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KINGS OF THE MOUNTAIN—A herd of musk ox hold court on the top of a hill between Nome and Teller Aug. 3.

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Communities to get \$1 million for energy funds

By Laurie McNicholas

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board of directors established an energy fund of \$1 million for each member community July 31 during the final session of a four-day meeting in Nome.

The company represents 15 Bering Strait communities in the Western Alaska Community Development Program.

During a meeting in April in Unalakleet, the NSEDC board granted \$1 million to the Unalakleet Valley Electric Cooperative to supplement state funding for a wind farm. The cooperative had requested \$8.8 million from the Alaska Energy Authority's renewable energy fund, but was awarded only \$4 million.

At the April meeting, board member Don Stiles of Nome initially made a motion for NSEDC to donate \$1.3 million to UVEC's wind farm project. Several board members objected to the move, complaining that some of the company's member communities receive more benefits than do others.

Board Chairman Dan Harrelson of White Mountain told them that he and NSEDC's Chief Executive Officer Janis Ivanoff had discussed setting up a fund to provide \$1 million to each of NSEDC's member communities to help them address high energy costs. He also suggested amending Stiles' motion to reduce the UVEC

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Council wants independent look at Rock Creek proposal

Study of wastewater line to sewage lagoon approved

By Laurie McNicholas

During its Aug. 10 meeting, the Nome Common Council unanimously approved a motion by Councilwoman Mary Knodel for an independent study of a proposal to pipe water from behind a tailings dam at the Rock Creek Mine to the city's sewage lagoon. The mine is closed, but is may resume operation in the future.

Knodel wants the council to work with an engineer independent of the mining company and

Nome Joint Utility System to resolve questions about the proposed project, including these: What will the wastewater actually do to the city's sewage ponds? Are the ponds big enough to accommodate the wastewater from the mine? Will the project cost or save money for the City? Is the current operations permit for the sewage lagoon adequate for the proposed wastewater project?

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MAKING A RUN FOR IT—Trenton Ellison, playing for Nome GCI, runs for third base in a softball game played against the Nome Eskimo Community team Aug. 6.

Elementary, Nome-Beltz still struggling

Superintendent Wehde says closer look at the numbers shows improvements

By Tyler Rhodes

On their face, the results are stark. For the second year in a row, Nome's elementary and junior/senior high schools ranked at the bottom of the state's yearly assessment for school performance. In what the state

dubs "adequate yearly progress," or AYP, the two schools have worked their way to, and remained at, a level 5 ranking—the most severe on the scale of 1-5.

The AYP yardstick measures how students in the state's schools score on math, reading and writing tests given over three days each April. The percentage of students in grades 3-10 deemed proficient in the categories largely determines if a school is said to make AYP. Other items such as graduation rates, attendance and improvement over a previous year's results also factor into AYP.

Of the five entities that comprise the Nome Public School District, three missed the AYP mark. In addition to the elementary and junior/senior high schools, the Nome Youth Facility was also given a failing

grade. Superintendent Jon Wehde, however, believes the assessment of the youth facility was done in error since the failing grade appears to be based solely on its graduation rate.

For most of its students, the school is a temporary situation, serving youth remanded to the facility by courts or law enforcement. Once students are released from the facility, they normally return to their home school. "Quite frankly nearly all students that are with us in the Nome Youth Facility eventually matriculate back at their home school site," Wehde said. "It's a rarity they graduate from the facility."

Wehde said he has contacted the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development to see if a mistake was made. "I think we just have a glitch," Wehde said. "[Graduation]

is not a significant factor in regard to the education at the facility. I'm not sure where that came from."

The other two elements within the district, the Extensions Correspondence School and Anvil City Science Academy, both made the grade in terms of AYP. The Extensions program serves seven home-schooled students. The academy is the district's charter school serving students in fifth through eighth grades.

Anvil City was the bright spot in the district with 95 percent or more of its students scoring proficient in reading and writing, and 90 percent scoring proficient in math. "We saw a typical high performance by the Anvil City Science Academy. We are certainly proud of that," Wehde said. "It's very indicative of their past performances."

Even with the district's largest two schools at the bottom of the rankings, Wehde still sees glimmerings of improvement in the numbers. "I'm encouraged, but I'm definitely not satisfied," he said of the overall results. While the bottom line for the state may be whether a school makes or does not make AYP in all the given categories, the assessments provide the schools with more than just a pass/fail grade.

For Nome Elementary, scores in the language sections of the test improved enough for the school to make AYP in that category. The school scored 59 percent proficient in language in 2007-2008 and did not make AYP. Overall in the last school year, the school scored 61 percent

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Sobocienski officially named Sitnasuak President and CEO

After leading Nome’s Native corporation in an interim status since this spring, Trudy Sobocienski has been officially named the president and chief executive officer of Sitnasuak Native Corp.

By moving into the president’s seat, Sobocienski is required to give up her seat on the Native corporation’s board of directors per a recently enacted rule barring employees from being board mem-

bers. To that end, Sitnasuak is soliciting applicants to fill the open position. The term held by Sobocienski expires in May 2011.

Sobocienski was appointed interim president and CEO after Robert Fagerstrom left the position. Neither Fagerstrom nor other company officials have said why the change in leadership occurred. Fagerstrom is also a former board member.

Sobocienski’s departure from the board does not change its leadership structure. Crystal Andersen-Booth remains board chair, Neal Foster is first vice chair, Wendell (Mike) Wassmann is second vice chair, Jeannie Yuman is treasurer and Janice Doherty is secretary. Other board members are Homer Hoogendorn, Andrew Miller Jr., Jacob Ahwinona, Helen Bell and Perry Mendenhall.

Sitnasuak is accepting letters of intent and filled-out nominee information questionnaires until Aug. 21. The questionnaire can be obtained at the corporation’s office next to Bonanza Express off Bering Street.



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom
PULLING STRINGS—Amy Adcox adjusts tomato vines at the Northwest Campus gardening class at the high school complex in late July.

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

Editorial

It’s Worse Than the Party Line

Last week the US Senate approved Sonia Sotomayor’s nomination to the Supreme Court. Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski voted against Sotomayor’s appointment. Not only did she hold to party lines, but she also went around the bend with her explanation. Perhaps we could understand Murkowski’s reluctance to vote for a liberal, but her reasons sounded like she was channeling Sarah Palin. However, even Palin wouldn’t have been so venomous.

Murkowski went on a rant against East Coast people who were educated in East Coast liberal universities who just don’t understand Alaskans and our love of assault rifles. Let’s let that cool off a bit. Where does the Murkowski family live? Isn’t it Washington, D.C.? Isn’t that someplace east of the Mississippi River? Did she get a liberal education? Why do the Republicans always have to crank out half-cocked fears of gun legislation? Who are they trying to scare? Why such a diatribe against liberals in the name of Alaskans? Some Alaskans are proud of being raised on the East Coast, and some of us are proud of being educated at an East Coast university which is probably less liberal than a West Coast university. Yes, some Alaskans are liberals but more are moderates and a lot are even Democrats. However, the conservatives don’t seem to know the difference.

Senator Murkowski should know better than to take such a cheap shot in the name of Alaskans. This is a time when our nation can do without such divisive comments. The old party line routine is understandable for an old party line thinker, but the vindictiveness against East Coast liberals is strange. How do they differ from West Coast liberals? Such narrow-minded comments from an Alaska senator are quite disturbing. Maybe Senator Murkowski can fire her speechwriter, but she really needs to broaden her vision. — N.L.M. —

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The Corner Office

2009 Arctic Economic Development Summit What does it take to start a business? By Jason Evans

These owners brought up the three most important items when starting a business. 1. Save money prior to starting your business. 2. Have enough savings to survive until your business can support your family. 3. Keep your accounting straight and pay your taxes. If you take these three steps, it does not matter what type of business you start, you will be more likely to succeed.

I recently moderated a panel of private business owner from across the arctic at the 2009 Arctic Economic Development Summit held in Point Hope last month. The conference is a joint production put on by the Northwest Arctic Borough and the North Slope Borough and goes for several days on topics ranging from Small Business to Resource Development to Partnering with the State and Federal Government. The theme of the conference was Two Regions, One People, No Boundaries.

A few of the business owners I worked with were FBX, the largest freight handler based in Kotzebue; Morris Trading, a 50-year-old grocery store in Noorvik, and Aarigaa Java, the northern most espresso drive through in the world based in Barrow.

Each person gave personal accounts of what it took to start, run and operate their businesses in rural Alaska. Most of them were nervous to talk to the crowd of 200 plus people filling the Point Hope school gym and the

hundreds more on the radio, but they had the crowd captivated with telling stories on the small details and nuances of running a business.

Olamen Rexford, the owner of Aarigaa Java talked about saving his Native Corporation and Alaska PFD dividends for several years as he planned to start his business. “We sacrificed for our future” he told the crowd. Rexford also added starting a business makes your prioritize what you do with your money.

Morris Trading Company was started more than 50 years ago by Minnie Morris and her husband. She said they wanted to start a small store by selling candy bars, but she added they had independent income from outside employment. They used all of the profits to grow the company for several years before using or depending on any of the profits. Now they are one of the largest village based stores in the Northwest region.

Marcy Fairbanks from FBX said “the most important parts of running a business is bookkeeping and paying your taxes”. Fairbanks said, “Taxes always need to be paid; you might bring cash in today and you must put it aside to pay taxes in the future.”

The Corner Office is a column written by Jason Evans, a business and financial consultant. Mr. Evans has extensive expertise in business and finance. He was born and raised in Nome, Alaska and may be reached at je-vans@financialalaska.com

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — August 13 - 19, 2009									
Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	08/13	03:49 a.m. LDT	0.5L	09:58 a.m. LDT	1.4H	05:08 p.m. LDT	0.3L	11:32 p.m. LDT	1.0H
F	08/14	04:19 a.m. LDT	0.6L	10:19 a.m. LDT	1.5H	05:59 p.m. LDT	0.2L		
Sa	08/15	12:39 a.m. LDT	1.0H	04:51 a.m. LDT	0.7L	10:49 a.m. LDT	1.5H	06:57 p.m. LDT	0.1L
Su	08/16	01:54 a.m. LDT	1.0H	05:31 a.m. LDT	0.8L	11:35 a.m. LDT	1.5H	08:00 p.m. LDT	0.0L
M	08/17	03:16 a.m. LDT	1.0H	06:29 a.m. LDT	0.9L	12:39 p.m. LDT	1.5H	09:06 p.m. LDT	-0.1L
Tu	08/18	04:35 a.m. LDT	1.0H	07:51 a.m. LDT	0.9L	02:03 p.m. LDT	1.5H	10:08 p.m. LDT	-0.2L
W	08/19	05:35 a.m. LDT	1.1H	09:17 a.m. LDT	1L	03:27 p.m. LDT	1.5H	11:04 p.m. LDT	-0.3L

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Weather Statistics			
Sunrise	08/13/09 06:45 a.m.	High Temp	72° 8/4/09
	08/19/09 07:04 a.m.	Low Temp	40° 8/10/09
		Peak Wind	28 mph, WSW, 8/8/09
Sunset	08/13/09 11:25 p.m.	Precip. to Date	8.68"
	08/19/09 11:04 p.m.	Normal	7.93"
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YES VOTE—Nome Sen. Donnie Olson takes a break during the Aug. 10 special joint session of the Alaska Legislature. Olson gave a “yes” vote to override former Gov. Sarah Palin’s veto which refused to accept \$28 million in federal energy stimulus funds.

Legislature nixes Palin’s veto on energy funds

By Diana Haecker

When the state legislature convened for a special session Aug. 10 at the Egan Center in Anchorage, the senators and representatives had to navigate a crowd of protesters loudly demanding a “no” vote.

Protesters waved signs and took over the sidewalk in front of the Egan Center on Fifth Avenue, thumping “No” signs in the legislators’ faces. Some of them stopped to look at the signs that read, “WE the people say NO,” “Sovereignty yes, slush funds no,” “Do not sell us out for \$28 mil!” One man wore a T-shirt depicting former Gov. Sarah Palin and the words, “Sarah, we still love you.”

Other legislators, visibly annoyed, walked by and into the building to the chorus of “Vote no, vote no, vote no.”

Demonstrators on the other side of the issue quietly held their signs up, showing support for “Energy funds AK jobs” or “Efficiency makes cents.”

A few hours later, the House and Senate voted in a 45-14 vote to override former Palin’s veto to accept \$28.6 million in federal energy stimulus funds. It was a close affair, as the law requires a 75 percent vote to override a governor’s veto. The money is meant to weatherize homes and invest in energy-efficient projects. Palin rejected the funds in May on the grounds that they would come with strings attached. She asserted that these strings would allow the “feds” to dictate energy efficient building standards on Alaskan cities and communities. A third of the Senate and a third of the House representatives

spoke their minds, and did so mostly in favor of overriding the veto.

The ensuing debate Aug. 10 centered on whether or not the strings are a myth or reality. Senator and resource committee co-chair Bill Wielechowski (D-Anchorage) said that in his travels around Alaska, he had heard pleas for help from Alaskans. Regarding the assertion that in return for the \$28.6 million, the state has to adopt or impose energy-efficient building standards, Wielechowski said that after seeking the Department of Energy’s clarification, the energy department sent a letter to Alaska legislators to confirm that Alaska does not have to “adopt, impose or enforce a statewide building

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 13 - August 19, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, August 13		
Northland Services - Anchorage deadline, see the ad on page 8 for more details.		
Triple Threat Basketball - contact Melissa or Niaomi at 443-2246 for more info.		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Denali Kid Care/ Medicaid	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Swimming Lessons	Pool	4 p.m. - 5p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*SIDS Awareness Project	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Pilgrim Hot Springs meeting	Polar Cafe'	7 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Friday, August 14		
Alaska Logistics Voyage 9005 Seattle deadline, see the ad on page 10 for more details.		
Triple Threat Basketball - contact Melissa or Niaomi at 443-2246 for more info.		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Smoking Awareness Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	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, August 15		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Having Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*STD- The Key to Prevention video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 16		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Winning Against FAS video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Teen Breast Feeding video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, August 17		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Feeding Your Child video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Baby's First Month video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
City Surplus Equipment bids due	City Office	5 p.m. (see ad pg 13)
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*NCC Regular Meeting	Council chambers	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting "Big Book Study"	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Birth Control video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Contraception-Know Your Options vid.	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 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.
*Water Aerobics with Liz	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*NPC Regular Meeting	Council Chambers	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Nome Joint Utility System reg mtg	Council Chambers	7 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*WIC Class	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*The First Year Lasts Forever video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	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.

Business/place of interest hours of operation:		
XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (everyday)
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (everyday)
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
		1 p.m. - 8 p.m. (M - Th & Sa)



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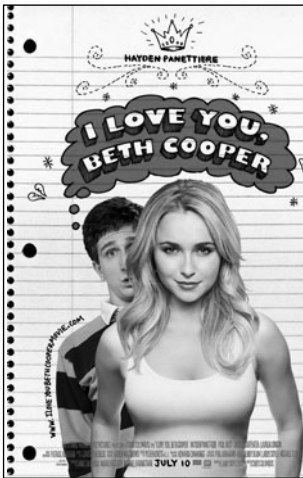
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• Test scores

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proficient. Despite being well under the state's bar, which is set at 77 percent for last year, the improvement was enough to pass under a provision the state calls "safe harbor."

That same provision allowed subsets of the school's population to make AYP in certain categories. Economically disadvantaged students, which account for the majority of the elementary school's population, scored proficient in language. Two years ago, that segment did not make AYP in language, with only 48 percent scoring proficient. In the most recent school year, 55 percent of the economically disadvantaged students scored proficient, allowing the district to make AYP under the safe harbor provision.

In the area of math, the elementary school overall remained relatively flat, dropping slightly from 55 percent scoring proficient two years ago to 54 percent last year. Overall, the school did not make AYP in that category. Again the school saw a jump in the scores of economically disadvantaged students—from 48 percent before—earning it AYP for that segment due to the safe harbor provision. "I'm particularly encouraged at where the economically disadvantaged cohorts posted in each building, [Nome-Beltz and the elementary]," Wehde said.

Wehde expects the trend of improving scores to continue. "Over the last three years, we've been gathering up more of our marginal students and moving them across the line," he said. "That's where the majority of our Nome Elementary kids reside...they are near misses."

Wehde says the improvements are not happenstance. "We're working

proficient. Two years ago, through the safe harbor provision, it made the grade in math with 52 percent testing proficient. Last year only 51 percent scored proficient, causing the school to not meet AYP. In language, however, 58 percent scored proficient last year, marking a large enough improvement over the 56 percent from two years ago to grant the school safe harbor AYP.

The high school's graduation rate also showed an uptick with 71.4 percent receiving diplomas last year compared to 67 percent the year before.

While making AYP under the current guidelines has proved unattainable for Nome's two largest schools, the effort is made even more difficult each year as the standards become more stringent. Like running a race where the finish line keeps getting extended farther down the course, the percentage of students who must score proficient keeps getting increased over time.

At the dawn of the No Child Left Behind Act, 64 percent of students had to score proficient in language and nearly 55 percent had to do so in math. This school year, like last year, the numbers are 77 percent for language and 66 percent for math. For the 2010-2011 school year, the percentages jump to nearly 83 percent for language and 74 percent for math. By 2013, 100 percent of students are required to score proficient for a school to make AYP.

Bering Strait schools see mixed results

With 15 schools in its widespread district, the Bering Strait School District experienced a variety of results from the state testing. Approximately half of the district's schools made the grade, while those that fell short trailed the state's standards at varying levels. Making AYP were the Anthony A.

gion not making AYP are by far no anomaly in the state. Of the state's 505 schools, 224 did not make the grade for 2008-2009. The list of schools not making AYP covers both urban and rural parts of the state.

Goals and consequences

Each year that a school does not make AYP causes it to drop another rung in the level ranking until it hits level 5. With those levels comes consequences under the No Child Left Behind Act.

In the initial levels, the requirements call for developing and implementing a school improvement plan. Parents are notified of the school's ranking. As the schools drop deeper into the level system, the schools are required to offer parents the choice of another school or supplemental education services if another school is not available. Some of the consequences of hitting and remaining at level 5 sound nearly draconian. At their most severe, the rules can call for the removal and replacement of a school's teachers and the operation of the facility turned over to a management company or the state.

Nome Superintendent Wehde said such extreme measures are not feasible and unlikely in rural Alaska where staffing can be a challenge. "Am I expecting any overt consequences from the state, no," he said. "We're still functioning at a status where we're making changes in our infrastructure."

It is unknown currently what the state may ask of the area schools remaining at level five.

For Nome's schools, he said the state in past years has performed a "desk audit" process which has involved a thorough review of the improvement plans written for the elementary and junior/senior high schools as well as other areas of their operation. "They're going to compare where we came from, what kind of growth we've had, and then go down and see what we placed in our school improvement plans," he said.

Some districts have experienced more direct involvement from the state. "There are a handful of districts where the state has intervened and put a state specialist on site," Wehde said. "The state is there to support us and monitor us."

Coming on the heels of the report, Wehde said the district is entering the coming school year with a new philosophy. "We're going to make this the year of the individual," he said.

Wehde said that philosophy applies to a number of areas, be it students, parents or teachers. He said one of the benefits of the annual testing and the No Child Left Behind Act is that the district now has seven years of data on its students which can help target educational efforts to better serve each student. That work will fall on the teachers as well as parents, he said. "We have the ability now to coach parents critically with homework," he said.

As the new school year gets underway, Wehde said the schools will focus on the work which needs to be done to move the test scores more in line with where the state wants to see them. He also said that improvement will not come at the expense of the elements of school that round out a student's experience and make them want to come back each day. "There's a lot of work to do, but we want to do it in such a fashion that it doesn't extinguish the love of learning," he said.

"We're working with students who are just missing by inches. We were missing by miles seven years ago."

— Superintendent Jon Wehde

with students who are just missing by inches. We were missing by miles seven years ago," he said. "It's a reason to be encouraged. Now we know we're heading in the right direction. The programs made over the last few years are beginning to bear fruit." Wehde said those efforts include summer school and bringing on extra staff at the elementary school to target students who need more help.

Nome-Beltz Junior/Senior High saw a flip in areas where it was deemed

Andrews School in St. Michael, James C. Isabell School in Teller, Koyuk-Malemute School, Martin L. Olson School in Golovin, Shishmaref School, Unalakleet School and White Mountain School.

The schools in Elim, Brevig Mission, Diomed, Gambell, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Stebbins and Wales did not make AYP for the last school year. Of those, Elim, Gambell, Savoonga and Stebbins were at a level 5.

The schools in Nome and the re-



Flu Season Preparedness

The City of Nome Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has monitored the status of the swine flu (H1N1) influenza outbreak since April. At the start of the summer, the LEPC in cooperation with Norton Sound Health Corporation mailed brochures to every box holder in Nome and the Bering Straits Region. The information contained in these brochures is still up to date.

Since school will be starting in a few weeks, you may be wondering what you can do to help curtail the rapid spread of influenza during the upcoming flu season.

- **Wash your hands** frequently with warm water and soap for 15-30 seconds or use hand sanitizer.
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According to a report published July 30 in *The Nome Nugget*, Alaska Gold Co. needs to dispose of more than 130 million gallons of treated tailings water currently stored in a large pond at the Rock Creek Mine several miles north of Nome. The company proposes to carry the water through a heat-traced and insulated pipeline over the tundra to the sewage lagoon. From there it would be piped to the Bering Sea.

Mining permit approved

The council adopted a resolution to issue a permit to Mitch Erickson for the 2009 mining season. The permit allows Erickson or his agent, Lawrence Essad, to operate a gravel spoils pile removal operation within the Moonlight Wells Protection area from which Nome draws its drinking water.

"The permit application covers stockpiling and screening of gravels for a future commercial materials site," the permit reads. "This permit does not include processing gravels for ore and establishment of waste facilities, holding ponds, etc., as part of any ore extraction activities."

The Acting City Engineer, Bristol Environmental & Engineering Services, reviewed the application and prepared a draft Moonlight Wells Permit based upon Best Management Practices, the resolution states.

The permit stipulates the following BMP for depth of cuts for gravel spoils pile removal: "The proposed gravel removal activity is within 750 feet of the Moonlight Wells well house. The proposed gravel spoils pile removal work shall be conducted so that there is no excavation into natural ground, and that only the spoil piles on top will be removed. There should be close monitoring of the gravel removal activities; if the gravels extracted include natural ground—the removal excavation should stop..."

The draft permit was made available for public comment from July 20 to Aug. 6. The city received no written comments about the proposed permit, and the council received no comments at the public hearing prior to approving the permit.

Councilman Stan Andersen asked Erickson what materials he plans to remove from the site. Erickson said the materials are 200,000 yards of tailings piles from the Gold Rush era.

"The permit says you can't go through natural ground," Anderson noted.

"It's 100 percent mine tailings from previous years," Erickson replied. "No [natural] ground will be disturbed."

Knodel asked Public Works Director Bill Angus whether he had inspected the permit site. "Yes," Angus said. "There is no existing machinery or anything out there at all."

Other council actions

Following a public hearing on an ordinance to issue a land use permit to the Nome Sportsman Association for the Sunset Firing Range, the council approved minor amendments

to the ordinance and then adopted it as amended. Erickson, Jeff Darling and Keith Conger made comments in favor of the ordinance during the public hearing. No one spoke in opposition to the permit.

The Sunset Firing Range contains about 43 acres and is located at mile 9 of the Nome-Teller Highway. The Nome Sportsman Association will use the range to provide hunter safety training for the community, and recreational and competitive shotgun, rifle, pistol and archery shooting activities.

The city agreed to allow the association non-exclusive use of the range for a two-year period from Aug. 11, 2009 through June 30, 2011 for a fee of \$1.

The council adopted a resolution designating water and sewer infrastructure improvements, specifically the replacement and expansion of the scialcore system in the east quadrant of Nome, as the community's No. 1 local state funding priority for 2010.

Nome DVD wins Emmy

"There's No Place Like Nome," a DVD produced by the Nome Convention and Visitor's Bureau, won a 2009 Emmy Award for Cinematography, reports NCVB Director Mitch Erickson. He said the award was presented to Richard Cooper, producer and director of photography for the video, by the Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Science in June. Richard Beneville was casting and creative director for the video, and Erickson was one of the executive producers.

In a written report to City Manager Josie Bahnke and the council, Erickson noted a decline in tourism in interior Alaska and in Nome this summer.

"Locally, one hotel property stated they are down 20 percent from last year," he wrote. "Several birding tours either cancelled or combined packages, and the independents have cancelled due to the economy. One tour company reports business down by 25 percent. The majority of the business decline is family members not coming to Nome to visit relatives. We had anticipated seven cruise ships coming to Nome this summer. Two have since cancelled and the two cruise ships that have stopped in Nome, the *Spirit of Oceanus* and the *Clipper Odyssey*, sailed at occupancy levels of 72 percent and 64 percent, respectively. Total cruise passengers were around 312."

Erickson said the NVCB is advertising for a new tourism director with extensive knowledge of Nome and the Bering Strait region. "Our new website, www.visitnomealaska.com, is now online but still undergoing some final edits, updates and modifications," he said.

Upcoming election

Nome resident Tim Smith reminded council members that the Nome seat on the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board of directors will be up for election this October. Nome is one of NSEDC's 15 member communities.

Smith provided each council member with a copy of a judgment issued Dec. 6, 1994 by the state Superior Court, Second Judicial District at Nome in a civil case Smith brought against NSEDC. The judgment included three options from which voters chose the following method for selecting an NSEDC representative from their community: "2) Election at a regularly held municipal election by anyone residing in the community who is eligible to vote in a municipal election."

"Remember the problem with the 2006 election," Smith said. "It's important to clear up the rules well ahead of the 2009 election." He said the provisions in the 1994 court judgment for electing representatives of NSEDC's member communities still stand.

In the 2006 election for the NSEDC Nome representative, Adem Boeckmann garnered the most votes, followed by Louis Green Jr. Boeckmann, however, was disqualified because he resides outside Nome's municipal boundaries. Smith and Green are among those who believe the election should have been awarded to Green as the next highest vote-getter.

However, in a complex series of actions, the 2006 election for Nome's NSEDC board member was nullified. Nome's incumbent NSEDC board member Don Stiles, who had decided not to run in the 2006 election, continued to serve in that capacity while the company arranged for a second election. Stiles ran in the second election in February 2007 and defeated Green. Then the NSEDC board changed the company's bylaws to allow individuals who reside outside the municipal boundaries of a community to run in an election for that community's board seat.

Mayor Denise Michels told Smith Aug. 10 the city had received a letter with proposed changes from NSEDC's Chief Executive Officer Janis Ivanoff and had forwarded it to the city's attorney. "They did make bylaws changes," Michels said.

"Their bylaws don't control the election," Smith replied. "It's still under the court judgment."

City Clerk Sandy Sturgis-Babcock asked Smith to clarify a comment he made to her in an earlier conversation about the eligibility of a candidate and the eligibility of a voter. Smith

said the same rules apply to the election of NSEDC board members that apply to the election of Nome Joint Utility System board members.

Michels said a copy of the document Smith provided to council members will be faxed to the city's attorney for review.

All members of the council were present at the Monday meeting except for Neal Foster.

Floodplain study meeting

A public meeting to review the City of Nome's floodplain study is scheduled Aug. 26 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, according to Michael J. Riedy, floodplain management specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This will be the final Flood Insurance Community Coordination Officer meeting for the study.

Results of the new Flood Insurance Study and Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps, dated Oct. 31, 2008, will be presented. The study is the primary tool used under the National Flood Insurance Program and insurance industry to regulate floodplain development and rate flood insurance policies.

Planners approve little Darling

By Sandra L. Medearis

City planners have given a preliminary nod to a small subdivision south of the Nome-Beltz school complex.

The bulk of Darling Creek Subdivision would lay west of Center Creek Road and north of Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. The land is owned by NovaGold Resources.

The subdivision qualifies for an abbreviated plat procedure, meaning after it has been surveyed and a final plat drawn up, it can go directly to City Hall for approval, without stopping at

the Nome Planning Commission table for approval. The action separates a 6.25-acre lot from remaining Parcel A-1 of more than 100 acres. The smaller piece, at 6.25 acres, lies across the road from the correctional center.

The panel waived the planning commission review at its Aug. 4 meeting, pending a percolation test and correction of typos on the documents. According to surveyor George Krier, the shortcut was legal because the subdivision met five requirements: lots five acres or larger, legal and physical

access to public street or highway for each lot, single lot subdivided into no more than four lots, does not require any street right-of-way issues, and does not require vacation of public land or variance from subdivision regulations. Krier attended by telephone.

A "percolation test" determines the rate of absorption by soil for a septic drain field onsite.

In other business, the commission decided to keep the same officers for another year. Irene Anderson was retained as chairwoman.



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SPLISH SPLASH—Members of the Nome-Beltz cross country team wash off after practice with a plunge into the chilly Bering Sea Aug. 8.



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grant from \$1.3 million to \$1 million.

NSEDC's 2008 budget does not include monies for the UVEC project, so Harrelson asked Ivanoff how the grant would be funded. She said the money would come from one of the company's escrow accounts.

On July 30 during a meeting of the full board, Harrelson said the executive committee had discussed a community energy fund proposal prepared by staff, adding that the funds could be used for a feasibility study, not just an alternative energy project. He said the committee had taken no action on the proposal and recommended that the full board review it.

Stiles asked that a resolution be drafted for consideration by the board during the July meeting to establish an energy fund of \$1 million for each community. The next day the board approved Stiles' motion to adopt the resolution based on the staff's proposal. Stiles thanked the board and staff for creating the community energy fund to offset high energy costs and help solve economic woes. "...I look forward to the energy problem being smashed," he added.

Golovin rock quarry study

The Golovin Native Corp. submitted a proposal to the NSEDC board requesting \$206,000 to conduct the first phase of a feasibility study for a rock quarry. Golovin board member Dean Peterson said development of the quarry would create jobs in the community. He introduced Peter Olson of GNC to the board, noting that Olson has worked on the proposed project since it began.

Olson said GNC had an engineer and geologist look at the proposed rock quarry in 2005 and hired an engineer from URS Corp. for a feasibility study in 2006. URS will conduct a full feasibility study and develop a business plan for the project, which will cost \$1.14 million before the first dirt is turned, he added.

Olson said GNC, which has contributed \$28,000 for the study, hopes to complete the first eight tasks for \$235,505. The rock at the proposed quarry site located 1.5 miles east of Golovin on land owned by GNC is of higher grade and harder than rock from Cape Nome, he said. Olson said Kawerak has told GNC it will contribute up to \$120,000 for the study.

Harrelson said Golovin and White Mountain

“I see tenders and thousands and thousands of dollars for the southern communities and nothing for the northern communities.”

– NSEDC Board Member Joe Garnie, Teller

hope to establish a wind turbine system between the two communities to provide energy to both of them. “A gravel source at Golovin would give us a good road to it,” he added. “Golovin is threatened by global warming and a rock quarry would help [the community] build a wall.”

“For erosion control, yes,” Olson said.

Harvey Sookiayak of Shaktoolik made a motion to approve the GNC funding request, seconded by Fred Katcheak of Unalakleet.

“I appreciate their work on this,” Stiles said. “I recognize it's out of [the budget] cycle.” He said he is supporting the request, but he asked board members not to get into the habit of making funding requests outside the budget cycle.

“The timing is critical,” Harrelson replied.

Stiles asked where funding for the request will come from in the budget.

“A budget amendment is needed,” Ivanoff said.

The board unanimously approved the GNC funding request for \$206,000.

Port Clarence test fishery

Board members reviewed a proposal developed for a test fishery this summer in the Port Clarence and Teller areas by Charlie Lean, NSEDC's director of Fisheries Research and Development.

Ivanoff and Simon Kinneen, NSEDC's chief operating officer, emphasized that the proposed test fishery is a minor part of a feasibility study approved by the board at their April meeting to help residents of Brevig Mission, Little Diomedes, Teller and Wales be-

come Bering Sea fishermen.

Lean said he has ordered 15 sets of long line gear, part of which will be distributed among Teller and Brevig Mission fishermen to fish for halibut, cod and pollock. He suggested fishing from small boats near shore at Port Clarence and the entrance to Grantley Harbor. Lean said he is trying to arrange for a couple of charter trips for trainees farther out in the Bering Sea with experienced fishermen who own 30-foot boats.

“To catch halibut you need an Internet-connected buying station,” he noted. “We have one at Savoonga and Unalakleet.” He said it's not practical to go from Teller to Nome with the catch, so the test fishery needs to be a subsistence fishery.

Lean said he has budgeted \$37,000 to pay for long line gear, charter trips, \$100 for each fisherman to help with gas costs, and a global positioning system for each of them. Fishers who participate in the test fishery can keep the long line gear and the fish they catch in exchange for providing data on the location and species of fish harvested, he added.

“We live in an economically depressed area where two families together own a boat,” said board member Joe Garnie of Teller. “One boat might take a trip in a day to a berry area. I doubt if they will give a boat to one or two individuals in the family to [use in a test fishery]. So I see it as a failure for lack of outboards and boats.”

“It may be a better incentive to pay these guys to go to work,” Harrelson said. “Will our insurance cover them on a charter boat? Will

wages attract good guys?”

“Yes, we have some guys who have fished in Nome,” Garnie replied. “There are not enough boats to go around in the community.”

Lean said a Nome fisherman has offered to bring his skiff to Teller to fish with local residents. “I chose the subsistence route to avoid legal problems,” he noted. Lean explained that commercially harvested halibut must get to Nome for processing in the same boat in which it was caught.

“We are mostly interested in the halibut fishery,” said board member Reggie Barr of Brevig Mission.

“We're between a rock and a hard spot,” Garnie said. “I'm more than grateful, but we have no boats. I see megabucks poured into [NSEDC's processing] plants. I'm literally going to ask you for boats and motors.... I see tenders and thousands and thousands of dollars for the southern communities and nothing for the northern communities.”

Stiles said the only thing to do is buy the boats. He said the boats should be longer than 18 feet, and he suggested buying 22-foot salmon skiffs.

“If we use them in the test fishery and then make them available through the loan program,” Harrelson said. NSEDC provides a revolving loan program for fishermen to buy boats, motors, nets and other gear.

“We have two very nice trailers NSEDC gave Teller, and a loader,” Garnie said, adding that the trailers and loader need minor repairs.

“We have an existing boat loan [program],” noted board member Charles Saccheus of Elim. “Why don't they go through the same process just like other fishing villages?”

“We want to be sure enough fish are there to pay off a loan,” Harrelson said. “I'd hate to buy a \$30,000 boat and then find no fish.”

Stiles made a motion to buy four vessels for the Port Clarence fishery at a cost of \$25,000 for each vessel. The motion was amended to add Lean's \$37,000 budget for the fishery, and the board approved the motion as amended for \$137,000.

“Do you need a budget amendment?” Sookiayak asked Lean. “Yes,” Lean replied, adding that he is not sure how soon he can get the boats to Nome.

In answer to a question from Harrelson, Lean said the boats will be shared in the communities.

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code” to qualify for the energy stimulus money. All that is asked for in return is that the state promotes cities and communities to adopt their own energy efficiency codes. Wielechowski said that the only strings in his interpretation of the letter are “responsibility and accountability.”

“In fact, 92 percent of Alaskans already live in communities that have adopted international energy efficiency building codes,” Wielechowski said.

Rep. Bryce Edgmon (D-Dillingham) pointed out that the weatherization program is an immediate way to save on energy and that the stimulus money could supply “badly needed funds for the Renewable Energy Alaska Project.” Rep. Bill Thomas (R-Haines) added that nobody talks about federal highway funds that are spent in Alaska despite the fact that there are numerous strings attached to those.

Sen. Lyman Hoffman (D-Bethel) added that Alaskans live in the coldest state in the union and that “we should be setting the standards in weatherization.”

On the other side of the aisle, politicians still believe in the imposition of building standards and insisted that acceptance of the energy stimulus funds would authorize feds to tell Alaskans how to build homes and public facilities. Rep. Wes Keller (R-Wasilla) asserted that acceptance of the money is going to ride the state deep into trouble. “It’s a lot of money, but we don’t want to walk into it because it will cost the state more money to walk into codes that haven’t even been written yet,” Keller said.

North Pole Republican Sen. John Coghill prophesied, “We will see more building codes that follow this money to Alaska.” He added that the Department of Energy and the language in the stimulus bill itself are sending conflicting messages and that there would be way too much federal control already. “In fact, I will be turning up my nose on more federal money,” Coghill announced.

The most fiery opposition speech on the floor came from Bob Lynn (R-Anchorage), who said that he, too, could not make sense out of the conflicting messages “from our friends in Washington.” Lynn said with his “no” vote, he wants to send a message to U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi “to keep your hands off and leave it up to us to figure out how we do things in Alaska.”

Anchorage Democrat Les Gara expressed his frustration with the former administration under Palin and that he did not get any answers out of the governor’s office when asking for what specific strings Palin took

offense to. Gara said that he had wished for an informed discussion with the executive rather than the reverting to “generalities.”

“Every single statement out of the governor’s office was a generality about the governor not wanting the feds to tell Alaska what to do,” he said.

Gara said energy efficient building and the money saved is the “single least expensive way to reduce energy costs.” But then there were those who changed their minds. Anchorage Republican Mike Hawker said he had initially been an outspoken critic of the energy stimulus money. “But my opinion has evolved,” he said. Hawker said that his office did thorough research and demystified the myth that the state has to adopt or impose building codes. Another legislator referred to the letter out of DoE as being written by a low-level bureaucrat, but Hawker said that the letter went through the entire DoE legal review process and has been OK’d by the general legal counsel for the Department of Energy.

Sen. Bob Herron (D-Bethel) simply said that his constituents have urged a “yes” vote. “I guess we should thank Gov. Palin for this veto because it brought a high level of intensity to this debate,” Herron said. He added that a few hours earlier, as he walked into the building, he witnessed a woman with a big “No” sign pestering a legislator to vote “no.” “She didn’t know that he will vote no, but I appreciate her passion about it,” he said.

Finally, Sen. Lesil McGuire, an Anchorage Republican and co-chair of the Senate’s Resource Committee, said that she understands the Republicans’ fear and skepticism of government. “But, having that said, I also want to point out that we work in partnership with the feds,” McGuire said.

Nome Rep. Richard Foster was absent from the session for medical reasons. Sen. Donnie Olson (D-Nome) voted “yes.” “No” votes to the energy stimulus funds came from Reps. John Coghill (R-North Pole), Anna Fairclough (R-Eagle River), Craig Johnson (R-Anchorage), Wes Keller (R-Wasilla), Mike Kelly (R-Fairbanks), Bob Lynn (R-Anchorage), Mark Neuman (R-Wasilla), Bill Stoltze (R-Chugiak) and Alan Austermann (R-Kodiak), opposing the 30 yeas. In the Senate, Fred Dyson (R-Eagle River), Charlie Huggins (R-Wasilla), Gene Therriault (R-North Pole), Thomas Wagoner (R-Kenai) and Con Bunde (R-Anchorage) opposed the 15 “yes” votes.

Prior to the vote to override Palin’s veto, the Legislature voted to accept Craig E. Campbell as the



Photo by Diana Haecker

SIGN OF THE TIMES—The Alaska Legislature’s joint session proved cause for sign-wavers of all stripes to pound the pavement along Fifth Avenue in Anchorage Aug. 10. While some argued for and against the stimulus funds that were the subject of the session, others used the opportunity to debate t

Lieutenant Governor.

Before Senate president Gary Stevens (R-Kodiak) and House speaker Mike Chenault (R-Kenai)

called in the session, U.S. Congressman Don Young and his daughter were honored by the Alaska legislators and presented with an Alaska

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JUNIOR RANGER FUN—Kylie Deering participates in a National Park Service Junior Ranger activity on Friday, July 31.

Park Rangers bring love of plants and animals to children

By Anna Hahn

Junior Rangers and Tundra Tots are the focus point of Rachel Gabryszak, a student from Buffalo State in New York.

Originally her college major was going to center on social work — but when Gabryszak applied for an intern position with Nome's Park Ranger Service, her plans took a 180° turn.

Now she is changing her major to conservation work, all because of her one summer in Nome.

"It's glorious in Nome—it kind of pulls you in... Now I want to spend all of my time outside. I want to work outside and stay out," said Gabryszak.

The programs Junior Rangers and Tundra Tots provide sessions for young children who wish to learn about the environment and animals.

Gabryszak leads the two weekly sessions.

For Tundra Tots, the younger group, Gabryszak provides different craft projects, songs and education on how different animals eat and keep warm.

When it comes to Junior Rangers, the older kids, the crafts may take more time and the animal and plant learning is more in depth.

Gabryszak will return to Buffalo State on the Aug. 17 and says she would love to return to Nome in the future.

As for Tundra Tots and Junior Rangers, a different intern will take Gabryszak's place next summer and continue with the program's educational outreach and hands-on learning.

The XYZ Center is looking for donations of unopened puzzles. They have had past problems of missing pieces.

Please bring donations to the XYZ Center next to the City Offices.



Photo by Diana DeStafeno

BAG OF BERRIES—Girl Scouts member Bailey Schilbach braved the cold, overcast and windy weather to pick ripe salmonberries and blueberries on the tundra on Aug. 6th during Camp Jesse Bloom Extreme. Girl Scouts troop members, along with other girls from the community, traveled to the area about 5 miles outside of Kotzebue.

Summertime in Nome and around the Sound!



Photo by Denise Olin

GOT THE BLUES—Lori Keller picks blueberries Aug. 2 near Cape Nome.



Photo by Keith Conger

TRAFFIC JAM—Mike, Sven and Stefan, three French world travelers, thought they would encounter little traffic on their backpacking trip along the Teller Highway. The trio found plenty of congestion on the road Aug. 6, however, in the form of a small herd of reindeer. They tried to get past the cluster several times before the animals reluctantly gave up the right-of-way.

Someday they will go to Mars

By Nikki Polk

More than a dozen young Nomeites sent their gazes skyward Aug. 7, launching model rockets toward the stratosphere for DAWN's second annual rocket day. DAWN, Drugs Aren't Wanted in Nome, sponsored the follow-up event to last year's launch. With the help of Anvil City Science Academy teacher Todd Hindman, 16 participants built and launched their own rockets. The young rocketeers spent the first part of the day custom building each rocket.

After the glue dried, they put the engines in place and headed to the field east of the Nome Recreation Center. Some of the crafts soared 500 feet into the air. Some were taken by the wind when the chute deployed, and some went up and tumbled straight back down. After the launch, the rocketeers enjoyed ice cream sundaes and shared stories of their particular

rocket's fate.

DAWN sponsors other activities in Nome including free T-shirts during Red Ribbon Week

and the Halloween Happening. The organization also supports other local youth activities with financial assistance.



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READY FOR TAKEOFF—John Wade, 9, shows excitement as he finishes building his rocket.

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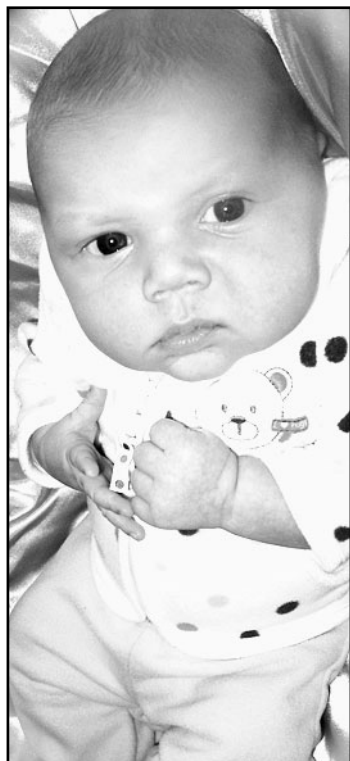
New Arrivals

Heather D. Ongtawasruk and Daniel K. Angusuc of Nome announce the birth of their son **Kevin Riley Ongtawasruk** born May 6 at 11:52 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, and was 20" in length. Siblings are Kiernan, 7, Owen, 3; and Patrick, 1. Maternal grandparents are Nora Brock of Nome and Warren Weyiouanna of Shishmaref. Paternal grandparents are Doris Angusuc and Dan Koonuk of Nome.



Kevin Riley Ongtawasruk

Kimberly R. Oxereok and Zachary R. Milligrock of Wales announce the birth of their daughter **Emily Sunny Oxereok** born July 31 at 6:38 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20" in length. Siblings are Ernest, 8; Daniel, 6; and Jade, 4. Maternal grandparents are



Sawyer Earl David Ahjiinluq Niuqsiq Elliott

Clyde Oxereok of Wales. Paternal grandparents are the late Herbert Milligrock; and Roseleane Soolook of New Mexico.

Leeta Toshavik and Eric Elliott of Kenai announce the birth of their son **Sawyer Earl David Ahjiinluq Niuqsiq Elliott**, born July 12 at 6:11 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 21.5 inches in length. Great maternal grandparents are Herbert and Lorena Paniptchuk of Unalakleet. Maternal grandparents are Glenda Toshavik and the late Earl Toshavik of Unalakleet. Paternal great-grandparents are Clay Gouge of Lavalette, West Virginia and Nancy Lewis of Milford, Delaware. Paternal grandparents are Bonnie Meadows of Nome, and Mike Meadows and Karen Bailey of Fairbanks.

Nome man found dead in home

No foul play suspected

A pair of visitors discovered a Nome resident dead in his home Saturday evening.

The discovery of Albert Kenneth Kowchee, 65, at 312 West 1st Ave. prompted the two acquaintances to call the Nome Police Department Aug. 8. Police say a subsequent investigation that lasted several hours revealed no indication of foul play. The results of the investigation were shared with the state Medical Examiner's Office, which, police say, determined no autopsy was necessary.

Next of kin have been notified.

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2	2,277	2,656
3	2,862	3,339
4	3,447	4,021
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6	4,617	5,386
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AND WE MEAN IT— City signs give warning at the storage lot near Fourth Avenue.

Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. David Elmore
Community United Methodist Church
For the Nome Ministerial Association
Reference: John 6: 35, 41-51

In the 1985 film, *Back to the Future II*, Marty McFly and Dr. Emmett Brown travel ahead in time to 2015. In this movie we see a view of 2015 complete with flying cars and hoverboards – skateboards that hover rather than roll. When there, Marty sees his future family in ruins, and decides to buy a sports almanac and take it back with him to 1985 and make a fortune on betting on sports events. Now Doc Brown, eccentric though he may be, is no dummy and he catches wind of this and throws the almanac away, uttering the memorable line, “I didn’t invent the time machine to win at gambling, . . . I invented the time machine to travel through time.” Anyway, Biff, Marty’s nemesis, gets wind of this, steals the time machine and takes the almanac back to 1954 and alters history, building a fortune from betting on sports and making the idyllic community of Hill Valley a gambling Mecca.

When Marty and Doc Brown returned from the future, they brought a new reality back with them. A reality created by Biff bringing that almanac back to 1955 and using it to acquire great wealth such that he came to control Hill Valley. Marty and Doc Brown longed for things to return to the idyllic community that Hill Valley was before Biff changed things by sneaking that Almanac

back.

There are parallels here with John’s understanding of Eternal Life. The Hebrew understanding of eternal life was that it was “life of the age which is to come.” We understand that to be the life when Jesus returns, or the life in the Kingdom of God. Now, we understand that when Jesus walked among us, the Kingdom of God has come near to us. But, we know that it is not complete. We still have suffering and evil in the world. There are too many Biffs in this world who seek to get rich at the expense of others. But, Jesus teaches us that He is the bread of life, and through trusting him, through eating the bread and drinking the cup, through resting and praying at Jesus’ feet, we may experience eternal life, or life with God. Just as God fed the Hebrews in the Desert as they were leaving slavery in Egypt by providing manna, God still provides for us as we seek the Christ, who reconciles us with God that we may have eternal life. Now, the relation to back to the future is this: Christ’s coming kingdom is both a present and future reality. Much like Marty tried to bring that almanac back, and just as Biff did, when we become part of Christ’s body, the church, we begin to experience that future reality as a present reality. But as we live out this new reality of God’s Reign, or eternal life, we are changed and we become more concerned about the least of these more than we do ourselves.

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 AQUARIUS January 20–February 18 Numbers surround you, Aquarius. Take the hint and find out what you can do to improve your bottom line. A mix-up in communication makes for a hectic week at work.	 TAURUS April 20–May 20 Whew, Taurus. You complete an assignment in record time! Invite everyone over for dinner and celebrate your success. Greetings from afar make you happy.	 LEO July 23–August 22 Unbelievable, Leo. Just when you thought everything was going well, you get a big swift kick in the pants. Get up, dust yourself off and start over.	 SCORPIO October 23–November 21 Color plays a big role in your life this week, Scorpio. Yellow inspires, blue soothes, red excites and so forth. Small miracles flood your home.
 PISCES February 19–March 20 You’ve got it, Pisces, but there’s no need for you to flaunt it. Go about things quietly, and all of the right people will notice. A chain of events at home leads to a major cleanup.	 GEMINI May 21–June 21 Wow, Gemini. You pull one over on a friend, and they are absolutely delighted with the results. Give yourself a pat on the back. A break in your schedule gives you time to reflect.	 VIRGO August 23–September 22 Please, Virgo. You cannot go on ignoring a problem at home. Confront it and resolve it before it gets out of hand. Your love life heats up with a mini vacation.	 SAGITTARIUS November 22–December 21 Snooze, Sagittarius, and you’ll lose. Keep up the pace and vow not to be outdone. An auto problem looks worse than it is. You won’t have to shell out big bucks for this one.

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

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Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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5th & Bering, 443-5295
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

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Kawerak Inc. Recruitment Notice – 08/10/09 to close of business on 08/24/09.
DIVISION: Children and Family Services
JOB TITLE: Tribal Family Coordinator
POSITION STATUS: Regular Part-Time
LOCATION: Unalakleet, Alaska
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 9-10-11-12 (\$18.45 – 25.55)DOE
REPORTS TO: Children & Family Services Program Director
QUALIFICATIONS:
1) High School Diploma or GED equivalent plus

six (6) months experience in the human services field.
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DIVISION: NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT: Land Management Services
JOB TITLE: Program Director
POSITION STATUS: Regular Full Time
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 14-15-16-17(\$24.80 - 34.33)DOE
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Cynthia Albertson, DOB: 6/17/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving Under the Influence, Refusal to Submit to Chemical Testing, and Driving While License is Suspended or Revoked.
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Grace Olanna, DOB: 9/16/62, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault on a Peace Officer.
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Harry Goldsberry, DOB: 1/18/79, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, DV, Criminal Trespass, and Disorderly Conduct.
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Cerene Seppilu, DOB: 9/28/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Release.
Deilah Johnson, DOB: 1/14/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.
Ada Peterson, DOB: 2/9/90, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.
Bryce Wanke-Green, DOB: 3/2/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Misdemeanor in the 5th Degree, Improper Use of Evidence of Registration or Certificate of Title, and Motor Insurance Required.
During this reporting period we had nine persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

Trooper Beat

On August 4, Unalakleet AST received a report that John Elachik, 32, of St. Michael was violating his conditions of release by not being with his third party custodians. Investigation revealed that Elachik was not with his 24-hour sight and sound third party custodians. On August 5, Elachik was arrested and after arraignment transported to AMCC. The custodians Lorraine Tom, Bernie Joe and Victor Joe will be summonsed into court for Violating Custodial Duties.

On August 5, at about 11:00 a.m., Nome AST received several calls from Teller reporting Matthew Bell and two other individuals were intoxicated and driving around Teller in a red SUV with two tires on the roof. One of the callers reported the vehicle was headed to Nome. On August 5, at about 1:10 p.m., Nome AST contacted Matthew Bell, 36, of Teller, driving a red GMC with two tires on the roof, in the Nome area. Bell was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and transported to AMCC and booked on \$1,000 bail.

On August 7, VPSO Lucas Stotts in Shaktoolik received a report of a domestic assault, his investigation is continuing and a report will be sent to the DAO at the conclusion of his investigation.



Photo by Laurie McNicholas

CELEBRATION— Rev. Ross Tozzi, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Nome says Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes church at Pilgrim Hot Springs Aug. 1.

Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs form nonprofit corporation

By Laurie McNicholas

The Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs filed articles of incorporation as a nonprofit corporation with the State of Alaska on July 31 following a brief meeting. The organization aims to preserve historical sites at Pilgrim Hot Springs. Gary

Longley, Sr. is the registered agent of the corporation, and he will serve as one of its initial directors, along with Nancy McGuire and Louie Green, Sr.

Longley recently obtained a copy

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NOTICE OF TRANSFER APPLICATION

Stanley Sobocienski, d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for transfer of a beverage dispensary license (A.S.04.11.080 (1)) to Columbus Sobocienski and Trudy Sobocienski d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage AK 99507

Obituaries

Tommy Johnson
2/14/24-7/30/09

Tommy (Thomas John) Johnson died July 30 at age 85 at the assisted living home, All About Care, in Anchorage. Tommy was born on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 1924 in Kinak, in the Kuskokwim area to John and Paniony Johnson. Celebration of Life is planned for August 28, starting at 2:30 p.m. at the Nome Rec. Center

Tommy’s father John came to Alaska from Trondhiem, Norway in 1882, and became a U.S. citizen in 1892. During the Klondike Gold Rush, John earned the nickname “Klondike”. Everybody called him that, as Tommy’s bother Dan recalls. John settled in Bristol Bay to fish. Tommy’s Mother, Paniony was from

Nelson Island. Tommy was their third son. Paniony died after the birth of Tommy’s younger brother Andrew. John did his best to fish and raise his four sons. John had an 80 head reindeer herd and built sailboats. In the mid 1920s a sailboat was all folks could use to fish in Bristol Bay; motor boats were outlawed. John placed his four boys in the Moravian Children’s Home in Kwethluk near Bethel when John became too sick. He died from stomach cancer in Seward.

At 16 years of age Tommy left the orphanage with a limited education and total knowledge of the Bible. In 1939 he became a deck hand on the ship *Moravian* that carried freight around Alaska. That same year he was hired as a laborer and helped build the hospital in Dillingham. He would fish every summer on Bristol Bay out of Clarks Point. He was drafted in 1942 and served in the U.S. Army in the Aleutian Islands. Morris & Knudson hired him in 1946 and he became a member of The International Union of Operating Engineers, LOCAL 302. He worked in Fairbanks and around Alaska until 1955 when he moved to Nome with the White Alice project.

He married Myrtle Fagerstrom Chambers on Feb. 11, 1956 in Anchorage with his brother Dan and wife Goldie as witnesses. They had two sons, “Echo” in 1956 and Jack in 1959. He also helped raise Myrtle’s four children, Fritz, Lynn, Ann and Jo.

Tommy joined the Nome Volunteer Fire Department in 1957, served many years and continued to actively support the volunteers after he retired. Through the years he served on the Nome Joint Utility Board,

Nome City Council, Bering Straits Native Corp. Board, Bering Straits Credit Union Board, and the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights.

He was made an agent for Operating Engineers Local 302 in 1976. He was a Field Representative for the Local 302 in the areas of Nome, Yukon, Bethel, Kotzebue, Lisburne and the North Slope.

His son “Echo” was nicknamed because he was an exact reflection of Tommy. From birth he was Tommy’s double. Echo died in a hunting accident in 1972.

Grandson Carl Putman called Tommy “Dad”. Carl would go to Tommy over the years to help him through tough times. He especially remembers telling Tommy about the passing of his other Grandpa. Tommy asked him if he was “OK” very kindly and caring.

Every summer for more than fifty

years Tommy would commercial fish out of Clark’s Point, in Bristol Bay. The name of his boats were “Echo”, “Echo II”, “Jackie II” and finally “Solid Gold”, which he took to Nome and converted to a crab boat. Often his boat would have the best catch of the season. His sons and wife were members of his crew.

He had hands-on training as a laborer, carpenter and heavy-duty mechanic. He learned fast and what he learned he taught others. Alaska Commissioner of Labor Click Bishop states that “Tommy was an advocate for pushing local hire in Nome and Alaska. He was a champion for teaching the young people hunting, fishing and working.”

Senator Ted Stevens was his lawyer in Fairbanks in the early 1950s and remained a close friend Tommy’s whole life. Senator Stevens would visit him in the assisted living home in Anchorage.

Mike Friborg, Operator’s Union worked closely with Tommy for many years.

Tommy is survived by his wife of 53 years, Myrtle Johnson of Anchorage, his brother and sister-in-law Dan and Goldie Johnson of Kenai, brother Andy “Klondike” Johnson of Anchorage, his son and his wife Jack and Carol Johnson of Nome, stepchildren: Fritz and Judi Chambers of California, Lynn Chambers of Anchorage, Ann and Gene Matthews of Utah, Jo Putman of Nome, Special Grandson Carl Putman of Nome, brother-in-law Jerry and Rose Fagerstrom of Minnesota, sisters-in-law Maggie Olson of Golovin and Doris Lincoln of Kotzebue, many more grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Tommy was preceded in death by his father John (Klondike) Johnson

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Tommy Johnson

Legals

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[F-93724]
Alaska Native Claims Selection
ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance
SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface and subsurface estates for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Elim Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Elim, Alaska, and are located in: Kateel River Meridian, Alaska
T. 6 S., R. 15 W.,
Sec. 10.
Containing 2.45 acres.
T. 6 S., R. 17 W.,
Secs. 33 and 34.
Containing 1,280 acres.
T. 7 S., R. 17 W.,
Secs. 4, 5, and 6;
Secs. 8 and 9.
Containing 3,162.46 acres.
T. 8 S., R. 18 W.,
Sec. 22.
Containing 0.01 acre.
Aggregating 4,444.92 acres.
Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on July 30, 2009.
DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:
1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until August 31, 2009 to file an appeal.
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.
Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their

rights.
ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from:
Bureau of Land Management
Alaska State Office
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:
The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.
Jennifer L. Noe
Land Law Examiner
Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch
Copy furnished to:
Public Information Center (AK-954)
7/30; 8/6-13-20

NOTICE OF SALE
Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on September 25, 2009, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Steve C. Brock and Nora J. Ongtowsruk, Trustor, Steve Brock, Record Owner, recorded on November 15, 2006 under Reception No. 2006-001800-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 3A, Block 73A, TOWNSITE OF NOME, according to the replat filed April 29, 1981 as Plat Number 81-7, Records of Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 905 E. 5th Avenue, Nome, AK 99762. \$119,998.73 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to alaskatruster.com or usa-foreclosure.com for status.
8/6-13-20-27

CITY OF NOME Public Notice

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE BY SEALED BID

Item #	Year	Make/Model	VIN Number
1	1999	Ford Expedition	1FMRU1863XLC32137
2	1992	Chevy Blazer	1GNDT13W7N2209673
3	1995	Ford Explorer	1FMDU34X8SUA99754
4	1990	Ford E150 Van	1FTDE14Y2LHB73890
5	1979	GMC Dump Truck	T49C19V617064 ***
6	1982	Ford Dump Truck	1FDYY90R8CVA05707 ***
7	1981	Chevy Stake Bed	1GB6D1A0BV1O4185

***NOTE: Bids less than \$7,500.00 will not be considered for dump trucks.

The dump trucks are on display in the gravel lot across the street from the Public Works Building (404 W. 4th Avenue)

The other vehicles are on display at the port pad just west of the Bonanza tank Farm (at the end of Port Road).

All vehicles will be sold “as is”, with no warranty of any type, written or implied. Submit sealed bids to the City Clerk, Box 281, Nome AK 99762, no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2009. The bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. on August 18th, 2009. Successful bidders must pay by certified check and remove the vehicles from municipal property within 10 days of notice of award.

7/30; 8/6-13

Vacant Board of Directors Seat



Sitnasuak Native Corporation has a vacant Board of Directors seat whose term expires in May of 2011. If you are interested in this position, please stop by the SNC office (next to Bonanza Express) and pick up a Nominee Information Questionnaire. The packet (including both the completed Questionnaire and a Letter of Intent) is due no later than **Friday, August 21, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.** for more information please call 387-1200.

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CITY OF NOME

DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LAND USE PERMIT TO SITNASUAK NATIVE CORPORATION

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property by land use permit to Sitnasuak Native Corporation for the purpose of furthering the development of local trade or industry, specifically, historical and cultural preservation. The property is located at the South West corner of Anvil City Square, a portion of Block 52A, Lot 1A. The estimated value of the property for the entire 50 year period is estimated at less than \$25,000. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.

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• Johnson

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in 1936 in Seward; mother Paniony Johnson from Nelson Island in 1926; brother John Johnson born 1919 died in 1942 of TB; son Thomas John Johnson, Jr. called 'Echo' in 1972.

Walter Savok Outwater, Jr.

Anchorage resident Walter "Boysa" Savok Outwater Jr., 51, died July 24, from stomach and colon cancer at the Alaska Native Medical Center. Many family members provided support and encouraged him during his battle. During that time, he stated "I am ready to go."

A funeral service was held at noon August 6 at the Anchorage Friends Church. It began with a viewing and then a potluck.

Boysa was born in Koyuk on March 1, 1958, to Walter Emuk, Sr. and Ruth Keenock Outwater.

He loved the outdoors during all seasons. He was an avid crack-shot hunter and shared his catch unsparingly. Boating, mentoring and ice fishing were his joys. Boysa's great love for the outdoors led him to supply furs for clothing and hunting gear. He would often say, "My dad taught me everything I know."

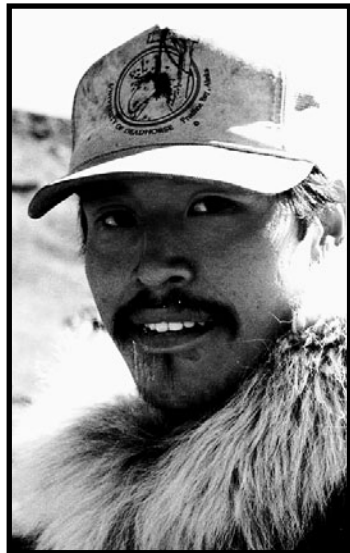
His travels included the Yukon River, Norton Sound, Kotzebue Sound, Chugach Mountains and Cook Inlet, often encountering many dangerous situations. Living a subsistence lifestyle, he stated, "I eat the best of everything."

At age 17, Boysa was the youngest journeyman heavy equipment operator in the state, which took him throughout rural Alaska. He said, "You can take a level to all of my work." In between seasonal jobs, he attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he received academic awards for his writings.

He could talk for hours about current events and the history of Alaska.

His family wrote: "Boysa spent many hours studying the Bible throughout his life, first with his parents, then on his own. At age 12 he interpreted in writing the entire book of Ecclesiastes to his own understanding. Recently he sought the meanings of several Books of the Bible, concentrating heavily on some. He also enjoyed singing with the Church Choir. Praise the Lord! We miss you already Boysa, thanks for loving us all. Love, your family."

Boysa is survived by his sisters and their husbands; Theresa Pierce, Loretta and Skip Cox, Evelyn's husband Robert MacNeven, Clara and Tom Varieur, Peggy and Tim Turner; Martha and partner Rahn Parker; brother Richard and Sandy Outwater; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.



Walter "Boysa" Savok Outwater Jr.



Photo by Laurie McNicholas

HISTORIC MISSION— Mary Honsberger of NomeTours Pilgrim Hot Springs with Tom Buzek, business administrator for the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks on Aug. 1. In the background is Our lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Buzek and several volunteers spent a week painting the inside walls of the church and cleaning other buildings on the site. The former mission was developed as an orphanage and boarding school following the 1918 Influenza Pandemic and operated until the early 1940s. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

• Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs

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of the right-of-way grant for the Pilgrim Hot Springs road issued April 4, 1985 by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to the Alaska Dept. of Transportation.

The document describes the right-of-way as a road from mile 53.4 of the Nome-Taylor Road to Pilgrim Hot Springs. The road is 60 feet wide (30 feet centerline) and approximately 7.5 miles long containing approximately 55 acres. The

right-of-way document says the road is necessary to facilitate development of Pilgrim Hot Springs.

"This right-of-way grant is for 20 years, with the right of renewal, unless it is relinquished, abandoned, terminated, or otherwise modified pursuant to the terms and conditions of this grant or of any applicable Federal law or regulation," the document states.

The BLM right-of-way grant for the road to the DOT expired in 2005. The Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs

are seeking to have it renewed. Members of the organization plan to hold a meeting in September when Tom Buzek, business administrator for the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks is in Nome. The diocese owns Pilgrim Hot Springs.

Buzek spent a week at Pilgrim Hot Springs in late July, painting the inside of the church and cleaning other structures on the grounds with the help of Louie Green, Sr. and several volunteers.

Court

Week ending 8/7 Civil

Swann, Mary Analisa vs. Pennini JR., Steven Allen; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term Davis, Kaitlan vs. Davis, Johnnee; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term Johnson, Stephanie M. vs. Lopez, Gabino B.; Petition for Custody - Superior Court Sockpick, Roy vs. Sockpick, Helen M.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term CRI LLC vs. Panipchuk, Stanton O.; Debt - District Court

Small Claims

Barnes, Irvin et al vs. Lewis, Michael; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Kenneth Smith (11/22/87); 2NO-09-377CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 8/5/09.
State of Alaska v. Kenneth Smith (11/22/87); 2NO-09-482CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 8/1/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Roger Stalker (2/11/78); Judgment of Acquittal on Counts **Count 1**: Felony DUI; Date of offense: 11/20/08; Defendant came before the court for a jury trial on 7/21/09, with counsel, Public Defender Agency, and the DA present; the jury has returned a verdict of NOT GUILTY; IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant is acquitted and discharged and that any appearance or performance bond executed on behalf of the defendant is exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded or released to depositors; Defendant was charged with: 002 Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Sixth Degree; Conditions of Release are vacated—not on bail.
State of Alaska v. Stanley Rookok (7/10/77); 2NO-09-382CR Count 1: Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 6/29/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 135 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/4/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact directly or indirectly lone Oitillian without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Stanley Rookok (7/10/77); 2NO-09-455CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violating Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 8/4/09.
State of Alaska v. Camille Droman (10/14/66); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Indecent Exposure Second Degree; Filed by the DAs office 8/4/09.
State of Alaska v. Jessica Oozeva (10/5/91); 2NO-09-111CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 2/26/09; Fined \$500 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$300 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of

completing 100 hours of community work service, by 1/15/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 8/3/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Jessica Oozeva (10/5/91); 2NO-09-246CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs office 8/3/09.

State of Alaska v. Frank Anderson (1/23/59); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698794; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/3/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, shall report to AMCC by 10/1/09; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Tyre Ungott (4/3/62); Corrected Judgment Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: not provided; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due 01/01/10; Police Training Surcharge: \$150, \$100 suspended; \$50 payable AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330, \$0 suspended; \$330 payable to AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS by 8/31/09; *Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After privilege to drive regained us IID as directed in IID Information Sheet (CR-483) "for 12 months; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/24/09); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period of 1 year from date of judgment (date of judgment: 7/24/09).

State of Alaska v. Raymond Larsen (8/27/63); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109520901; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/3/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, shall report to AMCC by 9/15/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Ryan Sipary (1/18/83); Criminal Trespass 1st; Date of offense: 3/18/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/3/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not return to the residence of Leman and Ursula Nashalook without consent.

State of Alaska v. George Penetac (2/12/61); Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 6/6/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Andrew Weyiouanna (3/16/83); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 5/10/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 9/30/09; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 11/30/09; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/4/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of

law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport or en route to (by any means) a dry/damp community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Leroy Martin (8/19/90); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 8/6/09.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-06-998CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109522377; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to 2NO-08-643CR; Consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-08-643CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-08-643CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698452; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to 2NO-06-998CR; Consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-08-643CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Clark Okpealuk (1/30/88); Theft 4th; Date of offense: 7/7/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence; Imposition of sentence is suspended; Defendant placed on probation subject to the terms, orders and conditions listed below; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Other: Not return to A.C. Store in Nome.

State of Alaska v. Kevin Oozevaseuk (2/22/77); Dismissal by Court; Count 1: Assault 3rd; Count 2: Assault 3rd; Date of offenses: 7/25/09; Minute Order; On this date (8/5/09) in open court this case was dismissed without prejudice by the Court for failure of the complaint to proceed with Preliminary Hearing, per Criminal Rule 5.5.1.; Accordingly, it is ordered that as to said charge(s) defendant be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of the defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositor.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Ray Bell (12/24/72); DUI; Date of offense: 8/5/09; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report on/before 8/21/09 to AMCC; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due 6/1/10; Police Training Surcharge: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$50 payable AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330, \$0 suspended; \$330 payable to AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or another (ASAP) by 9/10/09; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: Use of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; After privilege to drive or obtaining a limited license is regained use IID as directed in IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during probation period; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 8/6/09); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period of 1 year from date of judgment (date of judgment: 8/6/09).

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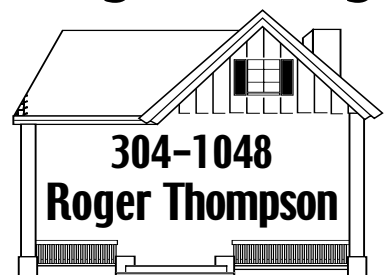
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Nome Public Schools

School Starts August 25, 2009

Supply list

Nome Elementary School 2009-2010 Class Supply List

Each Nome Elementary School student should bring these items on the first day of school. These are the requested supplies for the 2009-2010 school year.

Kindergarten

- 1 Box Kleenex
- 1 Box Crackers/Snack per month
- 1 Backpack (please label with child's name)

1st Grade

- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 2 Large Pink Erasers
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Box Crackers/Snack per month

2nd Grade

- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 2 Large Pink Erasers
- 1 Box of 24 Crayons
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Bottle of White Glue
- 1 Water Bottle
- 1 Box Crackers/Snack per month

3rd Grade

- 1 Box Kleenex (monthly)

- 1 Box of #2 Pencils
- 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Box 24 Crayons
- 1 Bottle of White Glue
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Ruler
- 1 Box Crackers/Snack per month

4th Grade

- 1 Box Kleenex
- 1 Box of 12 #2 Pencils
- 2 Pocket Folders
- 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils
- 12 Pencil Top Erasers

- 2 Containers of Cleaning Wipes
- 1 Box Crackers/Snacks per month

5th Grade

- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box of Crackers/Snack per month

6th Grade

- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 1 Box of 12 #2 Pencils
- 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Ruler
- 4 Two-Pocket Folders
- 2 Highlighters
- 1 Box Crackers/Snack per month

Free & reduced lunch

Alaska Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free & Reduced Price Meals
Effective from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Family Size	FREE MEALS			REDUCED PRICED MEALS		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	17,589	1,466	339	25,031	2,086	482
2	23,673	1,973	456	33,689	2,808	648
3	29,757	2,480	573	42,347	3,529	815
4	35,841	2,987	690	51,005	4,251	981
5	41,925	3,494	807	59,663	4,972	1,148
6	48,009	4,001	924	68,321	5,684	1,314
7	54,093	4,508	1,041	76,979	6,415	1,481
8	60,177	5,015	1,158	85,637	7,138	1,647
For each additional person	6,084	507	117	8,658	722	167

NOME PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC RELEASE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

The Nome Public School District provides free and reduced price meals to students under the National School Lunch Program. The program will become effective August 25, 2009.

Students from families whose income is at or below the guidelines shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. To be considered for benefits, a lunch application or a Direct Certification Notification from Public Assistance must be submitted to the school office. Students who are identified as migrant, homeless or runaway are categorically eligible and do not need to fill out an application. Note: Medicaid and Denali Kid Care case numbers do not qualify for eligibility.

Application forms, application instructions and a letter to parents/guardians will be available by August 17, 2009 at the schools for early pick up and will also be sent home with each student on the first day of school.

To apply for free or reduced price meal benefits, households should fill out one application per family or complete the Direct Certification Notification from Public Assistance and return it to the school.

Students qualifying for meal benefits at the close of the

2008-2009 school year may continue to receive benefits for up to 30 operating days at the start of the 2009-2010 school year while a new application is being processed. All other students must bring their own lunch or lunch money in order to be served through the lunch program. Lunch prices are \$3.00 at the Elementary School and \$3.50 at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Please allow a period of up to 10 working days to process your application.

The Nome Public School District uses the information provided on the application for the purpose of determining meal benefits for the National School Lunch Program. The Title I Grant Program, the E-Rate Program, and other grant programs use lunch eligibility to determine funding. Submitting a completed application will assist Nome Public Schools in obtaining these funds for our schools.

For additional information, call the Nome Public Schools district office at (907) 443-2231.

In the operation of the child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, gender, color, national origin, age or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

General information

Kindergarten Students ONLY will be on a rolling start for the first week. The first day of classes for kindergarten students will be Tuesday, September 1, 2009. During the week of August 24, 2009 parents will be contacted by your child's teacher for an appointment for family interviews to be scheduled. It is important that the child and the parent attend these meetings.

Registration for Nome Elementary School: The Nome Elementary School secretaries will be ready for parents to register their children starting on August 10, 2009. If your child attended school at NES last year, you do not need to fill out registration information. Call 443-5299 for more information on registering your child for the elementary school.

Nome Elementary School Hours:
Grades K-3, 8 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Grades 4-6, 8 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

Jr. High School Hours:

9:05 a.m. — 3:50 p.m.

First Day: Jr. High students report to the RC at 9:05 a.m.

Sr. High School Hours:

8:25 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

First Day: Sr. High students report to the Gym at 8:25 a.m.

Anvil City Science Academy:

9:05 a.m. — 3:50 p.m.

First Day: Students enrolled in the academy, report to the Anvil City Science Academy classrooms located on the Nome Beltz Campus at 9:05 a.m. Students should ride the Jr. High School Bus to school.

School Age Entrance/Immunizations:

Students who have not been immunized or exempted from immunization, will be excluded from school until they are immunized or exempt, as ordered by Alaska State Law. For a child to attend school, they must have reached age five (5) before September 1, 2009. For information on early admission to Kindergarten, please call the school principal.

School & Community photographs are tentatively scheduled for the end of September, by local photographer Hugh Thomas.

Senior High Activity/Athletic Eligibility and Activity Fee:

Scholastic Eligibility: In addition to ASAA eligibility requirements the following Nome-Beltz eligibility requirements have been established. Students must maintain a 2.0 Grade-Point-Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale in order to participate in games, contests, productions, or scheduled travel. A student who falls below a 2.0 GPA on his/her quarterly report card or for their cumulative GPA, will be ineligible for the entire following

quarter. That student will not be allowed to participate in games, contests, productions and scheduled travel during a period of ineligibility, but may continue to practice at the coach's/sponsor's discretion. Any student with two F's on their report card will be ineligible for the following quarter regardless of GPA. Grade checks must be completed on the same schedule as Prearranged Absence Forms for each week in season. (Further details are available in the Student Parent Handbook.)

Student Activity Fee: Students at Nome-Beltz must pay an activity fee of \$50 (fifty dollars) per extra/co-curricular activity. The activity fee will be paid in the main office. No student will be permitted to participate until the fee is paid in full. Students who are unable to pay the \$50 fee should speak to their individual coach or sponsor.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the following beginning of the year event at the Nome Elementary School: Staff Inservice - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday August 18-20, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

School bus information

PICK UP	APPROXIMATE	BUS #1 (RED)	BUS #2 (GREEN)	BUS #3 (BLUE)
GRADE LEVEL	TIME	STOP #	STOP #	STOP #
Elementary	7:35 AM	2, 3, 4, 5	7a, 7, 8, 9, 10,	23, 22, 21, 20, 19,
Grades K-6	TO 7:45 AM	& 6	11 & 12	18, 17, 16 & 15
Senior High	7:55 AM	2, 3, 4, 5,	12, 11, 10,	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,
Grades 9-12	TO 8:05 AM	6 & 7	9 & 8	20, 21 & 22
Junior High/ACSA	8:35 AM	2, 3, 4, 5,	12, 11, 10, 9 & 8	17, 16, 15, 14, 18,
Grades 7 & 8	TO 8:50 AM	6, & 7		19, 20, 21 & 22

Pick up and delivery times are approximate. Students must dress according to weather conditions. A colored sheet of paper will be taped to the bus window near the door to help primary level students locate the correct bus.

DELIVERY	APPROXIMATE	BUS #1 (RED)	BUS #2 (GREEN)	BUS #3 (BLUE)
GRADE LEVEL	TIME	STOP #	STOP #	STOP #3
Elementary	2:00 PM	26, 25, 6, 5, 4,	12, 11, 10, 9, 8,	15, 16, 17, 18, 19
Grades K-3	TO 2:20 PM	3 & 2	7 & 7a	20, 21, 22, 24 & 23
Elementary	2:30 PM	12, 11, 10, 9,		15, 16, 17, 18,
Grade 4-6	TO 2:50 PM	8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 & 2		19, 20, 21, 22, 24 & 23
				14 for K-3 after school programs
Senior High	3:00 PM	7, 6, 5, 4,	8, 9, 10, 11,	22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17,
Grades 9-12	TO 3:20 PM	3 & 2	12 & 13	16, 15 & 14
Junior High/ACSA	4:00 PM	7, 6, 5, 4,	8, 9, 10, 11,	22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17,
Grades 7 & 8	TO 4:20 PM	3 & 2	12 & 13	16, 15 & 14

