

TERMINATION DUST — A slight dusting of snow caps the Kigluaik Mountains on Friday, August 29.

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US Coast Guard hosts organizational meeting to form Arctic Waterway Safety Committee

By Diana Haecker

Last week, the Coast Guard convened a meeting in Anchorage to kick off an effort to form an Arctic Waterway Safety Committee.

It ended with a commitment to form a steering committee consisting of nine people: three representing subsistence interests; three representing industry and three representing tribes, borough or city

governments. Nome Mayor Denise Michels said the steering committee, once identified, would formulate creation documents, come up with a funding mechanism and define the purpose and goals of the committee.

The idea to form an Arctic Waterway Safety Committee, AWSC for short, is rooted in the anticipated increase of marine traffic through the Bering Strait and the inherent risks

to subsistence resources such as marine mammals that are harvested to sustain residents of the Arctic.

The Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition, AMMC for short, formed by the five Native co-management groups (Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, Eskimo Walrus Commission, The Alaska Nanuq Commission, Alaska Beluga Whale Committee and the Ice Seal Com-

mittee), spearheaded the effort to form a Waterway Safety or Harbor Safety Committee. The committee is envisioned to serve as a forum for all who share the emerging Arctic waterway and to figure out how to be safe on the water.

The US Coast Guard District 17 hosted last week's, first organizational meeting. It brought together representatives from the Coast

Guard, Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, Alaska Beluga Whale Committee, Eskimo Walrus Commission, Ice Seal Committee, The Alaska Nanuq Commission, resource development industry, shippers, AMMC, North Slope Borough, Northwest Arctic Borough, City of Nome, Kawerak, Marine Exchange

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Alaska Arctic Policy Commission meets in Nome and Kotzebue

By Diana Haecker

The state's Arctic Policy Commission met in Nome on August 26 and in Kotzebue the following day to continue their work on an Alaska Arctic Policy Bill and an implementation plan.

The Commission consists of 10 legislators and 16 experts from local, borough and tribal governments – including Nome Mayor Denise Michels – as well as maritime shipping industry, oil and gas industry, fisheries, academia, the Alaska Marine Pilots and environmental groups.

The Alaska Legislature formed the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, AAPC for short, after the Northern Waters Task Force recommended its creation a year and a half ago.

By January 30, 2015, the AAPC must submit a final report and implementation plan that outlines the state's Arctic policy. A preliminary report was released in January 2014.

A changing Arctic, also often called the "emerging Arctic", is the reason for the urgency to create the state's own Arctic policy. Its purpose



Photo by Diana Haecker

LISTENING — Nome Mayor Denise Michels is the coastal communities representative on the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, which met in Nome on August 26.

is to prepare Alaska for changes due to international forces vying for more economical shipping routes and promising oil, gas and other resource developments.

As the Arctic melts, it not only frees up resources for exploitation

but endangers rural Alaskan coastal communities by erosion and by changes affecting subsistence practices.

So far, the AAPC identified community sustainability, the advance-

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Mallot and Walker form Unity Ticket

By Diana Haecker

In an emergency meeting on Monday night, the State Central Committee of the Alaskan Democratic Party voted 89 to 2 to allow for a Unity Ticket between Independent candidate Bill Walker and Democratic candidate Byron Mallot.

The Unity Ticket will feature Bill Walker as the gubernatorial candidate and Byron Mallot as the Lt. Governor.

Mallot won the Democratic primary election on August 19. Bill Walker, an attorney from Anchorage, did not appear on the ballot since he was running as an independent candidate.

According to Alaska Democratic Party spokesman Zack Fields, Mallot and Walker had been in talks for a week about merging their campaigns in order to have a realistic chance to defeat incumbent Governor Sean Parnell. Polls suggested that in a three-way race neither Mallot nor Walker could have won. In an unprecedented move, they teamed up on a Unity Ticket. Polls after the decision was made public showed a

tie in the gubernatorial race between Walker/Mallot and Parnell.

With Mallot's withdrawal, this gubernatorial election marks the first one without a Democratic candidate in the race in Alaska. It is also unprecedented that a Democrat teams up with an Independent on a unified ticket.

Hollis French, who was the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor also withdrew to allow Mallot to run as Lt. Gov. on the Unified ticket. Craig Fleener, running alongside Bill Walker as Lt. Governor, also withdrew to make room for Byron Mallot.

In response to the news, Forrest Dunbar, Democratic nominee for U.S. House, said he was excited to see a Unity Ticket in the gubernatorial race.

"This decision by Byron and Bill to set aside their differences and work together on behalf of Alaska is exactly what our state needs, and is also the kind of thing that will inspire Millennials to become more involved in electoral politics."

Musk ox pushing biologists for creative solutions

By Sandra L. Medearis

Two studies of collared musk ox calving periods and musk ox calf mortality on the Seward Peninsula this summer show a decline in the overall muskox population even though the numbers of animals hanging out in Nome have increased.

"When we think about the population in totality it is declining and

declining rapidly," said Tony Gorn, area biologist for Game Management Unit 22. "There are a lot of red flags in the population."

Gorn was speaking at an Aug. 26 meeting of Nome residents who have had dogs attacked by musk ox or who are concerned about the increasing presence of 100-150 musk ox in town. Assistant Deputy Director of Alaska Department of Fish and Game Bruce Dale attended. Letty Hughes, ADF&G biologist also attended to answer questions.

The ADF&G surveys the peak calving in mid-May and again in late June to early July.

Both showed high rates of predation by brown bears.

Gorn compared numbers from calf surveys conducted in 2014 and 2008. In May this year, staff found 38 calves per 100 adults, in areas generally bear-free: Port Clarence and near the headwaters of the Nome, Flambeau and Snake rivers

and the Fish River flats.

In the groups of musk ox around Nome, the number decreased to a very low count of calves in the population of 13 calves per 100 adults.

Early to mid-May the department started to get reports about brown bears in the area. On May 19, they found a dead calf on Anvil Mountain. They observed a group in the Hastings area with no calves that had four calves a few days before.

This all coincides with brown bears coming in during peak musk ox calving time.

On May 20, ADF&G started what Gorn calls the "3 a.m. Musk ox Moving Group, basically up in the middle of the night during that period and through the whole month of June moving herds."

In late May, brown bear harvests started coming in with stomach contents showing musk ox hair indicat-

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Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

ANGER AND SORROW — Diana Adams, left, and Janet Balice mourn the violent death of sled dog Onslow, 12, gutted by a muskox at the Nome Kennel Club dog lot, on July 26. Onslow belonged to Mitch and Vickie Erickson. Nome residents met with state Dept. of Fish and Game staff to seek an end to danger from aggressive members of musk ox groups occupying the town.

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Letters

Dear Editor:

The greatest weapon in the arsenal of stupidity

In my opinion, the greatest weapon in the arsenal of stupidity is the childish infighting that is constantly being engaged in by our own elected government! "Can these people agree on nothing at all, even that which is logical and obvious?"

To Hell with global warming, if these political alley cats were immersed up to their vested little necks in seawater, they would still be debating whether or not to prescribe swimming lessons to those who were drowning in the tempest that these politicians often generate on their own!

Many of the problems that confront us today are not that complex, and could even be categorized as no-brainers that a first year political science student could probably overcome by himself? Unfortunately, however, if the other political party thought of a workable solution first, or if some overly arrogant bureaucrat could not usurp (steal) the credit for the brainchild of another, the suggestion is summarily dismissed, ridiculed, and even demonized! "And upon this self-poisoned blade, many an egoist and politician alike has impaled millions!"

"A little less vacationing, electioneering, fundraising, me-ism, and buck-passing in government - coupled with a little more affirmative action and bipartisan consideration on the part of most politicians - could indeed work wonders!"

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Sámi Reindeer Herding students in Nome

We, seven reindeer herding students, one media student and one teacher from Sámi Education Institute from Finland stayed in Nome for 25 wonderful days, that we'll remember and cherish the rest of our lives. We will always remember visiting Bruce, Ann and Bonnie Davis in most homelike environment with reindeer, the hospitality of the Northwest Campus and all the personnel, washing laundry in Mark's Soap'n Suds, being with King Is-

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

Editorial

Oh, Spare Us!

Full-blown ballyhoo— the political races are revving up and the TV ads are packing in the mud to start slinging. What ever happened to the informative ad that said what the candidate stood for, what they planned to do and why we should vote for them? Now all we get is negative hissy fits that would put a bunch of junior high girls to shame. Tell Senator Begich to ___blah, blah, blah! Don't you just want to say, "Shut up and tell him yourself"? They shout liar, liar, pants on fire and expect us to take them seriously while they wrap themselves in the flag.

Then there are the political opinion surveys and polls where they always call at suppertime. Try to not get too analytical. It's easy to see how they can skew results. They try to steer answers in the direction that would favor their candidate. Don't try to confront the questioner with real facts. If you are lucky your pollster speaks English or some recognizable form of it.

Check to see if the folks who pay for the ads or do the surveys have names. Listen real hard and try to make out who they are. Try to read the name written in white letters on a light gray background. Ask the survey taker to slowly repeat who is paying for the survey. If you never heard of them, hang up.

— N.L.M. —

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A Look at the Past



Comments by Laura Samuelson with Curtis Jacobs Photo Circa 1930s Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

AND IT'S SO GOOD FOR YOU! — Mom and daughter "preparing fish for drying rack" on Nome's West Beach.

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09/5	Fr	2:11am	+1.0	12:28pm	+1.4	6:27am	+0.8	8:20pm	0.0
09/6	Sa	3:15am	+1.1	1:46pm	+1.4	7:41am	+0.8	9:18pm	0.0
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Strait Action



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BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE— Gail Schubert, pictured here addressing the Arctic Policy Commission in Nome last week, was appointed to represent Alaska and the USA at the Arctic Economic Council.

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Arctic Economic Council holds founding meeting

The Arctic Economic Council is being formed this week in Iqaluit, Canada. The council is a new body created by the Arctic Council under the chairmanship of Canada. Canadian Arctic Council chair Leona Aglukkaq said last July that the Arctic Economic Council's task is to facilitate business opportunities, trade, investment and growth in the best interests of northerners.

The founding meeting is set to take place this week Sept. 2-3 in Iqaluit. It will bring together representatives from the Arctic Council's eight members states and six indigenous permanent participant organizations.

Bering Strait Native Corporation's CEO and President Gail Schubert and two other Alaskans were appointed to represent Alaska and the United States.

The other two Alaskans are Lori Davey, General Manager, Fairweather, LLC and Bruce Harland, Vice President Business Development, Crowley Marine Services, Inc.

The Inuit Circumpolar Council will be represented by Tara Sweeney, executive vice president of the Arctic Slope Regional Corp. Ed Schultz, a

former grand chief of the Council of Yukon First Nations, and Richard Nerysoo, a former Northwest Territories government leader, will represent the Arctic Athabaskan Council, which speaks for Dene and Athabaskan language groups living in the NWT, Yukon and Alaska. Ron Daub of Old Crow, Yukon represented Gwich'in International. Aleut International Association sent Janet Reiser, director of business and resource development with the Aleut Corp. of Alaska. The Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, or RAIPON, sent vice president Lyubov Peshperova and Alexey Panov, an entrepreneur.

Anders Oskal of Norway, the executive director of the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry, and Anders Blom of Sweden, the managing director of a company called Njalla AB, represent the Saami Council.

The eight members states have named their representatives, many of them executives with companies involved in shipping, tourism, mining, communications and oil and gas development. That includes Ingmar Haga, the managing director of Agnico-Eagle Finland Ltd., and Andrey Shiskin, vice president of Russia's Rosneft Oil Co., and Tom Paddon, the chief executive officer of Baffin-

land Iron Mines.

The goal of the meeting is to create an independent circumpolar body that will maintain a close relationship with the Arctic Council.

IPCC sends grim climate report to governments

The authors of the Intergovernmental Report on Climate Change, IPCC for short, have finished drafting a synthesis report and sent the draft to governments for comments on the text. "This Synthesis Report, integrating the findings of the three working group contributions to the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report and two special reports, will provide policymakers with a scientific foundation to tackle the challenge of climate change. It would help governments and other stakeholders work together at various levels, including a new international agreement to limit climate change," said IPCC Chairman Rajendra Pachauri.

The report has not been released to the public, but a copy was leaked to the *New York Times*.

A request by the *Nome Nugget* to obtain an executive summary of the was denied.

According to the *NYT*, the report uses "blunter and more forceful" language and highlights the urgency to deal with risks associated with continued emissions of heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere. The report says that if society wants to limit the risks to future generations, it must find the discipline to leave a vast majority of fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas in the ground.

The comments received from governments will prepare the way for the meeting in Copenhagen on October 27 to 31 at which the IPCC will finalize the synthesis report. The report will be released to the public at a press conference on 2 November. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has been established by World Meteorological Organization and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to assess scientific, technical and socio-economic information relevant for the understanding of climate change, its potential impacts and options for adaptation and mitigation.

Coast Guard tests unmanned aircraft

Coast Guard and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration researchers successfully landed an unmanned aircraft system on the flight deck of Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* last week, marking the first time a UAS has completed a take-off and landing aboard a Coast Guard icebreaker.

UAS operators from AeroVironment, working alongside researchers from the Coast Guard Research and Development Center and NOAA made necessary adjustments following several unsuccessful attempts to land the Puma AE on the icebreaker's flight deck. High winds, heavy fog, and icing conditions delayed further attempts until Monday night when skies cleared enough for another attempt. UAS operators came close to landing the system on the initial attempt before managing three successful landings. The last was a perfect landing onto the center of the flight deck.

Researchers and crew aboard the *Healy* left Seward, Aug. 8 to conduct testing of the Puma AE and other technologies for use as oil spill tracking tools. The UAS is equipped with an electro-optical and infrared camera plus illuminator on a lightweight mechanical gimbaled payload allowing its operator to keep constant watch over the device's target.

The Coast Guard RDC and NOAA hope to utilize UAS and other unmanned technologies to perform monitoring and search operations in the Arctic and other areas where hazardous conditions might otherwise place human observers in increased danger.

"The Coast Guard and its partners realize the value of exploring technologies like UAS to improve our ability to respond in the Arctic," said Rich Hansen, RDC Chief Scientist traveling aboard *Healy*. "Unmanned systems have great potential for tracking spills, so responders can avoid unnecessary risk while safeguarding our seas."

The Coast Guard Research and Development Center is based in New London, Conn., and aids the Coast Guard by providing research and evaluations of technologies and equipment with the potential for enhancing its ability to carry out its missions.

Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* is a 420-foot icebreaker home-ported in Seattle, Wash. The icebreaker's crew conducts the Coast Guard's traditional missions including search and rescue, environmental protection and enforcement of laws and treaties while performing their primary mission of assisting with scientific research in polar regions.

New study offers clues to swift Arctic extinction

The Arctic has a relatively well-researched archaeology, but an understanding of its genetic history was lacking until now.

Last week, the *Journal Science* presented studies of genome-wide sequences from ancient and present-day humans from Greenland, Arctic Canada, Alaska, Aleutian Islands and Siberia.

Analyses of these genomes indicate that the Arctic was colonized 6,000 years ago by a migration separate from the one that gave rise to other Native American populations.

But these original paleo-inhabitants of the Arctic appear to have completely vanished 700 years ago.

Paleo-Eskimos (3,000 BC to 1,300 CE) represent a migration pulse into the Americas independent of both Native American and Inuit expansions, researchers concluded.

The genetic continuity characterizing the Paleo-Eskimo period was interrupted by the arrival of a new population, representing the ancestors of present-day Inuit, with evidence of past gene flow between these lineages. Despite periodic abandonment of major Arctic regions, a single Paleo-Eskimo population likely survived in near-isolation for more than 4,000 years, only to vanish around 700 years ago.

DNA data show that the Paleo-Eskimos are closer to each other than to any other present-day population. The Thule culture represents a distinct people that are genetic and cultural ancestors of modern-day Inuit. Researchers found that the Siberian Birnirk culture (6th to 7th century CE) are likely cultural and genetic ancestors of the Thule. The extinct Sadlermiut people from the Hudson Bay region (15th to 19th century CE), considered to be Dorset remnants, are genetically closely related to Thule/Inuit, rather than the Paleo-Eskimos. Moreover, there is no evidence of matrilineal gene flow between Dorset or Thule groups with neighboring Norse (Vikings) populations settling in the Arctic around 1,000 years ago. The researchers detected gene flow between the Paleo-Eskimo and Neo-Eskimo lineages, dating back to at least 4,000 years.

Researchers concluded that the Paleo-Eskimos likely represent a single migration pulse into the Americas from Siberia, separate from the ones giving rise to the Inuit and other Native Americans, including Athabaskan speakers. Paleo-Eskimos, despite showing cultural differences across time and space, constituted a single population displaying genetic continuity for more than 4,000 years. The Thule people, ancestors of contemporary Inuit, represent a population replacement of the Paleo-Eskimos that occurred less than 700 years ago.

Over successive millennia, the pioneering Arctic cultures developed into distinct lifestyles and cultural stages grouped within two broad cultural traditions known as Paleo-Eskimo and Neo-Eskimo.

Early Paleo-Eskimo people representing the Denbigh, Pre-Dorset, Independence I, and Saqqaq cultures (~3000 to 800 BCE) lived in tent camps and hunted caribou, musk ox, and seals with exquisitely flaked stone tools similar to those used by northeast Siberian Neolithic cultures.

In northern Alaska, the Denbigh cultural groups were succeeded by the Paleo-Eskimo Choris and Norton cultures starting around 900 BCE, with the Norton material culture further developing into the Ipiutak culture around 200 CE. Simultaneously, during the cold period beginning around 800 BCE, innovations in housing and hunting technologies accompanied the formation of the Late Paleo-Eskimo or Dorset culture in eastern Arctic (eastern Canadian Arctic and Greenland), with population growth and more intensive use of marine mammals, including walrus hunting.

The Paleo-Eskimo tradition in the eastern Arctic ended sometime between 1,150 to 1,350 CE, shortly after the sudden appearance of the Neo-Eskimo Thule whale-hunters from the Bering Strait region.

The last of the Paleo-Eskimos, the Dorset had dominated eastern Canada and Greenland for centuries, hunting seal and walrus through holes in the ice and practicing shamanistic rituals with ornate carvings and masks.

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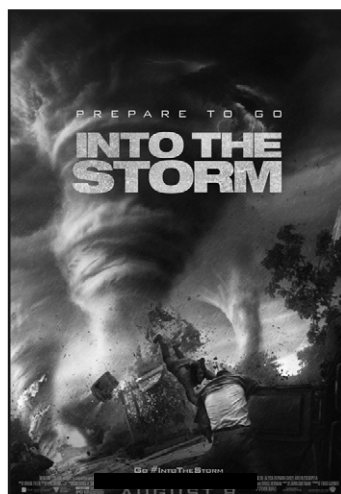
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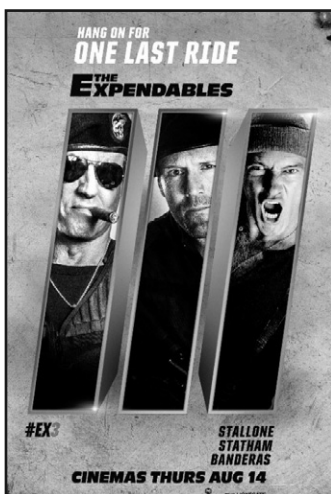
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LISTENING— On August 26, Assistant Deputy Director ADF&G Bruce Dale listened to testimony during a public meeting on the musk ox problem at City Hall.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

NOT HAPPY— Concerned citizens, some whose dogs had been injured or killed by musk ox, heard again what they already knew: The occupation of the town by musk ox is a new phenomenon for which state game managers have yet to find solutions.

• Musk ox

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ing bears coming into the area and harassing musk ox groups.

Around May 20 groups of musk ox started moving toward Icy View along with the reports of brown bear sightings, Gorn said.

Game biologists have tried just about everything to dissuade musk ox from hanging out in town.

"We are very good at moving them. We are not very good at getting them to stay," Dale said.

They tried rubber bullets with no long-term effect.

They have tried removing habitat.

"Six years ago we knocked down the bushes at City Field," Gorn said. That didn't work, they kept coming right back, but it at least increased visibility for pilots taking aircraft in and out.

Using helicopters to herd musk ox away was largely ineffective, Gorn said. Groups of the animals would get hung up in rivers and creeks, or willows, and refuse to move.

They are going to try using helicopters, augmented by people on the ground for better coverage, Gorn said.

They have tried using Tasers on them with electric shocks—effective on bear and moose, but no effect on musk ox, according to Gorn.

The great bear urine project of 2014 was an utter failure, according to Gorn. "I spent a lot of time crawling around on my hands and knees spraying bear pee in their faces and in front of where they were grazing," Gorn said. "I would say at this point they really don't care about bear urine."

Brown bear decoys—a state Dept. of Transportation project at runways— was a failure, but provided some entertainment for people.

Gorn is ready to try electric fences and propane noisemakers, but makes no promises.

"A big part of this is the community learning how they are going to live with musk ox," Gorn said.

People who have had their dogs killed or injured weren't feeling it.

"You have options up on the board, but they are not in place, so next summer, June 1, instead of 15 muskox outside of my house, there will be 75 or 80? I have a beautiful cabin on Glacier Creek Road. We have slept there two nights this summer," Laura Samuelson said. "We are screwing with musk ox constantly. Ten nights ago, we saw a rogue musk ox in our yard eating fireweed at 1:30 in the morning.

You guys talk about bears and bulls, but we have to find a solution sooner than later. I had a dog murdered by a musk ox. As soon as you are affected by what happens when these animals come close, the letters of support for musk ox will be torn up," Samuelson said. "It's not a good thing to live in this town, like this. It's not fair."

July 26, 2014

Diana Adams could not stop crying that one Saturday in July.

A dog she knew and loved lay among the weeds in a pond with his entrails floating up and away from him.

A musk ox had gored Onslow, 12, and left him dying near the Nome Kennel Club dog lot. When she came to the lot early Saturday afternoon, Onslow was missing from his usual station. Onslow belongs to Adams' friends, Mitch and Vickie Erickson. Adams and the Ericksons watch out for each other's sled dog teams. They love all the dogs.

That means pinch-hitting at feeding time if someone is away and keeping the dogs from harm.

"When I saw the big patch of blood on the ground, I started looking for him and found him like this," Adams sobbed.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

MANGLED— Diana Adams surveys a chain-link dog enclosure destroyed by a muskox bent on killing 12-year-old Onslow, a sled dog owned by Vicky and Mitch Erickson, on July 26, 2014. ADF&G staff advise anchoring the fence to the ground and using very strong posts buried deeply.

Adams already lost a dog to musk ox a couple of years ago.

Adams held out her left arm. There was blood on it.

"John [friend John Handeland] had to help me get my arm out of his mouth. I couldn't get my arm out, he was holding on so tight," Adams explained through tears.

Her swollen face said she had been crying since she found "Onsi" at the edge of the pond.

She found "Onsi" in the grass and kneeled down by him when she saw that he was mortally wounded. In his final agony he grabbed hold of her arm.

"I think he was trying to pull himself up out of the pond," Adams said. "I had called Derrick Leedy. He was standing by the phone, but I saw it was no use."

Chrystie Salesky, another member of Nome Kennel Club, walked up to Adams and gave her a hug.

Salesky had a gun in her pickup. She bought it to protect herself and the dogs at the lot. She wasn't able to protect Onsi with the firearm.

She wasn't at the dog lot when the musk ox twisted the chain-link dog pen like a pretzel and went after Onsi.

Instead, she used her gun to end

his pain.

"When I saw him, I ran to my truck and grabbed my gun because he was suffering so," Salesky said. "I shot him twice."

Adams took back the story. "We debated who would give him the last shot," she said.

Mitch Erickson paced around some yards away and talked to supporters standing around him. He was getting ready to go for a shovel to bury his dog.

Musher and NKC member Janet Balice arrived at the dog lot. She and Adams embraced. They cried.

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Earlier this summer, Adams shot dead a musk ox she felt was going to injure her dogs, and was cited by a game regulation enforcement officer. The measure was later converted to a warning.

The ADF&G has never had to sort out musk ox wanting to live in town before.

In addition to the current situation, the department faces other impediments to finding the magic wand. They are bound by laws and regulations. Some have to be set by the state Board of Game. There are always funding issues, Gorn said.

There is not consensus even among dog owners about whether the musk ox should stay, exit stage left where they will not be available for wild life observation or enter the stewpots.

For example, ADF&G cannot number an exact population of brown bear.

"The department staff is pretty good at moose, caribou. Ungulates allow themselves to be surveyed. Brown bears are complicated. Brown bears are tricky," Gorn said. "It has to do with the math of estimation. Working with the National Park Service, we have tried three times over the past 15 years in Unit 22. We're not quite there yet. Every time we go out, we learn a little more, but we're not quite able to estimate the number of brown bears in Game Unit 22." Surveys take several years and a lot of money, biologists say.

"We're assuming it is brown bears with the musk ox population, but it's an assumption. Wolves are increasing dramatically," according to Tim Smith, biologist attending the meeting Aug. 26. Local weather does not allow study teams to fly often enough to enable predation studies, Smith said. In a study of reindeer fawn mortality he saw bears on carcasses, but because of less than desirable flight frequency he could not tell whether the bears had killed the fawn or just happened across a carcass.

The ADF&G has tried programs to reduce brown bear numbers elsewhere in the state with mixed results. One performed by the public had not been effective, Dale said, while another program of removal in the McGrath area had worked. Another program monitored bears on the North Slope. If they caught them in the act of predation they removed them.

Residents are reporting sightings of bear sows with multiple cubs, and think bear numbers are on the rise. Not necessarily, say biologists. Is a sow with four cubs a healthy productive individual, an isolated case, or are there many health individuals with multiple young, biologists wonder.

Earl Merchant would like to see a musk ox removal program—"open the season on them a little earlier or go out at 3 a.m. and harvest a couple and donate the meat."

ADF&G stance is that if they were able to identify repeater aggressive musk ox, they could remove those animals.

The current regulatory language allows the musk ox season to open only on Aug. 1. A change in dates would have to go before the state Board of Game as a proposal under-going a vote. A proposal would have to be in by May 15 of 2015 for the January 2016 game meeting, and if

passed, would go into effect July 1, 2016.

The musk ox bull to cow ratio on the Seward Peninsula has plummeted, according to biologists. According to Gorn, 50 to 60 bulls are needed per 100 cows. The issue is not merely getting the cows bred, but maintaining the social dynamic among musk ox herds. Bulls stabilize the herds.

The public has to assume ownership of the problem, Dale said.

"We just can't turn on a disco ball and all these animals are going to leave. We have to work harder to understand why they are here," Dale said. "They have been around for 40 years and we've not had this issue. When the population was densest, there was no issue. Now that they are declining, we have musk ox very close to town."

Laura Samuelson spoke up.

"I wish we had a solution. How about next spring when we start having this trouble again, we go up in helicopters, see aggressive bears and shoot them?"

If we have consensus there is a problem with bear predation affecting the young of moose and musk ox young, how about putting reindeer numbers into the equation? Dale asked, noting that four years ago there were 450 reindeer in the area, down from 8,000 to 10,000 in the 1990s.

Now that the reindeer numbers are down, my view is the brown bears are going to shift onto the moose and musk ox population," he said.

He had seen plenty of bears on reindeer while flying, Gorn said, acknowledging predation that would reduce reindeer numbers, but he was not going to guess based on the observation that the bears had shifted to musk ox and moose—from which one could conclude that such a shift in predation could be bringing the musk ox to seek safety in Nome's front yards, back yards, bike paths, and dog lots.

One resident attending the meeting suggested that ADF&G set a target number of bears for harvest. Hunters could harvest a number and then the department could step in and finish.

Such intensive management is triggered by numbers of animals.

Right now, the area is not eligible. Biologists could identify bears that were harassing musk ox and making them move into town and eliminate those bears, Gorn said.

However, he would rather have permit holders and not department staff kill repeat offender brown bears.

Liberalizing the brown bear hunt is not necessarily an answer, according to the biologists. There is not a lot of interest in bear hunting, according to Gorn.

"Rarely does liberalizing the hunts increase the bear harvests," Dale agreed.

The department is also looking at adjusting hunting areas so that Nome residents could harvest local bears.

"I don't think it is the animals' fault," said John Handeland, who had a dog injured on the horn of a musk ox. "Don't get rid of all the musk ox; let's just not have them so close to where we live."

"Once they have decided a place is their home, it takes a long time to make them want to leave," Claudia Ihl, biologist, commented.



Photo by Diana Haecker

BUSY — Experts predict that maritime traffic through the Bering Strait will increase manyfold as the summer ice sheet in the Arctic continues to decrease, opening up shipping lanes and resources. This will mean busier times for the Port of Nome.

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of Alaska, and others.

One of the AWSC's purposes would be to develop voluntary measures for mariners that would minimize disturbance or dangers to Native hunters and the hunted wildlife.

AMMC chair Willie Goodwin of Kotzebue kicked off the meeting by explaining the core of people's concerns and hence the need for a committee to protect a subsistence culture that is still alive and thriving.

He patiently explained that people still don't realize that Alaskans live in the Arctic. "Our people have been here for thousands of years and we still engage in the practices that have sustained us for all this time," Goodwin said. "One of the most important practices, and the one that we're here to talk about today, is marine mammal subsistence hunting. Subsistence means we hunt or gather food and share it with our families and neighbors. Nobody pays us."

Goodwin then spoke about the necessity of the AWSC as a platform to bring stakeholders together and come to agreements. "The most important thing this Committee can do is give our hunters, local representatives and existing stakeholders a platform for working with representatives of the vessel operators that are coming into our waters," he said.

He listed as new users cruise liners, researchers, insurance compa-

nies and commercial carriers that operate container ships and tankers. "We all need to be able to work together to figure out how we can use the waterways up in the Arctic in a safe and environmentally sound way," Goodwin said. "Then we can let our regulators know what our needs are. We have our work cut out for us. But up in the Arctic, we're problem-solvers, so I'm confident we're going to be able to put this thing together and make it successful."

Concerns

North Slope Borough Dept. of Wildlife management director Taquik Hepa said there are well-known concerns about increased shipping and the impacts on walrus using ice floes. A less well-known concern is that researchers who study walrus inadvertently interfere with a safe walrus hunt. Hepa said beluga are a very vocal whale species and that there are concerns that shipping noise interferes with beluga communication. She pointed to evidence of increased ship strikes on landed whales; entanglements, noise pollution and an increase in stress to the animals due to increased human activity.

Julie Raymond-Yakoubian with Kawerak voiced similar concerns from the Bering Strait region: disturbance, noise, large vessels in the hunting areas and the lack of communication between Alaska and Russia.

She added that residents are increasingly worried about contaminations of air and water, ship groundings and discharges from vessels.

"Our interest is in food security," said Northwest Arctic Borough Mayor Reggie Joule. "When compared to global economics, that interest is miniscule. The question is how to maintain the balance between non-renewable and renewable industries. What's in it for us?"

To counter the feeling that the sky is falling due to mounting concerns and the realization that the ships will come whether Arctic people approve of it or not, Harry Brower Jr., chair of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, pointed to the success of the conflict avoidance agreement that has been in place between whalers and the oil and gas industry since 1986, and which is negotiated and renewed annually.

Jessica Lefevre, attorney for the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission expanded on the history of the conflict avoidance agreements. In the 70s and 80s the federal government began selling offshore leases but they didn't know that there are people in small craft on the water taking food. "We didn't want oil and gas ships run over our whaling boats," she said. The law books didn't yield any precedent of whalers and oil and gas companies at con-

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Shell submits revisions to exploration plan

By Diana Haecker

Last Thursday, Royal Dutch Shell submitted revisions to its approved Chukchi Sea Exploration plan to the Anchorage office of the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

Shell spokeswoman Megan Baldino said in an email to the *Nome Nugget* that the step was necessary to keep Shell's 2015 exploration options viable.

Baldino said the plan details the exploration program in the Chukchi Sea. There are some differences mostly concerning assets.

"Most notably, we now plan to use two rigs in the Chukchi Sea at the same time," Baldino wrote. "We've also bolstered our program with an anchor handler, new tugs and offshore supply vessels."

The rigs are the *Noble Discoverer*, which was used as a drill rig in the

2012 Shell exploration campaign in the Chukchi Sea and the Transocean *Pioneer*.

The ill-fated drill rig *Kulluk*, which ran aground near Kodiak was scrapped. Baldino confirmed that there are no plans to continue drilling in the Beaufort Sea next year and that Shell's focus remains on the Chukchi Sea.

Shell's new CEO Ben van Beurden told reporters in a conference in June that the company is ready to continue exploration when the regulatory agencies are allowing them to do so.

According to a report by the online publication *FuelFix*, Shell began to resurrect a worker camp in Barrow and deliveries of equipment and supplies are being made.

"As for decision, there is no timeline," wrote Baldino. "Any final decision to go forward will depend on successful permitting, clearing any

legal obstacles, and our own assessment that we can move forward with a program that meets all the conditions to proceed safely and responsibly."

Last year, Shell paid \$1.1 million in fines to the Environmental Protection Agency because of air pollution permit violations while drilling in the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea in 2012.

However, in order to continue exploration drilling in the Chukchi Sea, several things need to happen.

First, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management needs to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to address deficiencies identified by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in the 2007 Final Environmental Impact Statement for Chukchi Lease Sale 193.

John Callahan spokesman for BOEM in Anchorage said in an email, that BOEM is working to release a

draft Supplemental EIS in October 2014, a Final Supplemental EIS in early February 2015, and a Record of Decision in March 2015.

"Should the Record of Decision affirm the sale of the parcels which Shell proposes to explore, BOEM will begin its official review of Shell's exploration plan for the 2015 drilling season, which will include an environmental analysis and opportunity for public review," wrote Callahan.

Although the agency will begin informal review of the revised exploration plan, it will not formally process it until then.

"Between receipt of Shell's Exploration Plan and the March 2015 decision, BOEM will informally review the EP and hold meetings with Shell," wrote Callahan.

"Due to the nature of the review, BOEM may make multiple requests for

additional information and subsequent modifications to the EP. The review will include compliance of the EP with BOEM air quality regulations, and BOEM will informally discuss the EP with other Federal and State of Alaska regulators."

Only when the supplemental EIS on the lease has been OK'd and the lease and the exploration plan formally granted can the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement issue a drilling permit, said BSEE regional director Mark Fesmire in an email.

"By court order, BOEM can not act on that plan until after it completes a supplemental EIS on the lease and the Secretary grants the leases in light of the court-ordered environmental work.

"We will not issue a drilling permit without an approved EP," Fesmire wrote.

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flict. The federal agencies were not helpful either. "So in our desperation we called up the oil companies," Lefevre said. The result is remarkable. Since 1986, whalers and oil companies and other stakeholders on the water meet and without much bureaucratic red tape, come up with a conflict avoidance agreement year after year.

"But then people started showing up in cruise ships," Lefevre said.

That's part of the reason why the AMMC was formed. "We represent the hunters on the water as they are gathering food," Lefevre said. Shipping is going to impact them. "Our job is to push back so that these hunters have the space to hunt marine mammals."

Common ground

Dr. David Steris with the US Coast Guard held a presentation about Southeast Alaskan harbor safety committees. In the Southeast, conflict exists between the fishing industry, the cruise ship industry and charter boats. Dr. Steris said their consensus-based approach has resulted in voluntary waterway user guidelines to minimize conflict between the users.

An often mentioned issue is how to build a reliable communication network and to have the Alaska Marine Exchange set up an Automatic Information System for communities to monitor ship traffic through their waterway. The Marine Exchange of Alaska is a nonprofit maritime organization based in Juneau. Retired United States Coast Guard Captain Ed Page founded the Marine Exchange in 2001. The Alaska Marine Exchange was established to broker information that aids safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sound maritime operations in Alaska. To this end, the Marine Exchange operates a vessel-tracking network comprising about 120 Automatic Identification System (AIS) stations and Marine Safety stations in Alaska. One of them is set up at UAF Northwest Campus Marine Advisory Pro-

gram and can be seen online at the UAF MAP website. Others are in the process of being installed at Gambell and Savoonga.

Ed Page introduced the technology to the audience. "There should be no more surprises," Page said. "We have technology right now to see where the vessels are." There are efforts to develop custom-made transponders for smaller vessels that would receive AIS information and weather information.

The challenge is not technology but to make it right, Page said. The AWSC would not have regulatory powers, but could suggest best management practices, and voluntary mitigation measures that the industry would be willing to sign up on, including foreign vessels on innocent passage through the Bering Strait that could include those measures in their voyage planning. "This is a manageable threat," Page said.

Paul Fuhs agreed. Fuhs said although those best practices promulgated by the AWSC would be non-binding, they would be published by the Coast Guard, picked up by insurance companies and could evolve into binding laws. "Don't be afraid that this is not a regulatory body," Fuhs said. "Those recommendations can be turned into regulation later."

Fuhs addressed the nuts and bolts of forming the committee, including the formation of a mission statement, drawing up the articles of incorporation, coming up with a budget and to develop a funding strategy. "The best outcome of this meeting would be to come up with a steering committee, go to the Legislature to fund the AWSC and to begin work next spring," Fuhs said.

Representation

Discussions around representation began with the lack of the definition of where an Arctic Waterway begins and thus who should be represented on the AWSC. Matt Ganley, BSNC Vice President Resources and External Affairs, said that most coastal lands along the Alaskan west coast are owned by village or regional cor-

porations and, thus, they should have a seat at the table as the AWSC is formed.

A tribal representative from the North Slope inquired about the inclusion of tribes.

But who to include?

Julie Raymond-Yakoubian said, "People who bear the greatest risk should have greater representation on the group and in the process. It's not just marine mammals but also other marine resources such as fish, salmon, clams, even sea peaches."

It was pointed out that not many industry representatives were present and outreach is needed for oil, gas, fishing, cargo shipping and other maritime transportation industry inclusion.

Charlie Brower Jr. said his great concern is food security, but that he would be uncomfortable to speak for Aleutian Island residents. Jack Omelek with the Alaska Nanuq Commission reiterated that he didn't want subsistence users' voices diluted. There was tangible apprehension that food security would be run over if an equitable voting system and structure within the AWSC was not developed.

The meeting ended with the commitment that AMMC would carry on

the efforts. US Coast Guard spokesperson Kody Stitz said that the meeting achieved the goal to go forward with the creation of a AWSC. "That committee can then speak in one voice to the Coast Guard and that voice gets louder and more clearly heard," Stitz said. "We have regulatory authority and as we can get stakeholders to work together, we can take their recommendations or traffic schemes and publish them." The main topic, he said, is how to protect subsistence users from adverse affects. "The Coast Guard is very interested how this can be solved as a whole Arctic solution," he said.

After the meeting, Mayor Michels said it will require a lot of work to get the AWSC off the ground. She pointed out the need to define the Arctic. Also, she saw the AWSC as a venue to incorporate measures advantageous to Nome that were identified in the Coast Guard's Bering Strait Port Access Route Study traffic scheme. Michels also mentioned that the AWSC could identify areas to be avoided by vessel traffic.

Nome Port Expansion Projects Manager Joy Baker also attended the meeting and said that the AWSC is a good idea. "Nome and the entire re-

gion can benefit from an AWSC, in allowing local input, in collaboration with industry and regulators, to create policies and regulations that will effectively manage the safe development of Arctic waters, while providing significant protection to the environment and marine sea life," she wrote in an email to the Nugget. "Responsible development of the Arctic will further increase activity at the Port of Nome and other Alaskan Ports, all of which are strong economic drivers within their communities. I thought the meeting in Anchorage was an effective "kick-off" to the creation of an AWSC, but additional efforts will be needed to further define the committee composition and various work groups needed to get started."

The Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition offered to facilitate the next step and continuing to build from the momentum that has already been established.

On Monday, AMMC chair Willie Goodwin emailed the *Nugget* that the organization offered to host a Steering Committee meeting and has already sent a letter to the USCG voicing their intent to do so. The date, time and location are not yet decided.



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ment of economic development and a healthy environment, public safety and transparency of process in their vision statement. According to commission documents, the Alaska Arctic policy is to ensure that Alaskan Arctic indigenous peoples, their culture and values will be respected; that communities remain resilient despite climate change, that health and social well being are promoted and that communities benefit from economic development activities.

The policy is also to manage fisheries and wildlife for abundance, to build capacity through science and research; and to consult and include Arctic residents in science, employment, training, and a say in the permitting and regulatory process. It also aims to strengthen disaster prevention and emergency response by coordinating public and private investment for infrastructure and equipment.

The AAPC identified four strategic recommendations: To address the infrastructure gap in the Arctic; to strengthen Alaska's science and research agenda; to increase response capacity to increased ship traffic and to promote sustainable development not to exclude a healthy culture, society and environment.

Daunting task

While the AAPC went over the draft of a policy bill, and reviewed the implementation plan and strategic recommendations, it became clear that there is still a lot of work to be done as exemplified in a discussion centered on climate change and communities' responses to it.

Asked about the "emotional" report related to a workshop on climate change, Commissioner Reggie Joule's staff member Christine Hess said, "People are feeling over-

whelmed and are unable to deal with problems. There is no money to deal with erosion problems, there are all kinds of food security issues that climate change brings, including changes in game migration, ice and snow changes."

Bethel Senator Lyman Hoffman said that yes, communities already know about all that, but how is this going to be addressed in the policy? "Erosion affects people's lives today," he said. Some communities such as Newtok and Shishmaref pondered the possibility of relocating. "Do we have in our implementation plan what needs to be done? Or do we need to be more specific on climate change and the effects of erosion?"

At a federal level, there is no agency that funds relocating entire communities and the state does not finance relocation projects either. Denise Michels, who works as transportation director at Kawerak Inc. affirmed that funding is hard to come by but it sometimes takes a relatively small investment to fortify a community for the short term.

Liz Qualluq Moore, ANCSA corporation representative, also testified to the effect that communities begin to shape their own responses.

"We talk about communities like Kivalina, but they don't sit around and wait for solution," Moore said.

"They don't get any attention from the state or the federal government either, but when communities start stepping up and propose solutions, they should be heard."

Yet, there is no comprehensive and equitable mechanism for climate change endangered communities to assure their survival

Lack of public participation

Last week's meetings included public testimony, but the meetings

were not advertised to the broad Nome public in print or radio media outlets beforehand.

Commission member Cathy Giessel, Senator from Anchorage, inquired whether Alaskans know that their input is taken, what the deadline is and how it should be submitted. "I'm not sure folks know that they can do that," Giessel said.

AAPC executive director Nikoosh Carlo answered that details are on the commissions' website www.akarctic.com and asked the present legislators to reach out to their constituents to spread the word.

In public testimony, Nomeites Tim Smith and Chuck Wheeler were the only private persons to voice their opinions.

Eskimo Walrus Commission executive director Vera Metcalf asked the commission to include the virtues of traditional knowledge in their report.

University of Fairbanks Vice Chancellor for University and Student Advancement Michael Sfraga spoke to emphasize the role UAF plays in Arctic research. "We are the number one institution on the planet for scientific citations in regards to Arctic related efforts," Sfraga said. "We just recently briefed NATO. We should provide our state and its residents with that information, not just the State Department."

Sfraga added that a Japanese delegation recently visited UAF to help guide and formulate Japan's Arctic Policy. "We should be doing that for us, for Alaska," Sfraga said.

Sfraga also expressed support for Alice Rogoff's event "Arctic Imperative" and pledged support to bring it back.

A representative from the Alaska Oil and Gas Association stepped up to the microphone and said she appreciated the Commission's focus on the Arctic.

Her role attending the meetings in

Nome and Kotzebue was to gather information for AOGA members on the intent and objectives of the commission.

Kawerak CEO and President Melanie Bahnke lauded the group for contemplating a continuation of an Arctic policy team after the AAPC's task of drafting a policy recommendation and bill is complete. "Arctic policy deliberations will not come to an end when your report is finalized," she said. "I ask that you establish an on-going body to advise and guide the legislature and administration on Arctic policy issues."

She also asked for support to add a third person to the federal Arctic "A-Team", currently consisting of retired U.S. Coast Guard Admiral Robert J. Papp and Fran Ulmer. "There is a need to add someone who lives in the Arctic, who is from the Arctic, and who is Alaska Native, to be a liaison for Alaska Natives," Bahnke said.

Bahnke also pointed out the lack of funding attached to the draft of the Arctic Policy bill. "Many of you are in a position to ensure that your own plan recommendations are funded. Fund them," Bahnke said.

The perfect storm for the Arctic is brewing. Fantastic resource development opportunities in form of oil, gas and minerals are said to be locked up in the Arctic.

However, most rural Arctic communities are not living anywhere near the standards of modern civilization, lacking even basic water and sewer services.

A survival of these communities is only possible by a mixed cash and subsistence economy, where subsistence has nutritional as well as cultural and traditional value.

Fouling the environment that sustains marine mammals or animals hunted for food and clothing could mean devastation for rural coastal communities.

Melanie Bahnke pointed out that it would be the Arctic residents who bear the greatest risk if any spills or pollution happens. But also recognizing that Alaska Natives are very capable to adapt to new realities, she points to Native Corporations using 8(a) opportunities of government contracting and the concept of the CDQ groups. "We are playing catch-up, but when given an opportunity, we go from having a seat at the back of the bus, to driving the bus, then being the owner of a fleet of buses. We need to figure out what the opportunities are for our Arctic communities," she said.

Bahnke also pleaded for synchronization among federal, state and tribal entities in order to have common Arctic strategies.

"Anything that happens in the Arctic will require a combination of federal and state investments, and will affect tribes and people in the Arctic. We must be willing to work together from the beginning," she said.

The meeting continued in Kotzebue the next day.

Institute of the North Executive Director Nils Andreassen said that a draft bill will be presented during the Week of the Arctic meetings in Nome, Kotzebue and Barrow on October 6 to 11.

The next meeting of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission to iron out final recommendations and to finalize the report is scheduled for November 16 to 17 in Anchorage.



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Nome schools see gains in district report card

By Kristine McRae

At last week's school board work session, Janeen Sullivan, testing specialist for the district, presented board members with an overview of the data used to gauge the progress of districts around the state. Sullivan shared results determined in part by last spring's Standards Based Assessment test scores. They generate points for formulas and ratios that are used to determine overall progress of a particular grade, and hence, the entire school. For those points, the school is given an Alaska School Performance Index score, and that score which is then converted into a rating

of between one and five stars.

The outcome of this year's number crunching is encouraging. Many individual grade levels saw an increase in reading, writing, and math scores. Fifth and sixth grades saw record high scores in reading. The sixth grade also got its highest writing score to date. The tenth grade also saw some record high scores: 74 percent proficient in writing and 72 percent proficient in math (a nearly 20 percent gain from the year before). Nearly 80 percent of tenth graders were proficient in reading, which is its second-ever highest score.

Test attendance, Sullivan told the board, was impressive. "If we hadn't met the 95 percent participation rate, those kids absent would have been counted as below proficient," Sullivan said. "But we did a good job of getting the kids in to test."

Other test summaries by grade level include the third grade showing 70 percent proficient in reading, writing, and math (up from last year); fourth graders tended to be in the 60's, which is similar to the year before; fifth and sixth graders saw an overall rise; seventh graders were up a bit on reading but down in math from their sixth grade scores; eighth

graders scored 51 percent proficient in writing and 46 percent in math, which is also down a bit. The cohort which moved from eighth to ninth grade dropped to 60 percent proficient in reading, 57 percent in writing, and 28 percent in math.

In addition to the SBA scores, other factors that determine a school's ASPI points are overall attendance and graduation rate. This year Nome Elementary School received four stars, up from three stars last year. Nome-Beltz Jr/Sr high held steady at three stars. Anvil City Science Academy and Nome Extensions Home School Program each again earned five stars.

Because of its transient population, the Nome Youth Facility continues to receive one star. Students who leave and re-enroll somewhere else are not tracked. For the past three years the actual graduation rate at NYF has been the highest in its history.

Nome schools superintendent Steve Gast was optimistic about this year's results. "These are real en-

couraging numbers," said Gast. "Lots of improvement across the board." For all the good results, this is the last year that the state will use the SBA test results as a measure of academic health.

Next year, the state will use the Academic Measure of Progress. At the high school level, students will no longer take the high school graduation qualification exams, known as the HSGQE; rather, students will be required to take either the ACT, SAT, or WorkKeys Assessment.

Those students who had been denied a diploma and received only a certificate of completion because of failure to pass the HSGQE can apply to the school to receive a diploma if they've met the other graduation requirements. NPS technology director Robin Johnson introduced the district's updated, comprehensive website, which will soon house a link to the test data results.



Photo by Diana Haecker

GREETING PARENTS— Paul Clark, Nome Elementary School's new principal, greets parents on Back to School Night last week.

Highlites from Nome-Beltz

By Harlan Heinrich, Principal

This past week has been a wonderful beginning of the new school year. We are off to a great start with 259 students enrolled. I have had an opportunity to meet some of you and I am looking forward to meeting more of you as the school year progresses.

A group of Sami Reindeer herders from Finland were here at Nome-Beltz Tuesday August 26 during 6th period, 1:35-2:25, for an assembly to give a presentation to the students and staff regarding their cultural practice of herding reindeer. This group is comprised of vocational school students studying in the "Reindeer Herder Curriculum" and they are here to share part of their culture as they gain a better understanding of ours.

Nome-Beltz High School is partnering with UAF Northwest Campus in offering Dual Credit classes this semester. These classes are:

ESK F115 NP1 3 Credit Conversational Inupiaq with 14 students and

HLTH F105 & HLTH F122 NPI with 18 students.

We will have our "Open House" on September 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet your child's classroom teachers.

Reminder to Parents— we do have a cell phone / personal electronics free learning environment for our students and classrooms. This has been a policy in the student handbook for a couple years now. Students may use cell phones and mp players before school, at lunchtime, and after school.

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Nome Elementary School 5th and 6th grade field trip to the top of Anvil Mountain



FIELD TRIP— Nome Elementary School 5th and 6th grade students rest on top of Anvil Mountain on Friday, August 29, 2014.

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ALASKAN GIRLS RULE (left to right)— Lizzy Hahn, Sadie Ellison, Katie Smith and Naomi Tidwell take a break after having crested the top of Anvil Mountain.



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

LAST CRUISESHIP OF THE YEAR— The *Silver Discoverer* is anchored in the Nome roadstead before heading south on September 1.

The Dock Walk

The last days of August saw the arrival of fall storms as rain and gusty winds whipped the seas of Norton Sound.

On August 26, Alaska Logistic's landing craft *Kaktovik* arrived, took on cargo and departed to deliver freight to the villages. On August 27, there was no traffic.

On August 28, Delta Western's vessel *Capt. Frank Moody* arrived and left again. Alaska Logistic's landing craft *Sea Hawk* arrived. Ridge's vessel *Devon* arrived in Nome to have repairs done. The fuel tankers *Themsestern* and *Diamond Express* arrived and anchored in Nome's roadstead.

On August 29, Alaska Logistic's landing craft *Sea Hawk* departed. The tankers still anchored offshore. The *Devon* departed.

On August 30, Bowhead Transport's *Maia H.* arrived to take on fuel. The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game research vessel *Pandalus* arrived.

On August 31, the tug *Maia H.* departed for Seattle. The tankers remained anchored offshore.

On September 1, the cruise ship *Silver Discoverer* arrived. It left in the evening. The tankers remain offshore.



FIFTH GRADE CLASS— Mr. Lastine's fifth grade class made the hike up to the top, no problem.

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RUNNING IN STYLE— Runners in the Prom Run blast off the starting line in Icy View in anticipation of mud and mayhem.

Photos by Nils Hahn

Creatively clad runners brave wind and rain in second annual Prom Run

By Keith Conger

The residents of south Icy View who looked out of their windows early Saturday afternoon may have been shocked to see a procession of local runners decked out in dresses, ties, and sport coats, and even a horse, bounding around the tundra trails.

Nome-Beltz cross country running head coach Crystal Tobuk explained the phenomenon by saying that nearly every year the Nanooks team has a free, non-travel weekend in the middle of the season. This gap in the schedule lead to the creation of a fun race called The Prom Run. The

number one requirement for the event is that participants must wear formal attire. The rules, however, don't specify which gender must wear which garb.

The annual Prom Run has become an important fundraiser for the team. Despite a downpour, the team sold baked goods and hot tamale sandwiches under their events tent on the Old Osborne Road.

According to Tobuk, the other goal of the Prom Run is to keep the kids focused on the race season. "This is definitely an event that keeps us moving," says Tobuk, "and keeps running fun."

The Prom Run is a non-competitive, 2-mile race that is open to the community. Contestants do two laps on a challenging course that takes them through willows and crosses Dry Creek a multitude of times. One particularly difficult stretch had the participants knee-deep in water.

The first runners to cross the finish line are "crowned" and become part of the Prom Court. This year the Queen and Princess were Mallory Conger and Ava Earthman, both 12, who used their skijor dogs to help speed them around the course.

Crowning the Prom King presented a tough decision as Wilson

Hoogendorn, 15, crossed the line on the shoulders of his brother Oliver, 17. Race officials determined that in the case of a tie, the most vertical runner would be crowned King.

This year a new Clydesdale category was added. Diana Haecker, riding her horse Snowman (not really a Clydesdale, but a Curley), took the crown in that division. Snowman was wearing his running shoes and enjoyed his first race in the Nome Triple Crown.

The Prom Run helped get the Nanook runners ready for the busy upcoming weekend. A small contingent of varsity high school runners

will be traveling south to run in the ACS Invitational on Friday at Cheney Lake, and then head to Palmer for their invitational on Saturday. A second group, made up of both high school and junior high athletes, will be competing in Kotzebue on Saturday.

It is not too late for students to run. Tobuk says, "The team still has kids who are joining. We are not turning anyone away."

Those interested in being on the team need to complete a physical, and fill out the necessary paperwork.



BRING YOUR DOG— Eva Earthman runs with "Heifer", a dog belonging to Nome mushers Keith and Mallory Conger.



SNOWMAN— Nome's own race horse "Snowman" participated in the Clydesdale division with jockey Diana Haecker aboard.



WET RUN— Countless water hazards were encountered by Daphne Iya, a participant in this year's Prom Run.

Just Say No! Dear Sitnasuak Shareholders:

It has become apparent that current Sitnasuak directors feel it is okay to disregard the most basic tenets of ethics in pursuit of self-promotion. Our Native company is being taken over by a cabal of directors who speak of transparency and abiding by Inupiaq values—but continually act in ways which disregard the shareholders and the values they encompass. We are speaking directly about the use of discretionary proxies by Jason Evans to elect Trudy Sobocienski to the board of directors at the last annual meeting, held May 31, 2014 in Nome, Alaska.

Jason failed to disclose to Sitnasuak shareholders that Trudy is being sued by Deloycheet, the Native corporation of Holy Cross, Alaska. This lawsuit addresses the very aspect of a dependable director: trust. Trudy had an opportunity to inform shareholders of this lawsuit before and during the election. Instead, she chose to hide it, hoping that no one would find out about it until afterward. Now that the information is slowly being revealed, Trudy has another opportunity to regain the trust of shareholders by informing them of her conduct and the circumstance that led to this lawsuit.

Why would Jason risk his own reputation with shareholders to elect, by proxy, someone in this legal situation? What does he hope to gain by granting those proxy votes to Trudy? We fear that there is a group of directors who wish to control the board and therefore control Sitnasuak for their own personal gain. This group does not have the best interest of shareholders at the forefront of their thinking and actions. It is not in the best interest of the company to elect a director who is being sued over the misuse of \$400,000 by another Native corporation. This calls into question every action taken by this board.

It is our sincere hope that shareholders will become active in the process of holding directors accountable for the decisions being made.

We would also like to encourage shareholders to Just Say No! if a board candidate asks you to sign a discretionary proxy. It is one thing to campaign for yourself, it is another thing to gather votes on behalf of others and "bestow" them to whomever you favor, or whomever you believe will act to your benefit while serving on the board.

Directors of the Sitnasuak Board are elected to represent the shareholders. Please make sure that you voice your concerns. Let directors know that you expect honest and well-informed decisions, free of deal-making and personal favor.

Thank you.

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FORMAL RUNNER— Zachary Tozier runs up a hill during the Prom Run.



HORSE ON YOUR RIGHT— Janelle Trowbridge, left, and Alexis Hutson, middle, make sure to stay ahead of Snowman, the horse, while crossing the water hazard at Dry Creek outside of Icy View.



PROM RUN ROYALTY— Snowman, the horse, with jockey Diana Haecker won the Clydesdale division. Standing next to Haecker is Bianca Trowbridge, winning the “Princess in Training” award. Eva Earthman was crowned Prom Run Princess with Oliver Hoogendorn being the Prince. Mallory Conger and Wilson Hoogendorn took the honors of Prom Run Queen and King.

Morgan medals at Moose’s Tooth Marathon

By Keith Conger

One of the main messages from high school athletics programs is that athletes can use sports as healthy activities for the rest of their lives. Nome’s Nick Morgan, 19, has had a good start in that direction as he participated in his first marathon running race in Anchorage on August 17.

Morgan completed the 26.2-mile Moose’s Tooth Marathon in a time of 3 hours, 36 minutes, 28 seconds, while averaging 8 minutes and 16 seconds per mile. He earned a bronze medal in his age group, and was the 30th of the nearly 300 people to cross the finish line. That effort placed him near the top 10 percent

overall.

Morgan was a 2013 graduate of Nome-Beltz High School and is currently a sophomore engineering student at UAF. This summer he had completed a 16-week marathon training course, called the Non-Runners Marathon Trainer, with his mother Christine Schultz.

The title of their guidebook might be a bit misleading for this mother/son duo. By completing the Moose’s Tooth Marathon in 5 hours 29 minutes, Schultz, 49, checked off career marathon number three. Morgan was no stranger to running either. He ran competitively for two years in junior high and was an accomplished four-year high school

cross country runner who had competed with the Nanooks team on the state level.

Morgan’s summer running results, which also included a fourth-place finish in the 12.5-mile Anvil Mountain Run back in July, are perhaps showing that the short high school running distance may not be his true calling. “Nick didn’t medal in high school,” said Schultz, “but he was always in the hunt. Maybe he was meant to be a distance runner.”

The Moose’s Tooth Marathon, formerly known as Humpies Classic Marathon, was one of the events in the Big Wild Life Runs weekend. The 2000 runners in Anchorage had a smorgasbord of participatory race choices, ranging from a one-mile run to a 49-kilometer (30 mile) run.



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NOME MARATHONER— Nick Morgan of Nome ran the Moose’s Tooth Marathon in Anchorage, finishing in 3 hours, 36 minutes.



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Norton Sound – Kotzebue fish report for late August

By Jim Menard, ADF&G

SALMON: Norton Sound

Preliminary Norton Sound commercial salmon harvest figures this season are: 280 kings, 104,000 chums, 180,000 pinks, 370 reds and 102,000 silvers.

The silver salmon harvest has exceeded 100,000 silvers for the first time since 2008 and only the sixth time in history. The silver harvest may finish as high as fourth greatest.

Unalakleet Subdistrict

Commercial harvest through late August was 60 kings, 146 reds, 32,500 chums, 82,200 pinks and 57,000 silvers. All kings harvested were not sold, but kept for personal use. The silver harvest ranks ninth best.

North River Tower – Camp J.B. - Escapement goals: King 1,200-2,600; Chum-No goal established; Pink 25,000; Silver 550-1,100 (aerial survey goal) – cooperative project; NSEDC with assistance from Fish & Game.

Cumulative counts through August 28 were 2,300 kings, 11,700

chums, 144,000 pinks and 4,300 silvers. The average historical 90% point of the silver run past the tower has been August 31.

Unalakleet River Floating Weir – No weir escapement goals yet established – cooperative project; Fish & Game, Native Village of Unalakleet, United States BLM and NSEDC. Major funding provided by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Office of Subsistence Management.

Project operations were completed August 27 cumulative counts were 1,000 kings, 54,500 chums, 1.2 million pinks, 200 reds and 44,000 silvers.

Shaktoolik Subdistrict

Commercial harvest through late August was 16 kings, 39 reds, 28,700 chums, 33,000 pinks and 18,000 silvers. All kings harvested were not sold, but kept for personal use. The silver harvest ranks seventh highest.

Shaktoolik Sonar/Tower – No escapement goals yet established – cooperative project; NSEDC with assistance from Fish & Game.

The tower crew was unable to count since July 13 due to high water, but did get the sonar unit set

back up to count on August 4. Cumulative counts through August 21 should be considered minimal for all species and were 2,000 kings, 53,000 chums, 423,000 pinks and 5,500 silvers. Sonar counts have not yet been apportioned for species for the last week of August.

Norton Bay Subdistrict

Commercial harvest through late August was 70 kings, 15 reds, 13,000 chums, 28,000 pinks and 9,000 silvers. The silver harvest is a record and nearly two-thirds above the previous record of 5,485 silvers harvested last year.

Elim Subdistrict

Commercial harvest through late August was 98 kings, 129 reds, 16,800 chums, 28,200 pinks and 14,500 silvers. The silver harvest is a record surpassing the previous record harvest of 10,180 silvers in 2010.

Kwiniuk River Tower – Camp Joel - Escapement goals: King 300-550; Chum 11,500 – 23,000; Pink 8,400; Silver 650-1,300 (aerial survey goal). Fish & Game project with assistance from NSEDC.

Cumulative counts through August 28 were 429 kings, 40,000 chums, 326,000 pinks and 12,700 silvers. The silver count only trails the record run of 2006 by 3,000 silvers and there was no commercial fishing in 2006 because of a lack of a market. The average historical third quarter point for silvers past the tower is August 27.

Golovin Subdistrict

Commercial harvest through late August was 28 kings, 44 reds, 13,500 chums, 7,900 pinks and 3,600 silvers. The silver harvest ranks fourth greatest. The record harvest was 5,586 silvers in 2010 and last year's harvest was second best with 5,362 silvers.

Fish River Tower – No escapement goals established – cooperative project; NSEDC with assistance from Fish & Game.

Cumulative counts through August 28 were 900 kings, 45,000 chums, 220,000 pinks, 15 reds and 17,000 silvers.

Nome Subdistrict

The latest subsistence set gillnet fishing period in fresh waters closes at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 30. Effective September 1, all fresh water subsistence areas are open to set gillnetting 7 days a week. Check the back of the Nome Subdistrict subsistence salmon permit for the subsistence areas where set gillnetting is allowed and the catch limits by river. Beach seining is not allowed.

In the marine waters subsistence set gillnet fishing is open 7 days a week with no catch limits.

Nome River Weir - Escapement goal: Chum 2,900 – 4,300; Pink 13,000 – Fish & Game project with assistance from NSEDC.

Cumulative counts through August 28 were 6 kings, 5,500 chums, 96,000 pinks, 25 reds and 1,000 silvers. The silver count is in the bottom third of the 14 years since the project was extended to count the silver run, but over 1,000 silvers were observed by an aerial survey estimate on August 29. The average historical midpoint is August 28.

Snake River Weir - Escapement goal: Chum 1,600 – 2,500 – A cooperative project between Fish & Game and NSEDC.

Cumulative counts through August 28 were 10 kings, 4,000 chums, 19,500 pinks, 80 reds and 430 silvers. The silver count is in the bottom third of the 13 years of weir counts, but hundreds of silvers were observed below the weir in an aerial

survey estimate on August 29. The average historical midpoint is August 26.

Port Clarence District

Pilgrim River Weir - Escapement goal (aerial survey at Salmon Lake & Grand Central tributary to Salmon Lake): Red 4,000 – 8,000 – Cooperative project; NSEDC with assistance from Fish & Game.

Project operations were completed on August 27. Cumulative counts were 50 kings, 25,500 chums, 4,200 pinks, 9,700 reds and 430 silvers.

The red run this year was comprised of an early surge that had a majority of 6-year-old fish and a late surge that had a majority of 4-year-old fish.

One possible explanation may have been that the 6-year-olds (2008 escapement - 20,452 reds) had good survival and the 5-year-olds (2009 escapement - 953 reds) did not do well as fry in Salmon Lake competing with the likely much more numerous and larger fry from the preceding year. Although the 4-year-olds (2010 escapement – 1,654 reds) did not come from a much larger escapement than the 5-year-olds they obviously had much better survival rates. Likely there were fewer fry from the preceding year in Salmon Lake to compete with the 2010 brood year.

Kotzebue

The 2014 Kotzebue commercial salmon finished with the second greatest harvest and ex-vessel value. Preliminary harvest figures were 633,000 chum salmon and an ex-vessel value of 2.93 million dollars. The 2014 season trailed only the 1981 harvest of 677,000 chum salmon and an ex-vessel value of 3.25 million dollars. In 1981 there were 187 permit holders participating in the fishery, but in 2014 there were only 95 permit holders. This was the first time since 1988 that the ex-vessel value was above one million dollars.

This year's run was powered by the incredible Kobuk River chum salmon run that came early and strong and finished late and strong. The Noatak River chum salmon run comes in later than the Kobuk River run and was a good run also, but did not finish out as strong. Age composition of samples taken from the chum salmon commercial catch and test fishing catch showed a huge run of four-year-olds.

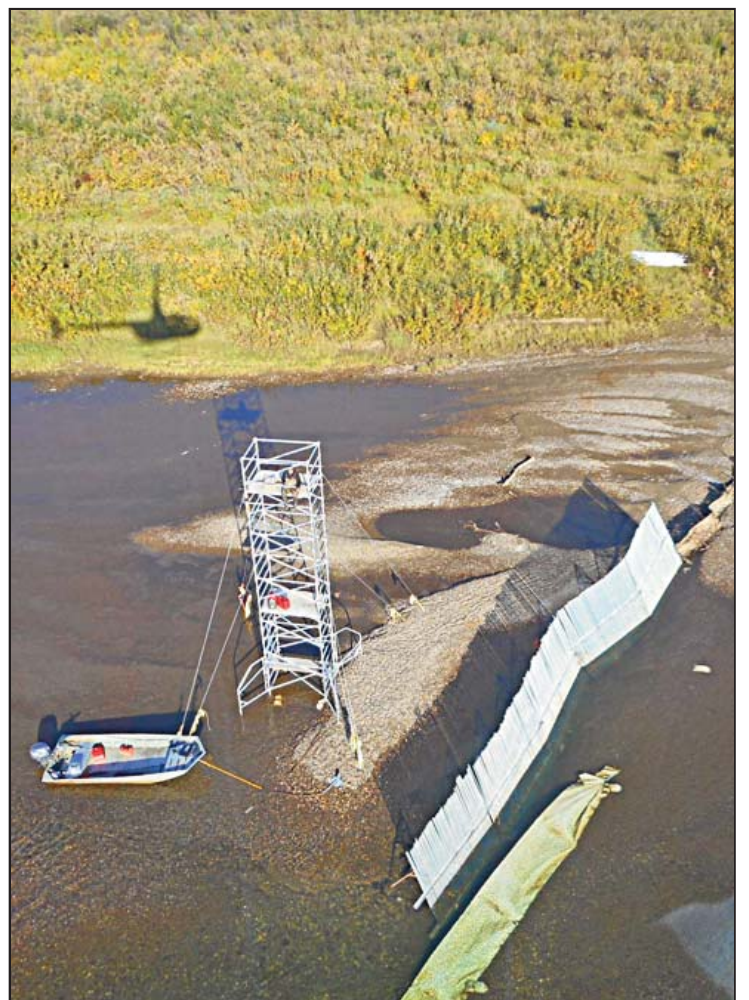


Photos by Jim Menard

FISH RIVER TOWER— The picture shows the Fish River Tower in the Golovin Subdistrict during an aerial survey on August 29, 2014.



CLEANING UP— Fish & Game crew leader Paul Thompson clears spawned-out pink salmon off the Solomon River weir.



HIGH TIMES— A fish counter sits atop the Fish River Tower in the Golovin Subdistrict during an aerial survey on August 29, 2014.

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landers when they practiced for the Wales Dance Festival, searching for the descendants of the Sámi who brought reindeer and reindeer herding to this area, finding and interviewing Kim Gray and her family, visiting Carrie McLain Museum, shopping in Maruskiya's, tasting muktuk, our new friends, our classmates Theresa, Michele, Harvey, Randall and Francis.

And we will always miss the kind and friendly people we met at their work, homes, the grocery store, on the streets, in the cafés, on the beach, by the rivers, and who determinedly learned how to pronounce our difficult names.

We came all the way to Nome to see and learn what does our own livelihood, reindeer herding, look like here, 3,100 miles from home, right on the other side of the North Pole.

It was another courageous group of Sámi people 100 years ago, who first brought reindeer to the Seward Peninsula, and taught the locals our traditional skills of herding reindeer and living off the only animal that provides resources for humans to permanently dwell all around the Circumpolar Arctic inlands.

We stayed in Nome and surroundings for a longer time than a usual tourist, but we didn't have a chance to see reindeer in a corral. For us it would have been a new experience to see velvet antlers cut. We understand that producers answer to demand, because all we reindeer owners are dependent on the consumers, their needs and money.

For a reindeer herder the well-being of the reindeer is a priority, though, and we believe cutting antlers with skin, blood circulation and sense corresponds cutting a limb. We hope reindeer owners, organizations and government here would work together for producing meat rather than velvet antlers. Producing reindeer meat is ethical (the animals can live their lives free in natural pasture) and could contribute to producing safe quality food locally.

Along meat production you get many valuable non-food products from the reindeer. Hides, leg skins and hard antlers give additional income and create new industry. For example, appreciation of reindeer leather is extremely high nowadays, and last season we sold the best hides for as much as 26 dollars each. We only needed to salt them.

But most, we wish the Seward Peninsula reindeer herders would experience the joy and security of working together. Cooperation is fun and gives you the freedom to concentrate in the tasks that you manage best, and makes it possible to involve the children in the work from the very beginning. Also, it would then be possible to attend the herds more often and prevent losses, be it caused by the caribou or the predators. More herding would make the reindeer themselves easier

to handle, too, when they get more used to human presence.

Now it is time to leave this beautiful place and bid adieu to you, all you kind and welcoming people. We look forward to following your life through the internet and such, and Nome will always be a part of our lives. Thank you, farewell! You are heartily welcome to visit us in exchange!

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Dear Editor,

I am a mother of a beautiful 11-year-old daughter. We have an ongoing problem with very rude, awful name calling here in Shishmaref. My daughter has been called these names since she was in grade school. I am to the point where I do not know what to do anymore. This latest incident was this weekend where a much younger girl had called my daughter "blackie" a while ago this same child had called her "brownie" and we did not do anything we just told my daughter to ignore her.

When she called her "blackie" this weekend I went to the girl and told her to say sorry to my daughter that you shouldn't call my daughter any hateful words just because she's darker than you. My daughter went back outside next door to play, soon enough I didn't see her, I opened the window to look and the girl she was playing with ran to my window and said she's hiding under her house. I looked and saw the father of the girl who called my daughter the awful name looking around.

I ran out and went to my daughter

and told her she does not need to hide and hear these awful names. As I was walking away my mother was at her open window, this father yelled at me saying I shouldn't yell and threaten his child, I turned as I was walking with my daughter and told him I never did, that his daughter called my daughter "blackie" he defended her and yelled at me. After I got in and we had to call the VPSO because my mother did not feel safe especially when she saw him walking after me yelling, and this is a big guy. What do we do? Do we just sit here and listen to these hateful words being said to my 11-year-old daughter by young children? Do we just let them continue to call her these awful names "brownie" "blackie" "darkie"?

All school year last year she was called these names by an older girl in her classes, in practice, in open gym and outside the school. It got to the point where she came to me crying saying she wants to move back to Nome to be near her daddy, who is the same color. She asked me why is she brown and I am white? I told her God made you perfect, you are beautiful, this is the way God made us.

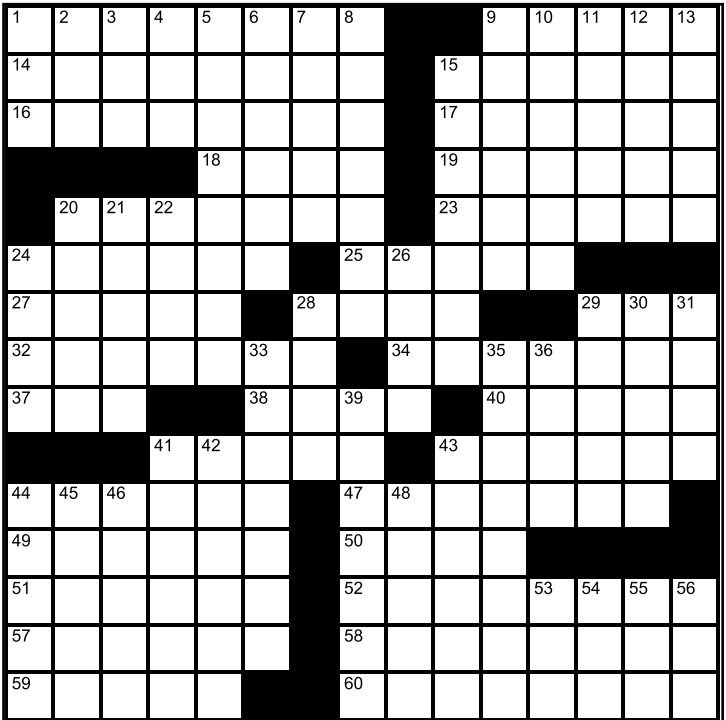
Two years ago they had class showers once a week offered to students, one day as I was there to supervise her, she put soap on her bath sponge a second time, than a third time, I asked if she was almost done that its almost time for breakfast, she replied mom I'm not done I'm trying to take the brown off." I started to cry as she was finishing, as I was fixing her hair I told her "baby this is not dirt, It's not dirty, this is the color of your skin, God made you perfectly, you are beautiful." When this happened last year yet again I purchased a self-tanning lotion, she smiled very big. I just used it again after this incident happened this

weekend, she had the biggest smile. I told her God made you perfect, there are people out there that have to pay lots of money to go tan or get spray tanned and you don't have to, look there are lots of people paying lots of money to look beautiful like you.

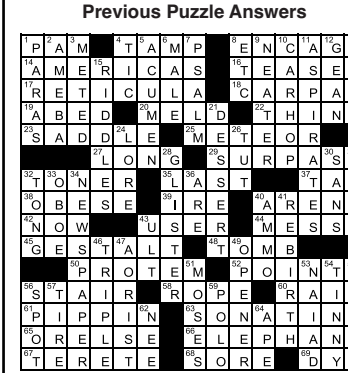
I ask you this, what do I do? Do I sit and listen as these children; yes I

said children call my daughter these awful names just because she's darker than them? She is beautiful. She is dark. She is my daughter. I will defend her, I will stand up for her even though these parents call me crazy, I did not threaten another child, I will do anything to protect my child. I will self tan myself as

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 - 9. Similar to butterflies
 - 14. Burn treatment (2 wds)
 - 15. Computer whiz
 - 16. Secured with wood strips
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 - 24. It has points in Arizona
 - 25. Approval (hyphenated)
 - 27. Less inept
 - 28. Carve in stone
 - 29. Nipper
 - 32. Flat highland
 - 34. Endocrine gland secretion
 - 37. Undertake, with "out"
 - 38. Advocate
 - 40. Red fluorescent dye
 - 41. Mel Gibson, e.g.
 - 43. Aimless
 - 44. Hitchcock classic
 - 47. Galore
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 - 51. Spuds
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 - 8. Most unhappy
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You lead a charmed life this week, Capricorn. Everything is magic. A deadline is extended, allowing more time for research. Hop to it!



The feeling is mutual, Aquarius. You can stop the pretense. A financial risk is worth taking. Pursue it with a vengeance. Romance blooms.



Fall colors inspire a facelift at home. Make sure the budget meets the scope of the project, Pisces. Friends return a favor in an unusual way.



Whining will get you nowhere fast, Aries. Try lodging a formal complaint instead. A youngster bombards you with questions. Be kind.



A-ha, Taurus. Your commitment and dedication to a cause begin to pay off. A switch in personnel leads to some issues at the office. Hang in there.



There is a learning curve to almost everything, Gemini. Don't expect perfection right off the bat. Snooze at work, and you will most certainly miss out.



Change is coming, Cancer, but it is not to be feared. A transportation drama ensues. Resolve it once and for all. Trouble is brewing at home.



Romance moves front and center. It may be time for a trip. A financial matter is settled in your favor. Excellent, Leo. A friend breaks a promise.



Victory will be yours, Virgo, if you let it. You can be your own worst enemy. Memories come flooding back at the sight of an old friend.



Notes are required. Don't rely upon memory alone to get you through a presentation, Libra. You could forget something vital to the conversation.



Vikes, Scorpio. You nearly missed an opportunity. Don't let it happen again. Get your ducks in a row now. A lapse in concentration lands a loved one in hot water.



Paperwork, paperwork and more paperwork. Take the time to sift through it all, Sagittarius. There is much to be learned. A date draws near.

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All Around the Sound



Sadie Marie Cutler

New arrival

Amy Peterson and Robert Cutler of Chester, Maryland announce the birth of their daughter, **Sadie**

Marie Cutler, on August 7. She weighed in at 8 lbs, 9 oz, 20 inches long and came with a full head of hair. Proud grandparents are Josie Reader and John Peterson of Nome, Robert Cutler Jr. of Severn, Maryland and Don and Sandy Wood of Severna Park Maryland.

Vested

Nome’s Other Dog. Nome is known for their sled dogs and sled dog races; but there is another dog in Nome.

Beth Franks, owner of the Alaska K9 Center, a dog training facility, in North Pole, AK is hosting a three-day fundraiser for Vested Interest. Vested Interest is a non-profit that supplies bulletproof vests for police dogs. In the past, the AK K9 Center has raised funds to vest f 4 other dogs. This year’s fundraiser

profits will go toward vesting the dog of Officer Justin Timm of the Nome Police Department. Officer Timm purchased his dog on his own and approached Vested Interest for help in purchasing a vest. They referred him to Beth, their spokes person in Alaska. Cost of a vest is \$950.00.

Any one interested in making a donation to Vested Interest can send a check made out to “Vested Interest” and mail the check to:

AK K9 Center
1995 Badger Road
North Pole, AK 99705
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Photo by Diana Haecker

DUST IS A PROBLEM— A single vehicle raises a plume of dust on a typical summer day.

Nome Nazarene Church to install new pastor

Rev. Dan Ward and his wife Patt will be formally installed as the new Nome Church of the Nazarene’s Pastor Sunday, September 7 in the 11 a.m. service by Rev. Paul Hartley the Superintendent for the Church of the Nazarene in Alaska.

Pastor Dan and Patt come to Nome most recently from Pastoring the Rocky Butte Church of the Nazarene, just outside Brewster, Washington for the last eight years. Dan also worked as a Bus Driver and Driver Trainer for the Brewster

School system, Patt was employed in the local nursing home as the Social Services Director. Pastor Dan has also in the past been employed as a journeyman electrician and millwright but his passion is found in helping folks build good marriages and a great relationship with Jesus Christ.

Dan grew up in a small town in the mountains of northern Idaho and Patt grew up in El Paso, TX interrupted by two different periods in Germany, since her dad was in the Army. She

loves to knit and is looking forward to knitting with Alaska Quiviut. Both Pastor Dan and Patt love the outdoors and are looking forward to living in Nome, and specifically excited about meeting the people of Nome. Their standing invitation, “stop by for a cup of coffee so we can visit and get to know you.”

The Nome Church of the Nazarene is located at 303 W. Third and the parsonage is next door. For information please call - 443-4870.

Saying it Sincerely

By: Rev. Ross Tozzi

To tax or not to tax, that is the question

From where will the money come for essential city services? Those concerned with the high cost of alcohol abuse in the community suggested an increase in the taxes on alcohol in order to encourage healthier behavior. The City Council rejected this in part so that responsible drinkers and bar owners in our community would not be unfairly penalized.

Others concerned with the health risks from tobacco use suggested an increase in taxes as a way to encourage healthier behavior. This too was defeated despite some notable smokers saying that it was a good idea and might encourage them to smoke less.

With the sin tax defeated, the council now looks to the possibility of taxing non-profits. Hospitals, social service agencies and churches are asked to pay their fair share. There is a humorous logic to this approach. Let us not impose a sin tax to discourage drinking and smoking, but let us tax those who suggest that unhealthy behavior should be discouraged.

What would Jesus do? Certainly Jesus had no problem with responsible drinking. However in changing six stone jars of water into wine, he certainly bypassed any local sales tax by avoiding a direct purchase at the corner wine store in Cana. The more costly it is to purchase items in Nome, the more people will continue to look outside of Nome to stretch their budgets and make ends meet for the family.

When challenged directly over the issue of whether or not it was appropriate to pay taxes, Jesus looked at a coin bearing the image of Caesar and said, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God” (Matt 22:22). In Nome’s early days, the city father’s recognized the essential services provided by non-profits and were quick to render financial assistance to help in areas beyond the scope of city services. In looking to the past, let us not overlook the point of Jesus’ teaching. The greater debt is owed to God who has given us everything.

When challenged over the payment of the Temple tax, Jesus acknowledged there was a special exemption (Matt. 17: 24-27). The Temple tax was meant for foreigners but Jesus nevertheless directed Peter to drop a hook into the sea and to find a coin with which to pay the tax. A tax on non-profits presumes that an organization can dip into the sea and pull money out without an impact on the essential services they provide. I would argue differently. Taxing non-profits can increase city revenue at the expense of less offered in the way of non-profit services.

City council members have a very difficult job in trying to find revenue sources as the cost of everything rises and the outside revenue sources appear to dwindle. Council members should be commended for their willingness to serve the public. For at the end of the day, as people debate the merit of who should or shouldn’t be taxed, they are still faced with trying to answer the question, from where will the money come for essential city services?

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church
443-2144

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

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

Community United Methodist Church
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865
Pastor Charles Brower
Sunday: Worship 11:00 am
Monday: Thrift Shop 4:00 to 5:00 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: 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
Corner of Steadman & W. King Place • 443-5527
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Masses: Mon. & Tue. 9:00 a.m., Thur. 12:10 p.m.
Friday Hospital Mass: 12:10 p.m. (NSRH Meditation Room)

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or Holy Family Cathedral (907) 276-3455

Seventh-Day Adventist
Icy View • 443-5137
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Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Nome Church of the Nazarene
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8/21

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Norton Sound Seafood Center Office Manager (Nome): This position organizes and coordinates office operations and procedures and day-to-day management of the retail store.

For an application or complete job descriptions contact the Nome NSEDC office at 443-2477 (Nome) or 888-650-2477 (toll-free). Applications and further employment opportunities can be found at www.nsedc.com.

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9/4

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Trooper Beat

On August 27, Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Nome, cited Jessa Martinson, 34, of Nome, for Unmarked Subsistence Gear - Gillnet, for allegedly fishing an unmarked salmon gillnet on the Snake River near Nome.

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Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 08/25/2014 through 08/31/2014

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 8/25 at 12:04 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to a residence on Belmont St for the report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, Officers contacted Nora Brown, 43, who was highly intoxicated and had assaulted a member of the residence causing physical injury. Nora was also found to be on probation that prohibits the consumption of alcohol. She was placed under arrest and was remanded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, D.V. and Probation Violation, where she was held without bail.

On 8/25 at 4:05 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to a business on the Nome-Teller Hwy for the report of a possible intoxicated driver. Officers arrived and contacted David Hopper, 50, who was found to be highly intoxicated and had been operating a motor vehicle. David also refused to provide a sample of his breath once back at the Nome Police Department and was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for DUI and Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test and was held on \$2,000.00 bail.

On 8/26 at 12:35 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to an apartment complex on the east side of Nome, Alaska on a report of a disturbance. Investigation led to the arrest of Preston Dixon, 30, for Assault in the 4th Degree, DV and Violating Conditions of Release. He was transported to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, no bail was set.

On 08/26 at 9:08 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the west side of the boat harbor. Someone called Nome Police Department and reported that they heard someone yelling for help. Investigation revealed that some kids were playing in a canoe nearby and they were yelling. No further assistance was required.

On 08/26 at 3:37 p.m. Nome Police Department located several people on middle beach sharing an open bottle of whiskey. John Penetac was issued a citation for open container.

On 08/26 at 4:37 p.m. Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop of a black four-wheeler that was traveling 50 mph north on the Nome Teller highway. Jeremy Perkins was given a verbal warning for speeding.

On 08/26 at 5:08 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to the Aurora Executive Suites to remove an intoxicated female. Katherine Iyapana was removed and transported to a sober relative's residence and left in their care.

On 08/26 at 6:40 p.m. NPD conducted a traffic top on a four wheeler traveling north on the Nome Teller Highway. Yevgen Chepurko was issued a citation for operating an off road vehicle

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE
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SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
HAROLD G. CHARLES, JR.,

DOD: 06/25/2014,
Deceased
Notice is hereby given that Ms. Carol G. Charles has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to

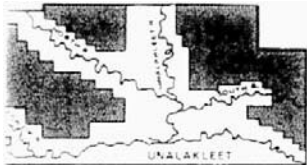
present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Carol Charles, c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762.
DATED at Nome, Alaska this 18th day of August, 2014.
s/Erin M. Lillie, Attorney for Carol G. Charles, Personal Representative, Box 61, Nome, AK 99762
8/21-28-9/4

9/4-11-18-25

Unalakleet Native Corporation

P.O. Box 100

Unalakleet, Alaska 99684



To the Unalakleet Native Corporation Shareholders

Nomination forms are now available for shareholders interested in running for a two (2) year term for the **Board of Directors**. Closing date is 3rd of October 2014. Please write to Box 100 or call at (907) 624-3411 to request a nomination form.

Unalakleet Native Corporation

P.O. Box 100

Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

PH: #(907) 624-3411 *FAX: #(907) 624-3833

• Seawall

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on a state highway and was released from the scene.

On 8/26 at 10:50 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the west side of Nome, for the report of an assault. Investigation led to the arrest of Gabriel Muktoyuk, 43, for Assault in the 3rd Degree, DV. He was transported to AMCC, no bail was set.

On 8/26 at 10:33 p.m., the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the west side of Nome/Alaska on a report of a trespass. Investigation led to the arrest of Derek Saclamana, 25, for Assault in the 4th Degree, DV and Disorderly Conduct. He was transported to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, no bail was set.

On 08/27at 11:22 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a call of a female complaining of pains and was highly intoxicated on Front Street. Upon arrival, officers made contact with Courtney Amaktoolik. Courtney was taken to Norton Sound Regional hospital for medical clearance and then transported to AMCC. She was remanded into custody for a Title 47 protection hold.

On 8/27 at 1:31 a.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on the west side of Nome. Investigation led to the arrest of Aleksei Wilson,28, for Driving under the Influence. He was transported to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center; bail was set to \$1,000.

On 08/27 at 4:33 a.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on the east side of Nome. Investigation led to the arrest of Tiodoro Cavota,34, for Driving under the Influence. He was transported to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center; bail was set to \$1,000.

On 8/27 at 8:20 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the west side of Nome on a report of a child that was alone. The child was found to be OK. Nick Alexia, 37, received a citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the 2nd Degree and a citation for Open Container.

On 08-28 at 12:30 p.m. Clark Okpealuk was arrested for drunk on license premises. His bail was set at \$500.

On 08-28 at 4:05 p.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on a four wheeler that was traveling west on Seppala drive. Iskander Garifallin was issued a citation for operating an of road vehicle on a state highway.

On 08/28 at 8:02 p.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of theft from the east side of Nome. This investigation is still ongoing.

On 08/28 at 10:28 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a motor vehicle accident. This investigation is still ongoing.

On 08/29 at 12:46 a.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of theft from the east side of Nome, Alaska. This investigation is still ongoing.

On 08/29 at 2:22 a.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of a disturbance on the east side of Nome, Alaska. Investigation led to the arrest of Duane Johnson, 24, for Disorderly Conduct. He was transported to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center; bail was set to \$250.

On 08/29 at 4:57 a.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of a theft from a local business on the west side of Nome, Alaska. The investigation is still ongoing.

On 08/30 at 5:05 a.m, Nome Police Department was dispatched to an apartment complex on 5th Ave for a report of an intoxicated male passed out in the hallway not wearing pants. The male was identified as being Deshawn Williams. Deshawn was found to be in violation of his Felony Probation and the Adult Probation Officer requested that Deshawn be remanded to AMCC. Deshawn was remanded to AMCC for violating his Felony Probation and was held there without bail.

On 08/30 at 3 p.m. Nome Police Department was dispatched to the north end of town for a report of two intoxicated individuals arguing. During the course of the investigation Nick Alexia Jr was arrested for DUI and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the First Degree. Pauline Brown was also arrested for Assault 4, D.V. Nick's bail was set at \$1,000, while Pauline was held without bail.

On 8-30 at 6:26 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to a residence on 4th Ave for the report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers contacted Micah Trigg, 25, who was found to be intoxicated and the cause of the disturbance. Micah was further found to be on current Felony Probation, which prohibited the consumption of alcohol. The on-call Adult Probation Officer was contacted and Micah was remanded to AMCC for the violation by request of the APO and was held without bail.

On 8-30 at 8:25 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers contacted a highly intoxicated male lying on the ground behind a building on Front St. Further investigation revealed that the male, Jacob Soolook, 37, was on current conditions of probation that prohibited the consumption of alcohol. Jacob was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

On 08-31 at 1:35 a.m., Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to a bar on Front St for a report that Denny Martin, 32, was causing a disturbance and refusing to leave the bar upon request. Investigation resulted in Denny's arrest for Criminal Trespass II, Drunk on Licensed Premises, Resisting Arrest, and Probation Violation. Denny was remanded to AMCC and held there without bail.

On 8-31 at 11 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to a residence on 4th Ave for the report of a domestic dispute. Further investigation revealed that Lisa Larsen, 25, had assaulted a member of the household causing injury and prevented the victim from being able to call the Police for help. Lisa was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence and Interfering with the Report of a Domestic Violence Crime and was held on \$1,000 bail.

TO: Stebbins Native Corporation Shareholders:

Stebbins Native Corporation Shareholders Annual Meeting of Shareholders prescribed and set for September 5, 2014 is now **postponed to October 3, 2014, 7 p.m.** due to late review and acceptance of the financial report. There are three (3) seats open for **Stebbins Native Corporation Board of Directors**. Shareholders 18 and over are eligible to run for Board.

Send letter of intent to run for SNC Board to:

Stebbins Native Corporation
P.O. Box 71110
Stebbins, Alaska 99671



Include, level of education, service in Stebbins with Councils, (city/ IRA) school board and prior service with SNC. Letter of intent deadline is September 5, 2014, 5 p.m.

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Marijuana Initiative Hearing

**TUESDAY, September 9
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**Nome City Council Chambers
102 Division Street, Nome**

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often as I can to be there for my daughter; I will stand up for my child.

How do children have so much hate to use these words “brownie” “blackie” “darkie”? Why should my daughter continue to hear these awful words as she did at such a young age and continue as she gets older?

No child should go through this, to ask why she is brown and I am white, to wash herself three times as she tells me she’s trying to wash the brown off, to hear these words said to her, no child should be bullied to this extent. There are suicides throughout the state year after year,

not only in Alaska but also in the lower 48, just last year a 12-year-old committed suicide because of bullying. We need to stop this. We need to end it. No child should hear these awful names said towards them.

What do I do? Do I sit here and just listen to these children call my daughter these hateful names? Please stand up. Please help. Please talk to your children, talk to your nieces and nephews, talk to your grandchildren about name calling especially these awful names, for them to never to use them towards another child because they are darker.

Please remember these words hurt us also as a family we cry as we

wonder why her, why these words? No child should hear these awful words just because they are darker. Children are precious, please help me and stand up, talk to your children about hurtful words that should never be called just because the child is darker.

Sincerely,
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CITY OF NOME

ABSENTEE BALLOTS
NOME MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Absentee ballots for the October 7, 2014 City of Nome Municipal Election will be available at the Office of the City Clerk, located in Nome City Hall, by September 19, 2014. Application may be made by mail to: City Clerk, City of Nome, P.O. Box 281, Nome, Alaska 99762, or by fax at (907)443-5345. Mailed ballot applications **MUST** be received in the City Clerk’s Office no later than October 2, 2014. Ballot applications submitted in person **MUST** be received by October 6, 2014.

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CITY OF NOME

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

If you plan to vote in the October 7, 2014 City of Nome Municipal Election, you must be registered to vote at a RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IN NOME by September 5, 2014.

Contact the Office of Elections in the Sitnasuak Building to register to vote or to change your address.

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CITY OF NOME

PUBLIC NOTICE
PLANNING COMMISSION SEAT APPOINTMENT

The Planning Commission has one seat open for appointment. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk’s Office by Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

Applications are available at City Hall or at www.nomealaska.org. Please call 443-6603 for more information.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE



The candidate filing deadline is **September 15, 2014 at 5:00 PM** for the City of Nome Annual Municipal, School Board and Utility Board Election to be held on **October 7, 2014.**

The following seats will be up for election:
2 City Council (3 year terms)
2 Utility Board (one 3 year term, one 2 year term)
2 School Board (3 year terms)

Contact the City Clerk, City Hall, 443-6663, if you are interested in filing for office and to obtain the forms necessary to file.

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CITY OF NOME

NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION
FOR PROPERTIES WITH FORECLOSED PROPERTY TAX LIENS

REAL PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURE
LISTING TAX FORECLOSURES FOR THE YEARS 2008-2010

TAKE NOTICE that on or after the 27th day of August, 2014, the City of Nome will apply to the Superior Court Second Judicial District, State of Alaska for a Tax Deed for all unredeemed property ordered sold by Judge Tim Dooley in the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosures of Real Property Tax Liens dated August 27, 2013, in the Superior Court Case No. 2NO-13-00180 CI, In the Matter of 2008 through 2010 Delinquent Real Property Taxes Owed to the City of Nome, Alaska. Notice will be given by four (4) weekly publications of this notice and the list of unredeemed property in *The Nome Nugget* and to all owners of property remaining on the foreclosure list. In addition to the publication, notice will be sent by certified mail, postage pre-paid, to the holders of mortgages or other liens of record on the property if the assessed value of the property is more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

The right of redemption shall expire thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication notice. The date of first publication of this notice is August 14th. Until the expiration of the period of redemption, the property listed in the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure may be redeemed by payment in full of taxes, penalties, and interest due and owing on the parcel(s) sought to be redeemed, together with payment of the proportionate share of costs of foreclosure.

The list of unredeemed property is available for public inspection at the City Clerk’s Office at Nome City Hall at 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska. PAYMENT IN FULL OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT SHOWN PLUS INTEREST, PENALTY AND A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COSTS OF FORECLOSURE MUST BE PAID TO REDEEM ANY PROPERTY. ALL PROPERTY ORDERED SOLD, UNLESS REDEEMED, SHALL BE DEEDED TO THE CITY OF NOME ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION, AND EVERY RIGHT OR INTEREST OF ANY PERSON IN THE PROPERTY WILL BE FORFEITED FOREVER TO THE CITY OF NOME.

FORECLOSURE LIST FOR THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA
REAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE FOR THE YEARS 2008-2010

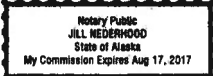
OWNER OF RECORD	TAX LOT	LEGAL	2008 TAX	2009 TAX	2010 TAX	TOTAL
Co-Op Small Boat Fishermen's Association	001.411.24	B 57 L 49	980.00	735.00	805.00	2520.00
Luon, Robert	001.111.16	B 69 L 6	1153.60	1107.40	1210.30	3471.30

*PLUS PENALTY OF eight percent (8%), your proportionate share of COSTS of foreclosure and INTEREST of eight percent (8%) FROM DATE DUE UNTIL DATE PAID.

I certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Nome and that the foregoing foreclosure is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Tom Moran, City Clerk

NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of Alaska
My Commission Expires: 8/17/2017



Public Notice for Miners, Sport Hunters, Guides and Aircraft Pilots



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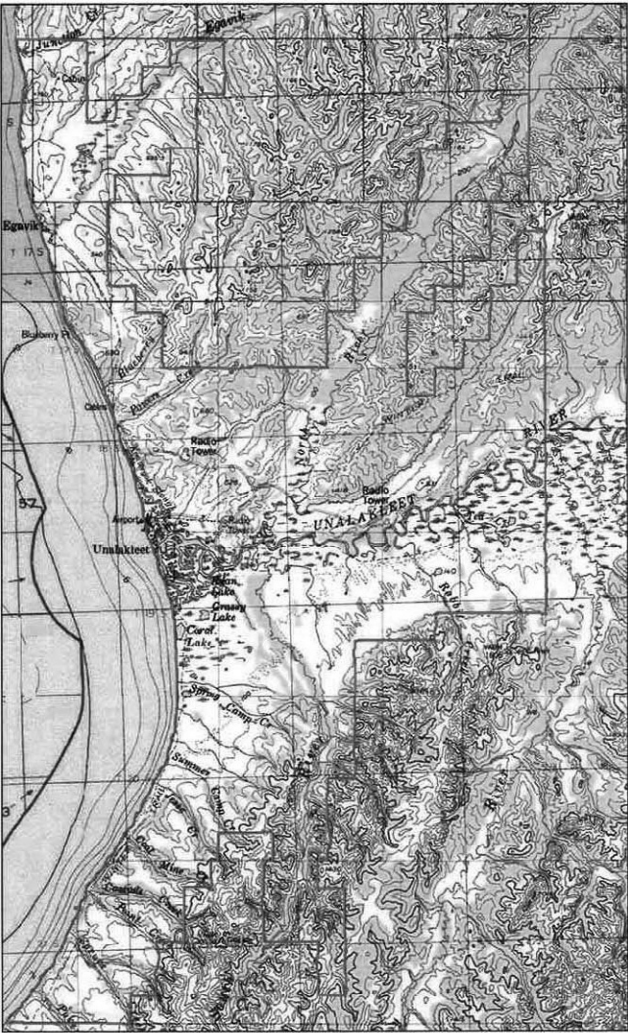
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GUIDES, PILOTS & HUNTERS

Game Unit 22A -
Unalakleet River Area

- The public is reminded the land ownership within the outlined areas on the map are predominately privately owned by Unalakleet Native Corporation and its Shareholders.
- Hunting by non-shareholders is not allowed. Hunting by Shareholders, spouses of Shareholders, and descendents of Shareholders for subsistence purposes is permitted. For other allowable uses of land by non-shareholders, please contact:

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Alaska State Troopers begin distributing NSEDC-funded thermal imaging cameras

All Norton Sound communities will receive devices, aiding in SAR operations

Thanks to a donation from Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, search and rescue teams in the Norton Sound region will have a powerful new tool when trying to find lost or overdue parties when time is of the essence. To assist with Search and Rescue operations, NSEDC donated 16 FLIR BHS Bi-Ocular handheld thermal imaging cameras to its 15 member communities, plus Shishmaref.

The Alaska State Troopers are now distributing the devices to Village Public Safety Officers for communities without a VPSO; the devices will be distributed to the local search and rescue groups. "These are a game changer," said Alaska State Trooper Sergeant Charles Cross. "Up to this point, we have been equipped with one thermal imaging device for the entire region. With a camera in each community, SAR teams will have quick access to a superior and easy-to-function lifesaving device that will help in search efforts when our loved ones are missing."

At their meetings in Unalakleet in May, the NSEDC Board of Directors voted to supply each community with the thermal imaging cameras to assist with Search and Rescue (SAR) operations. The donation totaled just more than \$150,000. "If these devices save one life, the investment is worth it," Board Chairman Dan Harrelson said. The FLIR thermal imaging camera detects radiation and tem-

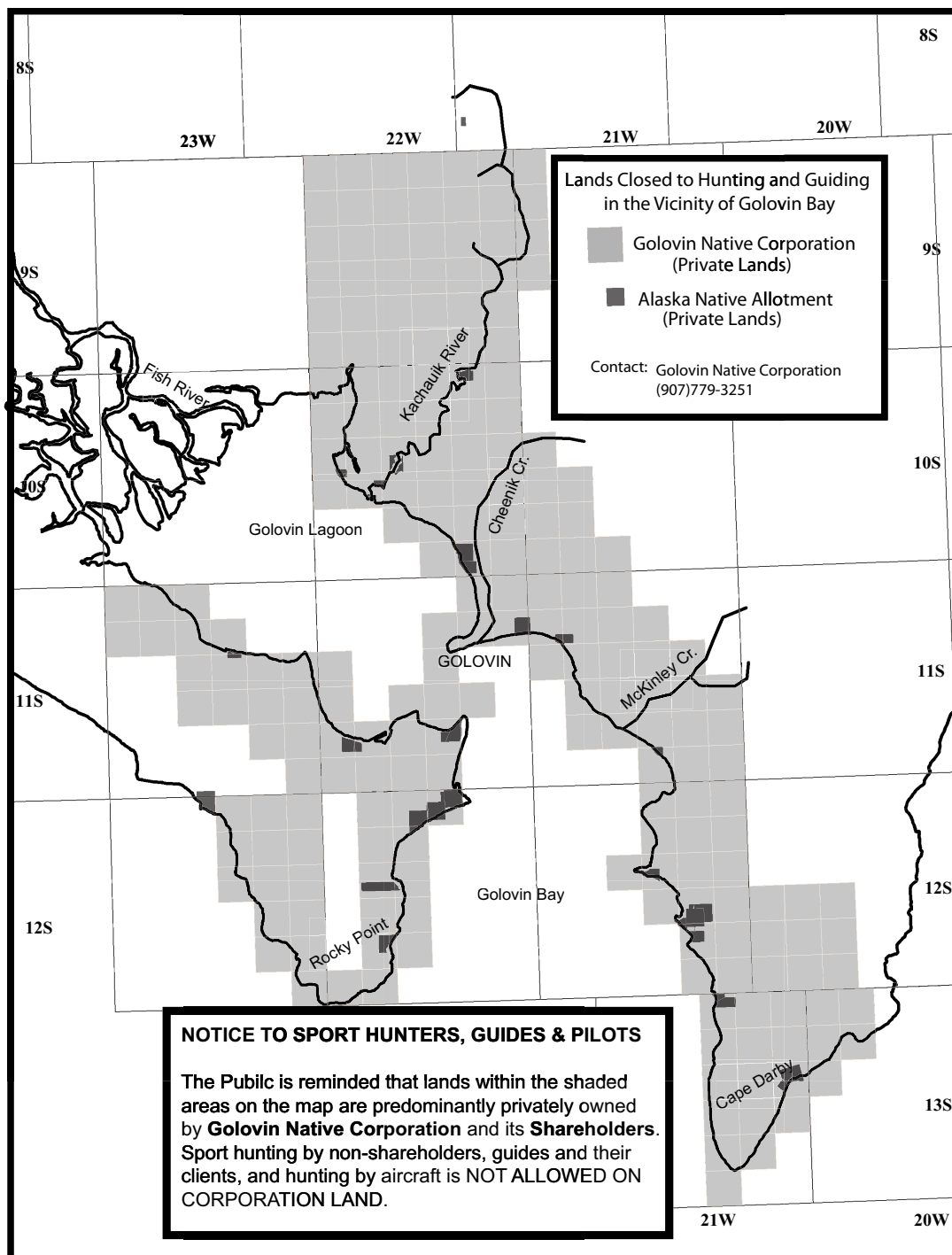
perature differences, allowing searchers to see a warm body in total darkness, as well as through smoke and light fog. The device is weatherproof, water resistant and operates down to -40F and can detect a person from 1 ¼ mile distance.

"We'd like to thank NSEDC for their contribution to the Alaska State Troopers, the communities and public safety," Sergeant Cross said. "The department rarely receives contributions of this kind from private entities, and it shows NSEDC's dedication to the public and residents of the region."

The Alaska State Troopers responded to 31 reported incidents of missing persons in the past year from the Nome and Unalakleet posts. For more information on the impact the thermal imaging cameras will have on SAR operations, contact Trooper Sergeant Charles Cross at (907) 443-5525.



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Court

Week ending 8/29

Civil

Nayokpuk, Curtis R. v. Kakoona, Ward; Civil Protective Order
Adsuna, Jennifer v. Ahwinona, Dora; Civil Protective Order
Minor Party v. Minor Party; Civil Protective Order
Ivanoff, Lucinda v. Miller, Marie; Civil Protective Order
J.G. Wentworth Originations LLC v. Niskis, James; Superior Court Misc Petition
Minor Party v. Rock, Ariel; Civil Protective Order
Kakoona, Delores v. Okpealuk, Sally; Civil Protective Order
Iyatunguk, Kirsten A. v. Alvis, Wayne J.; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims

No current claims filed (start 2NO-14-00031SC)

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Jacob L. Milligrock (2/24/78); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 8/24/14; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AG's Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 8/25/14); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol; Any state issued ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by BHS; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Michael Saclamana (8/15/62); Theft 4; Date of Violation: 8/24/14; 30 days, 25 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to

jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 8/25/14); Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Deon C. Ellison (11/23/71); Misconduct w/Weapons 4; Date of Violation: 7/2/14; 120 days, 119 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served with time served; Forfeit the weapon seized to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 8/22/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. Alexie Morris, Jr. (9/18/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113671035; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to one year; To expire on 7/3/16; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Brad Apassingok (3/15/90); 2NO-13-71CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113671854; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time imposed.

State of Alaska v. Brad Apassingok (3/15/90); 2NO-13-283CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113672349; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time imposed.

State of Alaska v. Brad Apassingok (3/15/90); 2NO-14-488CR CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: (not recorded); CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002; 150 days, 100 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 8/25/14); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol in any dry or damp community; Any state issued ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any

bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by BHS; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Freida Okomealingok (8/6/81); 2NO-14-56CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113672916; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 17 days.

State of Alaska v. Freida Okomealingok (8/6/81); 2NO-14-56CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114194817; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 7 days.

State of Alaska v. Rambo Hunt (5/2/89); Dismissal; Count I: Criminal Trespass 2nd; Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 8/27/14.

State of Alaska v. Raymond Larsen (8/27/83); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4th; Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 8/27/14.

State of Alaska v. Jimmy Weyiouanna (3/17/67); Assault 4; Date of Violation: 7/29/14; 270 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC immediately; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 8/28/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Cecelia Iyapana without consent; Shall not possess or consume in any dry or damp community; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by BHS; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare upon release within 5 days.

State of Alaska v. Nickolas Bloodgood (6/10/63); Dismissal; Assault 4th; Filed by the DA's Office 8/29/14.

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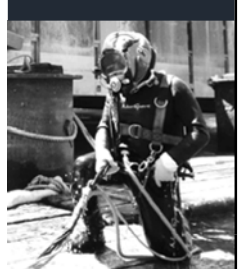
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HERE THEY COME— The bathtubs are moving down Front Street towards the finish line.



WINNING TUB— The tub of team Crowley took an early lead, winning by 10 bathtub length ahead of the KICY tub. Team Crowley consisted of Jon Wongittlin, left, Mikey Wongittlin, right, Jayton Grubb, left rear, Dustin Bell, right rear and Shaylee Kazena, captain for team Crowley for the last 6 years.

Nome Rotary Labor Day Duck Race



NOME ROTARY LABOR DAY DUCK RACE— All of the ducks are in a row and ready to enter the water for their journey to the finish line at the old Snake River bridge.



ON YOUR MARKS— The field is lined up and ready to embark on their journey to the finish line. The winning duck belonged to Jana Varrati. Runner up duck belonged to Stan Morgan, with the third place duck coming from Andy Lean. The wild duck belonged to Jennifer Demir.



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