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SUNSHINE AND ICE—A cabin along the Nome-Council Highway stares out at the extensive sea ice anchored to the coast east of Nome.

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SCARY STORY—Jamison Thrun reads the tale he wrote about a werewolf at the Young Authors' Showcase May 6 at the Nome Elementary School commons. Thrun hid the disguised half of his face until the story's end, which warned of the creature's continued presence in the area.

EPA violations cost NovaGold nearly \$900,000

Fine covers sediment releases into three area creeks during mine's construction

By Tyler Rhodes

The owner and operator of the Rock Creek Mine has agreed to settle with the federal government to the tune of nearly \$900,000 for environmental violations.

According to a U.S. District Court filing May 12, NovaGold Resources Inc. has entered into a settlement agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency for what it alleges were Clean Water Act violations. The settlement, subject to a public comment period and court approval, calls for the Canadian mining firm to pay the federal government \$883,628.

"From April 2007 until September 2008, Alaska Gold and NovaGold violated their permit on multiple occasions by discharging storm water into Rock Creek, Lindblom Creek and Glacier Creek in violation of state water quality standards," reads a statement from the U.S. Department of Justice. "The companies also failed to adequately prepare and update a storm water pollution prevention plan and failed to implement and maintain best management practices to control the discharges."

Alaska Gold Co. is a subsidiary of NovaGold. The Rock Creek Mine has sat idle since last fall after NovaGold decided to suspend production due to mechanical and financial shortcomings.

According to Eva DeMaria, a

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Wind and sun put the arctic on thin ice

By Sandra L. Medearis

Sea ice grows and shrinks each year in the arctic, with the most coverage in March at the end of the cold, dark period, and the most open water in fall.

In the last several years, the ice has thinned or totally melted at record rates. This year, satellite observation shows that thinner new ice is replacing old, thicker ice, enabling various forces to continue to erode the shield that keeps arctic water from warming.

These changes come from variations in the amount of sun reaching the surface, as well as the amount of solar energy being absorbed and reflected off the water. A change in wind patterns lately also shoves ice around in patterns that affect ice formation.

Yeah, OK, so why do we give a rat? Shrinking sea ice affects animals and people, including negative affects on subsistence lifestyles. Sea ice affects global climates. Changing sea ice and navigation patterns have

pushed increasing interest in the north and its resources, raising possible conflicts in geopolitics.

Ice expert and professor Hajo Eicken of the University of Alaska Fairbanks addressed these concerns in his lecture May 6 at the UAF Northwest Campus in Nome. Eicken and other scientists outside of Alaska have been working with International Polar Year and National Science Foundation to determine what sorts of information communities and industry need to form

sound policies for use of arctic resources undergoing changing access. "We have to think about overlapping uses of the northern waters and plan for conflicting uses," Eicken said.

Recent years have shown smaller amounts of sea ice, making some scientists to think the Arctic Ocean may be totally without ice in summer sometime later this century, although ice will continue to form on the Arctic Ocean in winter.

The thinning and receding of the

ice will not be easy to reverse, Eicken said, but we can learn about the patterns and rates for thin ice or its utter disappearance that affects subsistence animals, brings change in lifestyles and raises transportation and international territorial issues. The science community, in partnership with northern communities, hopes to gain knowledge to share and predict effects to enable northern people to plan and

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Harvey joins police department, Erickson named ambulance chief

By Laurie McNicholas

Nicholas Harvey was sworn in as Police Officer I at the Nome Common Council meeting Monday night. He has worked as a Nome Police Department dispatcher since July 2008. Proud family members attending the ceremony included his mother, Sandy Harvey.

A resolution confirming the appointment of Vickie Erickson as Volunteer Chief of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department with a monthly stipend of \$500 was unanimously approved by the council. City Manager Josie Bahnke appointed Erickson to the position

upon recommendation of the NVAD. Erickson succeeds Charlie Lean, who recently resigned from the post.

The council approved a recommendation by the Nome Planning Commission to charge a fee to ask permission of the NPC to use land for purposes other than its zoning designation under the City's new land use law. The process involves a public hearing on a conditional use permit application conducted by the commission after the City prepares a hearing notice for posting on the applicant's property, notifies adjacent property owners of the hearing and publishes notice of

the hearing in a newspaper. The application fee is \$200 if the hearing is held during a regular commission meeting, or \$300 if the commission calls a special meeting for the hearing.

The council adopted a resolution to approve a contract with Resource Data Inc., to perform workflow and business requirements for the City Clerk and Finance Department. The FY 2009 budget provides \$9,000 to retain the services of a computer software professional to assist with conversion of property tax and sales tax records to a computerized system.

A resolution to request distribution from the

FY 2010 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development was adopted by the council. The DCCED distributes PILT payments to cities in the unorganized borough that contain certain federally-owned lands known as "entitlement lands." PILT payments to local governments are intended to help offset losses in property taxes due to non-taxable federal lands within their boundaries.

The federal PILT formula calculates pay-

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Enrollment continues to decline:

School district requests level funding from City for FY 2010 budget

By Laurie McNicholas

A drastic decline in students enrolled at Nome Public Schools during the current school year is reflected in the district's budget for the coming year, NPS Superintendent Rick Luthi told the Nome Common Council at a work session on Monday. He said the NPS FY 2010 budget is based on a projected enrollment of 659 students, compared to the anticipated enrollment of 731 students on which the FY 2009 budget was based.

Only 699 students actually enrolled in NPS in September 2008, resulting in a \$500,000 shortfall in the FY 2009 budget as the school year began. The student count is a major element of the State's education funding formula for allocating monies to school districts. Luthi explained that the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development made up for part of the shortfall under a hold harmless provision for school districts that experience sud-

den drops in enrollment.

"The State gave us help by funding students we don't have," Luthi said, adding that the Department of Education will again provide some help to NPS in FY 2010. He said the State's "hold harmless" assistance is available to a district for a maximum of three years. Luthi credited NPS Business Manager Jenny Martens and Assistant Superintendent Jon Wehde with trimming expenses to balance the FY 2009 budget and for developing an FY 2010 budget that helps shield classrooms from the impacts of cost-cutting. Wehde will succeed Luthi as NPS superintendent in July.

"We took a hard look at expenses," Luthi stated. "People are a large part of what we deal with. We eliminated positions by natural attrition and reduced some. We've done what's possible. Jon is still looking for additional changes."

Luthi said NPS is requesting status quo funding from the City of

Nome for FY 2010. "We know there are a lot of economic question marks out there and we know we must do our best," he said. "We don't know if the 659 [student enrollment projection] will hold in the fall. We tried to be conservative. We don't know the future. We hope the price of fuel will hold."

Council member Mary Knodel asked whether Luthi knows the amount of federal economic stimulus funds the district will receive. Martens said NPS expects to receive \$60,000 in Title I funds, \$178,000 for K-12 special education, \$10,000 for preschool special education,

flow through grants.

Martens emphasized that the \$371,000 in fiscal stabilization funds can be used to supplement but not supplant other revenues. She anticipates a requirement to place them in a revenue fund separate from the NPS general fund so they can be tracked closely. Luthi suggested using the stabilization funds to replace the boiler at Nome Elementary School.

Knodel asked how much NPS will receive under the State's education funding formula. Based on an enrollment of 659 students, Martens said the district will receive approx-

ing to reduce energy costs. Luthi cited current work to reinsulate the entire downstairs level of the 14-plex on the Nome-Beltz High School campus. Replacing the elementary school boiler will save a lot of energy, Martens pointed out. Luthi reported that Margaret Thomas, formerly employed at the elementary school, has moved to the district office to help identify and contact potential funding sources for energy saving projects.

Knodel noted that the NPS FY 2010 budget indicates the maintenance supervisor position will disappear, and she asked whether Charles Richardson plans to retire. Richardson, a foreman with 30 years experience, will advise the administration in selection of a person to fill his position and will train his replacement before retiring in October, Luthi replied. He said Wehde may develop a staff position in the district office to oversee maintenance and custodial work and do federal accounting. Luthi noted that Wehde's current position as assistant superintendent will not be filled after he becomes the NPS superintendent.

Councilman Stan Andersen said

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads. Note: There were no letters this week.

Editorial

Pulse of Prosperity

There is somethinga bout the plaintive call of a train whistle calling in the distance at night that is both peaceful and reassuring. The railroads are the pulse of our nation's economy. The mighty steam locomotives drove the growth of industry and the development of the western states. Industrial goods and raw materials were transported across the plains and over the mountains.

Something happened about 50 years ago when America became obsessed with Interstate Highways. We lost sight of the importance of railroads. Other nations didn't. The high speed, energy efficient railroads in Europe and Asia put us to shame. We need to reinvent our rails and get back on track for railroad transportation. The Alaska Railroad is a fine feature that can strike pride in the hearts of Alaskans when they watch diesel engines haul long lines of freight cars into the distance. It's time to build a spur of this fine rail system into the Seward Peninsula.

Oh, it won't be cheap. The only thing cheap is the talk about building it, and we've been spending words on that account for over 100 years. Western Alaska has a colorful history with railroads. We need to start thinking about economic development coming our way on train tracks. All aboard! —N.L.M.—

"We know there are a lot of economic question marks out there and we know we must do our best."

— NPS Superintendent Rick Luthi

\$6,000 for education technology and \$371,000 in fiscal stabilization funds—a total of \$625,000. She said some of the stimulus monies will imately \$7 million. "The final student count for funding this year was 662," she added.

Knodel asked whether NPS is try-

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

READY TO READ—Charles Kokoluk shares a laugh with Nikki Polk of the Nome Literacy Council before he steps up to the microphone to read an original work at the Young Authors' Showcase May 6 at Nome Elementary School. Dozens of students read their works to a packed house.

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	05/07/09	05:44 a.m.	High Temp	38° 5/5/09	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	05/13/09	05:24 a.m.	Low Temp	20° 5/6/09	
Sunset	05/07/09	12:14 a.m.	Peak Wind	26 mph, W, 5/10/09	
	05/13/09	12:35 a.m.	Precip. to Date	5.06"	
			Normal	3.14"	
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ALASKA News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

Funding for Denali Commission on chopping block

President Barack Obama's proposed budget for the next fiscal year includes a significant cut for the Denali Commission, an independent federal agency designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure and economic support throughout Alaska. The proposed cuts include \$6 million for the agency's transportation program, \$20 million for health clinic construction and \$3 million for job training.

The U.S. Senate passed an amendment in the budget resolution supporting funding for the Denali Commission. They did not set a number, Senator Mark Begich's spokeswoman told *The Nome Nugget*. Historically, funding for the Denali Commission ran \$140 million. Obama appropriated \$40 million to the Denali Commission, keeping it alive, but hobbled the health clinic construction program. Also not included in the President's \$3.55 trillion budget proposal are \$9 million for the Village Safe Water Program and \$524 in ground-based missile defense spending.

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski said, "For Alaska's Native people, these unwelcome changes are a nightmare, not changes that we can believe in."

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich commented on \$90 million in the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund, which he wants to go to western tribes and states, including Alaska, to conserve and recover Pacific salmon and their habitat. "Instead, the budget directs this funding for nationwide Endangered Species Act programs. Salmon enhancement must have this funding," said Begich.

U.S. Rep. Don Young and Governor Sarah Palin voiced their outrage over the proposed cuts, alleging that Obama is playing politics with the budget.

Yukon and Kuskokwim communities destroyed, flooded

After a winter with record snow-

fall and ice depth, breakup of the Yukon and the Kuskokwim rivers destroyed the village of Eagle River on the Yukon and caused severe flooding elsewhere. A massive ice jam on the Yukon River pushed house-sized chunks of ice into the village of Eagle in what was called the worst flooding in 70 years. The village's grocery store, clinic and VPSO office have been destroyed. On Monday, the old village of Eagle, about two miles upstream of the main town, was destroyed as floodwaters lifted and carried off some homes and submerged others, reports the *Fairbanks Daily News Miner*.

The American Red Cross of Alaska opened a shelter at the Eagle Community School for the 65 to 70 residents who have been displaced. Governor Palin traveled to Fort Yukon last week to assess the situation there. She then issued a disaster declaration for the interior.

On Sunday, the state division of Homeland Security issued a release that flooding continues in Akiak on the Kuskokwim. From there, 37 elders and pregnant women were evacuated to Bethel. Most residents of Stevens Village pre-evacuated, with only 20 residents remaining. As of press time on Monday, three river watch teams reported active flooding in Stevens on the Yukon River and in Akiak on the Kuskokwim River. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation recommends that all residents boil their water prior to consumption in Aniak, Eagle, Circle, Ft. Yukon, Red Devil, Beaver and Stevens Village. Flood warnings have been canceled for Beaver, McGrath and Ft. Yukon.

AFN to be held in Fairbanks

The Alaska Federation of Natives announced last week that the 2010 AFN convention would take place in Fairbanks. This will mark the third time that Fairbanks is the host after having been the host city of the event in 2005 and 2007.

Eighteen of the 27 AFN board members voted to hold the Native gathering in Fairbanks. This year, Anchorage will host the convention, slated to take place from October 22-24.

Point Lay landed first whale in 70 years

Two crews from Point Lay have landed the community's first bow-head whale in 70 years, reports the Associated Press last week. Whaling

captains Julias Rexford Sr. and Thomas Nukapigak caught the whale for the 250-head community on the Chukchi Sea coast. The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission last year lifted restrictions to allow the village to catch one whale per year. Resident Sophie Henry tells Anchorage television station KTUU that everyone was excited but it was difficult and long work getting the whale onto the ice, inch by inch. She says Point Lay plans to share its bounty with other communities, including Wainwright, Point Hope and Barrow.

Salazar sides with Bush administration regarding polar bear ruling

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar last week announced that he would retain a special rule made under the Bush administration in December for protecting the polar bear under the Endangered Species Act. The action means the ESA will not be used to control carbon emissions or oil and gas development in polar bear habitat. Last year, Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne declared the polar bear as a threatened species under ESA. Critics of the ruling said that the ESA should not be used to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. The polar bear is a species listed as threatened for climate change reasons.

Palin cleared of ethics complaints

Remember ballot measure 4? Last year's election put a measure before the voters that aimed to impose more stringent requirements for new hard rock mines – especially the proposed mega-project of the Pebble mine. Governor Sarah Palin then opined publicly that she would not support the measure. Brian Kraft, a lodge owner at Lake Illiamna, filed an ethics complaint with the Alaska Public Offices Commission that said the governor's comment may have swayed the outcome of the vote, as most Alaskans voted No on ballot measure 4.

The Alaska Public Offices Commission last Friday voted unanimously that Palin did not violate any state law by broadcasting her opinion and argued that the governor has first amendment rights to state her position. "I appreciate the commission recognizing the constitutional right of free speech and the implications of trying to regulate what a governor can say," Palin commented after the ruling.

APOC also cleared Palin of wrongdoing in regars to an ethics

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 14 - May 20, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, May 14		
*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.
*Kinderswim & Lap Swim	Pool	11 a.m. - 1 p.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 - 6:30 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AIDS & Women: The Greatest Gamble video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Care of the Sick Child video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
DEADLINE for Grad Now & Then ad	Nome Nugget	5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Community Workshop host by ACSA	Nome Elem School	6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Overeaters Anonymous meeting	Baptist Comm Church	7 p.m. (across from KNOM)
Arctic Icans Meeting	XYZ Center	7:30 p.m.
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	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, May 15		
*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
*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
*Pathways to a Healthy Life video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Nutrition Class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grade	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grade	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 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, May 16		
Bird Outing meet at Nat'l Park Svc	Sitnasuak Bldg	7 a.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 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.
*Discipline: Teaching Limits with Love video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Knowing the Unborn video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.
Sunday, May 17		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*The Innocent Victim video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*WIC Program:Expecting the Best video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Monday, May 18		
*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 - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Best for Baby's Sake video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
Teacher Workshop hosted by ACSA	Nome-Beltz HS	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*14 Steps to Better Breastfeeding video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kickboxing with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 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.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19		
*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.
*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. - 6:30 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*WIC class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*We're Having a Baby Again a Childbirth Refresher video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 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.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, May 20		
*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
*Dental class	Prematernal Home	10:30 a.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.
*They Baby System: The 1st Yr video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Ping Pong Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Ping Pong Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Injury Prevention class	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 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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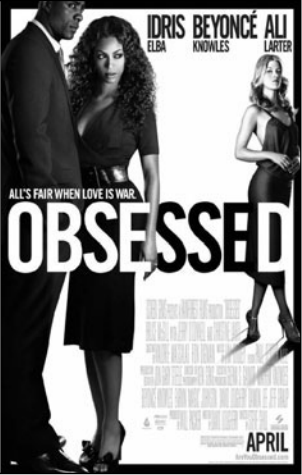
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• Rock Creek

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compliance officer with the EPA, the number of discharges violating the permit conditions numbered in the hundreds. She said pollutants in the discharges were mainly silt and sediment, noting that since the violations occurred during construction and not actual mining, testing was not conducted for heavy metals or other chemicals.

"The construction at Rock Creek Mine resulted in virtually unchecked runoff of silt and sediment to important fish habitat. Companies taking on construction projects of this scale need to do so responsibly and in accordance with the law," Michelle Pirzadeh, EPA's Acting Regional Administrator in Seattle, said in a prepared statement.

NovaGold faulted extreme weather and litigation from environmental groups as factors delaying the construction of the storm water facilities, according to a press release from the company. NovaGold said it has since spent millions on its infrastructure to deal with storm water. It says the system has functioned well in subsequent

extreme weather conditions. "EPA did not allege that existing storm water facilities at Rock Creek mine are inadequate, nor has EPA alleged that any harm occurred to fish or wildlife as a result of Alaska Gold Company's operations during this period," reads the company press release.

NovaGold could have been fined as much as \$32,500 per day for each violation, according to the government's complaint. The EPA's DeMaria said the settlement constitutes the second largest fine issued for a General Construction Permit violation in the EPA's Region 10, which includes Alaska, Idaho, Washington state and Oregon. The largest occurred in 2006 against the Idaho Department of Transportation for \$1.4 million.

"Today's settlement shows that the government will hold accountable any company that does not fully comply with storm water requirements," said John C. Cruden, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division. "We expect all companies to take the necessary steps to control storm water discharge from their operations."



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MUDDY—This aerial photo shows the Rock Creek Mine in May 2008 as the winter's heavy snows give way to a soggy spring. The Environmental Protection Agency settled with mine owner NovaGold for nearly \$900,000 for Clean Water Act violations due to hundreds discharges of silt and sediment into streams from April 2007 to September 2008.

Whiskey-fueled gun offense nets at least two years in jail

By Tyler Rhodes

A Nome man was sentenced Monday to at least two years in prison Monday for brandishing a loaded rifle on Front Street in March.

Superior Court Judge Ben Esch handed Alvin Amaktoolik, 22, a four-year sentence with two years suspended and two years probation May 11. Before the sentencing, Amaktoolik waived his right to a grand jury and entered a guilty plea to one count of felony assault in the third degree. The charge carries a maximum sentence of up to five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

Nome Police Department officers encountered an extremely intoxicated Amaktoolik on Front Street March 26 carrying a .204-caliber rifle with a round in the chamber. According to the police, Amaktoolik was taken into custody after attempting to raise the rifle toward the officers. Police said he also pointed the rifle at another person.

Police responded to the scene after getting a report of Amaktoolik heading south toward Front Street with the rifle in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in another. After being apprehended, Amaktoolik was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital to be treated for alcohol poisoning. District Attorney John Earthman said at the sentencing that Amaktoolik's blood alcohol content at the time was above 0.5 percent, a level that many consider lethal.

Prior to Amaktoolik's sentencing, Earthman referenced several of his

prior courtroom appearances, including a conviction for sexual assault. "Every single one of these incidents heavily involved alcohol," Earthman told the court.

Earthman said the recommended sentence with at least two years behind bars would hopefully deter Amaktoolik from excessive drinking in the future. "The sentence is what he makes of it," Earthman said.

Amaktoolik's attorney, Public Defender Kirsten Bey, said in working with the state over potential sentencing recommendations, her client preferred the four-year sentence with two suspended versus a flat three-year sentence. The preferred, and imposed, sentence could have Amaktoolik serving more time if he fails to meet the terms of his probation. "He does think he can be successful on probation," Bey said. "I think this [two-year sentence] does help with rehabilitation."

Judge Esch agreed with the suggested sentencing, recommending Amaktoolik serve his time at the Wildwood Correctional Facility in Kenai. "I will recommend placement at Wildwood so you can get more treatment," Esch said.

Following the sentencing, Esch warned Amaktoolik that the consequences of his actions—beyond being extremely dangerous for the public—could have proved lethal for himself. "This is a situation where you put yourself at risk. It's entirely possible another police officer would have taken out their weapon and shot you," Esch said.

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GREETINGS, NOME—Shari Biscotti, Nome Elementary School's new principal for next year, greets Nome parents, students and residents gathered at a reception for her Monday evening at the school.

Nome greets new NES principal

By Tyler Rhodes

Although she may not have known it yet, Nome Elementary School's new principal for the 2009-2010 school year got her first taste of life in Nome before she even set foot on the ground.

As a thick fog hugged Nome and its environs Sunday, Shari Biscotti heard the announcement on the Alaska Airlines jet that so many Nomeites know all too well. With the visibility on the ground reduced to near nothing, she joined the legions of Nome residents who have had to fly over Nome back to Anchorage.

Monday dawned with clearer skies, however, allowing Biscotti to arrive in time to attend a welcoming reception in her honor at the elementary school that evening. Flanked by parents, children and other community members munching on desserts provided by the Nome Parent Teacher Student Association, Biscotti showed no hesitation in introducing herself and her expectations for the coming school year.

Biscotti's comments were peppered with jokes. "I don't take myself very seriously, but I do take my job very seriously," she said.

Biscotti said she was nearly ready to take a job as the principal of the Tyonek School in the Kenai Penin-

sula Borough School District. A call—actually several calls, she said—from departing Superintendent Rick Luthi changed those plans. "This guy would not let me off the phone," she said. Biscotti said she was won over by the description of the community and its kids.

"I don't work for [incoming Superintendent] Jon [Wehde]. I don't work for the City of Nome. I don't work for the State of Alaska. I work for you. I'm accountable to you and accountable to your kids," she said.

Biscotti was born and raised in southern California—a fact she asked the audience to not hold against her—and has taught and held administrative positions there for years. Before moving into administrative roles, Biscotti taught in a Head Start program, kindergarten and fifth-grade classrooms. She later moved on to a couple of mid-level administrative jobs before accepting principal positions in several schools.

Noting she has worked in public schools for 21 years, Biscotti touched on stories of taking jobs at under-performing schools. Crediting the involvement of parents and the community, she said those schools were able to turn around. "The thing that has made my school a success is

not Sherri Biscotti," she said. "What flipped every single school I was at were parents and community involvement. ... If you don't have a home and a parent connected, you're dead in the water."

Biscotti ran with that theme, saying she would devote substantial energy to getting parent participation at the school. She told parents in the audience to expect phone calls among other methods of communication. She even called out to Richard Beneville to go door to door with her to bolster parental interest.

Beneville returned the favor later in the evening, recruiting Biscotti in front of the audience to act in a play should he produce another one in the near future. Needing no time to ponder the offer, she said she was game.

After her short introduction and taking a few questions from the audience, Biscotti mulled about the room, passing from person to person who wanted to introduce themselves or just say welcome.

Biscotti said her initial impression of Nome was positive. "I love it," she said. Biscotti was to stay in Nome through Thursday before moving here toward mid-July.



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I'LL READ TO YOU—Kenosha Kiyuklook (right) in Nanci Tungwenuk's kindergarten class reads a book to Sara Bioff Monday when the Head Start Salmonberry Class visited kindergarten classrooms.



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Piscoya named full-time CEO of Norton Sound Health Corp.

Nome native has served as interim president and CEO since February of this year

By Tyler Rhodes

Carol Piscoya's job title got a little shorter last week.

The Norton Sound Health Corporation's Board of Directors May 7 lopped off the word "interim" that had preceded "President and Chief Executive Officer" on her nameplate.

After sorting through more than a dozen candidates from the area, other regions of the state and the Lower 48, the board of directors selected Piscoya to lead the health corporation. The former Vice President of Community Health Services for the health

corporation had served as its acting president and CEO since February.

"I was surprised and honored," Piscoya said Monday. She said she fully expected to be bringing a new CEO up to speed on the operations rather than accepting a contract for the position herself. Piscoya's contract is for one year, which is standard for NSHC, according to the corporation general counsel Rick Helms.

Helms said Piscoya's stint as interim CEO gave the board of directors ample time to view her performance. "It was a good opportunity to see her

in the position. One of those long job interviews, perhaps," Helms said.

NSHC Board Chair Emily Hughes said Piscoya performed well in that interview. "We are pleased that Carol has accepted the position," Hughes said in a press release. "Carol has done a good job in the position in an acting capacity."

Born and raised in Nome, Piscoya has worked at NSHC since 2003. She was appointed to be the acting president and CEO after the former holder of that position, Michael Lake, abruptly resigned just before his one-year contract was to expire. Lake took over for Trevor Colby, who served in the position from October 2006 until early 2008. At the time he was hired, Colby was the third CEO brought on at NSHC in the space of a year.

Piscoya's desk on Monday supported several piles of paperwork giving a hint to the amount of work on the new CEO's plate. Tons of steel and construction materials are on their way to Nome to become part of the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital. The corporation aims to move into the new facility by 2012.

While that brick-and-mortar project moves forward, the corporation also needs to direct attention to the digital world. "We're required to have electronic health records by 2014," she said. Piscoya said the hospital wants to make the transition by the time it moves into its new facility in three years.

The health corporation is also working to complete or build new clinics in several of the area's villages. Piscoya said Teller should already be

moved into its new facility and Breig Mission should soon be able to move into its clinic. She said new clinics are also planned for Shaktoolik, Gambell, Savoonga, Shishmaref, Wales and Little Diomed. "That should round out all the villages with new clinics," she said.

Piscoya said a continued priority for the corporation will be to work for increased federal funding for the maintenance of village clinics as rapidly climbing fuel costs eat away at the bottom line. She said funding for the facilities has been flat for a decade. "Each year it is a priority," she said.

Piscoya also said she would focus on the recruitment of new staff and the retention of those who are al-

ready on board.

Prior to working for NSHC, Piscoya worked for Nome Eskimo Community, Bering Straits Native Corp. and the state Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. Piscoya said her ties to Nome, as well as the travel and work she did in the region while under the employ of the state will aid her in new role at NSHC. "The villages know me, and I know the villages," Piscoya said.

As she starts her tenure as president and CEO, Piscoya lauded the employees of the corporation and the board of directors. "In spite of the turnover of the CEO, we've had a very stable board of directors," Piscoya said.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

INTERIM NO MORE—Carol Piscoya is now the official president and chief executive officer of Norton Sound Health Corp. after a vote by the board of directors May 7 allowed her to remove the word "interim" from her title.

• State

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complained filed by Sondra Tomkins. Tomkins alleged that Palin had violated the state ethics act in forming a political action committee and in traveling to Indiana near the end of the legislative session to make a speech to a right-to-life group. Tompkins also alleged that Palin used her public office for personal gain by establishing SarahPAC.

The governor's attorney Thomas Van Flein said in a written statement that of 14 ethics complaints filed against the governor or her staff, nine have now been resolved. Another five complaints are still pending. According to a press release, Palin so far has spent \$500,000 in legal fees dealing with the flurry of ethics complaints filed against her.

Dana Fabe recommended for U.S. Supreme Court

Soon President Barack Obama will face his first appointment of a Supreme Court judge, and Alaska's junior Senator Mark Begich threw an Alaskan name in the ring of candidates. Begich recommended the consideration of Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Dana Fabe. Fabe has a 33-year legal career in Alaska and was the first woman appointed

to Alaska's highest court. She is currently serving the last year of her second three-year term as Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court. The current U.S. Supreme Court vacancy is due as Justice David Souter plans to retire at the end of the court's current term. Although pundits predict that the appointment is likely to be a woman in her early 50s and among the Democratic Party's ranks, they have not officially discussed the likelihood of the Alaskan justice to fill the position. Fabe visited Nome last year, holding a round-table brainstorm event dealing with juvenile justice and underage drinking issues.

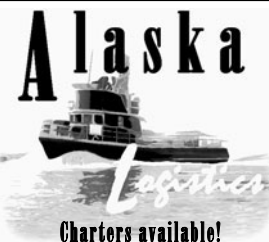
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BIRD'S-EYE VIEW (above)—Graduates spy down on the crowd as it assembles for the Northwest Campus' 33rd annual commencement ceremony at Old St. Joe's May 7.

HONORED (left)—Northwest Campus Director Lee Haugen adorns Wilma Brown as she is conferred her master's degree in education.

FLIPPING THE TASSLE (right)—Christopher Aningayou flips the tassel on his cap after his class was awarded general education diplomas May 7.



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Wilma Brown
Master of Education

Associate Degrees
Nichole Crowe
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Glenda Gologergen
Associate of Applied Science
Melanie Sagoonick
Associate of Arts

Certificates
Willis Ferenbaugh
Secondary Licensure Program
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• Ice



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perform with their environments.

Dan Karmun, a Nome elder attending the ice lecture, cited an example of ice going out overnight in one community, robbing them of any chance to harvest walrus or bearded seal for food.

Solar energy, wind patterns, water flow and the ways of humans on the planet affect the ebb and flow of the ice cover.

Climate changes, including record ice melt in the summer of 2007, have spawned scientific sampling studies in polar regions. Warm inflows from the Pacific and Atlantic oceans by way of Greenland contributed to the extreme ice loss that year.

"2007 rattled everyone's cage that maybe something was going on," Eicken said.

Climate changes come from variations in the ice cover that regulates the amount of sun reaching the surface, as

COMPARING NOTES—Biologist Charlie Lean gets the word from subsistence hunter and elder Dan Karmun at a presentation on disappearing sea ice May 6 at the UAF Northwest Campus. The conversation underlines the partnership between scientific and traditional sources of information on arctic seawaters.

well as the amount of solar energy being absorbed and reflected off the water. Dark, open water absorbs nine-tenths of the heat from the sun, speeding the melt. Ice cover reflects three-fourths of the warmth. Thinner and reduced ice cover allows the winds to blow the ice around more easily so that the ice spends less time in the Arctic Ocean, leading to more episodes of extreme heat. Unusual weather patterns recently with persistent southerly winds have warmed the polar air and pushed ice toward the North Pole and Europe.

"The winds are unusual anymore," Karmun said, "making it difficult to determine how to hunt safely."

Charlie Lean, a local fish biologist, agreed that the ice scene is undergoing a flux in forces. "For the last five years, Kotzebue Sound has not frozen solid," he said. "We used to say that Norton Sound was the ice factory for the Bering Sea. There is not a big ice shelf between [Norton Sound coastal villages] Shaktoolik and Saint Michael anymore."

Lean observed that melting ice had altered the salinity of seawater affecting the region's crab population, threatening them with intolerable fresh water and altering their distribution in the Sound.

Such forces have made the ice more vulnerable to trapping of heat by greenhouse gases, Eicken said.

The arctic is a major influence on global climates. On the other hand, as

the globe as a whole warms, it always warms much more in the arctic, Eicken said. There is a belief that the doubling of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by the end of the century will warm the arctic by more than 20 degrees.

While increased open water in the arctic is opening transportation routes and commercial uses, receding ice is curtailing and changing subsistence hunting established over thousands of years. Traditional food as well as oil recovery depends on ice as a platform for activities. Unfavorable shore ice conditions can and have blocked the launch of whaling boats and hunting crews into whale and walrus migrations. The ice studies under the aegis of International Polar Year and other science groups are working with hunters and community leaders on St. Lawrence Island and coastal villages such as Wales and Barrow.

"If you want to understand how the climate is changing, you have to work with local people and find out what is happening there. It's very important," Eicken said. "Local change may or may not track with global changes."

Karmun gave that a big "amen."

"Local elders represent thousands of years of experience living on those resources," Karmun said. "We need to make use of elders from the Inupiaq community. There is a need for opening up communications with scientists. We have no diploma, but we have lots of experience."

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NEW CHIEF—Vickie Erickson, seen in this 2007 file photo, is now the chief of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department.

• Council

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ments based upon the local government's population and acres of entitlement lands. Entitlement lands include lands in the National Park and National Forest systems, federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, lands dedicated to federal water resources development projects, and lands withdrawn from the public domain in other categories.

The council appointed Jeff Darling to the Port Commission.

Upcoming events

The council will meet May 18 at noon for a work session to discuss the City's FY 2010 budget. The next regular council meeting is scheduled Tuesday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Bahnke said the City's annual

spring clean-up is scheduled for May 30. Collection sites will be at the East End Park, Elementary School, Belmont Point, Recycle Center and Icy View Fire Hall. The Public Works department will pick up used vehicles, yard debris and old washers, dryers or refrigerators on request from May 26 to 29.

A picnic to celebrate 50 years of statehood is planned for July 4 at 2:30 p.m. Other events that day will include the 32nd annual Anvil Mountain Run; a parade and games on Front Street; ice cream for all; and traditional games of the past such as catch the greased pig, climb the greased pole to capture Ulysses S. Grant, kayak races, an ear pull contest, one hand stand, head stand, rock pull and people carry. Alaska's 50-Year Celebration of Statehood Commission is the sponsor.

Telemetry study to identify spawning sites of Unalakleet River king salmon

By Laurie McNicholas

A radio-tagging project to track Chinook (king) salmon to their spawning grounds in the Unalakleet River drainage will begin this year in late June and run through July. Brendan Scanlon, Northwest and North Slope area biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Sport Fish Division, will direct the two-year telemetry study.

"It's a repeat of the 1996-1997 telemetry project on the Unalakleet River," Scanlon said. "Both years showed that approximately 40 percent of the run headed up the North River and the remainder went up the main stem." The North River flows into the main stem about four miles east of Unalakleet.

Scanlon outlined the following plans for this year's study. A total of 150 king salmon are to be radio-tagged at the rate of three to five fish per day. "We'll try to space them out through the run, but if the run is small, we will put them out as fast as we can," he said.

The fish will be captured one to two miles above Unalakleet, mostly by gillnet. A radio-tag (a transmitter with an 18-inch antenna) will be inserted down the throat, through the esophagus and into the upper stomach of each fish, using a polyvinyl chloride plastic tube. This esophageal implant does not require surgery, is very non-invasive and takes only about 15 seconds to implant into the fish. A sphincter attached to the stomach holds the

radio-tag in place. Part of the antenna protrudes from the mouth of the fish, but does not hamper the movement of the fish in any way. King salmon don't eat after they enter fresh water.

Tracking radio-tagged kings

Scanlon described strategies for tracking radio-tagged kings. "We'll have one tracking station at the mouth of the North River and a couple of tracking stations up the Unalakleet River," he said. "There are two antennas at each station—one pointing upstream, one pointing downstream. The receiver is powered by gel cell batteries that are kept charged with solar power." At the North River tracking station, the downriver antenna first picks up a signal from a radio-tagged fish, and as the fish passes the salmon counting tower, the upriver antenna picks it up, he explained.

Scanlon said one of the tracking stations on the Unalakleet River will be located below the tagging site to detect any radio-tagged king salmon that may drop out of the drainage. Some salmon sense they are in the wrong river and turn around and leave, he added.

Tracking strategies will include aerial surveys with a wing-mounted antenna to identify the exact spawning locations of the radio-tagged fish. Scanlon cited results of the 1996-97 telemetry study of Unalakleet River king salmon showing that all radio-tagged fish in the North River

spawned above the counting tower, and almost none that went up the main stem spawned below the confluence of the Unalakleet and Chi-

roskey rivers.

Results of this year's telemetry study should be available soon after the king salmon spawning season

ends. "By August we'll have down-loaded the tracking stations and conducted a couple of aerial surveys," said Scanlon.



FISH CAMP—Lots of salmon are cut and dried in summer months at this fish camp at the mouth of the Unalakleet River.

Photo by Laurie McNicholas

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<p>CAPRICORN December 22–January 19</p> <p>Cautious Capricorn. You know you should throw your reservations to the wind and trot down a new path, but you just can't. Look to a friend for motivation.</p>	<p>ARIES March 21–April 19</p> <p>Good minds think alike, and your supervisor thinks your idea rocks. Congratulations, Aries. You're a star. A flash of the past starts you on the road to self-discovery.</p>	<p>CANCER June 22–July 22</p> <p>A little birdie lets you in on a secret. Guard it with your life, Cancer. Your desk at work begins piling up with assignments. Learn to delegate and share the load.</p>	<p>LIBRA September 23–October 22</p> <p>Yep, Libra. Your hunch is right, and something is up at home. Don't bother snooping. The reveal is just around the corner, and you're gonna like it.</p>
<p>AQUARIUS January 20–February 18</p> <p>You connect instantly with a new face. Invite them out to lunch, Aquarius, and get to know them better. You will be working with them a lot. A candid letter sets a matter straight.</p>	<p>TAURUS April 20–May 20</p> <p>Picky, picky, Taurus. You are much too concerned with the details and are missing out on the big picture. A new menu offers you a wider range of choices.</p>	<p>LEO July 23–August 22</p> <p>Tsk, tsk, Leo. You open mouth and insert foot once again with a dear friend. Make an apology and vow to yourself not to let it happen again. A deadline draws near.</p>	<p>SCORPIO October 23–November 21</p> <p>You misunderstand a question at home, and chaos ensues. Take it in stride, Scorpio. You'll be a better listener next time. A recipe requires some major altering.</p>
<p>PISCES February 19–March 20</p> <p>Eek, Pisces! You barely get by this week. Rein in your spending and be more frugal. A tip from an old friend starts you on the path to financial wellness.</p>	<p>GEMINI May 21–June 21</p> <p>A special occasion calls for some extra-special planning. Gather the troops and don't leave any stone unturned, Gemini. The guests of honor deserve a big bash.</p>	<p>VIRGO August 23–September 22</p> <p>There's no stoppin' you, Virgo. You've got the mind, body and spirit to make things happen. A medical record glitch proves frustrating but fixable.</p>	<p>SAGITTARIUS November 22–December 21</p> <p>Sweet Sagittarius. You are well aware of the value of saving for a rainy day, but you just can't help yourself. You like to buy things. That is about to change, though.</p>

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School Board

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the City has a good building maintenance staff that NPS could lean on and a new Public Works director who should be able to help. "We'll take it," Luthi replied.

"Why is there an assistant principal at the high school when there are more kids at the elementary school?" asked Knodel.

The amount of activity at the high school, the level of discipline and interaction with children of those ages requires more one-on-one attention to deal with issues, Luthi explained.

Without an assistant principal, the principal would not have time to be an instructional leader, he added.

Noting that a high school business education teaching position had been eliminated in the FY 2010 budget, Andersen asked what the position had entailed. Luthi said the person in the position had taught accounting for two to three periods along with one or two technology courses and had produced the yearbook. Next year there will be 1.5 technology positions instead of three, and an instructor in one of the remaining positions will teach three technology classes at the high school, Luthi said.

Andersen asked what the NPS social worker does. Luthi said the elementary school social worker has done wonderful things and has coordinated with local staff of the Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services. A half-time position for testing and assessment at the high school has been eliminated, so next year the social worker will divide her time between the elementary school and high school to deal with students who have problems with substance abuse and at home, Luthi added.

Mayor Denise Michels asked if the State requires a social worker in the district.

"No," Luthi replied. "Counselors are hard to come by and are trained in specific areas." They are able to get help for kids with alcohol and drug abuse problems and shattered homes, he explained.

Councilman Jon Larson asked for information on the teacher-student ratio at NPS. Unable to provide a detailed response during the work session, Luthi later obtained the information and presented it at the regular council meeting Monday night.

Based on projected student enrollment at the elementary school next year, the teacher/pupil ratio will be 1:17 for kindergarten classes; 1:18, first grade, 1:16, second grade; 1:19, third and fourth grades, 1:23.5 for fifth grade classes; and 1:16, sixth grade.

Based on tentative schedules and projected student enrollment, next year the teacher/pupil ratio will be 1:12 for junior high students and 1:15 for high school students, Luthi reported.

Councilman Randy Pomeranz asked whether the community schools position had been cut from the general fund budget and reinstated with grant monies. Luthi verified that the position would no longer be included in the general fund budget, and that Wehde had found grant monies to fund it for one more year.

Noting that the FY 2010 budget allocates \$1.3 million for heat and electricity, councilman Jerald Brown said there must be a way to reduce energy costs at NPS in the long run. He acknowledged that shortage of funds is a barrier, but said it makes no sense to keep paying for high energy costs instead of investing in energy-saving alternatives.

Luthi agreed with Brown and said Wehde and Margaret Thomas are working to find funds for that purpose.



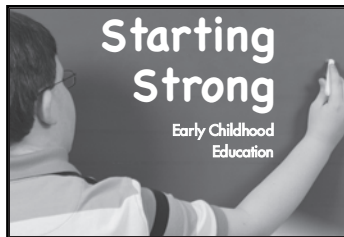
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Learning doesn't stop at school's end

**By Kelly Thrun,
Kindergarten Teacher**

It is already May, and although school will soon be over, the importance of providing opportunities for



your child to be successful in school continues to be of utmost importance.

Recognizing that parents are the first and most important teacher in a child's life, summer is a good time to foster skills necessary for a child to be successful in school and throughout life.

The following are ways that I have observed parents help their children become successful learners. These suggestions can be used over the summer and throughout the school year.

Johnathan L.'s mom makes sure he is on time to school every single day. Johnathan is learning the importance of his education and being punctual.

Sarah W.'s mom whispers a motivational saying to her every morning. This encourages Sarah to always try her best every single day. To be successful, early learners often need reminders over and over again.

Hailey's mom shows her that schoolwork is a priority by writing comments and placing stickers or gold stars on completed homework. Hailey's homework comes back to school completed and marked as a job well done.

Owen J.'s mom comes to the classroom every Friday to check in with the teacher to see how everything is going. What is the new word-wall word this week? What is the theme this month? This shows Owen that his mom thinks school is important. It is an excellent idea to check in with your child's classroom teacher on a regular basis.

Ada's mom has a place for everything in their home. Ada has a basket to put things in and a hook for her outdoor clothing. She has tubs for this and totes for that. For Ada, everything has a place and that has

taught her the skill of organization. Being organized is a terrific skill to have in school. It helps to keep track of all your things independently, including your homework folder!

Reese's mom helps him by asking him to recall details such as "who, what, when, where and why" every day. This shows Reese that his mom thinks school is important, and it helps Reese to recall details about his day. Retelling a story in sequential order is a very important early reading skill.

When Bethany's mom has a holiday off from work, she volunteers in our classroom and reads to groups of students. She lets the children pick the books for her to read aloud. She engages the children by asking questions. For example: "Why did all the other ducks make fun of the ugly duckling?" "How do you think he felt when they made fun of him?" Recalling story details helps students with comprehension.

Aver's mom has taught her self

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NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY
May 6, 2009
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SALARY: DOE / Exempt
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Local air carriers were notified and requested to be on the look out for Blodgett during flight over the area. On May 8, Blodgett had still not returned to Nome. Nome Volunteer Search and Rescue and Teller Search and Rescue groups were contacted. Both groups determined that search via snow machine or ground bases equipment would be extremely difficult and dangerous due to the conditions. Weather has precluded an aerial search. Once weather conditions improve search aircraft will be launched to search the area for Blodgett.

Editor's note: On Friday night around 6 p.m. a Bering Air plane with emergency personnel on board located Blodgett 60 miles outside of Nome near Canyon Creek. He was taken into Nome by helicopter but refused transport to Norton Sound Hospital. Nome Police and Troopers took him to Norton Sound Hospital under Title 47 protective custody. He was treated for hypothermia and frostbite.)

On May 6, at 10:00 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Savoonga. A male juvenile was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol and Disorderly Conduct.

On May 7, at approximately 5:49 a.m., Stephan Apangalook, 18, of Gambell was held at the Gambell Police Department for his safety due to his level of intoxication. Stephan Apangalook was also issued a summons for Minor Consuming and violating his probation conditions by consuming alcohol.

On May 9, at 7:45 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Stephen Apangalook, 18, of Gambell, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol and Probation Violation.

On May 9, at 5:15 p.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Travis Kaningok, 23, of Gambell, for Probation Violation.

On May 10, Nome ABADE contacted Andrew C. R. Weyiouanna, 26, of Nome, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 3-750ml bottles of alcohol were removed from his person. Charges will be forwarded to Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals.

On May 10, at 2:10 p.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated man with a firearm in Gambell. Ernest Apangalook, 26, of Gambell, was subsequently arrested for Misconduct Involving Weapons IV, and Criminal Trespass I.

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Trooper Beat

On April 15, at approximately 1 p.m., Alaska State Troopers and Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement intercepted a box that had been shipped to Shishmaref that contained alcohol. The investigation is ongoing.

On April 24, Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Anchorage issued a citation to Clorissia Raymond for failure to return her Nome Subdistrict Subsistence Fishing Permit by the appropriate time per the conditions of the permit.

On April 29, at approximately 11 a.m., Gideon Okpowruk, 23, of Shishmaref was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant for failing to appear for court. Okpowruk was transported and lodged at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On April 29, at approximately 4 p.m., AST intercepted a bag containing alcohol headed to St. Michael. The investigation revealed Alice Milton was bringing the alcohol to St. Michael. A summons for Importation of Alcohol was requested.

During the first week of May, the following individuals were issued citations by AWT in Nome for failure to return Alaska Department of Fish and Game permit reports at the appointed time: Michael Mayak, Michael Walker, Thomas Noyakuk, Troy Miller, Reece Madden, and Danny Aukon.

On May 2, at about 7:37 p.m., the Saint Michael VPO received a report of a disturbance outside a Saint Michael residence. As the VPO responded he observed Warren Elachik, 29, of Saint Michael, assaulting his girlfriend. Elachik was arrested for Assault IV and additionally charged with probation violation when it was determined he'd been drinking alcohol. Elachik will be telephonically arraigned then transported to Nome.

On May 2, at about 10 p.m., Nome AST was advised Carlson Tingook, 48, of Teller, was overdue from Nome. AST was advised Tingook headed to Teller from Penny River by snow machine on May 2, at about 9 a.m. and had not made it to Teller. A search and rescue team from Teller was authorized and a family member was checking the Nome area. On May 3, at about 9:30 a.m., Nome AST was advised Tingook was in Nome.

On May 4, at approximately 9 a.m., AST contacted Stanley Milligrock, 26, of Wales, at a local airline. The investigation revealed that Stanley Milligrock was taking alcohol to Wales. A summons for Importation was requested.

On May 4, at approximately 3:30 p.m., AST received a report that Brandon Mike, 17, of Stebbins, and Michael Pete, 17, of Stebbins, were overdue from a hunting trip. A hasty team was sent out from Stebbins. The hasty team located Brandon Mike and Michael Pete approximately 15 miles south of Stebbins, on foot, wet, cold and hungry. Mike and Pete had encountered overflow and had to abandon their snowmachines. No injuries were reported.

On May 4, at 8:30 p.m., Village Public Safety Officer John Peratrovich received a report of a disturbance in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Martha Kiyuklook, 44, of Savoonga, for Violation of Conditions of Release and Harassment II. Kiyuklook was remanded to the AMCC.

On May 5, at 8:43 a.m., AST received a report of inmates fighting at the AMCC. Tanya Frankson, 21, of Point Hope, was subsequently charged with Harassment II; and Delight Aukon, 22 of Elim, was subsequently charged with Disorderly Conduct.

On May 6, at about 11:35 a.m., Jeremiah Pete, 29, of Stebbins, was in the Nome AST office filling out paperwork and he was observed to have an odor of alcohol coming from his breath and person. Investigation revealed Pete was released May 5, 2009 on conditions in Nome District Court case 2NO-09-233CR, original charge Furnishing Alcohol to Minors. Pete's conditions of release included not to possess or consume alcohol. Pete was arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release and lodged at AMCC.

On May 6, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Kellen Okpealuk, 20, of Wales, was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant for Burglary I. Kellen Okpealuk was transported to AMCC.

On May 7, at 3:30 a.m., Tenadore Oozeva, 35, of Gambell was arrested after investigation revealed that he violated his probation conditions by consuming alcohol.

On May 7, at approximately 11 a.m., Steven Longley, 48, of Nome, reported that Robert D. Blodgett, 31, of Nome, was overdue from a snow-machine trip. Longley reported that Blodgett had left Nome on a snowmachine on May 4, and was supposed to return on May 6. Longley is familiar with the area and had adequate survival equipment. Weather conditions were warm and traveling in the area via snow machine has been extremely slow due to open water leads on rivers, and poor snow conditions. A friend of Blodgett left Nome on his own to look for Blodgett on May 7.

Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00100CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of a Change of Name for: **Matthew Thomas Wukovich**,
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00100CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Matthew Thomas Wukovich** to **Matthew Thomas Appolloni**. A hearing on this request will be held on **May 28, 2009 at 4:14 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00101CI
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING
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Current name of Minor.
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Nome, Alaska
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5/7-14-21

Notice
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided additional funds to the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) for the following jurisdictions: Fairbanks North Star Borough, Nome Census Area, Northwest Arctic Borough, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area, and Yukon-

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Looking for a new best friend or new family member?

Grubby found a family! Grubby's friends are waiting for you at the shelter, come and see who is available for adoption!



Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food from Doctor Leedy and the *Nome Kennel Club*. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

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

Starting Strong

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discipline by providing her with time and opportunities to practice telling a story over and over again. Aver was

a very excited and proud narrator for our kindergarten class play. Confidence in one’s self and abilities are fantastic early skills.

Alicyn’s mom and dad provide her

More Legals

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Koyukuk Census Area.

The selection will be made by a National Board that is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The National Board is charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board will determine how the funds are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in various areas. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: (1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units

of government, (2) have an accounting system, (3) practice nondiscrimination, (4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and (5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact United Way of the Tanana Valley at 907-452-7211 extension 24 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is May 29, 2009.

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with real reasons to write. She helps to write shopping lists, invitations, letters to family and friends, even notes to the teacher requesting to be kept indoors for recess. This encourages early learners to make connections between speaking and writing. Kids want to be just like the adults in their lives. If they see you writing, they will want to write as well.

Joshua’s mom and dad have communicated their confidence in him by encouraging him to try his best until he is successful. They are always available to help Josh with homework, supporting him and proudly displaying and sharing his work and progress with friends and relatives. Joshua has gone from saying “I can’t,” to “I’ll try my best, Mrs.

Thrun.”

Owen M.’s mom volunteers her time by keeping track of Scholastic book clubs from her home. She also makes it a point to purchase books through the class club so that our class earns free books. This type of involvement supports an entire classroom full of eager readers.

When Sarah K.’s mom reads with students, she reminds them to run their finger below the words as they read. She helps them to pronounce each word very distinctly and then asks the child how many words were in the sentence. She has observed her child’s teacher in the classroom and has incorporated great read-aloud activities when volunteering in the classroom.

Macey’s parents understand the importance of reading for 20 minutes every day with their child. Macey reads everyday and it sure does show in class. Turning off the television and video games and getting down to the business of reading sometimes can be hard, but it is absolutely necessary.

Research shows that the most important variable in a child’s success in school is parental involvement in a child’s education. You do not need to go far to find great ideas and suggestions on how to help your child to do the best he or she can in school. Summer is a perfect time to practice so that they are ready for school and ready to learn. See you all in the fall!

Seawall

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Gary Cantrell, DOB: 10/7/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Jennifer Russell, DOB: 1/5/81, received a citation for Failure to Provide a Child Seat.

Christian Clark, DOB: 9/1/74, received a citation for Expired Registration.

Kimberly Iyakitan, DOB: 6/1/67, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Colombus Sobocienski, DOB: 2/23/73, was issued a citation for an Objectionable Animal.

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Ryan Antogham, DOB: 10/16/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence, and Violating Conditions of Release.

Gary Amarok, DOB: 3/4/74, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

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Aloysius Muktoyuk, DOB: 5/19/71, was arrested and booked into AMCC for two counts of Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence, Violating Conditions of Probation, and Interference with Investi-

gation.

5/8 Nicholas Anasogak, DOB: 12/29/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

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Colombus Sobocienski, DOB: 2/23/73, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving while under the Influence of Alcohol and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Sixth Degree.

Larry Custer, DOB: 4/21/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Theft in the Fourth Degree.

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Melinda Erickson, DOB: 3/6/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

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Catherine Kakaruk, DOB: 8/3/74, was issued a citation for Illegal Parking.

During this reporting period, we had ten persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation (KNC) Shareholders Annual Meeting



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the KNC Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

Election of (3) Board of Directors & and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21



SOLICITATION NOTICE
RFP-NVOS-09-CPA-01
NATIVE VILLAGE OF SHAKTOOLIK (NVOS)
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (CPA)
SERVICES CONTRACT
For
AUDIT-BOOKREVIEW

NVOS intends to enter into a contract for professional CPA services for the auditing requirements of the Single Audit Act.


The successful firm will act as NVOS’s Project Technical Representative to provide professional service to evaluate compliance with the Single Audit Act requirements; Prepare the annual audit report with government auditing standards (GAGAS); Determine whether the financial statements and schedules of expenditures of Federal awards are presented fairly; Follow up on prior year audit findings; Designate auditee as low risk, if applicable.

The solicitation package will be available for distribution by mail, fax, or e-mail, beginning MAY 6, 2009. Responses must be submitted in the format specified in the solicitation, and must be received no later than 5 p.m. on MAY 27, 2009

Requests for solicitation documents must be directed to Karlene Sagoonick, Tribal Coordinator

Native Village of Shaktoolik
P.O. Box 100
Shaktoolik, AK 99771
ksagoonick@kawerak.org
(907) 955-3701 phone (907) 955-2352

5/7-14-21



Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer
survivor support group.

Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

Thursday, May 14 • 7:30 p.m.

Relay for Life event

For more information call 443-5726.

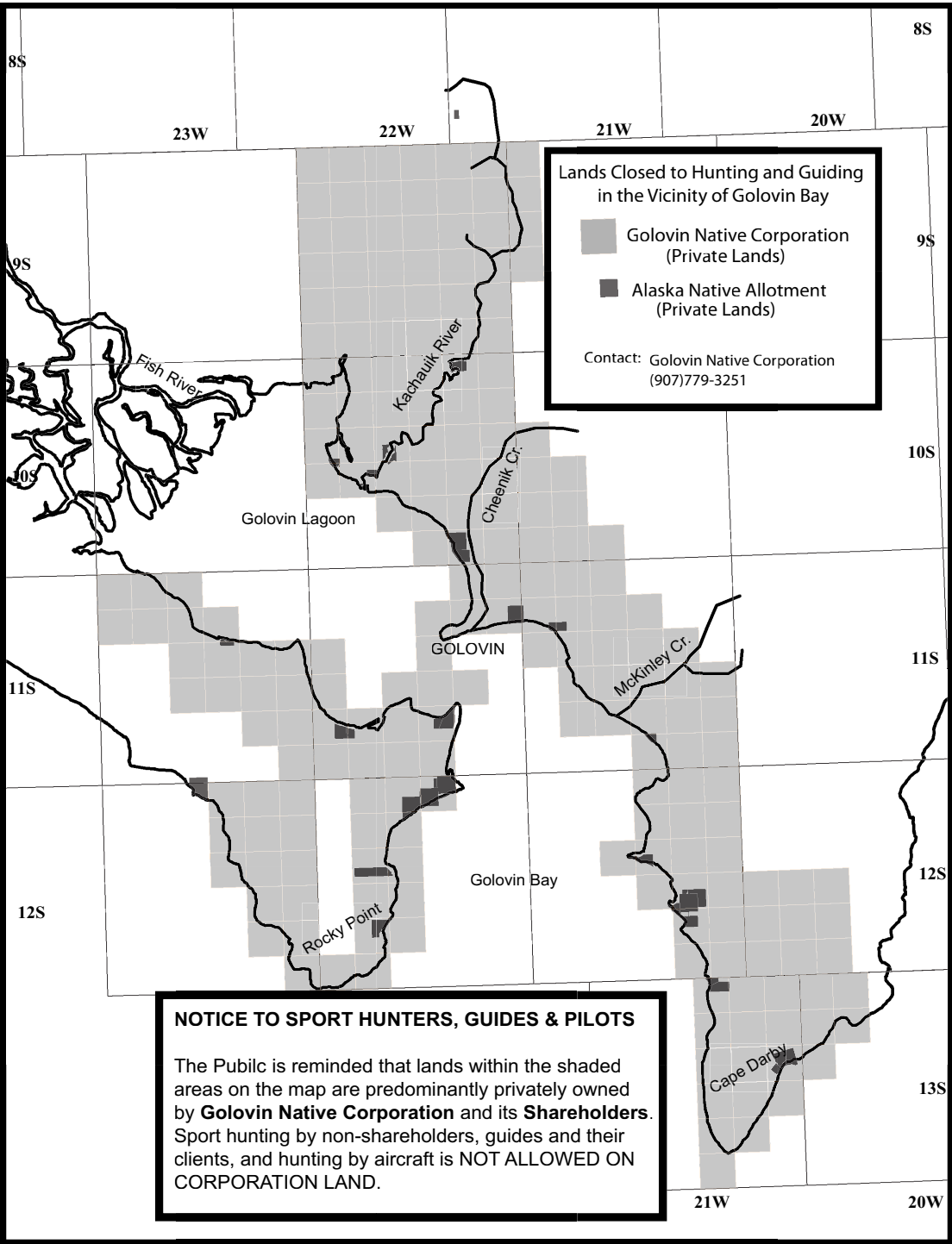




Photo by Tyler Rhodes

JUST A DRILL—Rena Booshu of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and Jerry Steiger of the volunteer Fire Department tend to Jessica Saclamana during a disaster drill May 8. The drill involved multiple agencies to practice working together to respond to emergencies on a larger scale.

Saying it Sincerely

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

Reference: John 10:11-18

“I am the Good Shepherd,” Jesus says in John 10:14. “I know my own and my own know me.” What a comfort to know that God hears our voice, but if Jesus/God is the good shepherd, how do we know when we hear God’s voice? For some of us God’s voice is plain and audible, just as if we were speaking from one human to another. For others of us, God speaks through other people or nature. For others of us still, God speaks through art or a multitude of other ways. Perhaps God speaks to us in several different ways each time. For some of us, tears well up in our eyes when we feel a strong presence of God and sense that God is trying to communicate something to us in that time, in that place. For others of us it still remains a mystery. The possibilities are endless.

God wants a relationship with us – individually and as humanity. Being in a relationship with God is like being in a relationship with other people or with our pets. We have to work hard at those relationships. To be in a good relationship with someone, there is mutual giving and receiving, in other words, reciprocity. Relationships change over time. Trust is built, sometimes there is pain and hopefully there are many more times of joy and fulfillment. Relationships change when someone moves to a different city, town or village. Time spent communicating is important whether it be on the phone, e-mailing, texting, chatting, talking, using a web camera. A lot of work and sacrifice has to be made to maintain this long distance relationship. Relationships change when something bad happens and people no long want to see one another. Pets need to be fed, cuddled, and petted in order for a good mutual relationship.

Our relationship with God is much the same. We have to work at our relationship with God. The difference in that relationship is that God will never leave or forsake us. We can work on our relationship with God through prayer, through reading the Bible, through devotional times, through journaling, through taking a walk in nature or in town, just being still in the presence of God. We can be in relationship with God through song or playing our favorite musical instrument. The possibilities are endless.

How is your relationship with God? Are you in tune with what God is trying to say to you in this time and this place? The good news is that even when we falter on our part of the relationship, God sticks with us. Even when we, like sheep stray, God is seeking to bring us back to the fold. Thank God for such a Good Shepherd!

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE for the Year 2009, listing Delinquent Real Property Taxes for the Years 2006 & 2007.

TAKE NOTICE that on or about the 28th Day of April, 2009, the City of Nome filed in Superior Court at Nome, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a certified copy of the foreclosure list for the years 2006 & 2007, together with a Petition for Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure. Notice will be given by four weekly publications of the foreclosure list in *The Nome Nugget* weekly newspaper on April 30 and on May 7, 14, 21, 2009. In addition to publication, a notice will be mailed, postage prepaid, to the

last-known owner of the property as their name appears on the foreclosure list.

During the time of publication of the foreclosure list, and up to the expiration of the statutory period for redemption, the property listed on the foreclosure list may be redeemed by payment in full for all taxes, penalties, and interest due and owing on the parcel(s) sought to be redeemed together with payment for a proportionate share of the costs of foreclosure, including but not limited to, the costs of publication, mailing,

and attorney's fees.

The foreclosure list is available for public inspection at the Clerk's Office in City Hall, Nome, Alaska, at 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska 99762. PAYMENT IN FULL OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FORECLOSURE LIST PLUS INTEREST, PENALTIES, AND A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COSTS OF FORECLOSURE MUST BE MADE BEFORE ANY PROPERTY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE FORECLOSURE LIST.

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA 2006-2007 FORECLOSURE LIST

OWNER OF RECORD	TAX LOT #	LEGAL	2006 TAX	2007 TAX	PENALTY	INTEREST*	GRAND TOTAL**
Apok, Martha (Estate) c/o Sharla Pate	001.121.31	South ½ of Lot 12, B 48 NT		814.00	65.12	115.08	994.20
Aukon, Danny Wayne Jr. & Barbara Lee	001.151.02A	Lot 13A, B 31 NT	685.30	685.30	109.65	248.44	1728.69
Ayek, Mary (Estate) c/o Sylvester Ayek	001.121.02	Lot 2, B 46 NT	1009.84			73.71	1083.55
The Cooperative Small Boat Fishermans Association of Alaska	001.411.24	Lot 49, B 57 NT		372.22		0.98	373.20
Eaton, Mike, Gloria & Lorriane	001.281.64	Lot 25A, B 27 Official plat 83-22 of U.S. Survey 451	596.20	596.20	95.39	216.14	1503.93
Eberl, Hatto H.	001.119.06	Lot 6, B 119 NT		333.30	26.66	47.12	407.08
Eberl, Hatto	001.221.08	L 4A and the Westerly 14 feet of Lot 5A, B 92 NT	193.60	193.60	30.98	70.19	488.37
Eberl, Hatto	001.221.08A	Lot 5A, B 92 NT	1059.30	1059.30	169.49	384.03	2672.12
Eberl, Hatto	001.241.31A	Lot 8A, B 30 of the replat of Lots 5,6,7,8,9 & N.1/2 of L10 excepting the East 25', NT		1538.90	123.11	217.56	1879.57
Hager, John & Tina	198.2.181	Lot 4A Flat Creek Subdivision	1773.20	1773.20	283.71	642.83	4472.94
Halladay, Duffy	001.231.28	North 65' of the South 97' of Lot 1, B 65 NT		650.10	52.01	91.91	794.02
Hoogendorn, Betty Ann	198.2.250	Section 24 MS # 1120 East Bench Placer		2788.50	223.08	394.21	3405.79
Kakik, Sam & Zarcone, Beatrice Lee,	001.311.15	West ½ of Lot 11 & all of Lot 12, B 96 NT	1083.50	1083.50	173.36	392.80	2733.16
Luce, Robert	001.111.16	Lot 6, B 69 NT	1656.60	1656.60	265.06	600.56	4178.82
Merkouris, John & My Quyen	001.281.39	North 46' of Lot 16, B 25 NT	397.78	695.20	55.62	127.75	1276.35
Milligrock, Lydia	198.2.464	Lot 6, B 14, Icy View Subdivision	1443.46	2054.80	164.39	373.24	4035.89
Mogg, Gloria J.	001.311.16	L 9,10,11(E 1/2) B 96 NT		577.50	46.20	81.65	705.35
Oleson, Joleen D.	001.281.23	East 20' of Lot 1, B 26 NT	256.85	513.70	61.64	83.16	915.35
Trigg, Clarence	001.161.25	L 29 & 30 (L 30 exc W 3'), B 66 NT	838.20	838.20	134.11	304.02	2114.53

*Interest for this total is computed as of April 21, 2009. Additional interest at eight percent (8%) per year on the tax due continues to accrue until paid in full. **In addition, each property or owner must pay its proportionate costs of foreclosure, including but not limited to attorney fees, court costs, costs of notice and publication, and costs of mailing. The costs must be paid before the property may be removed from the foreclosure list. I certify that I am the City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Nome, Alaska and that the foregoing foreclosure list is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Sandy Sturgis-Babcock, City Clerk/Treasurer

/s/ Joelene M. Kacena Notary Public, My Commission expires: 3/29/13

THIS LIST IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA, AT 102 DIVISION STREET, NOME, ALASKA 99762. A PETITION FOR JUDGMENT AND DECREE OF FORECLOSURE HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT IN NOME, ALASKA.

All Around the Sound

New Arrival

John and Eleanor Taft of Shishmaref and Jacqueline Iyatunguk of Anchorage are proud to announce the birth of their son **Daniel Kaden Sinakok Nayarook Ahnahkoozok Iyatunguk-Taft**. Daniel was born in Anchorage on April 28 at 4:22a.m. He weighed 9.5 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Daniel joins siblings Elsa, 9, Winfred, 7, Brian, 7, Delbert, 4, and Kane, 2. His grandparents are Mildred Taft of Deering, Winfred and Lucy Obruk of Shishmaref and Edna Iyatunguk of Anchorage.

Congratulations

Nome Nugget reporter Diana

Haecker took four first place awards and one third place award at the Alaska Professional Communicators conference May 7 in Anchorage. Her winning articles were for continuing coverage with the Rock Creek Mine development; science articles about the Coast Guard icebreaker *Polar Sea*, the impact of more arctic marine traffic, the Clean Water Initiative and polar bears on the tip of the iceberg in global warming. She was awarded first place for social issues with her stories on homelessness and underage drinking. She also was awarded first place for her story and photos about a problem muskox that attacked trucks.



Photo by Laurie McNicholas

AWAITING COHO RUN—Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. operates this salmon processing plant in Unalakleet.



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

DIGGING OUT— Department of Transportation crews work to clear the Council Highway at Cape Nome.

Court

Week ending 5/8

Civil

In the Matter of: Cannon, Marlene; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Ahwinona, Dora; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Chambers, Wick; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Ellanna, Donna; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Jorgensen, Marilyn; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Toshavik, Leeta; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
In the Matter of: Yuman, Jeanette; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Kingeekuk, Frances; Debt - District Court
Amarok, Virginia vs. Amarok, Gary; DV: ExParte Only
Hernandez, Joana-Karina vs. Larsen, Ivan; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
Iya, Jeanette vs. Miklahook Iya, Bertha; Petition for Custody - Superior Court
Lewis, Charlene A. vs. Lewis, Larry D.; Divorce Without Children - Superior Court

Small Claims

Jones, Rodney Edward vs. Green Jr., Louis; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Ozenna, Ann Marie; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Yenani, Daisy Rose Kulowiya; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Brown, Bernice A.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Katrina Alison Toolie (5/3/87); Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Providing for Probation; Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 4°; Date of offense: 11/11/08; Defendant came before court on 4/30/09, with counsel, Kirsten Bey, Public Defender Agency, and John Earthman, District Attorney present; It appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public, as well as the defendant, will be served thereby, IT IS OR-

DERED that the sentencing of the defendant is suspended for a period of 2 years and the defendant is placed on probation to the DOC under the conditions of probation listed below; Police Training Surcharge: pay the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); Special Condition of Probation—Imprisonment: Shall serve the following term of imprisonment: 30 days; this court recommends service of time at Seaside Community Residential Center; Shall report to AMCC by 6/1/09; General and Other Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Probation expires 4/30/11; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-06-781CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109521846; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-06-998CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109522377; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-06-781CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-08-643CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698452; No Action Taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-09-80CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass 1°; Filed by the DAs Office 5/1/09.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-09-213CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violating Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 5/1/09.

State of Alaska v. Rhonda Komok (12/22/66); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825217; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 4 months, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Daisy May Weinard (5/9/90); Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 4/12/07; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 7/1/09; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.

State of Alaska v. Gary Amarok (3/4/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110061252; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 5/7/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Donna Adams (6/16/52); DUI; Date of offense: 3/1/09; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report by 5/23/09 to AMCC to serve 72 hours; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$1,500 due 3/1/10; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (5/7/09); Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation), \$100 suspended (if probation); \$50 due, payable to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense), \$0 suspended; \$300 due, payable to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Restitution: In an amount to be determined; File information by 6/1/09; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Has completed screening; Complete recommended program; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After privilege to drive, us ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet for 12 months during the period of probation; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation until 5/7/10;

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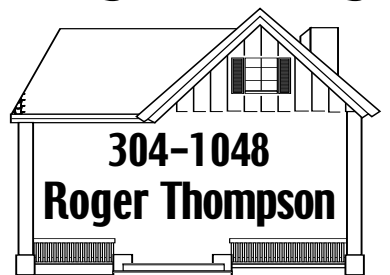
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