



HOLIDAY LIGHTS—The lights overhanging Nome’s Front Street show a bit of holiday cheer Tuesday morning.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING—Harry Karmun is all smiles as he delivers another round of turkey to the serving line while he volunteers at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner held at the XYZ Center last Thursday.

How long before you can drive to Nome?

State Department of Transportation studies connecting to Nome state’s highway system

By Diana Haecker

It has been talked about for 30-some years, but now the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has marching orders to study the viability of a transportation corridor between the Alaska highway system and the 300 miles of roads around Nome.

Since August, the DOT has been actively pursuing the so-called Western Alaska Access Planning study, which encompasses the area west of the Dalton Highway, north of the Yukon and lower Tanana River basins and south of the Brooks Range. Part of the study will be to determine if it will be a highway, rail or just telecommunications corridor over a length of approximately 600 miles. “Our primary focus is geared toward the development of a highway, but our study may dive into how a rail may play into it,” said the DOT’s Northern Region area planner Patrick Cotter.

The study looks at economic benefits and costs, identifies possible routes and recommends future action, he said.

The DOT awarded a contract to DOWL HKM, an engineering firm owned 51 percent by NANA Regional Corp., to conduct the study. The study’s release is slated for December 2009.

Community and resource development are the drivers of the study, and, according to DOT officials, the project originated within the Northern Region’s office of the DOT, identifying it as a possible Roads to Resources candidate. “The DOT Northern Region put together a proposal in February 2007, and the DOT commissioner thought it was a worthwhile project and gave the go-ahead,” said DOT spokeswoman Meadow Bailey.

A press release said the routes would be identified based on potential economic benefits, topographic and environmental constraints, and land management considerations. Planning-level estimates will be prepared for design, construction and maintenance. The study will include review and updates of relevant information from previous publications and studies.

Cotter said that the study follows a twofold approach to identify different possible routes: The road should facilitate access to the state’s resources, as in oil, gas, minerals, gold, timber, fisheries and tourism. The second consideration was that infrastructure could be key in transporting fuel to bush villages as well as resource development and the job creation going hand in hand with it.

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Nomeites gather for turkey and trimmings at annual community Thanksgiving

By Tyler Rhodes

Harry Karmun blasted through the XYZ Center’s kitchen doors, a steaming bowl of turkey leading his charge.

On the other side of the room a line of

servers, ranging in age from their early teens to not-so-early adulthood, awaited the replacements armed with long spoons and tongs.

It was a scene to be repeated several times throughout the day during Nome’s annual Com-

munity Thanksgiving Dinner last Thursday.

The numbers tell the tale of another successful year in the approximate decade of community dinners—a dozen turkeys, four hams, pounds and pounds of potatoes, thou-

sands of scoops of side dishes, 100 volunteers and 200 people fed.

Those 200 diners battled chilly tempera-

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Utility loses one big customer

Rock Creek Mine at full production would have spread costs thinner for ratepayers

By Tyler Rhodes

In this first week of December, Nomeites were still likely digesting their Thanksgiving turkey and trying to swallow the prospect a major employer shedding 100 jobs at the start of the holiday season.

On the last Monday in November,

NovaGold announced it was suspending operations at its Rock Creek Mine just outside of Nome and eliminating 100 positions at the project.

Nome’s utility service provider, Nome Joint Utility System, is one entity that will feel the ripple effect of the mine not going into production

as was planned. The mine was expected to purchase a significant

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UNPLUGGED—The Rock Creek Mine won’t draw as much power as was earlier anticipated.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

Letters

Dear Nancy and Readers,

It is time for my annual rant about parking in Nome. It is again a reminder to those who park in front of Hanson's to PLEASE turn off your headlights while parked. If you feel the need, leave on your parking lights. Your headlights blind traffic on 4th Avenue, trying to cross Bering. It makes it difficult to determine if there is traffic coming from that direction or just someone parked. The same goes for those people who drop off others, and park facing traffic, with headlights glaring. Is that person parked, on the wrong side of the road, or what? What makes it even worse is when there is a car traveling in the same direction as the illegally parked car, four headlights will hide any pedestrian walking in the street. So give us all a break by switching off the high beams and just having the parking lights on.

On a related note, we all have gotten used to the illegal double parking in front of the post office, but what gets me is those who double park outside a perfectly good open space. It is just a sign of laziness. You not only block access to that perfectly good parking space for everyone, but you also block the unfortunate driver that is parked behind the empty space, as he has to be able to turn out really wide to get past your big automotive butt. I have witnessed last week two people just park out in the street and not even try to get into the space at the curb. Of course it was going to be really hard for the one

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Editorial

Hard Scrabble Road

It's hard and bumpy, but we've scraped and scratched our way-down this road before and we have learned that history has a way of repeating itself. The closure of NovaGold's Rock Creek Mine has had an impact on Nomeites and folks who have moved here and thought they were guaranteed at least six years of employment. Nome has survived many closures. The old Alaska Gold Company used to shut down every winter. It closed for several years in the not too distant past when Dredges #5 and #6 stopped their bucket lines for good. Gold mining all but came to a standstill during World War I. In wartimes the miners went into the military. Mine closures happen.

Like many other communities in the US the poor economy is coupled with industrial closures. It's happened before. We've gone through recessions and the Great Depression. We have survived because we are tough. We are also resourceful and innovative. We will take some financial hits and setbacks. We will have to economize, but we have learned that we can get through hard times.

One of our greatest strengths that will pull us through is the strength of our community. Nome is a town with a heart and a soul. We do reach out to each other— family, neighbors, friends and strangers. We also know how to have fun and keep our sense of humor. It will be tough, but we will come out of this just fine. — N.L.M—

To have fun and keep the community spirit, be sure to attend the Firemen's Carnival this Saturday evening. Our generosity supports Nome's volunteer fire department, ambulance service and many other community service organizations.

woman I saw that had a child in her lap and a cell phone to her ear, to negotiate parking as well.

Speaking of the Post Office, I hate to raise a stink, but the Post Office stinks, and I am not referring to the Postal employees; it is the building itself. On one hand you have people going around and cleaning with what smells like diesel fuel, but on Monday it was also smelling like naphtha or even airplane glue. It was helpful to a certain extent, because I was able to fly out of the PO without my feet touching the ground. But now I am addicted; if I don't go into the PO every day, I start suffering from withdrawal. Can you vent that stuff out, or clean after hours, I am sure there are some folks getting headaches from the fumes, and no telling how many workers there are being exposed to dangerous odors.

Tom Guillian
Nome
Dear Nancy,
I would like to publicly express my thanks to Bob Walsh for his brief stay with NSEDC. I'll never forget sitting at the plant one night this fall, watching him and the manager land a 1,000,000 lb. market for Norton Sound Pacific Cod. The fresh fillet the buyer from Amsterdam hovered over was, he said, the high point of his trip to America. Parasite free, great texture. It could be the necessary third leg for our multispecies plant to stand on.

Bob was competent, and belongs to a generation that understands the meaning of ethical conduct and fiduciary responsibility. Apparently these virtues, which served him admirably in running a division of the State Government of Alaska, and in serving a powerful United States senator, were a threat to the sustained control of NSEDC by those of different motivation.

He deserved much better, and I wish him the best. Better yet, why not give the man the authority and independence to do his job.

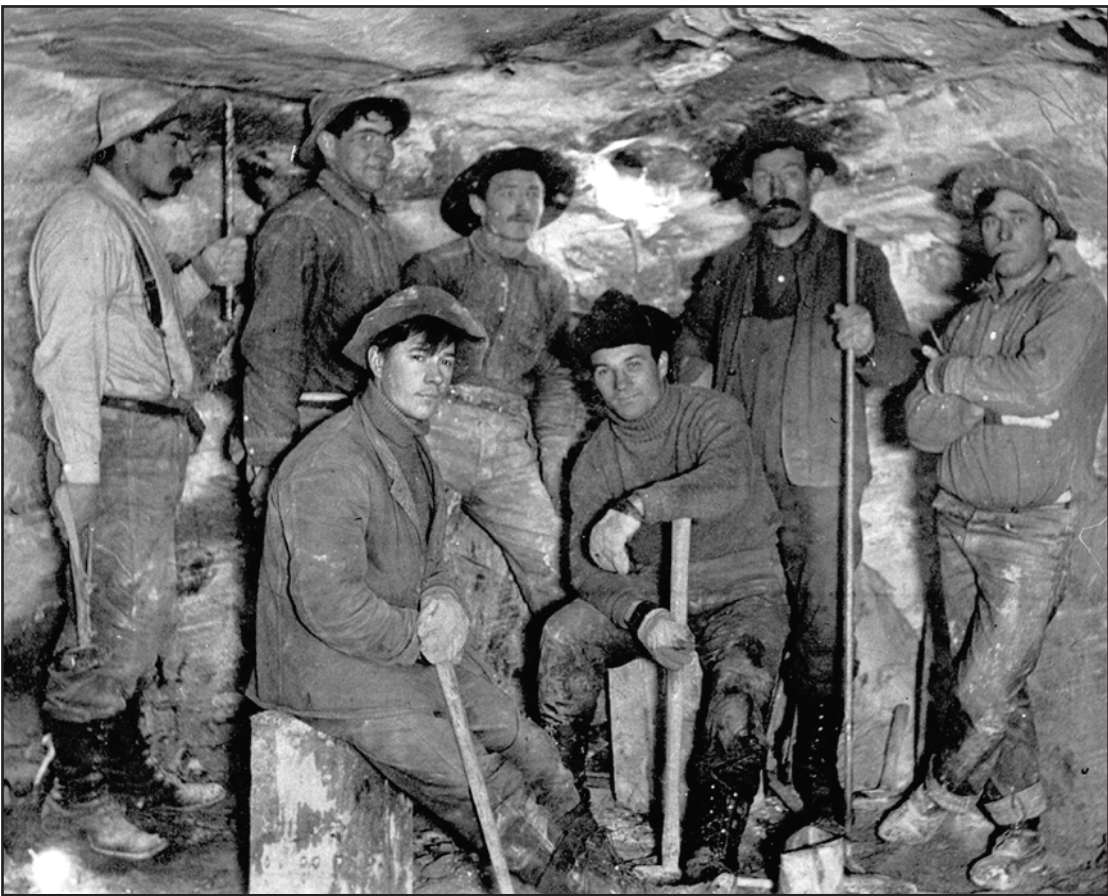
Thus he follows honest Eugene Asicksik, who will have more opportunities, I'm certain. John Jemewouk, who formed a great crew, and last but not least Robert Foote, NSEDC's founder. All of them did their very best, and left untainted by greed. None retired wealthy. I pay special respect to Mr. Foote and his wife Vivian, from whom all else has flowed.

Dan Harrelson once demonstrated his managerial incompetence at our Housing Authority. It was shut down by HUD as a consequence. Norton Sound still suffers from an acute housing shortage as a result. The Authority has never truly regained its footing. Thanks to Dan Harrelson.

Harrelson's act as VPSO stinks to high heaven too. Bulldozing the trail my boy was run over on, a year later, after the court investigator asked him to preserve it, destroying evidence for a trial. The drug dealing in White

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A Look at the Past



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

IT'S NEVER TOO COLD TO MINE FOR GOLD — When the Third Beach Line was discovered just south of Anvil Mountain, the miners utilized underground drift mining to reach the gold. The shaft "drifted" parallel along bedrock far below the tundra. Using a windlass, the material was hauled to the surface and piled or dumped onto the tundra to be processed when the water ran again after breakup the following spring. These guys definitely have the fever.

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HITTIN’ THE IVORY–Josalyn Olin, 1, joins Jack Brown on the piano at the XYZ center during the Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 27.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 4 - December 10, 2008

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, December 4		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Pregnant Single & Prepared video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Smoke Free class	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, December 5		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Medicaid / Denali Kid Care class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grades	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*P90x videos	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grades	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Saturday, December 6		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*After Pregnancy-A New Start video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Circumcision video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Firemen's Carnival	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - midnight
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.
Sunday, December 7		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Special Delivery video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Safety Starts at Home video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Monday, December 8		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:45 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Protectin Your Baby Against Hep B vid	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Pathways to a Healthy Life video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Nome Board of Education reg sess	Nome Elementary	5:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Nome Common Council	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, December 9		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Summer Reading Program	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Smoking a Time to Quit video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, December 10		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
Animal Vaccination Clinic	Public Works Building	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Discipline Teaching Limits w/Love vid	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Injury Prevention class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
Christmas Extravaganza	Old St. Joe's Hall	5:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

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amount of power from NJUS once it hit full production. With new generators in place, the utility was ready to sell that power to the mine.

With the mine not developing into the giant customer that it was believed to become, the costs of providing power to the city will be borne by a smaller pool. "There will be a loss of revenue and a reduction in variable costs, and having had a larger sales base over which to spread fixed costs has definitely helped customers overall," Nome Joint Utility System Manager John Handeland wrote in an e-mail to *The Nome Nugget*.

The result of the mine not drawing nearly as much power as earlier anticipated could have a negative effect on other NJUS ratepayers, though Handeland said other options would be considered before rate increases. "We will definitely look at any ways to reduce [costs] before considering rate changes. We've been working to develop our 2009 budget based

on including the mine; now we get to redo some of the work to take it out," Handeland wrote.

Part of the rates paid to NJUS cover debt service for the new power generation unit recently installed. Handeland said approximately \$8.5 million is owed for the new plant. While the timing of the new plant coincided with the mine's anticipated start-up, Handeland said it was constructed due to the old plant being 45 years old, and its location in flood and airport protection zones.

As far as any mechanical implications of the mine not going into production, Handeland said they would be minor. "We will have to make some adjustments to dispatching (what engines we run) which will affect efficiency, but not to a great degree," Handeland wrote in an e-mail. "I don't see a major effect on us from an operational standpoint, but I'm afraid there will be folks who have been unexpectedly laid off that will have a harder time paying their bills until they can find other employment."



Archive photo by Diana Haecker

SUSPENDED—Nome Joint Utility System will have to retool its 2009 budget since the Rock Creek Mine, which has suspended production, will not be purchasing the significant amount of power NJUS had expected it to.

• Road

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"There was talk of connecting rural communities to the Alaska highways system and how it would prevent them from drying up," Cotter said.

Starting in August, the DOWL HKM team reviewed existing resource and transportation studies of the western Alaska study area. They are also documenting the location and type of minerals, oil and gas, tourism, fisheries and agriculture resource development potential in the area. Starting in February, the team will begin to evaluate transportation corridors to access the resources and communities in western Alaska.

According to Cotter, the consultants have been in touch with Native corporations in the area, the City of

Nome, the Joint Pipeline Office, various state agencies, including the Department of Natural Resources, as well as those involved in industry, such as NovaGold.

NovaGold had been on the receiving end in the past, as the State of Alaska built the new Glacier Creek Road leading to the Rock Creek gold mine under its Road to Resources program. The \$8 million road to the mine was completed in 2006. With the mine complete and close to moving into full production, the company indefinitely suspended the mine's operation last week due to financial concerns and other issues.

Asked how the study prepares to avoid scenarios such as this, Cotter said that part of the study is an economic analysis which would look at

world and state economics, the availability of the resources and whether Alaska is in a good position to market the resource.

DOWL is currently compiling previous studies and looks at the quantity and quality of oil, gas, mineral, timber and tourism resources. After that, the study gets into a socio-economic analysis, followed by a phase of engineering studies to outline corridor alternatives and compiling data in a geo-

graphic information system database, and a cost analysis of how much money will be spent on building and maintaining the road. "Then we look at development scenarios to get an idea what could be expected from development and how fast a road or a resource could be developed," Cotter said.

During the study phase, the general public is not involved as the engineering firm consults with Native corporations, state departments

and industry representatives. After a release of the study, the outcome will be public and depending on recommendations, the DOT will initiate the public process. "At this point it is just gathering of data, then it goes out to community meetings," Bailey said. "At this point the scope is so broad and the study is just a baseline to get a feel for what is possible."

Progress of the study can be seen at www.westernakaccess.com.

"Our primary focus is geared toward the development of a highway, but our study may dive into how a rail may play into it."

— Patrick Cotter, DOT

The Firemen's Carnival is this Saturday, Dec. 6

Doors open at 7 p.m. at the Nome Rec Center

The Rec Center will be closed starting at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5 and all day on Saturday, Dec. 6.

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6. Siglin Cross Fox Freight Sled
7. Set of 4 BFGoodrich Tires (up to \$1,000.00)—Donated by Nome Machine Works
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More file abuse claims against Catholic church

Deadline to file was Dec. 2 as CBNA sorts out bankruptcy

By Diana Haecker

The number of sexual abuse claims against members of the clergy employed between the 1950s and 1980s by the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska has risen to more than 220 as of press time, as the Dec. 2 deadline to file claims with the federal bankruptcy court in Anchorage passed.

Faced with more than 100 sexual abuse claims earlier this year, Bishop Donald Kettler announced Feb. 13 the Diocese of Fairbanks' decision to file for bankruptcy. Not only the sheer number of alleged sex abuse victims played a role, but also the failure of negotiations between the diocese and its insurance carrier. The Catholic News Agency reports that settlement talks in December 2007 did not progress because one of the diocese's insurance carriers, the Illinois-based CNA, failed to "participate meaningfully."

The annual budget of the diocese is \$6 million and covering the claims is estimated to run in the millions.

"When the number reached 165 claims, that put us way over. We don't have enough money to pay out all the claims," said Ronnie Rosenberg, human resource director with CBNA. "For the most part, we believe that we had liability insurance during the period of time when the abuse allegedly happened."

Now that the federal bankruptcy court is involved, a deadline was issued to determine for once and all the number of claimants. It is up to the court to sort out the diocese's assets and the monetary compensation to the claimants.

Rosenberg said that claims keep on coming in and that approximately 50 more people came forward with

sexual abuse claims against one or several clergy members known from former claims.

"After the Dec. 2 deadline we will have a much better idea of the total number of claimants, and the court will come up with a timeline and set the next steps," said Rosenberg.

According to Rosenberg, the court will also figure out which claims are plausible.

Lawyer Chris Cooke, with Cooke & Roosa, a lawfirm representing sexual abuse victims, said that there has been a steady number of new victims that came forward since the diocese's Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. "We had a large number of cases, but there was a large number of new victims that came forward, recognizing the importance of the deadline," Cooke said.

He added that the bankruptcy process has made people aware of the deadline and that there is a finite time limit on making up their minds if they want to come forward. He said that family members of his clients are summoning up the courage to come forward now. "The additional claims we received involved both priests we knew about and those we didn't [know about]," Cooke said.

In the Bering Strait region, most claims were filed from victims in Stebbins, St. Michael, Nome and some from Unalakleet.

The Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuit order of Washington and Alaska, last year settled claims of 100 sexual abuse claimants for \$50 million. According to Cooke, a so-called court appointed special master heard the details and facts in each case, and decided the amount paid out to each individual claimant.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

CLEARING THE PATH—One of Nome's giant snowblowers stands ready to clear Third Avenue Tuesday afternoon. The snow was left over from a record snowfall on Nov. 26.

Nome gets feast of snow for Thanksgiving

Nome doubled its amount of snowfall for November in one day last week while setting a record for the amount of snow hitting the ground on Nov. 26.

The 4.5 inches of white stuff

falling from the sky the day before Thanksgiving topped the record of 4.1 inches for Nov. 26 set in 2007.

According to the National Weather Service office in Nome, as of Dec. 1, the Gold Rush City has

received a foot of snow since July 1.

Stephen Kearney from the Nome's weather service office said Monday that the area would not likely see significant snowfall for this first week of December.

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SERVICE (top)—IRachael Bauman toes the line for a serve in a match against Bethel in late November.

READY TO ROLL—Lady Nanooks (left to right) Vanessa Tahbone, Taylor Booth, Lauren Steiger and Misty Reader await the serve at a November match against Ninilchik. Nome hosts the Region I tournament Thursday through Saturday.



The road to state starts at home

Nanook netters play host for Region I tourney this weekend

Photos and story by Tyler Rhodes

For fans and players alike, the biggest show so far in this year's high school volleyball season is set to begin this Thursday at Nome-Beltz High School.

The Region I tournament for 3A teams will be held from Thursday through Saturday at the high school and will decide who moves on to state the next weekend.

For the Nome Lady Nanooks, the tournament means a last chance to strut their stuff at home as well as an opportunity to play tournament host to the 12 competing teams. Lady Nanooks head coach Rahnna Parker said despite the duties involved with hosting, her girls should benefit by playing on their home turf.

"I feel like we have an advantage. We're used to playing on this court, and we have a good strong fan base," Parker said. "[Hosting] definitely takes a lot more work. But it also helps us to get more in focus, to get more involved and be ready for the tournament."

Last year's regional tournament was held in Unalaska, making for a long trip for Nome's players. Nome did not advance to state that year. "It was kind of a tough tournament," Parker said.

Even with the home-court advantage, the Lady Nanooks will face some tough teams in the tournament where only three will advance to state. "I think it's going to be a pretty good little tournament this year. There are some pretty competitive teams," Parker said.

Nome knows from experience that Barrow has a strong game. The Whalers are the only team in this weekend's tournament who have dealt Nome a loss this season. Parker also expects Dillingham to come out fighting and notes Kotzebue has an up-and-coming team. She said she's

heard talk of Kalskag being good.

In addition to those teams, Unalaska, Hooper Bay, Bethel, Akiachak, King Cove, Togiak and Bristol Bay will be playing throughout the weekend.

Coming off a 12-5 regular season, the Lady Nanooks are seeded No. 2 in the tournament, second only to Barrow. Nome, Barrow, Dillingham and Kotzebue will all get byes in the first round.

Parker said she's confident about Nome's prospects in post-season play. "I feel good, especially good after today's practice," she said Monday afternoon. "I think the girls are getting geared up and getting focused on what's going to happen this weekend."

The Lady Nanooks have been getting geared up all season—mostly at 6 a.m. practices. Five days a week, for most the season, the girls varsity team has climbed out of bed at an unearthly hour to sharpen the edge. "Their lives have pretty much been taken over by volleyball...not just the players, but their parents too," Parker said.

But the work has been worth it. Nome comes off its regular season with a strong schedule and enters the post season highly ranked. "I feel like it's gone really good," Parker said of the season. "The girls had a good schedule. They've kept their spirits up, they've kept their attitude up. I think that they're enjoying it."

Nome is tentatively scheduled to take the floor on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. for its first game. The Lady Nanooks will be facing the winner of the Kalskag vs. King Cove match. Matches continue through Friday and Saturday. Brackets and game schedule can be found at www.nomeschools.com/athletics.

Parker said with this year's regional tournament being held at

home, she's hoping to see a big turnout to support the Lady Nanooks. For the majority of the team, it will be their last chance to play at home. Of the dozen girls on the varsity team, eight are seniors.

"Our girls love to have the crowd there, it really pumps them up," Parker said. "The more community support the better. It helps not only to win games, but I think it helps us a community."

Wrestlers hit the road

The Nanook wrestling team will compete at the Northern Conference Wrestling Tournament in Barrow Dec. 5-6.

On the horizon

Class 1A/2A/3A State Wrestling Tournament is Dec. 12-13 in Anchorage.

Class 1A/2A/3A West Volleyball State Tournament is Dec. 11-13 in Anchorage.

Basketball

The Nome-Beltz boys basketball team will participate at the Service Tip-off Tournament in Anchorage on Dec. 18-20. Teams competing are: Service, Bartlett, East, Colony, Nome, Seward, Heritage and Point Hope. Nome will open the tourney against Class 4A Colony Knights. Colony placed third at last year's Class 4A State Tournament and placed second two seasons ago.

The Lady Nanooks basketball team will participate in the Kodiak Joe Floyd tournament Dec. 18-20. Nome will open the tourney against Class 4A Homer. Also competing are Kodiak and Petersburg.



Keep up on the Nanooks by visiting their website <http://www.nomeschools.com/athletics/index.html>




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Bering Strait School District 2008 Activity Calendar

December 11 - 13 State HS Mixed Six - Anch. Christmas Clash BBall - Koyuk State HS Wrestling - Anch.	December 12 - 13 State High School 1A, 2A, and 3Q Wrestling Tournament @ Bartlett HS Anchorage
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NPS may create 2 Media Center/Native Programs positions

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Board of Education discussed creating two proposed full-time positions combining duties of a Media Center (library) instructional aide with those of a Native Programs aide at a work session Nov. 25.

At a regular meeting Nov. 11, the Board withheld approval of the revised FY2009 budget for Nome Public Schools because the budget revision process had led to partial closure of libraries at both Nome-Beltz High School and Nome Elementary School. The School Media Specialist Joy Hewitt works three days a week at the NBHS library and two days a week at the NPS library. The former Media Center aide, who was transferred to a special education position, worked two days a week at the NSHS library and three days a week at the NES library.

The revised FY2009 budget does not include funding to fill the vacant Media Center aide position. The NPS budget was revised because enrollment totals 672 students this year, far short of the anticipated 731 students on which the FY2009 budget was based.

NPS Superintendent Rick Luthi told the Board he has not been able to fill a

Native Programs position that has been open since the school year began. He also noted that a Native Programs staff member at NES recently retired for medical reasons. Luthi credited Assistant Superintendent Jon Wehde for the idea to combine the library aide/Native Programs position and fund it with existing grant monies. In a phone conversation following the meeting, Board member Betsy Brennan clarified that two combined aide positions are proposed—one at NBHS and one at NES.

Luthi distributed copies of a job description for the classified position in Range B to C, and said that it is not an entry level position. Its goals are (1) to provide students with targeted assistance plans and library support programs in bilingual education and core academic skills; and (2) to engage students using traditional Alaska Native cultural knowledge with established methods appropriate for education.

Requirements for the position include a working knowledge of traditional Inupiaq or Yupik culture, and the ability to understand or speak Inupiaq or St. Lawrence Island Yupik, with preference for applicants who also have the ability to read and write either

language. Other preferred qualifications include two years of college or job training in a related area and successful experience in a bilingual or bicultural academic educational program.

Board member Barb Nickels expressed concern that the proposal would result in an overall loss of one position.

"Yes, there was a full-time cultural position [at NBHS]," Luthi said. "We could not fill it...."

"There is an element of loss, but in blending these two, we see a good connection between Native Programs and the library....," said Wehde. He reported that some King Island Elders who are ivory carvers have said they are willing to participate in Native Programs work at NPS for four or five days, but are not interested in a full-time position. He added that Nome Eskimo Community staff members are receptive to the idea of an artist in residence program at NPS.

"An artist in residence is a way to enhance the Native program," Brennan said. "It's a great idea."

District Improvement Plan update

Wehde briefed the Board on development and implementation of the Dis-

trict Improvement Plan. He said a mentor program for students in grades 7-12 is coming on strong, and the Parents Advisory Committee is expanding from five members to 11 members. "At Kawerak, Melanie [Edwards, Executive Vice President], is helping me corner just the right individual for expansion of the Native parents committee," Wehde added.

The activities Wehde described address DIP goals, copies of which he distributed at the meeting. A DIP is mandatory for NPS because after several years of making sufficient progress under the No Child Left Behind Act, last year both the elementary school and high school received the lowest possible ratings of 5 under adequate yearly progress. "District improvement" as defined by NCLB requires that improvement be measured as a gain in the number of students who score proficient or advanced on the Alaska Standards Based Assessment given each April to students in grades 3-10, compared to the previous year.

"The DIP says we will improve reading skills among low income students," Wehde noted. "We know every name [of students] below proficient—their needs, family. We tried for three years to jump the bar, but last year the State raised the bar in keeping with NCLB. I emphasize that students are improving every year."

He said NES Principal Carl White is working on a grant for summer school. Wehde also reported progress on a goal to increase teacher and student access to and use of electronic district instructional

resources in language arts and math.

Pool upgrade funded

Luthi reported that on Nov. 24 the Nome Common Council voted unanimously to fund upgrades for the NBHS pool with the City's Community Benefit Share of \$100,000 from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. The pool urgently needs improvement in HVAC controls and the water heat source, according to NPS. Earlier NPS had listed a request for \$75,000 in State funds for pool upgrades among its legislative priorities for 2009.

Upcoming events

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m. Tentative dates for the annual Board retreat are Jan. 30-31, 2009. Goal setting and board-superintendent relations are among topics for the retreat.

The Bering Strait School Board has invited the Nome Board to a joint meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 10, 2009 in Teller. Nome Board President Gloria Karmun suggested that Luthi ask BSSD Superintendent Jim Hickerson whether he can provide the BSSD plane to transport Nome Board members to the meeting, because no funds are budgeted to cover their travel. A regular meeting of the Nome Board is scheduled Feb. 10, but Brennan and Board member Albert McComas suggested rescheduling the session for Feb. 12. However, if BSSD is unable to transport the Nome Board to Teller, the Board will decline the invitation and invite BSSD board members to attend the Nome Board meeting scheduled March 10.



Photo by Keith Conger

TESTING THE WATER—Future scientists Allison Komonaseak (left) and Ariana Adams, from Keith Conger's first grade class, help conduct a test to see how bears stay warm in their dens during the winter. Students quantified, and then graphed, the results of an experiment that put one thermometer in fat and another directly into freezing water. Then they took the roll of the bear, discovering firsthand that a hand in fat could be kept in much longer than a hand in frigid water.

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GOT FUR? (above)—Trapper Matt Culley sports a bit of the wares he was selling at the annual holiday bazaar at the mini-convention center Saturday.

GOOD STUFF (above right)—Meagan Johnson, 5, came to the bazaar dressed in her finest and ready to eat hot dogs.

HELLO CENTRAL (below right)—Richard Beneville gives a warm hello to one of the holiday bazaar's younger attendees.

FINISHING TOUCH (below)—Liz Murphy sews beadwork onto gloves for sale at the bazaar while her sister, Karina Hernandez, works beside her.



Crafts and goodies abound at Nome Preschool's annual

Holiday Bazaar



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Collaborative Efforts Successful with New NACTEC House

By Liz Johnson, Administrative Assistant, NACTEC

Thursday, September 4th turned out to be a beautiful fall day in Nome and a perfect outdoor setting for the long anticipated grand opening of the newly completed NACTEC House. NACTEC Director Jeff Selvey greeted and welcomed everyone as the crowd took their seats in front of the NACTEC House. Guest speakers included many stakeholders and partners, including Commissioner Bishop from the State of Alaska Department of Labor and Commissioner Larry LeDoux from the Department of Education. The City of Nome's Honorable Mayor Denise Michels also shared a few words of gratitude to all those who have been involved from the conception to the completion of the NACTEC House. BSSD Superintendent Jim Hickerson and Nome Public Schools Superintendent Rick Luthi joined their respective board members in the ribbon cutting ceremony along with NACTEC Director Jeff Selvey. The NACTEC staff served refreshments and cake while facility tours were offered throughout the afternoon.

Since the inception of NACTEC, high school students attending NACTEC lived in the Nome-Beltz Dormitory, a dorm that was built in the 1960's. In 2003 the NACTEC Advisory Board recommended that rather than update the existing facility a new dormitory be constructed. The reasons for a new dormitory-style house are as follows:



NACTEC partners join together for the dedication of the new NACTEC House

- The structure will be specifically designed for the NACTEC program.
- The structure will resemble a house rather than an institutional building.
- The structure will be much more energy efficient, decreasing future operating costs.
- Costly abatement of hazardous materials can be avoided.

The goal and design of the NACTEC House is to create a living environment that looks and feels like a typical single-family residence. The model described below reflects the specific needs of the NACTEC program offering life, work readiness and career focused skills. Highlights include:

- Housing for 24 students, with rooms organized in clusters around living rooms to re-create the typical living arrangements the students will encounter. Students will be personally responsible for cleaning and maintaining their living area and bathrooms.
- A modest two bedroom apartment to provide living space for house parents; one studio apartment for intermittent use and one that could provide full time living space.
- Two linked kitchens that mimic home kitchens but can also be used for teaching and to make meals for 32 people.
- Communal dining area.
- Recreation area for after hour's activities.
- A group living room.

The NACTEC program is a joint venture regional vocational learning center located in Nome. The goal is to prepare students for the world of work after high school. This joint venture was established through collaboration between the Bering Strait School District, Nome Public Schools, and City of Nome.

The new NACTEC House is an extraordinary example of successful collaboration with all of NACTEC's stakeholders and partnerships.

Each BSSD school has a website. Participate online by visiting these links:

<http://brevig.bssd.org>

<http://diomede.bssd.org>

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A lectern stands empty on the NACTEC House porch after the dedication



Workers break to pose during the Iditarod Working Weekend.



Teachers Going to the Dogs

by Perry Corsetti, BSSD Instructional Model Facilitator, District Office

Educators from around the district met in Unalakleet this past weekend (November 7-9, 2008) to organize, develop, and compile lessons and thematic units on the Iditarod. For the last six years, BSSD staff and students have included the Iditarod sled dog race as part of an annual thematic learning event called IditaProject. This working weekend was designed to provide staff the opportunity to work together and create quality Iditarod activities and lesson plans tied directly to BSSD standards at every instructional level and in as many content areas as possible. We have quite a growing list of resources and ready-to-teach lesson plans available on our Wiki site.

Go to <http://go.bssd.org/itarod> Scroll down to 'Collaborative Instructional Units'.

Working weekends have become extremely powerful and popular with those who have participated. Networking with fellow BSSD teachers is always beneficial and being standards based, our work together directly applies at every school site. Many of the comments about this Iditarod Working Weekend were simply, "We need to do this more often!" We have also already received positive feedback from other teachers throughout the district who have been checking our wiki and noticed the recently added resources. With this in mind, we are planning another working weekend for Jan 16-18, 2009. Mark it on your calendar! And, do not forget that CASC (Content Area Standing Committee) and our August Returning Teacher Workshops are also great opportunities to get together and improve our instructional model. Expect more information on all of these items soon as we narrow down dates and planning specifics.



Vanessa Nasset holds the awards given to her and Dr. Virginia Degnan, accompanied by BSSD counselors Paul Taylor, Linda Sutton, Dennis Determan, Kira Levey, and Barb Greene (Dr. Degnan not pictured)

Dr. Degnan & Mrs. Nasset Advocates of the Year

By Ted VanBronkhorst, Director of Personnel, District Office

Vanessa Nasset and Virginia Degnan were recently named the Alaska School Co-Advocates of the Year for 2008 at the Alaska School Counselor Association awards banquet in Anchorage.

Virginia, who has worked thirty years for the Bering Strait School District as teacher and administrator, received the award for her vision and commitment to the counseling program over the past six years as program supervisor.

Vanessa, who has worked three years for BSSD, the last two as Coordinator

of the counseling program, has collaborated with Virginia on several important counseling projects. Together, the two award recipients have written and implemented project HOPES, a three-year grant that has allowed BSSD to hire itinerant counselors to work in sites that were previously underserved. Vanessa and Virginia have also collaborated in the revision of the district counseling manual and in the development of classroom curriculum that addresses important student health issues.

Congratulations to Vanessa and Virginia, Alaska School Advocates of the Year.



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Gambell	0	57
Shishmaref	40	13
Stebbins	37	76.5
Unalakleet	75	80
Savoonga	81	
St. Michael	27.5	
Small Schools		
Brevig Mission	19.5	53
Elim	34	14.5
Golovin	22	54
Koyuk	31	65
Shaktoolik	22	30
White Mountain	20	



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Elementary			Junior High		
Wt Class	Name	School	Wt Class	Name	School
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72# 3 rd	Sam Tocktoo	SHH	84# 3 rd	Amos Brown	WMO
78# 1 st	Jordan Nelson	SVA	90# 1 st	Kevin Tocktoo	KTS
78# 2 nd	Makiyan Ivanoff	UNK	90# 2 nd	Tahnee Esparza	GLV
78# 3 rd	Isaiah Waghiyi	SVA	90# 3 rd	Laurel Katchatag	UNK
84# 1 st	AJ Andrews	SMK	97# 1 st	Jared Nassuk	KKA
84# 2 nd	Raphael Otton	WBB	97# 2 nd	Darris Tom	WBB
84# 3 rd	Dale Kulowiyl	SVA	97# 3 rd	Aucha Johnson	UNK
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104+# 2 nd	Tyler Takak	SKK	125# 2 nd	Kevin lone	GLV
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			132# 3 rd	Marina Koonooka	GAM
			139# 1 st	Carl Crockett	KTS
			139# 2 nd	John Peterson	GLV
			139# 3 rd	Chris Lockwood	UNK
			+146# 1 st	Shyler Johnson	UNK
			+146# 2 nd	Josh Dewey	KKA
			+146# 3 rd	Brice Hardy	SKK

TEAM AWARDS

DIVISION	Large School	POINTS	Small School	POINTS
Elementary 1 st	Savoonga	81	Elim	34
2 nd	Unalakleet	75	Koyuk	31
Junior High 1 st	Unalakleet	80	Koyuk Malemutes	65
2 nd	Stebbins	76.5	Golovin	54

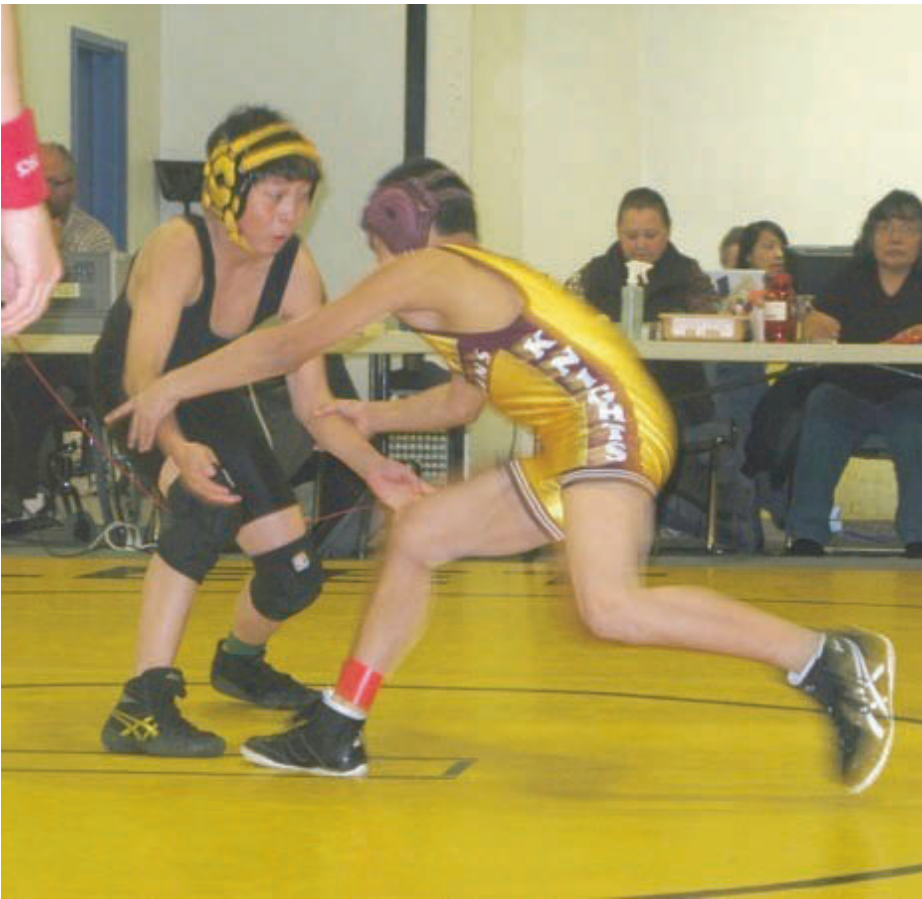
OUTSTANDING CHEER-DANCE ROUTINE

DIVISION	Large School	POINTS	Small School	POINTS
1 ST	Unalakleet	70.5	Koyuk	63
2 ND	Shishmaref	69.75	Brevig Mission	62.25

SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY: Stebbins Knights Wrestlers and Cheerleaders

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

A. ALL STAR CHEERLEADER AWARDS			
1. Mary Crockett	Brevig Mission	8. McKenzie Sagoonick and Desiree Rock	Shaktoolik
2. Gladys Saccheus	Elim	9. Nellie Okpowruk	Shishmaref
3. Cassie Slwooko	Gambell	10. Alice Otten	Stebbins
4. Renata Olson	Golovin	11. Roberta Walker	Unalakleet
5. Amanda Homekingkeo	Koyuk	12. Precious Lincoln	White Mountain
6. Denise Kobuk	St. Michael	13.	
7. Gina Waghiyi	Savoonga		
PARTNER STUNTS COMPETITION			
PLACE	NAME	LARGE SCHOOL	SMALL SCHOOL
1.	Mamie Iyatunguk Renee Kuzuguk Shishmaref	POINTS: 49.75	Mary Crockett Angela Olanna Brevig Mission POINTS: 50
2.	Roberta Walker Jenny Katchatag Unalakleet	POINTS: 47.75	Helen Bruns TracyAhnangnatoguk Brevig Mission POINTS: 45
ALL AMERICAN CHEERLEADER			
PLACE	NAME	LARGE SCHOOL	SMALL SCHOOL
1.	Jonisha Wilson, Unalakleet	POINTS: 64.75	Helen Bruns, Brevig Mission POINTS: 61.7
2.	Nellie Okpowruk, Shishmaref	POINTS: 57.6	Renata Olson, Golovin POINTS: 59.75
3.	Mamie Iyatunguk, Shishmaref	POINTS: 53.25	Precious Lincoln, White Mountain POINTS: 54.75
SPIRIT STICK: Koyuk Malemutes			
B. WRESTLING AWARDS (IN ADDITION TO MEDAL WINNERS)			
FASTEST PIN:	6 SECONDS	Shyler Johnson, Unalakleet	
MOST PINS:	5	Arthur Nashoanak, Stebbins	
OUTSTANDING WRESTLER:	ELEMENTARY:	Jordan Nelson, Savoonga	
	JUNIOR HIGH:	Carl Crockett, Brevig Missiont	



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Education Conference



Koyuk Malemutes will succeed.
We will act responsibly by
making sure we have good
attendance and by respecting
ourselves, others and property.
We will work together to set and
achieve our goals as a group
and for ourselves.



By Greg Johnson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, District Office

the conference in order to take them back home.

The theme for this year's Education Conference was Cultivating Collaboration and you could find impressive collaboration going on just about anywhere you looked. Let's see, what were some collaborative highlights?

Jan Christinson kicked the conference off with an excellent keynote on effective teaching practices in math. He honed in on the necessity of teaching both procedural and conceptual understanding and clearly demonstrated the need for teachers to have a collaborative relationship with their students in order to better determine what they do and do not understand.

Keynote Quotes

"He was very entertaining and thought provoking in how everyone uses different strategies to solve problems."

"I could replace the word math with reading or writing and apply it to what I teach."

This year's Museum Walk focused on the conference theme and included some outstanding displays. An interesting note was that nearly every school took the time to carefully take their displays down at the end of

Museum Walk Quotes

"I loved being able to see others' work during the museum walk. It always helps me to get new ideas."

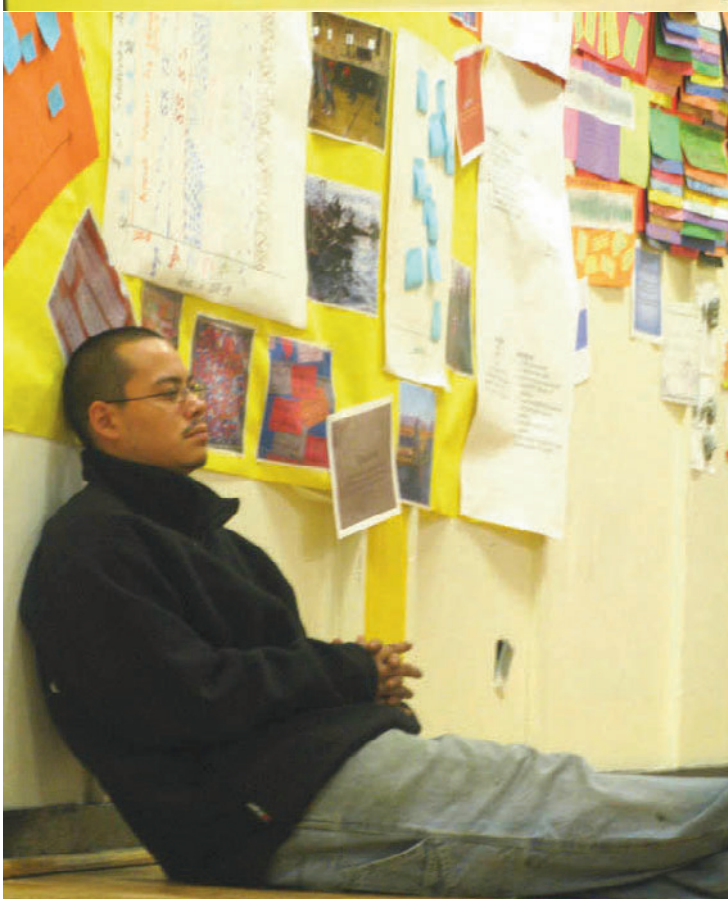
"It is nice to see what other schools are doing, and it is a way to share ideas and blow your own horn."

Team Time Quotes

"I found the team time very useful. We were able to have enough time to work through our discussions and come up with some possible solutions."

"It was nice to look back at our pacing goals from the beginning of the year and see that we have made progress. So often we forget to look at our successes and reflecting really helps so much in seeing how far we've come."

"A lot of time was spent sorting out issues, but at the end, we arrived at an action plan and was, in the end, effective. The timing was just about perfect."



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With so many people away from home it is still amazing how much fun people have in the evenings. We had a lot of fun with the evening activities. While people enjoyed the musical offerings of the Luv Puppets, it is clear that the overwhelming favorite evening activity was the Open Mic night. From the perspective of everyone having some fun and in keeping with the collaboration theme, this activity was a home run. Hmm, it appears we have found something else we will do each year in addition to the Fun Run and Sequence tournament.

It is clear that the notion of continuous improvement is firmly established across our district. The feedback provided by conference attendees for their sessions and the conference overall is simply amazing. Some folks send out cheers and some point out opportunities for improvement, the feedback is specific, thoughtful, honest and absolutely appreciated. It is also fun to see some of the suggestions for potential improvements. How about some of these ideas?

"Maybe speed dating for next year? :)"
 "...chocolate sometime/somewhere"

"Maybe Karaoke next year?"

"Food great - need more Turtle (fudge, carmel) cheesecake :)"

At the end of the day though, what really makes our conference something special is the BSSD staff. When everything was said and done, visitors, presenters and vendors from outside our district continued to comment about what an awesome event we have in our annual BSSD Educational Conference and what terrific staff we have all across our district. We can only agree. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped make this Ed Conference the best one to date.

Here is a great quote on which to end:

"It always amazes me that we have the opportunity to grow together, and we do it for ourselves. The most valuable piece for me is watching how much home-grown expertise rises from this conference."



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27th Annual Wrestling & Cheer Tournament

Visit <http://media.bssd.org/gallery/> to view thousands of pictures from this tournament. Thank you to the BSSD Student Broadcasting Team for your hard work in providing coverage for this event.



The Street of A Thousand Blossoms: A Review

By: Yvonne Pete, Student, Stebbins

The Street of a Thousand Blossoms is a novel by Gail Tsukiyama that takes place in Tokyo before, during, and after World War II. My opinion of Tsukiyama’s novel is that I enjoyed reading it and the story really took me on an emotional ride.

The story takes place in Yanaka district of northeastern Tokyo, where Kenji and Hiroshi Matsumoto, along with their friends and family, lived during and after the war. Throughout their daily lives, they experienced how the war effected families, businesses, and their country. Hiroshi and Kenji started out living with their grandparents and soon they will both learn how to live their own lives and try to find their place within their own world. Both young men are plagued with maintaining a healthy relationship, the loss of their loved ones, and they are challenged by unexpected events, their joys and sorrows alike.

When both Hiroshi and Kenji were young, their parents were drowned to death and so their maternal grandparents had to raise them. Hiroshi is older than Kenji and is much more outgoing and sociable than his younger brother. Hiroshi longs to be a famous sumotori[sumo wrestler] and eventually he becomes one. Kenji is the opposite of his brother, quiet and shy, but his interest is the craft of masks and the theatre. Soon the Noh Theatre plays a major role within Kenji’s life. How Kenji developed his interest in Noh masks, is through his sensai’s maskshop, Akira Yoshiwara, who taught Kenji the art and meaning of Noh masks. As Hiroshi reaches the age of eighteen, he was accepted by Tanaka to be trained as a professional sumo wrestler.

Sho Tanaka has two daughters, Aki and Haru, who are three years apart. Tanaka’s house is also a sumo stable, where he teaches and trains his students to become sumotori’s. During the war, sadly, Tanaka loses his wife and now he faces the challenges of being a single parent and keeping the Katsuyama-beya up and running with the help of his daughters. Later in her years, Aki will soon find out that she will be engaged to Hiroshi while Haru tries to get the attention of the man whom she loves.

Tsukiyama’s style is colorful, because she uses her native language and describes traditional values from her culture with words that are italicized within her story. By this, she entertains her readers by addressing her native culture and knowledge. Within the story, literary devices the author uses are symbolism, flashbacks, satire, and irony.

An example of symbolism that Tsukiyama uses is a watchtower that Yoshio (Hiroshi’s and Kenji’s grandfather) built for his daughter and grandsons. The watchtower stood in his backyard for many years as a symbol of his grandson’s childhood and Yoshio’s strength. Another example of symbolism is the sport of sumo. Sumo is symbolic of the Japanese culture itself, in it’s rituals and religion, and in it’s belief of honor and defeat. For an example of flashbacks, the character Aki, she had lost her voice after her town was bombed. But when she remembers her mother, whom she also lost due to the bombing, she actually thought she saw her mother and cried out for her, a memory that gave her voice back. Another example of flashback is when Yoshio, who is completely blind, imagines and remembers himself when he was young, when he was able to see. It’s also ironic that even though Yoshio is completely blind, he is still able to move about and can recognize his wife and grandson’s presence and is able to tell them apart. An example of satire that was used in the book is panpan women. After the war, panpan women or “women of the night” entertained American soldiers, which were originally what the role of geishas did. These women were violating the traditional values of geishas, by referring themselves as prostitutes. But it’s ironic how many decent women were reduced to this in order to survive.

Hiroshi and Kenji are very close and have a strong brotherly bond. I envy this bond because my brother, Travis, and I also can relate to them than all of our other brothers and sisters. We both grew up mostly without our real parents and lived similar lives, but had the love and support throughout our childhood. I enjoyed reading this novel because I thought Tsukiyama did an amazing job describing how ordinary people can go through much hardship losing loved ones and expecting the unexpected. As I was reading the part when Yanaka was being attacked by American planes, the scenery reminded me of a scene from *Flags of Our Fathers*. Just the thought of being in your own hometown while it’s being under attack is just chaotic to me. I can’t even imagine what an experience that would feel on a day like that.

More than anything, *The Street of A Thousand Blossoms* is a story of family and love, the futility of war, and the resilience of a country and it’s people. Tsukiyama has been known for her emotional and detailed stories and this novel, with it’s unforgettable characters will keep you turning the pages. I do recommend this book, no matter what type of genre you read.

Getting An Opportunity

By D. Milligrock, Student, Stebbins

Round trip ticket to Nome. Open gym time. Pizza parties. What do all these things have in common? They are incentives to raise student achievement. So far, we haven't made AYP in at least 8 school years but based on statistics, universities all over America require some form of art class taken because they think it will help the students do better in the other classes. So why doesn't the Bering Strait School District try that out? We don't have anything to lose by attending a music, art, or dance class.

By getting an opportunity to take an art class in school, students will have a chance to show their artistic side. The same goes with the dance and music classes. There are times when teachers have to keep reminding students to pay attention to the lesson because the student is drawing. The art class can relieve the teacher of that and the student will have a class on art every day of the school week. Then there are the students who love to dance but the only dance related sport is cheerleading. Not everyone is willing to sign up though, and the styles are limited. The dance class could provide a place where students could express their own style of dancing- like break-dancing.

With the way science and technology is going, students will soon be able to listen to music in class without the teacher knowing it. Not every student is going to pass up that chance when it comes. But with the music class, they have a subject to look forward to in school. The music class will also allow students to come into contact with music whether it's the inspiration or the project. The point is, music would be the class instead of the distraction in the class, which is a big problem in some schools.

Basketball Skills

By JoriR, Student, Stebbins

The opposing team intimidates me. In basketball practice I was confident; I played ball well, and I felt like I was ready to play against another ball team. When it was game time, my heart started racing, I was running down the court and my team members were going the opposite way- I'd forgotten which direction to go! One of my teammates passed me the ball, it was five seconds before the buzzer. One of the opposing team members was guarding me, made eye contact and I took a shot, and the ball bounced off the back board when the buzzer went off.

The basketball skill I worked on was shooting before the opponent defends me. I kept practicing the fade aways to make my shots better when someone guards me before I shoot. I exercised to be in shape and practiced with the boys to increase my speed down the court. I got better. My free throw percentage went up to 95%. My rebounding also improved.

Some students have a hard time staying awake in class. Why? Could it be because of sleep deprivation, boredom, or their monotonous schedule or possibly every one of those. With a dance class, students aren't sitting down throughout the whole class period- they're moving around and getting the blood pumping through them. Not only does it keep students awake but it's also healthy for them, too. It's a great way to start out the day.

Every student has an artistic side or a talent. Some students are excellent drawing artists, while others excel at creating new beats or dance moves. With the new dance or art class, students will be able to show off the talent instead of it being locked up. Of course, they can wait until after school, but to be able to pursue it in a class could stretch beyond normal limitations. Even with limited internet access, some students could use available sites such as google to search for information on instruments to dance classes.

If students were given an optional choice to look up information on dance moves or to go and hang out with friend, which would they most likely pick? The majority of them would probably pick to go and hang out with friends. Not every student would be willing to take a music, art, or dance class because it seems "boring" or a waste of time. Most might think it's not beneficial but statistics prove that students do better by simply taking a musical or art class. They learn content in the guise of art or music. Music can be the inspiration the drives the student.

What are we waiting for? There's nothing to lose and there's the possibility that BSSD can gain higher scores on our SBA tests if art, music, and dance classes are offered.

I concentrate on the rim when I practice my fade aways and how the angle, the distance, and the weight of the ball all affect how it approaches the target: the basket. Being distracted during the game, defending your basket and intimidation are part of basketball. But I don't like being intimidated by the opponent. So I practice and play "team" with my friends during gym hours.

What I understand now is to focus on the game and mind the ball. What I also have worked on is the angle, the distance, and the weight of the ball before taking a shot. I have also worked on being less intimidated by the opposing team and focusing on the game. This skill also help me with other areas, which would better my basketball skills.

Being intimidated by the opposing team can better your basketball skills if you practice and focus on the game. Remember to be confident. The most fun about basketball is working together and playing the game.



Unalakleet students sort their freshly picked berries.

How the Crane Got Its Blue Eyes!

By Kirstian, 5th grade, Unalakleet

One day a crane was flying over the tundra, and wanted to eat something. So then the crane flew down and took his eyes out. He took his eyes out and told them "If you see an animal just yell". He walked to a blueberry patch and started to eat them. All of a sudden his eyes yelled, "A fox, a fox!" So then he grabbed his eyes and flew up. When he looked down he saw no fox, so then he flew back down and he took his eyes out again, and went back to the blueberry patch and started to eat them. His eyes said, "A wolverine, a wolverine!" So the crane put his eyes back in and flew up, and the crane saw no wolverine. He flew back down and took his eyes out and went to the patch again, and ate blueberries. His eyes said, "A bear, a bear!" The crane thought he was just joking. It was real. So he rushed back and his eyes were gone. He put cranberries in, but everything was red. Then he put blackberries in, and everything was black. So he picked two blueberries, and put them where his eyes were. That is how the crane got its blue eyes.

Making Agutak

By Mildred, 6th grade, Unalakleet

Blueberries
Blueberries, blueberries, there is nothing like them.
They are blue and sweet,
Delicious and fruity,
You can make many things out of them.
Agutak and blueberry pancakes taste good.
Maybe you should try them.
You'll agree that they taste good.
Mmmm.

Blueberries

By Jill, 6th grade, Unalakleet

Blueberries may be blue, and Curly Sue said, "Boo!"
But there are many things you can't make her do, like eat gooberries.
You can make her bake a cake, and eat it,
but you can't make her eat dooberries.
You can make her eat a piece of meat,
but you can't make her eat rooberries.
You can make her like Pete, and save him a seat,
but you can't make her eat looberries.
You can make her turn up the heat, and be warm at her feet,
but you can't make her eat zoooberries.
There is one thing she wants the most. BLUEBERRIES!!

Blueberries

By Roberta, 5th grade, Unalakleet

Big and small
Lovely to pick on a breezy day
Unalakleet has a lot!
Envy people who have some and I don't
Better to pick away from the road
Eat blueberries as a snack
Ripe in Fall
Run, run before they're gone
It's fun to pick them
Eat them with a little bit of sugar
Sweet and Juicy



Making Blueberry Agutak

By Kevin, 4th grade, Unalakleet

Our team was making blueberry agutak. We started by getting our ingredients. First we cracked the egg. Second we put the shortening in the bowl. Third, Muriel put one teaspoon of vegetable oil in there. Angela stirred the ingredients. I whipped the batter around in the bowl. Then we put in the blueberries. We stirred them in. We were finished making the agutak. After that the class sent it to the elders.



Home Ec. instructor showing the students how to "avlaawaliiq".



Violet Apatiki and Elfie Apangalook picking berries for Yupik Class.

Sewing: An Important Part of Yupik Culture

By George O., Student, Stebbins

Sewing is an important way of the Yupik culture. Our success hunting depended on maintaining a positive relationship between people and the spirits of the animals hunted. When the Yupik hunt the animals they respect the animals spirit and thank them for food and their fur.

In the past our ancestors sewed hide for clothes and warmth. They used the walrus bladder for raincoats in the summer. They used beaver's fur for mittens and caps. When they caught reindeer they took the hide and fur for parkas to have clothes for winter.

We Yupik people use hide and sinew for the sewing materials. We use sinew because it is stronger than string or thread. The hide is important because we use the sinew and sinew is

made of hide. We can use hide and sinew for skin boats too.

Eskimos have to make dancing clothes to dance ceremonial Yupik songs. We use qaspaks for Yupik dancing because it's part of our culture. When we Yupik people have to sew qaspaks it takes us time. A long time ago, they had to chew on the hide to make sinew so they could sew the qaspaks.

It is important for us Yupik people to sew because it is our culture. Before the fur traders came, the hide lasted longer than cotton. When the fur traders came we started to use cotton for the qaspaks. Still today we still use fur and hide for qaspaks along with cotton.

Berry Picking

By Chris Koonooka, LRE, Gambell

The middle school/highschool afternoon Yupik Classes of Gambell Schools went inghuyaq [berry picking] for pagunghaq, crowberries, or otherwise known locally as "blackberries".

There were about 20 students and staff involved in two days of picking at the end of the Gambell Lake about two miles south of the school.

There were many other people from the community picking on the mountainside. Each student and staff filled a quart-sized bag as much as they could as the wind was blowing. A total of 1.5 gallons was picked as each berry is small and a bag is hard to fill up. All this picking was done in about two 55 minute periods each day. After picking, the berries were brought to the Home Ec. Room and stored in the freezer. First, the Home Ec. classes made "Avlaawaliiq", a mixture of the berries, flour and sugar. On another day the Home Ec. made "Pagunghaq" Pie.



All in all, the students continued on their traditions of picking and storing for the winter, food from the wilderness, at least in one aspect. They also build up on their patience and respect for the great outdoors as it was sometimes challenging to fill up even a small bag in over an hour, and test their might in facing the wind brining in the cold. All their work brought up a tasty treat in the end.

Please Listen

By Brad Cole, Teacher, Gambell

The raven's wings sounded like a rope circling hard, cutting through the dense wintry air. "The low-flying bird must be watching to see if I'll drop food," I thought. Again the sound of "whoosh-whoosh" came from its flapping wings. The large black bird squawked and flew away down the pebbly beach.

I was walking along the west beach of Gambell, on St. Lawrence Island, and my feet sank into the loose wave-washed gravel. Large foaming white waves collapsed on the wet beach in a quiet, low-pitched thunder, sounding as though the ocean was tossing in a deep slumber. Walking is my way of relaxing after a day of teaching, with the rocky slopes of Mt. Sevuokuk to the east, the rolling tundra south of the village and the gun-barrel blue sea surrounding the Northwest Cape.

Near the western horizon, I could see the wind-thrown spray of a whale surfacing from a long dive. I thought about how they sink far below to hunt in the deep darkness by studying the various sounds. Perhaps through their years of searching and listening to the icy churning sea they have learned how to be free, to journey far and to see emptiness as freedom and darkness as light. Perhaps the ancient life-giving sea has taught them wisdom.

"Learning how to listen is the first step to becoming a mature adult," I thought. I have tried so hard to teach this to students, but it is as though they do not believe me. There is too much going on inside their young minds; they are too busy with themselves.

Again, a familiar "whoosh-whoosh" sound came from above and behind me. I looked up and saw another large raven floating lazily in the cold sky. Like before, this one was also eyeing me for food. In a passing thought I wondered if, like whales and the sea, it could have heard something from the whispering wind.

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Photo by Betsy Brennan

ON THE WAY TO GRANDMA'S (top)—Kindergarteners Aver Agloinga as Little Red Riding Hood and Ada Lawrence as her mother perform the classic play to celebrate Thanksgiving last week.

HE'LL HUFF AND HE'LL PUFF (above)—Xander Ferreira as the Big Bad Wolf acts out the Three Little Pigs with (left to right) narrator Sarah Wade, and the little pigs Hailey Goodwin, Macey Witrosky and Bethany Thomas.



Photo by Denise Olin

MMMM-MMMM GOOD—Alexis Hutson and Kaitlyn Mason (right) enjoy a piece of pie after serving pie on Nov. 27 at the XYZ Center.

Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore
Nome Community United Methodist Church for the
Nome Ministerial Association

As we get closer to Christmas we are waiting for many things – waiting to see what we are going to get from Santa or another special person; waiting for the look on the face of the one whom we will be giving a special gift; waiting to make those special treats that we always make this time of year; waiting for that particular Christmas Party we look forward to every year; waiting for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony; waiting to sing our favorite Christmas hymns; waiting for the day that we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; waiting in this season known as Advent.

Advent is the season that begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. These weeks before Christmas we are encouraged to prepare our hearts and minds and souls to receive Christ. When we think of Christmas and its true meaning, we remember that Christmas is the day we celebrate Jesus' birth. When Jesus was born God became human and lived among us. Jesus' birth was the beginning of a new era – a way for God to reconcile Himself with all of humanity. In this season not only do we look back 2000 years and remember and relive the birth of Jesus, but we also look ahead to the second coming of Jesus. No one

knows when Jesus will return again – only God knows.

This second coming of Jesus is a time that many have been looking forward to for generations. Many of the early Christians believed that Christ would indeed return during their lifetime. There are many in our generation too who believe that Christ will return in our lifetime. Christ's second coming means that the fullness of the Kingdom of God will be revealed. In God's Kingdom, there will be no more hurt, no more pain, people will be whole.

While no one knows when the second coming of Christ will occur, we must prepare our hearts. There are many ways to prepare our hearts. Going to church is one way to prepare our hearts. Also spending time in reading of the Bible and reflecting on scripture passages is another way to prepare our hearts. Another way to prepare our hearts is to think of those areas in your life that are distracting your relationship with God. Perhaps there is a relationship that needs patching up or a friend or family member you have not contacted in a while.

God wants a relationship with each one of us. If your relationship with God has become distant, what better time than Advent to get closer to God? If you don't have a Bible, I am sure that you can visit any church and they would be happy to give you one. Ask and you shall receive. Let us prepare our hearts as we get ready for Christmas.

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Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

— Pastor Bruce Landry

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2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**

Sunday 11 a.m. Worship

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

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

Nome Covenant Church

101 Bering St. **443-2565 • Pastor Harvey**

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

Wednesday: Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study, Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

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

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River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333

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Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527

Corner of Steadman and Kings Place

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

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

Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.

Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Christian School

M-F, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Grades 1-9

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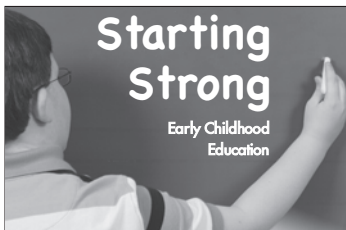
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Scissors skills



By Kari Lyon, Director of Kawerak Child Care Services

Helping the young children in your life develop skills with scissors is an important step in preparing them for school.

I know what you're all thinking, "Scissors skills! Is she crazy?" Well, yes and no!

Scissors skills help the muscle development in the hands and the ever-important eye-hand coordination. All children need activities to help develop and strengthen these important areas of development.

Here are a few ideas that may help with scissors skills.

- Have a special area in which children can work, their own workspace, and keep letting them know that this is the only place they should use scissors. Never leave them unsupervised while they have a pair of scissors. Child-sized scissors can be purchased with just about every child arts and crafts kit here in town. Some of the stores may even sell the scissors

individually. Have your child use only child-sized scissors, not adult-sized, for the larger scissors will be difficult for children to handle.

- If you are introducing scissors to your child for the first time, show your child how scissors work. Have them open and close their thumb to their other four fingers to get an idea of the hand movement.

- For children under the age of 3, give them a piece of paper and let them have at it. They can cut the piece of paper into a million pieces, though most of the time they will just make small cuts to the edges of the paper, not being able to cut all the way though. For most children this age, if they want to use both hands on the scissors that is OK. They still have time before the start of kindergarten to get the correct hand movement. For children older than 3 with a bit more exposure to scissors, having them hold the scissors the correct way is best, but be there to help. Drawing fat lines on paper for them to follow while cutting is wonderful. Don't draw just straight lines, draw wavy lines, zigzag lines, half-circles, all sorts of lines for them to follow.

- Young children working on scissor skills will need help with holding the paper. This is a wonderful way to stay involved with their learning and progress. You hold the

paper and turn it while the child uses the scissors. Before you know it, the child's eye-hand coordination will burst forth and they will want to do everything! Be there to supervise and encourage your child's progress!

If you have any questions regarding any area of development of your child, there are several agencies in town here to help. You can contact Kawerak Child Care Services, Infant Learning (ages 0 to 3),

Nome Elementary School, Nome Preschool, the hospital and Head Start.

Keep reading Starting Strong for other ideas to inspire learning in your child.



Photo by Denise Olin

COME AND GET IT—Volunteers Dion Williams, Jeremy Head and Jane Olson serve Thanksgiving dinner to those who came to celebrate with freinds or family and other volunteers on Nov. 27. At left are Alexis Hutson and Lois Larsen.



Horoscope

Dec. 4 - Dec. 10

All Signs: Happy Full Moons are alike; each unhappy Full Moon is unhappy in its own way. (Tolstoy an astrologer?) The Full Moon on Friday, Dec 12 will be tough. And the day before (Thursday the 11th) will be equally tough, maybe more so. The day before any Full Moon is when tension builds (sometimes we feel it several days ahead of time); and on this particular day, another planetary tension occurs: fiery Mars fights with explosive Uranus! The next day on the Full Moon, Mercury (communications) lines up with Pluto (Darth Vader:) Stinging words! It's an accident prone time verbally and physically! Wise readers will keep their heads down and their powder dry. Stay frosty. Avoid fights. (I hate arguing with people who know what they're talking about.)

Aries (March 21-April 19) The Full Moon on Friday introduces conditions for the entire week that are accident prone for you both verbally and physically. Forewarned is forearmed! Meanwhile back at the ranch, you know how you shoot from the hip. You think and speak quickly without hesitation. Therefore, do your best to be mindful; censor your thoughts and responses before blurting out something you might later regret. In particular, steer clear of political and religious arguments as well as issues related to race, publishing, the media, higher education, medicine, and the law. Hmmm, the only thing left to talk about is sex and food - and food is fattening!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Big stuff is happening about money, possessions or both this week. In fact, it looks like something is coming to a head. It could be a dispute about shared possessions, or to what degree you're putting your own interests before the interests of someone else? It might involve your job or your earnings; and it could also relate to conflict about shared property, taxes, debt, inheritances and insurance matters. It looks like arguments are likely. (You hate this.) Essentially, you're a peace loving sign; except for the fact that many of you have Aries in you, so in the midst of your peace loving impulses you're also a rat terrier. (You know who you are.) Rrrrrr!!!

Gemini (May 21-June 20) On Friday, the only Full Moon in your sign all year occurs. That in itself is a biggie—but this week, two other harsh, planetary configurations are taking place at the same time which hugely exacerbates things. Quarrels with partners and close friends are almost unavoidable. This could be a bummer. On the other hand (you have different fingers) you can't avoid this. So what are you going to do? For your own peace of mind, your only choice is to be more tolerant, more patient and not take the bait or beef about anything if a loved one is being a jerk. (Actually, this is the origin of the term beef jerk.)

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Expect disruptions and agitations with coworkers, customers and clients at work this week. You might have a difference of opinion with someone! For starters, you're ambitious right now and keen to work. You're setting a high standard for yourself, which means by comparison, it looks like others are lazy. (The bums!) Don't be judgmental about others just because they're not working as hard as you are. Mellow out! This increased stress could complicate health issues as well. In another vein (different arm) you might be disturbed about an issue with a pet. You'll be happiest if you can be patient with others and patient with yourself.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Difficulties with friends and members of groups are tough to avoid this week. Similarly, stress with children and romantic partners is the special on this week's menu. A quick glance reveals your problems are with people who matter a great deal to you—children, lovers, and friends. Why jeopardize these valuable relationships? If you carp, criticize or speak harshly, afterwards—everything will be even worse! You live through 12 Full Moons every year, and will continue to do so for the rest of your life. It's not like you can avoid this. Step up to the plate and demonstrate how the rest of us should behave. (No—not cursing and throwing things! Show us debonair diplomacy!)

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Oops. Increased tension with family, domestic issues, real estate matters and bosses, parents and VIPs will throw some curveballs your way this week. But you can catch, can't you? One problem is you're already sensitized by increased activity, chaos and tension on the home front. This increases your agitation and stress levels and decreases your patience and tolerance. Naturally, this combo makes you ripe for irritation with others. (Oh yeah? Yeah!) But this just starts a vicious circle

that is endless! Don't quarrel with others. It will only upset you. You don't need this. You need to be massaged and wrapped in cash. Aaaaah yes.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Like your fellow Air Sign Gemini, you're having an accident prone week. These mishaps will be physical or verbal or both. Something will irritate you and build up to the point where you really want to tear a strip off someone. But since it's the nature of Libra to seek out balance and harmony, when you get angry with others, you feel miserable, and in extreme cases you can make yourself sick. And your point is? Therefore, your first duty is to yourself. Duh? You need to maintain your sanity, your equilibrium and your peace of mind. To do this, don't blow a gasket about anything. Caprice? (And drive safely.)

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Financial matters are a headache this week. Don't worry; the entire week isn't a bummer. Your family scene looks warm and cozy. You might be entertaining at home or decorating where you live. There's lots of good, loving vibes within the family and your domestic scene. But your bank account! What happened? It's emptying out faster than filling up. Quarrels about money, shared property, taxes, debt and earnings could create added stress. But lo! What in yonder window gleams? Could it be a new source of income? Yes, praise be the gods of gold, it 'tis! Keep the faith, babes. You might be fighting, but you're also full of wonderful, moneymaking ideas. And just in time. Ka-ching!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) There's no doubt this will be a memorable week because it's the only Full Moon opposite your sign all year; and Mars is in your sign shaking its fist at Uranus (dumb!) while a Mercury/Pluto combo turns you into the heavy (most unusual) prompting you to give others a piece of your mind. Gasp! Now why would you give anyone a piece of your mind? Don't you need every piece for yourself? You're probably fed up with something. The last straw and all that. You believe the meek shall inherit the Earth but they're going to have to fight for it. Hey—angry words will not win out. You know this. Quite the contrary, in fact. Until they're part of the unchangeable past — you can still make a difference in the world!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're feeling a lot of stress right now but it's hidden. This is classic for Capricorn. You're very aware of your public reputation, and you don't like public displays of emotion, especially stressful emotions. You're a master of the stiff upper lip school. Nevertheless, these bottled up feelings could spill over into your job by creating tension with coworkers, especially female coworkers. This will lead you to saying something harsh or nasty and you'll regret it later. (Rats!) Therefore, why not ask yourself the obvious question right now: why would I do this? Exactly! If something is bothering you personally, don't let it leak out through little comments to others. This serves no purpose except to make you look like a schmuck. (You don't do schmuck.)

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) In astrology, each sign rules many things and each planet rules many things; but the big thing that Aquarius rules is — friendship. Friends are important! In fact, you're a net worker par excellence. This is why you have to tiptoe very carefully this week. The Full Moon combined with the harsh combo of planets (see All Signs above) will trigger nasty arguments with a friend or a member of a group. Never underestimate how harmful this is! Conflict with a friend makes you sleepless, distracted and even affects your appetite (excluding cheesecake, of course.) Your identity is tied up with your friendships. You have to water them, care for them, and protect them. Not blow them out of the water!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Blowups, disagreements and at best, mere difficulties might take place with parents, teachers, bosses, VIPs and the police this week. Omigawd. Don't get your belly in a rash. You're very ambitious right now and because of this, you're inclined to throw your weight around. You'll go to any extreme to get what you want (short of bartering your shoe collection.) Arguments with authority figures will arise, and these could turn nasty! Do something to calm yourself. Have a massage. Sometimes when the going gets tough—the tough go shopping. Do whatever it takes to maintain your cool and avoid doing something you might later regret. Save energy—be apathetic.

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11/27, 12/4, 12/11
Nome Public Schools is recruiting for two (2) positions:

Technology Specialist, District Wide- Bachelors Degree in Computer Science or Type A Alaska Teaching Certificate with Technology endorsement required. Basic understanding of network skills, including working knowledge wireless networks,

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12/4

Seawall

11/24
Jason West, DOB: 1/11/81, was arrested and booked into AMCC on an Arrest Warrant for Assault in the Third Degree, Domestic Violence and Misconduct Involving Weapons in the 4th Degree.
Harold Kimoktoak, DOB: 11/23/78, received a Summons to Appear.

Amos Thompson, DOB: 1/4/90, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree and also received a Citation for Failure to Register Vehicle.

11/25
A Nome juvenile female received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Randy Williams, DOB: 7/26/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC on two counts of Sexual Assault of a Minor in the 2nd Degree, Furnishing Alcohol to Persons under the Age of Twenty-one, and Parole Violation.

Randall Huffman, DOB: 12/17/70, was arrested and booked into AMCC on an Arrest Warrant for Violating Condition of Release.

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.

John Penetac, DOB: 11/12/64, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree.

11/26
Kyle Mike, DOB: 12/20/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 2nd Degree and Violating Conditions of Probation.

George Dan, DOB: 8/27/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Misconduct Involving Weapons in the 3rd Degree.

Michael Dewey, DOB: 7/20/67, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree.

11/27
Don McClain, DOB: 7/1/49, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

John Saclamana, DOB: 12/19/81, was ar-

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Trooper Beat

On November 20, at about 1:30 p.m., VPSO Winfred Olanna Jr. of Brevig Mission reported he was investigating the theft of approximately 30 gallons of heating fuel from the school's bulk fuel tank. A suspect has been identified and charges are pending for Theft III.

On November 21, at 11:50 a.m., AST arrested Charlotte Apatiki, 29, of Gambell, on a \$2,500.00 outstanding arrest warrant. Apatiki's original charges were Misconduct Involving Weapons IV, and Assault III. Apatiki was remanded to AMCC without incident.

On November 21, at 12:00 p.m., AST investigated a report of check forgery in Gambell. Investigation shows that several checks, valued at over \$2,000.00, were cashed without proper authorization. Investigation continues.

On November 21, at 11:50 p.m., Savoonga Village Public Safety Officer John Peratrovich received a report of a domestic disturbance in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Leann Gologergen, 25, of Savoonga, for Assault 4 and Criminal Mischief 5. Gologergen was remanded to the AMCC.

On November 22, at 12:40 a.m., Savoonga VPSO Peratrovich arrested Jasmin Akeya, 21, of Savoonga, for Disorderly Conduct. Subsequent to contact, Akeya was also charged with Resisting Arrest. Akeya was remanded to AMCC.

On November 24, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement received a call from a local air carrier in Nome, stating that a damaged postal parcel had alcohol bottles inside. Investigation revealed that the box was headed for Savoonga, and contained 10-750ml bottles of alcohol. Suspect(s) have been identified and the investigation continues.

On November 24, Stebbins VPOs received a report that Erik Milligrock, 23, of Stebbins, had assaulted his 21-year old brother. His brother did not require medical attention. Milligrock had also violated his probation. On November 25, Milligrock was arrested and transported to Nome for arraignment. Alcohol was involved.

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Legals

St. Michael Native Corporation

Saint Michael Native Corporation (SMNC) has begun its reconveyance program under 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The reconveyances will be for land around Saint Michael which was occupied by individuals/organizations on December 18, 1971 as either: (1), a primary place of residence; (2), primary place of business; (3), subsistence campsite; (4), headquarters for reindeer husbandry; or (5), site of a nonprofit organization. Application forms and further information are available from:

John Pius Henry Jr, SMNC Land Planner
P.O. Box 59049
Saint Michael, AK 99659
Telephone: (907) 923-2594
Email: SMNCLandPlanner@gmail.com
mySpace: www.myspace.com/smnclandplanner

The myspace site will contain copies of the documents and relevant posting information. Starting July 18, 2008, applications will be accepted until December 17, 2008.

10/9, 10/30, 11/6, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11

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

In the Matter of:
R.A. 10/14/90)
P.A. 10/10/94)
R.A. 12/27/92)
Children Under the Age)
of Eighteen (18) Years.)
Case Nos. 2NO 08-10/11/12 CN
SUMMONS
To: Robert Savage
Unknown Address

BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF ALASKA you are hereby summoned to appear before the Superior Court for the State of Alaska in a Children's Proceeding to be held at Nome, in the Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, 113 Front St, Room 230, on January 15, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., and to be then and there subject to the orders of this court in a matter affecting said children who are the subject of a petition filed in this court under the provisions of AS 47.10.010—230, a copy of which petition is attached hereto and made a part of this summons as though set forth in full herein. You, or the above named children, have the right to be represented by an attorney at the hearing, or at any other hearing, held in this matter. If you want an attorney, but cannot afford one, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you, or the children or both you and the children as the case may be, at state expense. The court has the power to terminate the relationship of parent and child, should the facts warrant such action, and you are hereby advised of that possibility. In the event you fail to appear in accordance with the foregoing summons, you may give up your right to support or oppose the petition. DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this October 8, 2008.
11/20-27-12/4-11

BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Bering Strait School District is requesting Proposals / Statements of Qualifications from interested General Contractors for participation in the "team-build" construction method for design and remodel of the High School and replacement of the Gymnasium in Unalakleet, Alaska. Proposals will be received at Kumin Associates, 808 E St,

Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 until 2:00 PM December 16, 2008. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by selection committee and will not be publicly opened or read aloud.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at Kumin Associates, Wednesday, December 9, 2008, at 2:00 PM at the office of Kumin Associates. Proposers are not required to attend.

Project Scope: The Unalakleet High School/Gymnasium Project includes demolition and replacement of the gymnasium, locker rooms, music room and weight room - approximately 11,550 SF. It also includes a remodel of approximately 13,800 SF including high school areas, utility building and wood shop. Work will include minor site development and utility extensions. The existing and new construction is International Building Code (IBC) Type V-B, non-rated, with a sprinkler system throughout as required per State of Alaska mandate for education buildings. Wood structural members will be used, with interior wood/metal stud partitions and a metal roof and insulated exterior walls.

The project also includes pre-construction services to assist the design team in completion of the Construction Documents. A guaranteed maximum price (GMP) based on completed design development documents will be required. Pre-construction activities are planned to begin in January 2009. Construction is anticipated to begin in May 2009, with completion of the entire facility scheduled for August 2010.

Copies of the complete Request for Proposals may be obtained at the following location, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment of \$20.00 per set, plus a \$10.00 fee if mailing is required. Make checks payable to Kumin Associates, Inc.

Kumin Associates, Inc.
808 E Street, Suite 200
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Tel. 907-272-8833
Fax. 907-272-7733
No proposal will be accepted unless the Bering Strait School District has formally issued an RFP to the proposer. The Bering Strait School District reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all proposals.
12/4, 12/11

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME CASE NO: 2NO-08-00250CI ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING

In the Matter of a Change of Name for: Peter Onosa'i Curtis Ellanna,

Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior court (Case #2NO-08-00250CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Peter Onosa'i Curtis Ellanna to Peter Onosa'i Ellanna. A hearing on this request will be held on February 10, 2009 at 4:00 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.
12/4-11-18-25


IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ALBERTO S. CABRERA,
Deceased.

Case No. 2NO-08-44 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given Christina Cabrera 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 Christina Cabrera, 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 this 25th day of November, 2008.

H. Conner Thomas, ABA#8006049
Attorney for Personal Representative
12/4, 12/8, 12/11



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Mountain goes on. The competition he has curtailed, but that old boy dealer must be awfully slick to avoid his notice. A while back, the dealer even babysat the village in an official capacity while Harrelson was gone. In this case I'd rename the VPSO program, "Federally Administered Tribal Area Law enforcement". Acronym of F.A.T.A.L.

I see at Board meetings the closed door to the public, the cult of secrecy, the virtually Stalinist purging and degradation of competent personnel, and financial recklessness that Dan, and dubiously elected Board member Don Stiles have subjected NSEDC to. This is without precedent here or in any CDQ group. At a time when Congress is showing little patience or pity for the excesses of even the largest corporations, it can be presumed that more of this anarchy, or nihilism, will threaten the program's very existence. Specifically, Congress mandated that every CDQ group give a financial accounting to its constituents and also the pay of the top ten employees. NSEDC is to date in contempt of Congress's mandate. And 2008 has nearly past. The clock is ticking.

There are rumors of large investment losses and many millions in other liabilities. Not to mention the legal cloud Dan is under as he is sued for "Tortuous Interference" by former partners with NSEDC paying the tab. The second time a body of which Dan is an elected member has run across this charge in court. Lightning striking twice? Or is there a pattern emerging here?

Robin Thomas made some good points in last week's letter. I referenced the same multiplier effect years back in a letter to *The Nugget* when we were buying Glacier Fish, urging more investment at home. The policy for no bonus was a Board policy formulated by Don Stiles. He deserves due credit. But when you're bleeding perhaps tens of millions behind closed doors it's conveniently distracting to promote a little acrimony over a few thousand.

Rob mentioned Stebbins. It's now the second largest community in Norton Sound at a population a little over 900 and connected by road to a natural harbor and bulk fuel storage in St. Michael. Untouched pink salmon pass by going to the Yukon and the Sound. Herring school there and it has the best ice for winter crabbing in Norton Sound. While on the Fisheries Development Committee I got NSEDC to contract with two world renowned researchers to develop a sustainable fisheries economy in Norton Sound based on local consensus. Had they simply been allowed to do their job, we could have moved mountains. Government would have matched NSEDC's contributions based on their expertise.

After staff meddling, one resigned, the other wrote a report with some constructive criticism, which has been officially buried by the Corporation. All attempts at transformative development in Norton Sound have been subservient to the public relations machine that protects the factory trawl industry. Political silence from the residents of western Alaska is imperative. One of the first things these experts were asked by staff to do was to explain why there could be no fishery development in Stebbins. Quyanna ,Simon Kineen. Wilfred should recruit a manager and build a world class fishery from the sea up.

After our 80 million dollar purchase of the largest factory trawler in America, the Pollock is at its lowest quota in 30 years.

The relentless purge of competence at NSEDC has taken its toll: Chris Cook, who had a well researched plan for an Anchorage retail outlet and internet sales strategy, was a responsible financial manager. Steve Rieger who was a one man corporation and world class investor, growing NSEDC by leaps and bounds. He was also the lone opponent among the CDQ groups of the monopolistic, unconstitutional flaws in Crab Rationalization. The true reason crab prices are depressed across Alaska. Gone is John Zuck who

wrote a lot of the fine print that kept the program in compliance in its early years.

This has not been a thoughtful transition; but more of a "Menendez Brothers Management" takeover. They've figuratively shotgunned their corporate parents, who demanded they live within their means, blew their inheritance, and now at least one is headed for trial.

But they are rewarding themselves fabulously. NSEDC is a slot machine for corporate officers. Huge salaries, great per diem, large stipends — all the while spinning off new corporations and entities for more heftily paid perks. Every board meeting is a carefully staged and controlled event to grab more. Paying themselves to pay themselves more. Honest board members might as well be caribou in the headlights of a turbocharged Haul Road semitractor. Get off the way or be run down!

Dan and Don are giving themselves, as board members of Siu Corporation, 50 percent of its stock. Stock that legitimately belongs to the communities of Norton Sound that signed off year after year on NSEDC's management. NSEDC gets half, but when the rules are that there are no rules, they can run the printing press and create more stock and dilute NSEDC's stake. Don has turned the "Rules and Bylaws" committee into "Misrule by Outlaws." His sole talent is for mendacity. Village governments in Norton Sound should demand their 50 percent stake of it, which comprises all of NSEDC's taxable assets. If not it will be a closed company with no proper scrutiny.

Stalin did win WW2, even after purging his greatest generals. Roosevelt's Lend Lease program, shutting aircraft along a route from the Lower 48 to Siberia, helped tilt the balance of power toward the Allies at the Siege of Stalingrad. The tide of war turned. Perhaps with so many skilled executives out of work in the States, we could fund a Lend Lease Program for CEO's of NSEDC. Until of course they in turn are purged in the next pogrom.

My first suggestion to our new CEO, who is intelligent, and has potential if she acts with audacity and courage, would be to open an office on Front Street and bring NSEDC home. It's time for a New Deal, and a Marshall Plan for Norton Sound. Time would also prove it the wisest course. Respectfully, Eric Osborne Nome, AK

Dear Editor,

NSEDC used to draft a Community Development Plan every few years and submit it to the state and fed oversight. I believe that has changed significantly. I would like to break down the annual budget as best I can without really knowing the numbers in an effort to point out the value of paying fisherman a fair market value for their product. Firstly I would define fair market value as the average price of product sold over a certain period of time. The FMV is established through needs of the fisherman and negotiation and compromise with the processors and is usually protected by law from monopolization or antitrust such as price fixing.

Having already discussed the community benefits of Local Economic Multipliers LEM, I would like to examine a hypothetical local fisheries development plan where the product is harvested locally, processed locally, and largely distributed and consumed locally. The plan will demonstrate the savings and benefits of localized fishery economy where the bulk of the product is distributed locally with room for further development of value added products or alternative energy, should the budget allow.

We must recognize that the fisheries economy in Norton Sound has predominantly shown a diminishing return. However we must also agree that the larger CDQ harvest of Pollock has replenished those diminishing returns annually to the tune of approximately 10 million annually in

net revenues . Some of that revenue may now be under the umbrella of the SIU for profit subsidiary. Let's say that the profits from pollock are X and the cost of maintaining those profits is one third of X and this includes management and upgrades to vessels. Two-thirds of X is available for local fisheries management, operations and development. The education endowment fund was supposed to be self generating with \$10 million in a diversified portfolio.

For the sake of argument, local fisheries operations include current grounds price and production and local distribution of herring, salmon, crab, halibut and cod. Fisheries development would include future fisheries infrastructure improvements such as processing equipment, machinery and alternative energy turbines and photovoltaic. Management will include two plant managers and two Forman and plant processors and maintenance personnel. This budget is for harvesting existing fish biomass and not for small scale fishery enhancement science projects which seem to cost a lot of money but not deliver a lot of fish. A large-scale hatchery may work but is currently unacceptable under fish and game oversight. The budget may include fishery surveys, but the surveys should be local hire, pragmatic and practical and not theoretical based on algorithms or computer data, etc. such as trawl surveys. The 20% non-fishery community benefit will come from incomes generated by SIU.

So hypothetically if X = 10 million then 6.6 million should be available for local fisheries management which also includes the loan program, and accounting, meetings etc. I would suggest that local fisheries management be outsourced similar to the creation of Siu corp. Fisheries management could be run by a board of directors who are current commercial marine harvesters and elected by marine harvesters to represent the individual fisheries. The current NSEDC board would provide community oversight of fisheries operations but would remain an arm's length from the day-to-day management.

The key to a successful local fishery is to keep the interest level and effort levels of the harvesters afloat economically and to keep the community in support of the fishing fleet by providing job opportunity and quality seafood products on the table. Also the Bering Sea Pollock profits need to be sustained under the umbrella of NSEDC in order to support the local fishing industry. This is not to say that all products should be kept local. Individual harvesters should be allowed to try free market capital ventures via direct marketing, etc. with the help of the local processor. However expenses should not be subsidized in these ventures and the harvester should only attempt direct marketing at his own risk so as not to take advantage of the CDQ program, which is intended to benefit the community as a whole an not just individual entrepreneurs.

Grounds prices must be established which can sustain a skipper and his vessel, crew and their families at least throughout the fishing season which includes one month prior to the season in preparation, as is true for the fish plant processors wages. (No individual should be required to subsidize the local fishing economy from borrowing money from an outside source such as mom and dad or credit cards.) These number come from the bottom up, so to speak, and must match the numbers coming down in the form of an annual grant from NSEDC to sustain a local fishery economy based on economic multipliers.

How that budget is created or broken down will be hinged on careful examination of the fixed and variable costs of living and operations.

Offhand I would venture to say grounds prices should meet or beat \$11b for salmon, 50 cents for herring. \$3.50 for crab and halibut. \$1for cod by-catch. These numbers are based on relative difficulty and operational overhead ad abundance and length of fishery.

The product would be packed and distributed to local community

food banks. This would relieve the current overhead of marketing out of the region, and the product becomes a Local Economic Multiplier. This is not to say that all the product would always be distributed locally, should the export market allow a profit equal to or better than the LEM or should there be an excess or glut of product. However, if the product is dried and stored properly there should be no glut. Old product may be fed to dog teams which are a valuable and traditional, green alternative to snowmobiles and airplanes.

Robin Thomas
Nome, Ak.99762

Dear Editor:
Re: Bering Straits Housing Authority

I am writing about the shortage of house here at Elim. Some people had mentioned that there is one home vacant here at Elim. My daughters and her two children ages one and three years old do not have a home to call their own because of a domestic violence between the kid's father and my daughter. They are currently staying with me at my brother's log cabin, which I am renting right now.

There is barely enough room for two more or lest three people. They are sleeping on the floor, which is very cold even they are using an air mattress. I would appreciate help from one of our Senators or any one especially during the holiday season.

I feel this is an emergency because no one is suppose to be living with me and my boyfriend, according to our landlord. Please help someone!

God Bless you all.
Thank you,
Bessie Murray
Elim, AK 99739

Dear Editor,
With my daughter's permission I'm writing this letter. Not very lone ago my daughter was a victim of a very sick crime, every mother's worst nightmare. We moved back home last year, and as soon as we got back I got us both into counseling. I find the people at Behavioral Health are the best to help through my situation.

Another thing happened when we moved back. Being a teenager is a little more "stressing" now then when I was a teenage. My daughter was being called the worst names, which was like being a victim all over again. As a result of a fight she ended up with an assault charge and has had a case ever since.

Since then we've been gone away from home for a few months, and once again a bad thing happened that shouldn't. I think when a little girl loses her childhood it not only changes things, it lets the girl do things you never even expected them to do. You know she's done things that are not right, but she's paying for them now. I just wish that in these sorts of "cases" that they'd treat the victim with a little more respect and help them, not treat them like they just murdered someone.

All I wish is, for us is to be happy again and not worry about anything anymore. We are planning to go back home soon. And I just pray my daughter can ignore what the kids say and do. It's just a shame that they can't see things from a different point of view after such a bad change of life, then just trying to get the right help for it later on.

It's hard, sad, and tough, it kind of reminds me of the movie, which was based on a true story: *A Time to Kill*. Only in that movie the sad thing is... that little girl was unable to have children after what happened.

But also in the ending of the movie it was a white lawyer in the south defending this black family. In the end he told the jurors in his closing statement, "now pretend she was white." And that to me just says (my daughter being Native) the same difference with all this stuff we are still dealing with.

So I wish and pray for no mother and daughter to go through what we went through. When we get back home I pray those other teenagers will be a little more considerate to another teenager who struggles for happiness.
Thank you,
Mary Jo Trigg
Juneau, AK 99801

**Don't forget:
Have fun at the
Firemen's Carnival
Saturday evening from
7 p.m. till midnight
Nome Rec Center**

**King Island Native
Community IRA
Council Elections**



- December 13, 2008
- 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Nome Mini Convention Center

The IRA council will convene a meeting of the membership at 1:30 p.m. to be followed by a potluck.

Hope to see you there!

12/4, 12/11

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rested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.
11/28
Lavonne Martin, DOB: 3/10/83, received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.
Dawnelle Apangalook, DOB: 1/11/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Release and Providing False Information to a Peace Officer.
11/29
A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title-47, Protective Custody Hold.
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Justin Katcheak, DOB: 1/16/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
A Nome male was transported to the hospital

on a Title-47, Protective Custody Hold.
A Gambell male was transported to the hospital on a Title-47, Protective Custody Hold.
Michael Dewey, DOB: 7/20/67, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.
Al Wayne Koonooka, DOB: 11/10/65, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
Edward Anasogak, DOB: 11/2/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree.
Marsha Lee, DOB: 7/5/72, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
11/30 A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title-47, Protective Custody Hold.



ENGAGED—Charles Fuerstenau and Stephenie Culp of Delphos, Ohio have announced their engagement. A June 12, 2010, wedding in North-western Ohio is being planned. Stephenie is a junior at Bowling Green State University (Ohio) majoring in social work and Charles (a former Nomeite) is currently a junior at the University of Toledo majoring in religious studies. Stephenie is the daughter of Eugene and Caroline Culp of Delphos, Ohio. Charles is the son of Mark and Donnajean Fuerstenau of Delphos and Alice R. Fuerstenau of Spencerville, Ohio and grandson of Frances Charles of Unalakleet and Doris and Charlie Fuerstenau of Richmond, Michigan. Charles proposed to Stephenie at the finish line of an 8 kilometer race held in conjunction with the Philadelphia Marathon on Saturday, November 23.



THANKSGIVING FEAST— Residents of Brevig Mission, a community on the western end of the Seward Peninsula gathered at the Brevig Mission school gym for a traditional Thanksgiving Day feast of ham, turkey and reindeer with all the trimmings. It was a relaxing get together cooked, served and shared by members of the community of Brevig Mission.

Photo by Kim Matthews

All Around the Sound

New Arrival

Marie E. Ningevalook and Larry T. Sereadlook of Wales announce the birth of their daughter **Ida Danelle**

Rose Sereadlook, born November 22 at 8:20 p.m. She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18” in length. Siblings are Vanessa E.M.

Johnson, 17, from Nome; and Jacob R. Okbaok, 13, from Teller. Maternal grandparents are Sarah Okbaok of Teller, and Harry Al Ningevalook of Shishmaref. Paternal grandparents are Pete and Lena Sereadlook of Wales.

Nominated

Gov. Sarah Palin nominated Nomeite Simon Kinneen for appointment to the Bering Sea Fishery Advisory Board Nov. 18.

Kinneen is the community development quota manager for Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.

The 12-member Bering Sea Fishery Advisory Board advises the International Consultative Committee in its negotiations with the Russian Federation on Bering Sea fisheries issues, primarily regarding pollock fishing in international waters. It includes both public members with experience in and knowledge of fishery issues, and state fishing officials from Alaska and Washington state. The governor’s nominees are subject to final appointment by the U.S. Secretary of State.

Kinneen also serves on the North Pacific Marine Science Foundation board of directors and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Advisory Panel. He is a former member of the North Pacific Research Board Advisory Panel and the

Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation board of directors.

Palin also nominated Juneau resident Dave Benton for appointment to

the board. Benton is the executive director of the Marine Conservation Alliance.



FAREWELL—Linda Peters bids farewell to the Nome Community after nearly three decades of service to Nome. Linda arrived as a KNOM volunteer, and she is leaving for Palmer on Friday, Dec. 5. This photo was taken at St. Joseph church on Sunday.

CITY OF NOME

Public Notice

Reminder: City of Nome issued Licenses and Permits for 2008 expire on 12/31/08. The following Licenses and Permits should now be renewed for 2009:

- Sales Tax License
- Health Permit
- Hotel/Motel License
- Pulltab License
- Resale Certificate
- Animal License
- Chauffeur’s License
- Taxi Cab License
- Motor Bus License

IT IS ALSO TIME TO APPLY FOR EXEMPTIONS FOR:

Municipal Tax Exemption - DUE by February 2, 2009
Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran’s Property Tax Exemption - DUE February 2, 2009

Contact the City Clerk’s office if you have questions **443-6663**
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Court

Week ending 11/28
Civil

No Civil Cases filed

Small Claims

No Small Claims filed

Week ending 11/28

State of Alaska v. Edgar M. Jackson, Sr. (6/22/45); Count 1: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 7/26/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002) (by information); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 40 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 1/9/09; Recommend Seaside Center, CRC; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 9/1/09; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/26/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol in such community; Person and baggage subject to warrantless search at any airport traveling to local option communities; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Elliott M. Eakon, Jr. (7/20/79); Promoting Contraband 2°; Date of offense: 11/2/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, consecutive to any other sentence; Forfeit contraband homebrew to State; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Jamone E. Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-150CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526454; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, approximately 26 days, consecutive to the term in Case 2NO-08-574CR, 2NO-08-671CR, 2NO-08-788CR and the revocation in 2NO-08-475CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-475CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697363; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 11/24/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, consecutive to the term in Case 2NO-08-574CR, 2NO-08-671CR, 2NO-08-788CR and the revocation in 2NO-08-150CR; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in

the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-574CR Count 1: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 8/10/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to all other cases: 08-150CR, 08-475CR, 08-671CR, 08-788CR; Recommend Seaside; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined within 30 days; Probation until 11/24/10, subject to the following conditions: same as 2NO-08-788CR.

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-671CR Count 1: Assault 4° on Police; Date of offense: 9/27/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2, 3 (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to all other cases: 08-150CR, 08-475CR, 08-574CR, 08-788CR; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 11/24/10, subject to the following conditions: same as 2NO-08-788CR.

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-788CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 10/31/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, all days suspended; (Seaside recommended); Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/24/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions or probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment within 30 days of release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Jonathan Elachik (8/17/76); 2NO-08-519CR Count 2: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 7/24/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 1, 3 (001, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-08-835CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount \$100 to Marjean Otten; Probation until 11/24/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment within 30 days of release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare available through VBC.

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State of Alaska v. Jonathan Elachik (8/17/76); 2NO-08-835CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/18/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC and consecutive to 2NO-08-519CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Jones (6/14/82); 2NO-07-311CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110003418; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 11/24/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Jones (6/14/82); 2NO-08-815CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/11/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 45 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/25/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Jobeth Adsuna (6/27/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109064394; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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State of Alaska v. Ada Snowball (3/10/78); 2NO-06-338CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109062432; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Ada Snowball (3/10/78); 2NO-08-342CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 5/23/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/8/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Norman L. Kokeok (3/24/86); Reckless Driving; Date of offense: 8/15/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 150 days, 150 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 30 days concurrent with DMV action; any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 11/26/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, (including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, reckless driving); Shall not possess or consume alcohol, not be where alcohol is present; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for a period of 2 years from date of this judgment (11/26/08).

State of Alaska v. Delight Aukon (3/22/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697957; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days; Must pay the suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Marvin Kulowiyyi, Jr. (1/1/77); Dismissal; Count 1: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Count 2: Transporting Alcohol by Carrier to Dry Area; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 11/18/08.

State of Alaska v. Mervin C. Kulowiyyi (4/15/81); Dismissal; Count 1: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Count 2: Transporting Alcohol by Carrier to Dry Area; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 11/18/08.

State of Alaska v. Anatole N. Bogeyaktuk (11/8/79); Dismissal; Count II: Violation of Condition of Release From a Misdemeanor; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 11/18/08.

State of Alaska v. Kristen Kulowiyyi (11/2/83); 2NO-06-864CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110067444; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 80 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-646CR; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Kristen Kulowiyyi (11/2/83); 2NO-08-646CR Count 1: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 9/8/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 160 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-06-864CR; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 12/31/09; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/26/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol in such community; Not be where alcohol is present; Person and baggage subject to warrantless search at any airport; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

olation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Charles Slwooko (11/7/76); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826648; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 11/24/09; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Paula Sarah Myomick (2/7/70); 2NO-08-573CR Assault 4°; Date of offense: 7/6/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 240 days, 200 days suspended; Unsuspended 40 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-08-837CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/24/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly M.N., victim; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Paula Myomick (2/7/70); 2NO-08-873CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/18/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-08-573CR; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/24/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Morgan Annogiyuk (1/8/51); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109417356; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 23 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Gordon Paul (8/16/62); Criminal Trespass 1°; Date of offense: 10/5/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Anita Marie Soolook (9/22/68); Count 1: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 6/30/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 80 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 12/7/08; Fine: \$1,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 10/1/09; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/24/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Person and baggage subject to warrantless search at any airport; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Harold Roy Kiyuklook (2/13/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109523799; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, shall report to AMCC by 1/5/09; Pending report to AMCC, defendant remains subject to the Order and Conditions of Release entered 10/24/08; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Emily Ann Lockwood (5/24/84); 2NO-08-517CR Count 2: Assault 4°; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 7/24/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Count (Charges) Dismissed by State: (001, 004) counts 1, 4); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 1/16/09; Immediate remand for probation violation in count 3; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

bation violation in count 3; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Emily Ann Lockwood (5/24/84); 2NO-08-517CR Count 3: Criminal Mischief 4°; Date of offense: 7/24/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 1, 4 (001, 004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined within 30 days; Probation until 11/24/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Warrantless search of person and baggage at airports; Other: Not be where alcohol is present.

State of Alaska v. Garrett Oozevaseuk (9/10/80); 2NO-06-204CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109063548; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Garrett Oozevaseuk (9/10/80); 2NO-08-609CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Charge 002: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 11/21/08.

State of Alaska v. Cortland Butch Anseth (5/6/47); Dismissal; Count I: Failure to Stop at Direction of a Peace Officer; Filed by the DAs Office 11/25/08.

State of Alaska v. Letia Martin (3/8/84); Harassment 2°; Date of offense: 9/12/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/21/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store except for work purposes; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Mitchell (6/24/84); 2NO-07-954CR Notice of Dismissal; Petition to Revoke Probation #1; Filed by the DAs Office 11/24/08.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Mitchell (6/24/84); 2NO-07-967CR Notice of Dismissal; Petition to Revoke Probation #1; Filed by the DAs Office 11/24/08.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Mitchell (6/24/84); 2NO-08-338CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Driving with License Suspended/Revoked; Filed by the DAs Office 11/24/08.

State of Alaska v. Donald Oliver (12/21/79); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 11/24/08.

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State of Alaska v. Lolene Buck (12/16/73); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 11/24/08.

State of Alaska v. Thelma Ahkvaluk (3/13/88); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110696121; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: the condition that defendant not return to Nome without the court written permission is hereby deleted; Add: Defendant shall prepare for and complete GED requirements prior to the end of her probation; Probation extended to 11/21/09; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 6 days, not to exceed time served; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Randall Takak (7/2/81); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 11/21/08.

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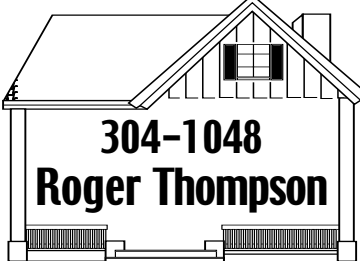
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CLEANING THE BIRD (left)—Shanna Moeder works to get every last bit off the turkey as she volunteers at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the XYZ Center last Thursday.

HAPPILY FED—Luda Adsuna, 13 months, relaxes in the arms of Barb Apok after eating at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

• Dinner

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tures and unplowed streets to get their turkey and trimmings. The previous day Nome received a record amount of snowfall for the date. Inside, however, Nomeites found warm conversation, great food and eager volunteers to get them that refill for their cup of coffee or a piece of pie for dessert. Best of all, it was all offered for free.

Some entire families gathered at one of the many tables set up at the XYZ Center. Others came on their own and found old friends or new acquaintances with whom to dine. Some took their meal to go. Others had their meals delivered by Lance Johnson and others from the Nome Community Center.

Bringing all the food and volunteers together falls on the shoulders of Breanne MacFarland, who has coordinated the massive meal that annually feeds hundreds of Nomeites for the last four years. MacFarland said the number of those attending the dinner this year was just slightly down from last Thanksgiving. She noted, however, that more people came to volunteer their time.

The dinner is funded by donations from local businesses and organizations. Stores donate the turkeys and volunteers cook them at their homes before taking them to the XYZ Center. Many more hands help in serving the food, washing the dishes, setting the tables and just simply making sure guests are getting what they need.

The dinner lives up to its name as a community event. While the meal is served for free, there is a communal feel

to the dinner rather than a charity event.

"I've tried to broaden it out as a community dinner," MacFarland said. "A lot of single people come and eat so they can have dinner with others in the community."

Humbly, MacFarland would not divulge the number of hours she spends putting the event together, but did say it gets easier each year as the various vendors she approaches for donations become accustomed to her requests. She also acknowledged the help provided by the volunteers and donations made by businesses and organizations.

"To me, Thanksgiving is about community; that's why I really enjoy doing this," MacFarland said. "I like getting a huge group of people together to have a dinner."



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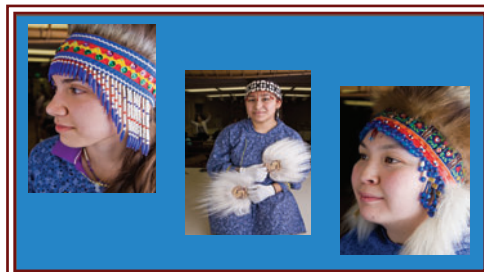
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