition on Jan. 24.



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SENIOR NIGHT—Four Nome Nanooks boys basketball team members were honored last weekend. Pictured from left to right are Cameron Smith, with parents Jason and Tasha Smith; Zach Sullivan, with parents Dan and Janeen Sullivan; Dominique Hall, with grandma Sandra Medearis and dad Uly Hall, as well as John Smith, with grandparents Janet and LT Trigg.

Nanooks sweep Kotzebue on Senior Weekend

By Stephen Palmatier
The Nome Nanooks got back on track last weekend, defeating the Kotzebue Huskies in both games to earn a sweep at home. Coming off one of the tougher losses of the sea-

son in Bethel against the Bethel Warriors, the Nanooks needed to get back on track. They did just that, winning both of the games by over 20 points during the weekend.

In the first game, Nome defeated Kotzebue, 58-37 behind a game high 26 points from senior forward Dominique Hall. The Nanooks took control right from the beginning of the game, grabbing a 32-15 halftime lead and never looking back.

The second game went very much like the first. Again, the Nanooks scored 58 points, this time winning 58-34. Hall again had another good game with 17 points, but senior Cameron Smith also added 17 points. Junior point guard Tyler Eide added 11 points as well, getting three different Nome players in double figures.

Nome started out fast, jumping out to an 18-5 first quarter lead. From there, they never looked back the rest of the game.

“We ran a lot of man-to-man defense which we have not done much this season,” said Pat Callahan, head coach of the Nanooks referencing how his team came away with the victories.

The Nanooks, who normally have played a zone defense for much of the season, went away from their identity with the man-to-man defense which caused havoc to the Kotzebue offense for the entire weekend.

But as crucial as the wins to bounce back for Nome were, the weekend belonged to the 4 seniors of the Nanooks team; Dominique Hall, Cameron Smith, Zach Sullivan, and John Smith. Being the last time the Nome boys would be at home this year, the Nanooks and their fans said their farewells to the seniors for all of their great accomplishments on and off the court.

In what was an emotional night for the seniors and their families, the Nome seniors said after the game that it was not about their last home game, but rather the work that is still

to be done.

“The night means a lot to us, but we still have a lot of the season left,” said Zach Sullivan. Dominique Hall echoed the same words as Sullivan.

“We still have a lot of basketball to go, and our mindset is to win that regional title in a few weeks,” said Hall.

The four seniors of the squad, led by Hall who is the captain of this year’s Nanooks squad, all have had contributing minutes and have been factors in this year’s team. But Coach Callahan referenced that it’s not just their ability to play that

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Photos by Janeen Sullivan

JOHN SMITH— Nome Nanooks senior player John Smith scored 7 points against the Kotzebue team on Friday.



Zach Sullivan— Nome Nanooks player Zach Sullivan played his last home game in front of a sold out crowd at the Nome Nanooks gym.

LADY NANOOKS AT KOTZEBUE

The Lady Nanooks traveled to Kotzebue and beat the Lady Huskies 54-37 in **Friday's** matchup.

NBHS- 11-16-13-14=54

KHS - 6 -10- 2-17=37

Shayla Johnson led the Lady Nanooks in scoring with 13, A. Ahmasuk 11, Dy. Johnson 10, S. Ahmasuk 2, Horner 6, Taylor Pomeranz 6, Dev. Johnson 4.

In **Saturday's** action the Lady Nanooks again defeated the Lady Huskies 63-34 to sweep the conference series.

NBHS-15-15-17-12=63

KHS— 10-15- 5- 4=34

Dylan Johnson led the Lady Nanooks with 17, A. Ahmasuk 10, S. Ahmasuk 2, Wehde 2, S. Johnson 14, Pomeranz 4, Thomas 2, Dev. Johnson 12.

The Lady Nanooks season record is now 13-3 and they will face the Mount Edgecumbe Braves at the Nome Rec Center February 15, 16, 2013.

NOME BOYS VARSITY VS KOTZEBUE

FRIDAY

Nome Boys 58 Kotzebue 37

NBHS 12-20-16-10 =56

KHS 7-8-6-14 = 37

NBHS - Baker 3, Smith 7, Hall 26, Eide 8, Mattheis 4, Stettenbenz 6, Head 4

KHS - Savok 12, Phillips 5, Smith 12, Nelson 2, Baker 6

SATURDAY

Nome Boys 58 Kotzebue 34

NBHS 18-13-15-12=58

KHS 5-13-5-11=34

NBHS - Baker 1, C. Smith 17, Hall 17, Eide 11, Mattheis 6, Head 4

KHS - Savok 14, Coppock 3, Smith 6, Nelson 6, Baker 5

The Nome Boys return to action on Feb 14th when they play Glennallen in the first round of the 36th Annual Valdez Elks Tournament.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL VS KOTZEBUE

KOTZEBUE 56 NOME 47

NBHS - Scott 15, Bourdon 15, Kang 4, Cannon 4, Bioff 2, Gooden 2, Johnson 3

KOTZEBUE 46 NOME 23

NBHS - Robinson 1, Callahan 2, Koezuna 4, Moore 1, Evak 2, Tozier 3, Johnson 10

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DOMINIQUE HALL— Nome Nanook #22 Dominique Hall was the top scorer for the weekend, hitting 26 points during the game on Friday and 17 points during the game on Saturday.

Photos by Janeen Sullivan

Lady Nanooks cruise over Kotzebue

By Stephen Palmatier

The Nome Lady Nanooks continued their stellar play this season with two more wins against the Kotzebue Lady Huskies, enroute to another sweep weekend. The Nome ladies won their first game by 17 points followed by a 29 point victory to sweep the season against Kotzebue.

In the opening 54-37 victory for the Lady Nanooks, junior Shayla Johnson led the way for Nome with 13 points while seniors Adelaine Ahmasuk and Dylan Johnson each added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The next night was more of the same, as the ladies won the second game, 63-34. The easy win for the Lady Nanooks was not the indica-

tion of the entire game, though, for Nome. At halftime, the Lady Nanooks were up only five points, 30-25. But in the second half, the Nome ladies took over, winning 63-34 over Kotzebue.

In the second win, the Nome ladies had four players in double figures, led by Dylan Johnson with 17 points. The other three were Shayla Johnson with 14 points, senior Devynn Johnson with 12 points and Adelaine Ahmasuk with 10 points.

The Lady Nanooks, who now sit at 13-3 on the season, look to continue their terrific season when they host the Mount Edgecumbe Braves in two weeks at the Nome Recreation Center.

• Senior Weekend —

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makes them so important for the team. "All four of these guys are leaders, and I think leadership is a very underrated skill," said Callahan.

The Nome boys, who now have a

week off, will look to improve before facing another difficult test for their season when in two weeks they head to play Glennallen in the first round of the 36th Annual Valdez Elks Tournament.



CAMERON SMITH— Nome Nanook #15 Cameron Smith goes up for two in his last home game as a senior. Smith scored 17 points against the Kotzebue team on Saturday.

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Bob Metcalf appointed new Northwest Campus director

By Diana Haecker

After nearly 15 months of serving as the interim director of the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Northwest Campus in Nome, Bob Metcalf is now officially the new director. The College of Rural and Community Development's Vice Chancellor Bernice Joseph appointed Robert 'Bob' Metcalf as the Northwest Campus Director on January 28.

A search outside the campus failed to produce a qualified candidate. A press release said that Metcalf "provided steadfast and consistent leadership since the departure of the former director Lee Haugen in October 2011." Former director Lee Haugen left the position amidst allegations of having mailed marijuana to herself from the Lower 48 to Nome.

Metcalf served in the capacity of the registrar and filled in on numerous occasions as the director, the release said.

Metcalf has been a resident of the region for 35 years and has spent 22 years working at Northwest Campus.

Metcalf was appointed to fill the director's position in the interim as the University conducted a search to replace Haugen.

Joseph said in an email that there was a national search for a NWC director, which was deemed a failed search after the search committee conducted the screening, interviews and intermediate interviews. "They felt there were no viable candidates to forward to the CRCD Vice Chancellor," Joseph wrote.

"As the Executive Dean and Vice Chancellor of CRCD, I have ultimate hiring authority and in the event of a failed search can forward recommendations for a direct appointment to my supervisor and the president if I feel there is an individual whom I think has the knowledge, skills and expertise to fill the position," wrote Joseph. She said that there has to be solid support of the individual from the faculty and staff. "I contacted the chair of the search committee, faculty and staff at the Northwest Campus, and they were highly supportive of Mr. Metcalf. Everyone agreed that he has done an exceptional job as the interim director and I certainly agreed with them," Joseph wrote.

Metcalf was pleased about his appointment. "I am thrilled to take on the role as the director. This will give me and my management team more solid footing to conduct long range planning for the campus," Metcalf said.

Metcalf told the *Nugget* that being the director allows him to better handle budgeting or funding issues. "I'm relieved, but we're not really going to change anything that we're doing," Metcalf said.

He adds, while the college is well staffed on the administrative side, he'd like to hire more faculty members.

Currently, there are two full-time professors on staff and adjunct fac-

ulty teaches most other credit classes. In addition, the campus signed a memorandum of agreement with the Saami Education Institute in Finland and they share a professor, Jackie Hrabok-Leppajarvi, who teaches reindeer husbandry and meat processing.

Metcalf said he aims to fulfill the campus' business model of being a higher education resource for the re-

gion. "Instead of being the ivory tower and deciding what the region needs, we want to stay actively involved with regional organizations and schools to be able to design courses and programs," said Metcalf.

Building on the opportunity that comes with being a port-of-call for many research ships, Metcalf said the campus aims to create a welcoming place for the scientists as well as

exposing the Nome public to the research they are conducting.

Nome will be the port-of-call for the UAF research icebreaker *Siku-liak*.

Renovations at campus are ongoing.

This summer, the NW Campus' science building and laboratory will be renovated and by fall the library renovation is slated to be finished.

All Around the Sound

Diane F. and Arno K. Nassuk of Koyuk announce the birth of their daughter **Usaan Evangeline Nassuk**, born January 26, at 4:10 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 2.8 ounces, and was 18.5" in length. Her siblings are Melanie, Jared, Brianna,

Jalen, Angela and Ava. Her maternal grandparents are Frank Sr. and Norma Kavairlook of Nome; and in loving memory paternal grandparents are Roger Sr. and Loleta Nassuk of Koyuk.





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- Across**
- Clip
 - "Ashes to ashes, ____ ..."
 - Center
 - Elders' teachings
 - "What's gotten ____ you?"
 - "Farewell, mon ami"
 - Letter opener
 - Flax fabric
 - "Comprende?"
 - "Yes, ____"
 - Fair-haired
 - Witchcraft
 - Box
 - "To ____ is human ..."
 - Blacken
 - Dust remover
 - A whining complaint
 - "Saturday Night Fever" music
 - "... there is no ____ angel but Love"; Shakespeare
 - Complimentary close
 - Exec's note
 - Andrea Bocelli, for one
 - Tried
 - "____ we having fun yet?"
 - "____ on Down the Road"
 - Campaigner, for short
 - Bond, for one
 - Small red beetle with black spots
 - Tart
 - "Your majesty"
 - A pint, maybe
 - Argus-eyed
 - Upset the equilibrium

- Domestic animal skin disease causing loss of hair
- Cooking fat
- Bad day for Caesar
- "Come in!"
- ____-bodied
- Harp's cousin


- Down**
- Category
 - Isuzu compact SUV
 - Command
 - The "p" in m.p.g.
 - Confusion
 - Take back, in a way
 - Check
 - "For shame!"
 - Male duck with green head and neck
 - Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"
 - Plates, bowls, cups and saucers (2 wds)
 - Lentil, e.g.
 - Air, musically
 - File
 - Car accessory
 - Quartet member
 - Microcrystalline form of silica
 - Smokeyjumper's need
 - #1 spot
 - "Well done!"
 - ____ carotene
 - "... happily ____ after"
 - Facial outline
 - Go downhill, maybe
 - Suggest
 - Existing independently
 - Come in again
 - Example
 - "____ calls?"
 - Fill up
 - Actionable words
 - Toss back and forth
 - Gastric woe
 - "Silly" birds
 - Filmsy, as an excuse
 - Brio
 - Give the cold shoulder
 - Cable network
 - Afflict

Previous Puzzle Answers

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HOROSCOPES

February 7 — February 13, 2013




CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Come on, Capricorn. This is not the time to quit. You're too close to give up on a goal now. Look to another for the motivation you seek.




ARIES
March 21–April 19

Phooey, Aries. You are making a mountain out of a molehill. Stop with the melodrama and focus on what is really bothering you. The fix is easy.




CANCER
June 22–July 22

Attention to detail is essential to success. Go over your work repeatedly to ensure all is as it should be. Cancer. Someone in authority is watching.




LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Nothing is a lost cause, Libra, not even that young friend you're ready to give up on. Look, learn and listen, and when the time comes, you will have the right words.




AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

A relative makes an amazing recovery, and it's up to you to get the word out, Aquarius. A party could be in order. Magical moments at work put you on cloud nine.




TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Home improvement projects top the list, but lucky for you, Taurus, help is on the way. Travel plans get underway, and the deals abound.




LEO
July 23–August 22

Ooh-la-la, Leo. Sparks fly at home with a gift, and magical times ensue. A kid-friendly project breaks the ice at a meeting and gets the creative juices flowing.




SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Stupendous, Scorpio. There is no other way to describe your work ethic this week. You will attack every task with zeal, and it will pay off big.




PISCES
February 19–March 20

Relax, Pisces. Resources are not as scarce as they seem. Someone has been holding out on you at work—and for good reason. Listen before you act.




GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Gentle Gemini. You don't like to make a fuss at home, but you have no choice. Your pleas for help will continue to fall on deaf ears if you don't.



VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Truly, Virgo. You are much more talented than you give yourself credit for. Believe in yourself and reach for the stars. A furry addition perks up spirits at home.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

The budget crunching is over, Sagittarius. Celebrate with a night on the town. A minor change in attitude at work brings a project to completion.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Weight loss myths debunked

**By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor**

If you have ever had trouble losing weight, last week's medical news may make you smile. According to nutrition and obesity experts writing in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, much of what you have been

told about how to lose weight may be wrong.

According to the researchers, common weight loss myths include the beliefs that slow weight loss is more sustainable than rapid weight loss or that setting aggressive weight-loss goals may discourage

people from losing weight.

It turns out the opposite is true. Studies show that more rapid loss of greater amounts of weight is associated with a lower body weight at long-term follow up compared to programs encouraging slow, steady weight loss.

Does eating breakfast make a difference? The researchers say probably not. Evidence does not support the common advice that a healthy breakfast helps reduce overall calorie consumption.

Does walking an extra mile per day, which burns around 100 calories, lead to significant weight loss over time? Not as much as you would think. We typically think of 3,500 calories burned as equivalent to one pound of weight lost. In reality, if nothing changes in the diet, a person would need to burn around 18,000 calories to lose a pound. That would mean walking 4-5 miles per day to lose 10 pounds in a year.

Will increasing fruits and vegetables in the diet help with weight loss? Fruits and vegetables have many health benefits, but healthy foods do not lead to weight loss if calorie consumption overall remains unchanged.

Does snacking lead to weight gain? Not necessarily. Excess calories lead to weight gain. It does not seem to matter whether the calories are consumed all at once or little by little.

The *NEJM* researchers point out that debunking these common misconceptions about obesity is important because people tend to believe even erroneous advice if it is stated repeatedly by numerous, often trusted, sources.

But the researchers are quick to point out the good news. Weight loss is attainable. It may take focused effort and hard work, but it is possible for anyone.

In fact, there are several things we

know to be true about obesity and weight-loss.

First, obesity may be heavily influenced by genetics, but heritability is not destiny. Changing the environmental factors that lead to weight loss, like walking to work and consuming fewer calories, can prevent

comes down to a balance of calories. Increased consumption of calories, even from healthy natural foods, leads to weight gain, and a decreased consumption of calories leads to weight loss. Therefore, any attempt at long-term weight loss should include some form of calorie counting.

Finally, exercise is good for you, regardless of whether or not it leads to changes in weight. Many people are discouraged to find that physical activity, even vigorous exercise, does not automatically lead to weight loss. This is because the brain is wired to replace the energy used during activity so we tend to eat more to replace the calories used during exercise.

But exercise offers many benefits that offset the harmful effects of obesity even if there is no overall change in weight. When weight loss is achieved, research shows that sustained consistent exercise or physical activity aids in long-term weight maintenance.



Saying it Sincerely

**By Rev. Ross Tozzi, St Joseph Catholic Church
Member Nome Ministerial Association**

Love is Sacrificial

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, it is worth taking a look at the historical figure of Valentine, the saint that many have dubbed the Patron Saint of Love. Valentine served as a Roman Catholic Priest during the reign of Emperor Claudius II in the latter half of the third century A.D. The Emperor had come up through the ranks as a tough soldier and as such he demanded strict discipline from those who served him. The emperor prohibited the marriage of young soldiers based on the idea that unmarried soldiers fought better than married ones. Valentine helped a number of young men to marry, which disqualified them for military service. Valentine was eventually caught, imprisoned, tortured and killed for performing marriage ceremonies against the edict of Emperor Claudius II.

Before his passing, Valentine prayed to God for a miracle to help cure a young woman who was blind. The father of the young girl was a judge involved in the trial that eventually led to the demise of Valentine. The miracle (and perhaps the virtue of loving your enemy) so astonished the judge that he himself became a Christian as a result. Valentine is said to have written his final words addressed to the now sighted young women signing the note, "from your Valentine."

As you think about a gift for your loved one this Valentine's Day, remember that Saint Valentine witnessed to the love of God by calling people to holiness even at the cost of his own life. Authentic love involves sacrifice. If we look carefully, we can see examples of this sacrificial love all around us and not just in the history books.

This past week, I visited a couple in the Interior who had just celebrated their wedding anniversary. The husband suffers from Alzheimer's. In what the couple had anticipated as their golden years, they often find themselves homebound with the wife being a fulltime caregiver. Despite the difficulties this presents, theirs is a home full of love, a home full of sacrificial love. To celebrate their anniversary, the wife wrote a prayer that spoke of her deep and abiding love for helping her husband to remember for him when he forgets, to help him walk when his legs falter and to help him see when his eyes fail.

True love, authentic love is not self centered but concerned about the other. This authentic love spills out, bubbles over, overflows beyond the boundaries of the home to reach out to others in the community. When the wife finished telling me about their anniversary, the husband wanted to pray for a dear friend who was in worse shape than he was.

As you prepare for Valentine's Day, recall the words of Saint Paul. "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

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Aug. 21, 1950-Feb. 4 2013

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Anchorage resident Myrtle F. Johnson, 88, died at her home on January 31, 2013. A service will be held on Saturday, February 9 at 3 p.m. at the Nome Rec. Center. Myrtle will be laid to rest the following day on February 10 in Golovin. A full obituary will be run at a later date.

Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church
443-2144**

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

**Community Baptist Church-SBC
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Sunday Small Group Bible Study: 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

**Community United Methodist Church
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Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore

Sunday: Worship 11:00 am

Monday: Bible Study 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

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

Sunday: School 9:45 am/Worship 11 a.m.

Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

River of Life Assembly of God

405 W. Seppala • 443-5333 • Pastor Mike Christian Jr.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

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

(Ages: 6th grade thru 12th Grade)

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.

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Seawall

01-28-13 through 02-03-2013

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 01-28 at 3:19 a.m. NPD responded to a resi-

dence on Kings Place after a report of an underage citizen consuming alcohol. On arrival, the Nome juvenile was cited for Minor Consuming Alcohol and Curfew violation.
On 01-28 at 8:55 p.m. NPD responded to a business on Bering Street for the report of Shoplifting.

Further investigation revealed that Leo Kobuk, 56, had stolen a 750ml bottle of alcohol. Charges of Theft in the Fourth Degree will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.
On 01-29 at 3:24 a.m. NPD responded to a business on Bering Street for the reported theft of money from a personal residence. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.
On 01-30 at 7:15 a.m. an anonymous caller reported an assault at a residence on K Street. Further investigation revealed that Jamie Ahkinga, 31, had assaulted a male causing serious physical injury. Jamie was subsequently arrested and remanded at AMCC for Assault 3, Domestic Violence and was held without bail as this is a Felony and Domestic Violence offense.

On 01-30 at 4:21 p.m. NPD arrested Paula Myoumick, 42, for Violating Conditions of Felony Probation. She was then transported to AMCC.
On 01-30 at 7:27 p.m. NPD came in contact with Delbert Oozevassek, 58, and Lena Oksotark-Wood, 59. Both were cited for Open Container.
On 01-31 at 2:15 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to Bering St. for the report of a highly intoxicated male possibly needing assistance. Officers contacted Orville Ahkinga, 46, who was highly intoxicated and found to be on current probation conditions prohibiting the consumption of alcohol. Orville was arrested and remanded at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center for Probation Violation and was held without bail.
On 1-31 at approximately 3 p.m., NPD contacted Magdelaine Omiak, 25, and served an arrest warrant for Probation Violation. Omiak was transported to AMCC where she was held on \$750 bail.
On 01-31 at 10:22 p.m. NPD responded to an intoxicated male refusing to leave a business on Front Street. On arrival, Ronald Ozenna, 34, was arrested for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree and Drunk on Licensed Premises. He was then transported to AMCC.

On 02-01 at 12:29 p.m. NPD contacted Melissa Kazingnuk, 25, at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital after being admitted due to a high level of intoxication. Further investigation revealed that Melissa is on current probation, which prohibits consuming alcohol. Melissa was arrested and remanded at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center for Probation Violation and was held without bail.
On 02-01 at 3:46 p.m. a welfare check was requested at a residence on Third Ave. Further investigation revealed that Reva Boolowon, 38, was intoxicated within the residence, which violated her current conditions of release. Reva was arrested and remanded at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center for Violating Conditions of Release and was held on \$1,000 bail.

On 02-01 at 8:29 p.m., the Nome Police Department was requested to conduct a welfare check at a residence on Third Avenue. Officers arrived and made contact with 19-year-old Jeffery Ellanna and his juvenile girlfriend. Investigation revealed J. Ellanna reportedly shoved the female causing injury. Ellanna was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree and violating his terms of probation. No bail was set at time of remand.

On 02-02 at 12:35 a.m., Nome Police Department responded to a residence on C Street after a report of an assault. The Officer made contact with Jacob Seppilu, 27, and arrested him for Assault in the Fourth Degree. He was then transported to AMCC.

On 02-02 at 2:25 a.m. Nome Police Officers were dispatched to Spokane Street on the report of a male assaulting a female. Officers arrived in the area to find all involved had fled the scene.
On 02-02 at 10:06 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a residence on Second Avenue after a report of a disturbance. Investigation led to Anthony Sebwenne, 42, being arrested for Assault in the Third Degree. He was transported to NSRH for medical clearance and then transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility. No bail was set.

On 02-03 at approximately 5:40 p.m., Nome Police Officers responded to West First Ave on the report of a motor vehicle collision. Alcohol appears to be a contributing factor in the collision. Investigation is ongoing.

On 02-03 at 11:43 p.m., NPD responded to a residence on Second Avenue after a report of trespassing. Dianne Katongan, 50, was arrested for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree and Disor-

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Trooper Beat

On January 28, at approximately 3:30 p.m. Alaska State Troopers received a report that Tyler Huntington, 27, of Fairbanks, was involved in a high speed snowmachine crash approximately 3 Miles North of Shaktolik while training for upcoming snowmachine races. Medical and Rescue personnel responded from Shaktolik. Norton Sound Regional Hospital in Nome was notified and sent a medivac to Shaktolik. Huntington received serious but non life-threatening injuries in the crash and was ultimately medivaced to Anchorage for treatment.

On January 30, Anchorage WAANT investigators were informed of a young male traveling to Stebbins, through Unalakleet, on a local commercial air carrier who might be transporting marijuana. As a result of receiving the previously noted information, investigators contacted Fabian M. Pete, 19, of Anchorage, at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and found him in possession of approximately 6 ounces of marijuana. Subsequently, Pete was arrested for two counts of MiCS 4th and remanded into the Anchorage Jail, where he was held in lieu of \$5,000 c/c.

Sitnasuak Native Corporation Shareholder Notice

**40th Annual Shareholders Meeting
Sat June 1, 2013 • 10:00 a.m.
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- Election of three (3) Directors for three year term
- Other shareholder business

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MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 1, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.

Shareholder proposal

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office **907-387-1200** or **877-443-2632 (toll free)**.

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Sitnasuak Native Corporation

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or 877-443-2632 (toll free)**



2/7-14-21-28

Legals

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PUBLIC NOTICE

O-13-01-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property (Lot 1A, Block 3, Record of Survey 2007-14, Plus an Approximately 3.36 Acre Portion of USMS 1339 and Adjacent Property and Adjacent Rights-of-Way) by Sale to Bonanza Fuel, Inc.

This ordinance is scheduled for first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on **January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** and is scheduled for second reading, public hearing and final passage at the regular meeting of the Council on **February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the office of the City Clerk. The interest being disposed of is a fee simple interest. The current assessed value of the property is \$1.75 per square foot for the USMS 1339 portion and \$2.50 per square foot for Lot 1A, Block 3. The disposal will occur by deed at the offices of Yukon Title Company in Fairbanks, Alaska within 30 days of the ordinance's adoption.

1/10-17-24-31-2/7

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE
STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
In the Matter of**

**EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED and SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$8,975.00) in UNITED STATES CURRENCY.
Case No. 2NO-12-325 CI.**

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION

Notice is hereby given that the State of Alaska seeks forfeiture pursuant to AS 17.30.110 of the sum of \$8,975 seized by the Nome Police Department from Roger C. Stalker: \$475 from his person on August 15, 2009, and \$8,500 from his residence on August 18, 2009. Grounds for the forfeiture are that the money was used in financial transactions derived from activity prohibited by the drug laws of the State of Alaska. Any person claiming an interest in said funds shall file a notice of the claim with the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, stating the nature of the claim and an answer to the State's allegations. Any such claim must be made within 30 days of the last date of the publication of this notice.
Dated December 26, 2012, at Nome, Alaska.
MICHAEL C. GERAGHTY
ATTORNEY GENERAL
John A. Earthman
District Attorney
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1/17-24-31-2/7

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

**In the Matter of
ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED and NINETY DOLLARS (\$1,390.00) in UNITED STATES CURRENCY.
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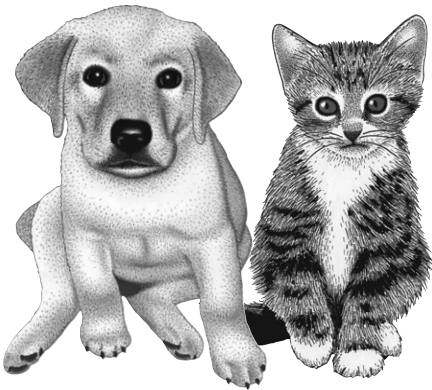
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derly Conduct. She was then transported to AMCC. The Nome Police Department responded to eight calls this week of incapacitated or intoxicated persons needing assistance where the person was transported to a residence or other safe location.

To anonymously report information about any crime, please call the CRIMELINE at 43-8509. For general inquiries, please call 443-5262. If you are involved in an emergency, call 9-1-1 immediately and provide as much information as possible to the dispatch center. Please stay on the line until police or other emergency service providers arrive.



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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE
STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**
In the Matter of
**THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED and
FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$3,246.00) in
UNITED STATES CURRENCY.**
Case No. 2NO-12-328 CI.
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION
Notice is hereby given that the State of Alaska

seeks forfeiture pursuant to AS 17.30.110 of the sum of \$3,246 seized by the Alaska State Troopers on June 14, 2002, from Agustin Vrag's Mora at the Nome Airport. Grounds for the forfeiture are that the money was used in financial transactions derived from activity prohibited by the drug laws of the State of Alaska. Any person claiming an interest in said funds shall file a notice of the claim with the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, stating the nature of the claim and an answer to the State's allegations. Any such claim must be made within 30 days of the last date of the publication of this notice. Dated December 28, 2012, at Nome, Alaska. MICHAEL C. GERAGHTY ATTORNEY GENERAL John A. Earthman District Attorney 9911061 1/17-24-31-2/7



**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
F-14908-A and F-14908-B
Alaska Native Claims Selection
Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance**

As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management to Sitnasuak Native Corporation. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Sitnasuak Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Nome, Alaska, and are located in: Lot 1, Mineral Survey No. 2315, Alaska. Containing 8.30 acres. Lot 1, Mineral Survey No. 2316, Alaska. Containing 20 acres. Lot 4, U.S. Survey No. 8729, Alaska. Containing approximately 5 acres. Kateel River Meridian, Alaska T. 11 S., R. 33 W., Secs. 11, 12, and 13; Secs. 18, 19, and 20; Secs. 23 and 24; Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive; Containing approximately 719 acres. T. 11 S., R. 34 W., Secs. 13, 24, and 36. Containing 6.20 acres. Aggregating approximately 725 acres. Total aggregating approximately 759 acres.

Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on February 4, 2013. Any party claiming a property interest in the lands

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NSHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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Notice is hereby given that the Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) Board of Directors is scheduled to meet **February 11-14, 2013** at the New Hospital 3rd Floor Conference Room #306/308 located at 1000 Greg Kruschek Avenue in Nome, Alaska from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Portions of the meeting may be conducted in executive session. The public is invited to attend the meetings. Testimony from the public may be limited. Members of the public wishing to receive information or a copy of the agenda may contact the Administration Office at (907) 443-3226 as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours before the meeting so that arrangements may be made.

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in the meeting, please contact (907) 443-3226 as soon as possible, but no later than three days before the meeting to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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**The Alaska
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**The State
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will be held
in Nome in 2014.**



Our organizational meeting will be at the
**Polar Café at 6 p.m.,
Saturday, February 16.**

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**Notice
of
Declaration of Candidacy**


Shishmaref Native Corporation
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Fax 907/649-3731

Three (3) seats are open on the Shishmaref Native Corporation Board of Directors. Candidate qualifications:

1. Eighteen (18) years of age or older;
2. Enrolled to the Shishmaref Native Corporation; and
3. Resident of Shishmaref

Letter of Declaration of Candidacy must be sent or hand delivered to the General Manager at the above mailing address and must be post marked or hand delivered by **5:00 p.m. February 8, 2013**. Annual Meeting date is tentatively set for March 30, 2013. If you have any questions, please call the office at 907-649-3751 or 2030.

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**The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District
invites you to attend a public meeting
for
Davidson’s Landing Proposed Cleanup Plan**



PUBLIC MEETING
Teller Community Hall
Wednesday
February 13, 2013
7 - 8 pm

PROPOSED CLEANUP PLAN
The proposed plan for Davidson’s Landing describes the environmental conditions and the proposed cleanup action for the site. The removal, transport, and disposal of remaining drums and drum carcasses are recommended as the preferred alternative. The plan is available at the City of Teller or upon request.

CONTACT INFORMATION
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**COMMENT DEADLINE IS EXTENDED TO
MARCH 11, 2013**
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites your participation and encourages you to provide comments at the public meeting. A comment form is included in the plan and may be submitted to the project manager.



Photo by Diana Haecker

SPELLING BEE— Thirty-three Nome Elementary School students from grade 3 through 6 participated in the spelling bee contest on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at the Nome Elementary School. PTA President Julie Kelso, middle, organized the event and numerous practices held beforehand.

SOLICITATION OF INTEREST
Assisted Living/Senior Residential Services Planning

The Native Village of Unalakleet is soliciting letters of interest from interested parties to provide technical assistance for the planning and development of an Assisted Living facility or other Senior Residential housing in Unalakleet. The planning process will also include the development of a Senior Center, to be co-located with the residential facility, for services to all Unalakleet Elders. Submit letters of interest, demonstration of experience, and cost requirements, via email, fax or mail by March 1, 2013, to:

Tracy Cooper, Elders Services Director
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Contact NVU for further information on project deliverables and for other project information.

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finance subcommittees again. I also serve on the Judiciary, Labor and Commerce, and Legislative Budget and Audit committees.

Suurimmaanitchuat Dancers

Congratulations to the Suurimmaanitchuat Dancers. I was pleased to see them in President Obama’s Inauguration Parade. My office has received a lot of comments on their participation. I’m proud to see Alaska represented on the national stage and even prouder to see our native culture on display. Again, my congratulations – you have made us all proud.

Stay Informed

It’s hard to predict how the session will unfold and things do move very quickly in the 90-day session. It’s

important to stay informed and I encourage you to keep track of what happens in Juneau. To research bills you can visit <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/start.asp>. You can also watch the legislature in action on Gavel-to-Gavel or online at <http://akl.tv/>.

Keep In Touch

My staff and I are here to work for you. Please don’t hesitate to let us know if there is anything my office can do to assist you. Also, if you happen to make it to Juneau during the session please make an appointment. It’s always a pleasure to visit with constituents.

Email Addresses Have Changed

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Reminder

It is that time of year to apply for the Permanent Fund Dividend. The

deadline is March 31st. You may file online at <http://www.pfd.state.ak.us/>. If you have any questions or need to appeal to the department, the toll free number to the Permanent Fund Dividend is 1-800-733-8813.

• More Sound Off

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resources for public schools and state funds directed to religious and for-profit “choice” schools.

At a time when Alaska school districts are making significant cuts in their budgets, it makes no sense to divert even more financial resources from public schools. Instead Alaska should be investing in our public schools in order to lower class sizes, improve school safety, provide educational opportunities and invest in classroom resources.

Unlike private/religious schools, our public schools and elected school boards are accountable to the public and are required to meet state and federal mandates, uphold educational standards, and follow public information laws.

The question that needs to be asked is, who benefits from this change in the state constitution? While proponents for this change may argue it benefits students, the research suggests differently.

Studies in Wisconsin, Ohio, and the District of Columbia show no noticeable difference in student achievement between choice schools and public schools.

Graduation rates, which are often reported as higher in choice schools, under closer scrutiny are not apple-to-apple comparisons.

Alaskan Constitutional Delegates in 1955-56 were concerned with the dual system of education at that time: one run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and one by the Territory of Alaska. The delegates wished to create a unified school system free from sectarianism and partisanship.

HJR 1 would have devastating impacts on our public education system. It would increase the cost of education since the state would now be responsible for the cost of students in public and religious/private schools. With fewer resources, the quality of public schools would be at risk as class sizes increased, offerings of electives and extra-curricular activities declined, and support services were eliminated.

Alaska has great educational choices for students. We need to build on our success and we can do that with the support of the legislature to better fund our schools, enabling the expansion of our charter school programs and educational opportunities in our traditional public schools.

• More Legals

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affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until March 6, 2013, to file an appeal.
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall

have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e-mail, will not be accepted as timely filed.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Court

Prior to 2/1 Civil

Johnson, Albert J. v. Dickson, Christopher; Petition for Protective Order: Ex Parte Martinson, Douglas E., and Martinson, Judy A. v. Walsh, J. D. and Lomen, Ralph; Complaint for Quiet Title
Heavener, Carter D. - Old Name; Kakoona, Carter D. - New Name; Change of Name
Takak, Jody v. Takak, Rachel M.; Div or Cust w/Children
Kowchee, Jerry v. Iya-Kowchee, Cora; Div or Cust w/Children

Small Claims

No current claims on file (start 2NO-13-00007SC)

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Paula S. Myomick (2/7/70); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500748; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.
State of Alaska v. Linda J. Kimoktoak (5/4/71); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110125962; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.
State of Alaska v. Leonard R. Delie (3/12/85); 2UT-12-20CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110125845; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended for one additional year to 4/27/14; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Leonard Ross Delie (3/12/85); 2NO-12-938CR Assault 4°; DV; Date

of Violation: 12/21/12; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Melissa Carlisle (1/6/92); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4°; Count II: Minor Consuming/Possessing Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 1/28/13.

State of Alaska v. Steven Gillette (3/16/92); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/28/13.

State of Alaska v. Lee Leon Kobuk (4/12/79); Amended Judgment and Order of Commitment; Defendant came before court on 5/10/12 with counsel, Matt Tallercio, Office of Public Advocacy, and the Tom Jamgochian, District Attorney, present, and has been convicted of: CTN 001: Misconduct Involving Weapons 2; CTN 002: Misc/Weapons 4- Possess While Intox; Date of offenses: 11/10/11; DV; Plea: Guilty; CTN 001: 30 months flat; Remand into custody to serve sentence; CTN 002: 6 months flat; Remand into custody to serve sentence; Consecutive to 001; Police Training Surcharge: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony) payable to the court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; 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 appear-

ance or performance bond in this case: (no indication).

State of Alaska v. McCormick Tungiyon (7/8/88); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/28/13.

State of Alaska v. Autumn Elanna (1/1/94); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Habitual Offender; Date of Offense: 1/26/13; 45 days, 20 days suspended; Unsuspended 25 days are to be served immediately; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Surcharge must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; License: Driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 12 months with 6 months suspended; Defendant must immediately surrender any current driver's license to the court; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 96 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 21-years old; 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, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. Eddie Pete Sr. (3/15/72); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111498039; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended 6 months; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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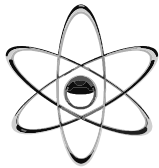
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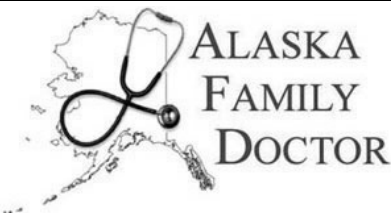


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HAPPY DOGS— Janet Balice celebrates after finishing the first Nome Kennel Club race of the season Sunday, February 3. Janelle Trowbridge, right, participated in the race with her team of Greenland huskies. Most dog teams consist of “Alaskan Huskies”, a mixed breed specifically bred for toughness, endurance and speed.

Photos by Tom Jamgochian

Nome Kennel Club holds first “warm up” race of the season

Mushers this winter were plagued by the lack of adequate snow cover and had to make do with bumpy rides on the barely snow-covered tundra.

Sporadic snowfalls lately brought enough snow on the ground for dog drivers to carve a few trails into the wintery scenery and thus, the Nome Kennel Club was able to hold a 7-mile ‘warm-up’ sled dog race for its members last Sunday.

Nine mushers showed up at the start line at the new snow dump site off Greg Kruschek Avenue. There

was an eight-dog limit to every team. The trail went up to Gold Hill, north to Dredge 5, east toward the Beam Road and back southwest to Gold Hill and the snow dump. Trail conditions were soft and deep for the most part, hard and fast in a few other sections. The trail is well marked and is widely shared with skiers, skijorers and even snow bikers.

Since the race was a “fun-race” without a purse, the club allowed Nils Hahn to start with his daughter Lizzy Hahn double-sledding. De-

spite the handicap, the pair handily won the race in a time of 39 minutes and 50 seconds. Tom Jamgochian took second place with a time of 44 minutes and 23 seconds. Third was

Diana Haecker with a time of 47:37 min.; 4. Stephanie Johnson, 48:08 min.; 5. Rolland Trowbridge, 51:38 min.; 6. Kamy Kapp, 55:11 min.; 7. Susanne Thomas, 63:24; 8. Janet

Balice, 66:16 and 9. Janelle Trowbridge with her team of Greenland huskies, 72:41 min.

Diana Adams was on hand to help at the start line and took the time.



READY?— Nine dog teams participated in the first NKC race of the season in Nome.



RARING TO GO— Tom Jamgochian’s team is raring to go at the start of the 8 dog, 7 mile race around Gold Hill just outside of Nome.



STAGING AREA— Dog teams line up along the snow dump road just off Greg Kruschek Avenue awaiting the countdown and signal for blast-off.



WINNERS— Nome Elementary School third grade student Lizzy Hahn is all business after having won the first NKC race of the season, riding the double sled behind her father Nils Hahn’s team.

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