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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF CHRISTMAS—The display at Gary Longley Sr.'s house on the east end of Front Street leaves no doubt as to what season it is.

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HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS—Ian McRae, right, and Richard Beneville give the Jolly Old Elf a ride into the Nome Elementary School Kindergarten pageant Dec. 17. Program director Teresa Gartung and the young performers give the special guest a warm welcome.

## Contract puts a price on wind

By Sandra L. Medearis

Banner Wind's 18 turbines churning atop Banner Ridge are in full operation with repairs completed. Also complete, pending final approvals, is a lengthy power sales agreement by which the alternative energy company can sell power to the Nome Joint Utility System grid. The pact is good for 20 years unless terminated by breach of performance by one party. The NJUS Board went over the pact at its Dec. 15 meeting.

According to the final agreement, delivery of power from the wind farm to NJUS will formally start its commercial operation on Christmas Day. Key points of the pricing scheme are these:

- From Dec. 25 through Dec. 31, 2011, NJUS will pay the initial rate of a straight 18 cents per kilowatt hour.
- Sets a limit on how much electricity NJUS will accept from Banner Wind

After the initial period, NJUS will pay based on an electric power rate formula reflecting NJUS' previous year's fuel costs and fuel efficiency as reported to the Power Cost Equalization office, along with the effect of the annual Consumer Price Index.

• NJUS will pay a maximum of 23 cents and 13 cents at the minimum, even if the formula yields a price higher or lower than these, according to the contract.

• Every four months a utility consultant will analyze any loss of NJUS generation efficiency caused by the hookup.

• Banner Wind LLC will pay for work by NJUS caused by its connection to the wind farm, but not over \$5,000 for any calendar year unless NJUS has provided a cost estimate and a justification for costs over the annual limit to Banner 10 days before starting

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## Rock Creek gaining the upper hand on water woes

Mine achieving drawdown behind tailings dam

By Tyler Rhodes

Despite being idled for more than a year in terms of producing gold, the Rock Creek Mine is still playing host to a workforce of 50 employees and contractors.

Outside of maintaining the stalled operation's facilities, the main task at hand for the crew at the mine just north of Nome is the ongoing effort to reduce the massive buildup of water behind its tailings dam. With its water treatment plant processing approximately 400 gallons a minute and feeding nearly 30 injection wells, it appears operator NovaGold may finally be turning the corner on drawing down the more than 50 million gallons of water that built up behind a dam that was never supposed to hold back so much liquid.

"We are very pleased with the progress that our Rock Creek team has made in bringing the Rock Creek mine site into environmental compliance," NovaGold President and Chief Executive Officer Rick Van Nieuwenhuysen said via e-mail. "We look forward to getting the excess water removed from behind the TSF [tailings storage facility] dam structure and to evalua-

ting our plans going forward."

Jack DiMarchi of the Alaska Department of Natural Resource's Large Mine Permitting Team acknowledged that the company's effort has yielded good results and was meeting the department's expectations. DiMarchi said in less than a month, the mine was able to draw the pond down by approximately 13 million gallons of water. He said the water level measured 151.27 feet Nov. 15 and was down to 149.89 feet on Dec. 8. "This is good progress," he said.

The system to rid the storage facility of its overabundance of water is hinged on the performance of the 28 wells which inject water underground from the TSF after it passes through a treatment plant. Van Nieuwenhuysen said the system is now working well enough to abandon a plan the mine broached earlier this year to pipe its treated water all the way to Nome's sewage lagoons. That plan never advanced to the point where the City of Nome gave a final rejection or approval.

Van Nieuwenhuysen said the plan was dropped as Rock Creek was able to bring more of its injection wells online. "We evaluated this possibil-

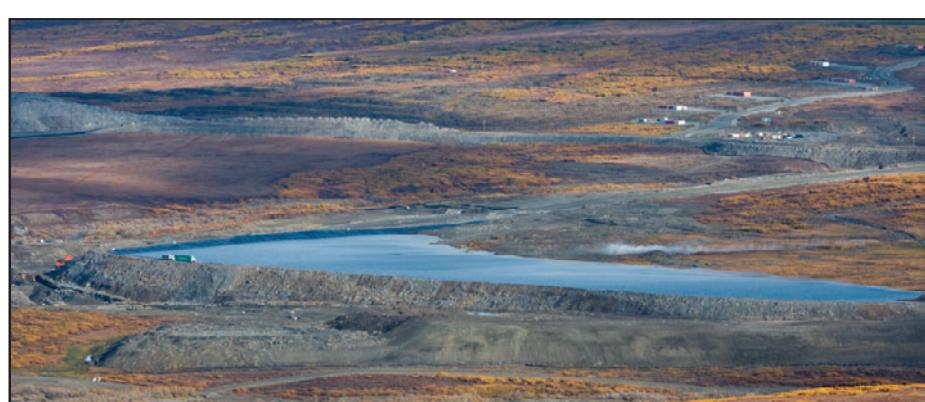


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TROUBLED WATERS—Several million gallons of water have been drained from the Rock Creek Mine's tailings storage facility since this September photo was taken.

ity further and decided that there were more viable alternatives to discharging water. Specifically, our injection well field is now working as designed and, we believe, will allow us to remove the excess water from behind the dam," he said.

Van Nieuwenhuysen added that since the dam

basin is "V" shaped, the pace of the water level's lowering should accelerate as the injection wells continue their work. As of Dec. 14, Van Nieuwenhuysen said the water level was dropping at a rate

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## Auxiliary missing \$8,500, former treasurer charged

By Tyler Rhodes

The former secretary and treasurer of American Legion Unit 19 Auxiliary is facing felony counts of theft, fraud and forgery for the alleged embezzlement of more than \$8,500 from the service organization.

According to a complaint filed in the Second Judicial District Court, Linda Jo Kimoktoak allegedly used her role in the Auxiliary to funnel approx-

imately \$8,550 to herself through writing herself checks and making unauthorized ATM and bank withdrawals.

The Auxiliary's president, Theresa Kenick, refused to comment on any aspect of the case or the organization's finances.

Kimoktoak also declined to comment on the charges.

The Auxiliary is a women's organization that complies the

American Legion. Both are veterans service organizations. The local Auxiliary supports itself through a variety of fundraisers held throughout the year and provides assistance and support to veterans through a variety of projects and programs.

According to the complaint against Kimoktoak, a Nome Police Department investigation alleges the former secretary/treasurer used her

position to make unauthorized ATM withdrawals to the tune of \$1,600, write unauthorized checks to herself totaling \$2,650 and make other unauthorized withdrawals of \$4,300. The complaint claims Kimoktoak also presented unauthorized withdrawal slips for cash from the Auxiliary accounts held at Wells Fargo Bank.

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## Letters

To: Senators Lesil McGuire and Bill Wielechowski with copy to U.S. Senator Mark Begich, U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Rep. Don Young, and Meera Kohler, AVEC Executive Director:

This is a response to your call to provide citizen's feedback on the Draft State Energy Policy and Program Recommendations by Dec. 15. I'd like to provide some input on energy and other problems that have plagued the Wade Hampton area for many years. As stated in President Obama's 2009 campaign theme, it is "Time for Change".

When oil was first discovered in the North Slope, rural Alaskans were happy to anticipate purchasing fuel oil and gas at low cost; however, to our dismay the price was unexpectedly high. To this day it's been increasingly rising, becoming a huge issue in recent newspaper headlines.

The current oil production is to have it first shipped to California refineries, shipped back to Alaska, distributed to retailers, then to the bush. This process is extremely expensive as the price of oil rises. Heating oil in Mountain Village is \$6/gallon and gasoline is \$5.62/gallon.

Please note there is a refinery at North Pole, AK. As the world-wide recession hit the country affecting all

types of businesses, I read this refinery was shut down due to financial losses in attempts to produce jet fuel for air cargo carriers. Should the refinery owners agree this refinery can be reopened with bulk holding facilities to meet energy needs at a reasonable cost and lessening financial hardships for rural residents? Should that happen it would mainly benefit the entire Yukon/Tanana region including entities, utility companies, etc. who depend heavily on gas for transportation, oil to heat buildings, etc., creating a win-win situation for everyone. Regulating organizations will need to be involved, as we all know.

As a 79-year-old elder I am giving my little input about this very important issue instead of complaining or asking for more welfare needs. Something must be done for this area of the state. Speaking of elders—we no longer harness our dogs to get a sled load of firewood. Our fixed income is based on what we have, but we are still thankful for it. I sincerely appreciate your efforts to develop strategies to benefit all Alaskans and going as far as asking private citizens' input.

On behalf of all Alaskans I wish the legislature best wishes for a successful session. I encourage the leg-

islature to practice good stewardship of our state funds. God bless you all. Respectfully,

Andrew Brown, Sr.  
Mountain Village, Alaska

Dear Editor,

Looking at the world today the United States has become one of the most, if not the most policed country. We no longer are allowed to honestly write or say what we want, censorship. New laws are only there to stop others from becoming successful in life. Honest businesses are attacked when honestly helping the people. Remember the attack on NSEDC when they found a way to help us lower the cost of fuel, unlike their Denali Commission's RUBA or some other name that was formed to find ways to save on our heating fuel.

Now we have this healthcare debate going on in Congress. If it passes, I believe our health will be in jeopardy. Look at all the indigenous people of the world. They never used to get sick until they got "westernized".

Cancer has been an ongoing goal to cure in the medical industry. Their success rate of curing it is about two percent while the natural herbs cure rate is over ninety percent ([naturalcures.com](http://naturalcures.com)). When you deprive a living cell of oxygen for forty-eight hours, it becomes cancerous. ([naturalcures.com](http://naturalcures.com)). If the new healthcare bill passes, the natural remedies will be in their control because the proposed healthcare bill will mean a global healthcare regulation system ([globalinformation-network.com](http://globalinformation-network.com)) Because the FDA does not recognize natural remedies as cures, most or all natural cures are

being done outside of the United States. How many of your readers know that it is criminal to cure a person with natural remedies? In California, a lady was jailed for five years for curing her fourteen-year-old son of cancer with natural remedies. Look at "Magic Johnson". We all know he had AIDS. The medical industry says there is no cure for it. He went overseas and got cured.

The public is numbed down through additives/preservatives in the food. They took Phonics out of the school system so that we will not be able to read. In religion, ninety percent of the helpful information is left out of sermons, a former pastor friend told me. They have a curricu-

lum just like the schools. Jesus was always teaching about love. Read the bible as a historical document and you will see what I mean.

"Just love yourself. Nature doesn't make mistakes." – Kevin Trudeau

"Since honesty requires love, we should start from there." – Visionary Mark Hamilton  
Warren S. Rock  
Brevig Mission, Alaska 99785

*Editor's note: Ouch! The truth is so limiting.*

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

## Editorial

### No Place Like Nome for the Holidays

We live in a fantastic town. It's home, it's Nome. We welcome back our students who have been away at school. Meetings at the Nome airport are especially warm at this time of year when family and friends make it home for the holidays.

Let's be of glad spirits this year as we head into a tough winter. The economy is rough. We have flu viruses to worry about, high fuel bills and the concern to go with making our fuel bills soar till they pop. We have a lot to contend with, but what an interesting time to live in Nome.

We have a town with spirit. Let's be glad and enjoy the warmth of good neighbors and friends. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

—N.L.M.—

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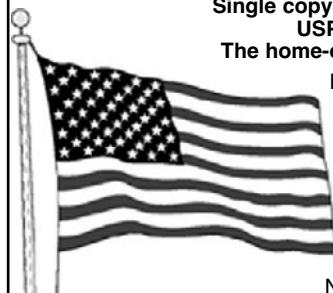
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### Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — December 24 - 30, 2009

| Day | Date  | Time           | Height | Time           | Height | Time           | Height | Time           | Height |
|-----|-------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Th  | 12/24 | 04:28 a.m. LST | 0.7L   | 10:17 a.m. LST | 1.1H   | 04:22 p.m. LST | 0.3L   | 11:00 p.m. LST | 1.3H   |
| F   | 12/25 | 05:18 a.m. LST | 0.6L   | 11:17 a.m. LST | 1.0H   | 04:55 p.m. LST | 0.5L   | 11:20 p.m. LST | 1.3H   |
| Sa  | 12/26 | 06:03 a.m. LST | 0.5L   | 12:20 p.m. LST | 1.0H   | 05:28 p.m. LST | 0.6L   | 11:37 p.m. LST | 1.3H   |
| Su  | 12/27 | 06:45 a.m. LST | 0.4L   | 01:23 p.m. LST | 1.0H   | 06:03 p.m. LST | 0.7L   | 11:50 p.m. LST | 1.3H   |
| M   | 12/28 | 07:27 a.m. LST | 0.2L   | 02:25 p.m. LST | 1.0H   | 06:43 p.m. LST | 0.8L   |                |        |
| Tu  | 12/29 | 12:09 a.m. LST | 1.3H   | 08:12 a.m. LST | 0.1L   | 03:23 p.m. LST | 1.1H   | 07:31 p.m. LST | 0.9L   |
| W   | 12/30 | 12:46 a.m. LST | 1.4H   | 09:02 a.m. LST | 0.0L   | 04:18 p.m. LST | 1.1H   | 08:27 p.m. LST | 0.9L   |

Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or Local Daylight Time (LDT) when applicable. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

### Weather Statistics

|                |                            |                        |                            |                                 |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Sunrise</b> | <b>12/24/09 12:04 p.m.</b> | <b>High Temp</b>       | <b>36° 12/21/09</b>        | <b>National Weather Service</b> |
|                | <b>12/30/09 12:01 a.m.</b> | <b>Low Temp</b>        | <b>-17° 12/18/09</b>       | <b>Nome, Alaska</b>             |
|                |                            | <b>Peak Wind</b>       | <b>46 mph, E, 12/21/09</b> | <b>(907) 443-2321</b>           |
| <b>Sunset</b>  | <b>12/24/09 03:59 p.m.</b> | <b>Precip. to Date</b> | <b>14.42"</b>              | <b>1-800-472-0391</b>           |
|                | <b>12/30/09 04:08 p.m.</b> | <b>Normal</b>          | <b>16.26"</b>              |                                 |

Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/09): 28.1" Current Snow Cover: 17.0" varies with sublimation/melting/blowing of snow.

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# Alaska News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## Native and environmental groups challenge Shell drilling decision, state rebukes

In a statement issued last Friday, Governor Sean Parnell vowed to continue to fight to protect jobs and resource development in Alaska as he requested the state's attorney general to file a motion to intervene in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold a federal decision allowing Shell to proceed with exploration for offshore oil. Parnell's statement said that several environmental groups challenged the decision by the Minerals Management Service to open the Chukchi Sea to oil drilling.

However, it was the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission and the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope who first submitted the appeals to overturn Shell's drilling plan. At a later point, the locals were joined by environmental groups in the appeal. The groups claim that the Mineral Management Service did not properly evaluate the effects of the proposed drilling, including the risk of an oil spill. The state countered with an intervention to maintain that the federal agency adequately considered the impacts of oil drilling on the Arctic ecosystem and subsistence activities. Parnell said that oil development at the outer continental shelf would be critical to the state's economic future.

The state's attorneys have been intervening in several cases in which economic development was at stake, including litigation involving the Outer Continental Shelf and the Kensington Mine. On Thursday, the state filed a motion to intervene in a lawsuit challenging the federal National Marine Fisheries Service's decision not to list the ribbon seal as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Under the legal theory that a warming climate endangers the existence of ice-dependent animals, the Center for Biological Diversity and others have petitioned to list ice seals and the polar bear under the endangered species act.

Polar bears were listed as a threatened species last year. Once a species is listed, environmental restraints on developments in their habitats become more regulated and restricted. This runs counter to the state's priority of resource and economic development. Governor Parnell's Fiscal Year 2011 budget includes funding for an additional attorney at the Department of Law specifically to handle only ESA issues, as well as \$800,000 for outside counsel to take on ESA-related work on the state's behalf.

## Road to Nome could get more funds

Last week Alaska Governor Sean Parnell unveiled his FY 2011 budget proposal and included \$1 million for continued work on the Western Access Study, or the study to blaze a road to Nome. The Department of Transportation is in its last weeks of completing a year-long study to identify costs and a potential route. A report was supposed to be out by December, but has been postponed and it will be published in January 2010.

## Millrock announces exploration agreement with Kinross for Council

Despite dropping the prospect at Divide, Millrock Resources still has interests in the Bering Strait region. Last week, the exploration company announced that it is about to enter an exploration agreement with Kinross Gold Corporation which includes mining claims near Council. Millrock has an agreement on the Council land block with the Bering Straits Native Corporation. Millrock had staked surrounding lands to form a large land package. Millrock and Kinross plan to do an initial drill test in summer of 2010.



## Salmon Lake land selection nears conveyance

Clearing one of the last hurdles before being conveyed to the Bering Straits Native Corporation, a Senate committee ratified the Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act last week. The bill ratifies a settlement between the state of Alaska, the Bureau of Land Management and the Bering Straits Native Corporation completing land conveyances promised in the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The act was OK'd by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee last week. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, the ranking Republican on the committee said that with passage of this bill the issues that have complicated land and wildlife management would be left behind and that the corporation's shareholders would finally realize the economic and cultural benefits of their land. The bill now must be passed by the full U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives before being signed into law by the president.

## UN climate conference ends with non-binding deal

The much-anticipated UN Climate Change Conference of Parties in Copenhagen, Denmark, ended with a legally non-binding accord on Friday, December 18. The key points of the accord include the objective to keep the

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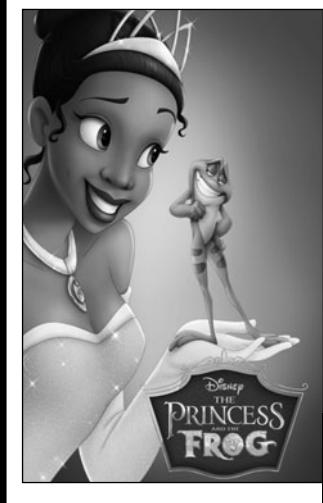
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**December 24 - 30, 2009**

| EVENT  | PLACE                           | TIME                     |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Thursday, December 24</b>   |                                 |                          |
| *Tennis  | Nome Rec Center                 | 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.       |
| *High School Practice  | Pool                            | 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.    |
| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center                 | 7 a.m.                   |
| *Preschool Story Hour  | Kegoyah Library                 | 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.     |
| *Lap/Open Swim   | Pool                            | 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.      |
| *Tennis  | Nome Rec Center                 | 1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.       |
| *Happy Holidays  | Prematernal Home                | 2 p.m.                   |
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| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center                 | 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.          |
| *Wiffleball (3rd - 6th grades)   | Nome Rec Center                 | 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.    |
| *Strength Training with Robin  | Nome Rec Center                 | 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.       |
| *Lap Swim  | Pool                            | 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.    |
| *Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.  | Nome Rec Center                 | 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.         |
| *Nome Food Bank  | Bering & Seppala                | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.    |
| *City League Soccer Ban  | Nome Rec Center                 | 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY  |
| *Water Aerobics  | Pool                            | 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.       |
| *Thrill Club   | Methodist Church                |                          |
| *Swing Dancing with Seiji  | Nome Rec Center                 |                          |
| <i>Watch for closings!</i>   |                                 |                          |
| <b>Friday, December 25</b>   |                                 |                          |
| Merry Christmas, watch for businesses being closed today!  |                                 |                          |
| <b>Saturday, December 26</b>   |                                 |                          |
| *UMW Thrift Shop   | Methodist Church                | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.         |
| *Water Aerobics  | Pool                            | 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.          |
| *RELAX-Award Winning Stress Relief video   | Prematernal Home                | 1:30 p.m.                |
| *Family Swim   | Pool                            | 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.       |
| *Open Swim   | Pool                            | 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.       |
| *The New Mother: Putting It All Together video   | Prematernal Home                | 4:30 p.m.                |
| *Lap Swim  | Pool                            | 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.       |
| <b>Sunday, December 27</b>   |                                 |                          |
| *Celebrate Birth-Be Gentle With Me vid   | Prematernal Home                | 1:30 p.m.                |
| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center                 | 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.         |
| *Happy Healthy Babies & Moms video   | Prematernal Home                | 4:30 p.m.                |
| <b>Monday, December 28</b>   |                                 |                          |
| *Pick-up Basketball  | Nome Rec Center                 | 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.       |
| *Lap Swim  | Pool                            | 6 a.m. - 7:15 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 - 6 p.m.            |
| *Social Services class   | Prematernal Home                | 1:30 p.m.                |
| *Beginning Yoga with Kari  | Nome Rec Center                 | 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.    |
| *The Innocent Victim video   | Prematernal Home                | 4:30 p.m.                |
| *Circuit Training with Kelly S.  | Nome Rec Center                 | 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.    |
| *Water Aerobics  | Pool                            | 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.    |
| *AA Meeting  | Lutheran Church (rear)          | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.    |
| <b>Tuesday, December 29</b>  |                                 |                          |
| *Tennis  | Nome Rec Center                 | 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.       |
| *High School Practice  | Pool                            | 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.    |
| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center                 | 7 a.m. - noon            |
| *Preschool Story Hour  | Kegoyah Library                 | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  |
| *Lap/Open Swim   | Pool                            | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.      |
| *Tennis  | Nome Rec Center                 | noon - 2 p.m.            |
| *Audiology class   | Prematernal Home                | 1:30 p.m.                |
| *Medical/Denali KidCare class  | Prematernal Home                | 2 p.m.                   |
| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center                 | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.          |
| *Strength Training with Robin  | Nome Rec Center                 | 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.    |
| *14 Steps to Better Breastfeeding vid  | Prematernal Home                | 4:30 p.m.                |
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| *Nome Food Bank  | Bering & Seppala                | 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.       |
| *Open Swim   | Pool                            | 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.       |
| *AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)  | Nome Rec Center                 | 7 p.m.                   |
| *Thrift Shop   | Methodist Church                | 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY  |
| <b>Wednesday, December 30</b>  |                                 |                          |
| *Pick-up Basketball  | Nome Rec Center                 | 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.       |
| *Lap Swim  | Pool                            | 6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.       |
| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center                 | 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.         |
| *Kindergym   | Nome Rec Center                 | 10 a.m. - noon           |
| *Rotary Club   | Airport Pizza                   | noon - 10 p.m.           |
| *Open Gym  | Nome Rec Center                 | 1:30 p.m.                |
| *Pregnancy: 9 Special Months video   | Prematernal Home                | 4:30 p.m.                |
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| *Step Box with Kelly S.  | Nome Rec Center                 | 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.       |
| *Family Swim   | Pool                            | 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.    |
| *Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan   | Nome Rec Center                 | 7:30 p.m.                |
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| Carrie McLain Memorial Museum  | Front Street                    | noon - 5:30 p.m. (M - F) |
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## • Wind

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work and receiving a signature.

- The two power producers will pay each other monthly, including power purchased from NJUS by Banner Wind when the winds are calm, for example.
- Banner Wind LLC will receive any benefits or advantages from the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the alternative energy source.

Meanwhile, NJUS is working with Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. to explore long-term membership in the NSEDC Consolidated Bulk Fuel Program to save money on power generation through cheaper fuel. NJUS has already used the lower interest and lower price afforded by the program to save dollars on 1 million gallons or so purchased to top off tanks when fuel

prices went down this fall. NJUS manager John K. Handeland and NSEDC executives signed the finance agreement for this fuel Nov. 24, saving the utility at least \$70,000 over commercial financing. According to NJUS, the transaction lowered the surcharge on ratepayers' electric bills from 18.01 cents to 16.93 cents per kWh.

NJUS currently buys diesel fuel for its generators through the Western Alaska Fuel Group. Consultants are penciling out the costs to find the best deal for future purchases.

That contract notes that NSEDC and NJUS want to look at the potential benefits to Nome residents and other bulk fuel program member communities if Nome added its big demand to the current consolidated purchasing power to reduce high energy costs in the region.

NSEDC has already put out the welcome mat for NJUS participation in next year's fuel

purchase. The program is restricted to entities with bulk fuel storage capacity and U.S. Coast Guard-approved fuel transfer equipment, and must be a municipal or tribal government, a local fuel vendor or a Native corporation. Organizations have to be paid up for the 2009 purchase by Jan. 4. NSEDC, a non-profit, does not mark up the fuel price.

"NSEDC views this program as an opportunity to further economic development in the region," NSEDC Vice President and CEO Janis Ivanoff told NJUS in her letter. "By acting as a central point for the administration of fuel orders and backing purchases for fuel with its credit, NSEDC is working to do its part in helping Norton Sound communities cope with the high cost of fuel."

Overdue payments would collect interest at 10 percent per annum. Also, NSEDC charges

each participant a proportionate share of administrative expenses—legal fees and value of staff time—based on the number of gallons bought by the program member.

In other business, board members received an extensive report on water and sewer system work completed in the 2009 season, which included total water main installed, 22,750 feet; total sewer main installed, 500 feet; total force main installed, 1,100 feet.

Proposed water and sewer activities for 2010 include:

- Water and sewer master plan update
- Complete Sixth Avenue pump house upgrades
- Bypass Road utilities and service to the new NSHC hospital
- Moonlight Springs water transmission main upgrades
- Gold Avenue water main construction.

## • Rock Creek

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of a foot every two to three weeks.

Injection wells were not the only tool Rock Creek pulled out of the bag in its effort to remove water from behind the dam. In the fall before the cold weather set in, large water guns were used uphill from the dam to disperse the water and allow it to drain back into the ground. As the days dipped below freezing, the guns took on the appearance of snow-making equipment, painting the hillside with a wide swath of white. "[We] do plan to re-start when the weather warms up next spring as this was an efficient way of dispersing excess water in the system," Van Nieuwenhuysse said.

NovaGold's work on the TSF has not been limited to the water. The mining firm has also focused on the outside structure of the dam. "We added another layer of material in front of the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) dam structure as an extra precaution to ensure long-term dam safety," Van Nieuwenhuysse wrote. "There is some minor additional work actively going on to widen the working area on the dam face, and we have completed a number of monitoring wells and installed various monitoring equipment to monitor dam safety."

The dam was originally designed to hold the tailings, the waste material after the gold is separated from the ore, which were to be about 65 percent solid and 35

percent water. The system was designed for the water to evaporate out of the impoundment. Aided by a couple of winters with considerable snowfall that were followed by significant runoff, the dam collected much more water than was originally permitted and planned.

Whether NovaGold's buttressing of the dam will be sufficient for its future use will be the goal of a DNR study. "DNR is working with the mine to see that certain aspects of the dam's past performance are addressed in the next few months and before the TSF is used for tailings disposal again," DiMarchi said. "Basically there is a program being crafted to monitor the dam (settling, temperature, water levels) through the winter and then complete a geotechnical program to collect more data from the bedrock below the dam next summer to come up with some conclusions about the suitability of the original design or construction, any changes to the permafrost under the dam, and to characterize the bedrock conditions that might have contributed to the higher-than-expected seepage rates."

DiMarchi said the program may result in additional modifications being required of the dam or it may find that the current design is sufficient.

Van Nieuwenhuysse said getting the tailings facility back to a state where it could again support a producing mine will be necessary before NovaGold de-

cides whether or not it will seek to restart operations at Rock Creek. "We are continuing to gather information related to a possible re-start of the operations; however, our first priority is to remove the excess water from behind the dam," he said. "No re-start can occur until the water is removed. We will be addressing this during our 2010 budget plans." NovaGold stopped work toward production in November 2008.

Van Nieuwenhuysse was also non-committal on whether NovaGold has been in negotiations to sell off portions of its Nome area holdings that do not include the Rock Creek operation. "We have been approached by several parties who have expressed interest in several of the business ventures ongoing on Alaska Gold lands," he said. "We are under confidentiality and therefore it would be inappropriate to comment further."

## • Auxiliary

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The complaint states that Kimoktoak held the secretary/treasurer position from March 2006 to April 2007. Kimoktoak faces charges of second-degree forgery, fraudulent use of access device and second-de-

## Running ahead of the runoff

As winter just starts, Van Nieuwenhuysse said Rock Creek is already preparing for the spring breakup. Van Nieuwenhuysse said work has been conducted and is continuing on and around three drainage channels installed at the mine site. The work is aimed at reducing sediment making its way into the naturally flowing waterways in the area.

"We have built a significant structure to manage water at the out-flow of Drainage Channel No. 1 (DC No. 1 or upper-most channel to collect and manage storm water) as well as completed significant placement of liners and rip rap and vegetative re-seeding to ensure minimal run-off of turbid water from the mine site," he said. He said similar work is occurring at the other two drainage channels.

Van Nieuwenhuysse said work will continue on the storm water prevention

aspects of the operation for the next six weeks. The state will be watching the results of that work when this year's snowfall returns again to liquid. "The test will be the quality of their runoff this spring," DiMarchi said.

High levels of sediment in the water, known as turbidity, discharged from the mine site into area creeks in the past have proved costly for Rock Creek. In May NovaGold agreed to pay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency more than \$880,000 for fines related to storm water discharges into Rock, Lindblom and Glacier creeks from April 2007 to September 2008. The EPA faulted the company for what it described as unchecked runoff as well the lack of an adequate prevention plan to deal with such runoff. The fine was one of the largest levied for a general permit in the four states that make up the EPA's Region 10.

pearance before Magistrate Bradley Gater Dec. 3 and was scheduled for a preliminary hearing Dec. 22. Public defender Kirsten Bey asked that the hearing be continued having just received discovery in the case. The hearing was reset for Jan. 5 at 1:30 p.m. before Gater.



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# Mukluks, midnight mass and Eskimo games

**Story and photo by Reba Lean**

Francis Alvanna, 69, spent his early years on the isolated King Island. Before he came to Nome for his high school years in the early 1950s, he remembers the Christmases he celebrated with the community on the Island.

"Every year we would go to the schoolhouse and watch a play," he said. The schoolhouse was the largest building on the small island—big and white. The play was the same each year, the priest's own spin on Christmas. Mary and Joseph's costumes were made from sheets, while the shepherds' were made from burlap bags. Francis was a shepherd. There were also about 30 sheep played by younger children. People would go watch in their brand new mukluks and new parkas they got

every Christmas.

At home they each had a traditional American stocking, and his was full of candies and crayons. At midnight, they would attend Mass.

Francis referred to Rie and Juan Muñoz's book, *The King Island Journal*, in which he's featured a couple times in photographs as a child. He remembers their years on the island and the 1951 Christmas described. The couple generously wrapped 150 gifts for students, ages five to 19, and made fruitcakes for several families.

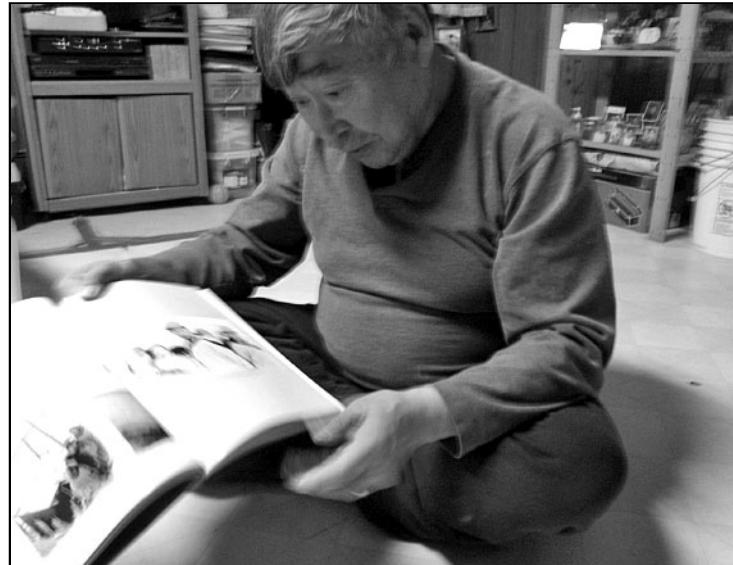
Francis also remembers a Christmas dinner that the whole island contributed to. In the Muñozes' book, Juan talks about how Rie made a baked spaghetti dinner for more than 150 people. Others brought bread and Eskimo ice cream containing

berries, salmon eggs, reindeer fat and seal oil, of which Juan said he could only swallow "with the help of a large piece of bread, and many mouthfuls of coffee."

The day after Christmas, the village gathered in the evening for Eskimo dancing. For the rest of the days until New Year's, the kids competed in Eskimo games.

Nowadays Francis spends Dec. 25 with his wife, Edna, his seven grown kids and still attends the midnight mass.

**MEMORIES**—Francis Alvanna points out a picture of him as a young boy in *The King Island Journal* as he reminisces of Christmases past.



## Over the river and through the woods in Unalakleet

**Story and photo by Sandra L. Medearis**

They had community carolers, a big live tree cut fresh from the country and hauled in on a sled by snowmachine or dog team, but for Amber Bradley, Christmas in Unalakleet was about grandparents and family.

"I remember so much about going over to my Grandpa Shacky and Laurina Ryan's house. We had a big huge Christmas dinner, almost as big as Thanksgiving," Amber said. "My favorite was the turkey stuffing. There was my mom, Karen Bradley, my dad, Fred Ryan Jr., and my five siblings."

They were lucky that her grandparents had a present for them to open on Christmas day, Amber said.

"On Christmas Eve we would get to open one present, but always ended up opening all our presents—socks, clothing and Barbies," she said. "We tried to save at least one, but that never happened."

As a child, the Christmas tree was almost as important to her as the presents.

"Most people had a real live Christmas tree. I love the smell of the pine needles. My favorite part was decorating it. We had fun making decorations. One time we made little beaded felt hearts or Christmas tree shapes that were frames for pictures," Amber remembered. "Once I made a big Santa with cotton and a paper suit colored red. That sticks in my memory."

The family always watched Christmas movies. One movie was very educational in teaching her a lesson.

"When I was about 7 years old, we watched 'The Christmas Story.' Something that happened in there influenced me to try putting my tongue on a cold metal boat. I thought maybe my tongue wouldn't stick," Amber laughed. "I had to test it, but it did. I was outside alone. I had to pull it off, and it was cut."

Christmas day might hold ice-skating on the Unalakleet River near the house.

On the way to visit other folks, the family would stop by the home of her maternal grand-

**"On Christmas Eve we would get to open one present, but always ended up opening all our presents."**

—Amber Bradley



parents, Ransom and Annabelle Bradley, to visit and give presents.

Amber Bradley said she strongly believes in Santa Claus.

## THE "TOP TEN" WAYS TO AVOID THE EMERGENCY ROOM DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

- #10 Don't go "through the river and over the woods".  
(Be careful of ice and overflow when traveling by snowmachine and four-wheeler.)
- #9 Don't "roast chestnuts on an open fire".  
(Be careful not to overload electrical outlets or leave wood stoves unattended.)
- #8 Be careful "rocking around the Christmas tree".  
(Celebrate sanely and wisely.)
- #7 Respect the "silent night".  
(Drive cautiously in the dark.)
- #6 Beware of the "the new fallen snow".  
(Shovel snow slowly, stop periodically to rest.)
- #5 Use caution "up on the house top".  
(Be careful hanging lights outside the house.)
- #4 Watch for "Frosty the Snowman".  
(Dress appropriately for the weather.)
- #3 Yield to sleighs.  
(Obey the rules of the road when walking or driving.)
- #2 Don't partake in "sugar plums". (No street drugs.)
- #1 The Christmas spirit is NOT what you drink; it is how you THINK!**



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# Erna enjoys homegrown Christmas

By Sandra L. Medearis

Erna Rasmussen's homespun Christmas unfolded on a small family farm in the mountains of Norway where hard work put the Christmas dinner on the table.

"Most of our presents were knitted or crocheted," Erna laughed, telling her tale over the dining room table in her home on Fourth Avenue. "If anyone got a purchased present from the store, that was wonderful!"

"My older sister Ingeborg [Hanseland] and my mother, Amanda, knitted all kinds of things—curtains, tablecloths, almost everything we needed was made at home. Mother clipped the wool, washed it, carded it and spun it into yarn. Then we

made what we needed. I must have learned to knit the same time I learned to walk."

The family—mom, dad, three daughters and four sons—provided their food from their farm—potatoes from the garden patch, meat from cows and sheep they raised, clothing from the sheep, chickens and eggs, nut and fruit trees. They cranked butter in a churn.

"That was hard work. Your arm got very tired," Erna laughed.

From such hard work came their bountiful holiday dinner, the center of the Christmas Eve family celebration.

"The big celebration was always Christmas Eve, and it was for just

the cozy family of the household," Erna said. "Every business closed at 2 p.m. On Christmas Day, we had church and parties with the extended family. The second day we had more parties with extended family and relaxation. It was very nice. The third day we went back to regular activities."

The tree came in the door Christmas Eve, selected by her brothers from the countryside of spruce trees standing among the birches.

One of the best parts, Erna remembers, was when they would carefully move the tree away from the wall so everyone in the family could join hands to walk around the tree singing carols. That wasn't all. They played games, too.

"That was always the tradition," Erna said.

Then came time for "white mush."

"We called it "white mush." You

would call it "rice pudding. Whoever found the almond hidden in the pudding won a piece of marzipan," Erna said.

The family had to take extra caution in moving the tree when she was small, as the home didn't have electricity, so her mother clipped small candles onto the branches for lights.

Spareribs starred in the Christmas Eve feast. There were blueberries, cranberries and currants from summer trips to their cabin where they gathered grass for hay while the sheep grazed open range on the hillside. Fruit juice, potatoes and other vegetables came from the root cellar.

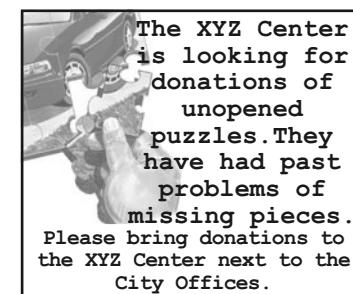
We would butcher lambs and cows, put them in salt brine, then hang them in the loft upstairs to drip and dry," Erna said. "The meat, the spareribs were so wonderful when you cooked them in the oven!"

When Erna was younger, the Christmas festivities never flowed

along without interruption.

"One of my brothers or my father, Adne, would suddenly remember that the cows needed more hay or something else needed to be tended in the barn. They would go out," Erna grinned.

"A few minutes later, Santa would barge in and drop a big burlap bag off his shoulder onto the floor. We children never caught on."



## • News briefs —

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maximum temperature rise to below 2° Celsius; the commitment to list developed country emission reduction targets and mitigation action by developing countries for 2020; \$30 billion short-term funding for immediate action until 2012 and \$100 billion annually by 2020 in long-term financing, as well as mechanisms to support technology transfer and forestry. The accord was reached between the U.S., China, India, Brazil and South Africa. Many developing countries and climate change activists were disappointed with the non-binding outcome and the mere recognition of the accord by 193 nations. During the UN conference chaos ensued as many non-governmental organizations were expelled from the climate talks and thousands of people demonstrated outside the conference venue, demanding climate justice.

In reactions, Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski called the climate deal an "economically damaging climate action non-starter" and said in a statement that despite the Senate majority's failure to prioritize a climate bill ahead of the negotiations in Copenhagen, the past two weeks have made clear that domestic legislation would not resolve the full range of fundamental, international disagreements. She took an isolationist's approach to global climate change and said that this matter must be addressed in a way that strengthens the US economy and bolsters the American energy security. She said the American climate policy needs to stand on its own because it would be the right approach for the country, regardless of the actions other nations do, or do not, take.

The non-binding and non-committal nature of the accord also drew criticism from environmental

groups. Kieran Suckling, executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity, said that merely acknowledging the weaknesses of the deal does not excuse its failings. Suckling warned that humankind stands at the precipice of climatic tipping points beyond which a climate crash will be out of anybody's control. He said the only hope that flows from Copenhagen stems from the birth of a diverse global movement demanding real solutions and climate justice.

### Denali commission has new federal co-chair

U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke appointed Alaskan Joel Neimeyer as the federal co-chair of the Denali Commission. Neimeyer is a former program manager for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium to the Denali Commission and will be the first Alaska Native to serve as head of the commission. The Denali Commission is a federal-state partnership designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure and support for economic development in Alaska by delivering federal services in the most cost-effective manner possible.

The Denali Commission operates hundreds of projects in rural communities across the state. A civil engineer, Neimeyer has worked as a program officer through the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and as an environmental health officer for the Indian Health Service. He is active in civil affairs in Anchorage as president of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center Board and is a board member of the United Way. Neimeyer starts work at the Denali Commission on January 3. Sen. Mark Begich recommended Neimeyer to the Obama administration. George Cannelos held the post prior to Neimeyer.



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## Inge tells of Norwegian- Nome Traditions

*They would sing around the tree*

By Reba Lean

On a cold December day, Ingeborg Handeland, 86, can be found inside her cozy yellow house with a tin of Norwegian sand cookies and recalling her earlier Christmases in both Sirdal, Norway and Nome.

"We didn't have Santa Claus in Norway when I was growing up," she said. Instead, on Christmas mornings, she and her siblings would receive a present from their parents. Inside the present was always a clothing item, "new mittens or new socks most of the time." Nevertheless, Christmases were memorable and Ingeborg can recollect all the way back to age three.

In 1953, the Handelands came to Nome. Ingeborg and her husband Kai were brand new to the American ways of Christmas and she remembers that first year. In a house across from the now-XYZ Center, "We put

our tree in the middle of the floor, and it was just me and my husband. We just walked around the tree and held hands and sang our Norwegian Christmas songs."

Seven years later, their son John was born, and then Arne in 1962, and finally Linda in 1963. Their children's early Christmases were spent in the American tradition with a Norwegian twist. "Then we knew about Christmas because then we had lived in America. We knew about presents and we knew about Christmas parties." But still, her son Arne said, they would celebrate with a few tricks learned in Norway. For their Christmas feast, it was primarily Norwegian food like the potato dish called lefse that all the kids really seem to love, and a prune and apricot pudding. Most presents were opened on Christmas Eve, he said, "It was more exciting than Christmas."

LOVE IS IN THE SNOW (above left)–Doug Martinson's forklift left an unintentional pair of hearts on a snowy driveway.

IS THIS FOR ME? (above)–One year old Ernest Henry closely examines the Christmas present he received at the VFW Children's Party on Dec. 20.

REMEMBERING FONDLY, EARLIER CHRISTMASES (left)–Ingeborg Handeland tells of past Christmases in Sirdal, Norway and Nome.

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**AWWW** (above right)–Mrs. Claus attempts to comfort Karmun Johnson, 2, as she sheds a tear from Santa shyness at the Children’s party at the VFW.

**CASSICAL MUSIC** – Laura Davis from the band “Classical Trio” performs at the City of Nome Christmas Extravaganza at the Old St. Joe’s on Dec. 9.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

**BEAUTIFUL CATHEDRAL**—Oscar Contreras shows the large church, Jesus de Milagros, that was the center of activities in his enviable story of Christmas celebrations in El Salvador



# Watch out for Torito!

**By Sandra L. Medearis**

Oscar Contreras is standing behind the bar at Airport Pizza, talking to folks. Happy memories animate his face. His eyes flash as they reflect the Christmas Eve fireworks in the plaza. He puts his arms out, moose-rack wide, and steps side to side. Torito, all dressed up in his disguise, is running around the cobblestones and after young Oscar right now, the same way he waved his fireworks and ran after squealing kids in Contreras' native El Salvador years ago.

Oscar's audience leans forward into the drama of his Christmas story. They can hear the guitars, smell the cypress trees, hear the feet dancing in the square in front of the cathedral, feel the warm air on the arms of parents sitting on benches in short-sleeved shirts.

“We went to church first, Midnight Mass, then everyone went into the plaza for feasting, dancing, playing music. The whole town got together in the park, all night long. Everyone was waiting for Torito, the little bull. He ran around like lightning, like he was on fire with fireworks. It was the same guy for many years,” Oscar said, speaking of men who traditionally put on cages covered with fireworks and charge at the crowd.

“We had turkey and special bread

in long loaves baked for that night. The women had been baking for the families, for the neighbors. There were lights all over the church and many, many Christmas trees,” Oscar said. “Religion was strong. The other churches joined us at Jesus de Milagros, our big, big cathedral. There were little gifts for all the kids. The community got together and really took care of the kids. It was all about sharing and taking turns. It was a good time for everybody. All our arguments were forgotten.”

Taking turns?

“You go to the church and they give you a day. You are so glad when your family gets their day. On your day before Christmas, everyone comes to your house,” Oscar explained. “Everyone meets at the church and then walks in a body to the house where it is their turn. They open their doors and everyone goes in at once. We share our food. We celebrate. We talk. If a family doesn’t have enough, the community and the church take all the food to the house”

Where in El Salvador?

“The town is Coatepeque, but it doesn’t matter. It is the same all over Central America—Panama, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador—we all have that same culture, that same celebration,” Oscar said.

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**DEPARTURE** (above)—The group loads up the pupmobile in Nome, getting ready to head north to the hot springs.

**BOUNTY** (right)—Hunter and author George Schofield poses with ptarmigan along the tracks on the way home.

## A Seward Peninsula Outing

By George Schofield,  
Class of 1917

*Another Christmas treat from the archives of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum. This article originally appeared in "The Aurora, '13" the yearbook published by the students of the Nome High School for the year 1912-1913 in Nome, Alaska.*

*The trip to Pilgrim Hot Springs in 1912 involved the use of a pupmobile drawn by a dog team on the old rail-road tracks up the trail to the north of Nome along the route of the present day Kougarok Road. The trip was made by Frank Karrer, George Schofield, Hilda Johnson, Elizabeth Neuman and Harold Lyle (uncle of Donna Lyle Morgan).*

*All photos accompanying this story are from the Frank Karrer Collection at the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum. Frank Xavier Karrer was the superintendent, principal and teacher at the Nome High School from 1911 to 1914. The photo collection was given to the people of Nome by Frank Karrer's niece, Joan Karrer Boose in 2002. Museum notes or comments are italicized in parenthesis.*

The advanced stage of twentieth century civilization makes it easy for the man of the city and the plains to follow the "call of the wild." He has but to board a steamer or train to be, within a few hours, in the heart of the wilderness, or to take his touring car or motor cycle and in a short time leave behind him the noises of the city.

Traveling in Seward Peninsula is quite different, for there the dog is indeed "man's best friend," ready at any hour of the day or night to start on a long mush at the call of his master.

Oh! for the joys of a ride in a dog-mobile, with its intelligent motive power! Who would not prefer it to the automobile? No speed limits, leaking tanks, punctured tires, and the other griefs of the automobilists.

On the tenth of August last [1912],

a party from Nome started for an outing at the Kruzaama Hot Springs [now known as Pilgrim Hot Springs]. Their dogmobile was a small flat car about four feet by seven feet, drawn by a string of bird dogs and malamutes. They started about eight o'clock on a sunny morning with just enough snap in the air to be invigorating. The dogs tugged at their lashes, eager to go, and the crowd piled on at the word from the driver and we're off in a mad rush across the tundra to the foot hills; past the famous Little Creek and Bessie pay-streaks, then steadily up, up, up over the foot hills, and down again into the valleys, between mountains along the sides of which could be traced mile after mile of ditches used for mining purposes; across trestles in the neglected road which hung in mid-air, held together only by fish plates, where the well trained dogs, unhitched from the car by the driver, Floyd Wheeler, jumped from the track, ran around the wash-out, and were again hitched to the car, all without a stop or a perceptible slackening of the speed. At noon they stopped for lunch at the U.S. Road House, [also known as Dorothy Creek Roadhouse] thirty miles from Nome, and the dogs were seemingly as fresh as in the morning and the passengers, after satisfying their hunger, were eager for another ride.

Night found the tired but enthusiastic crowd at the Iron Creek Road House where they declared they had the best meal of their lives, on game and fish cooked to the hunter's taste.

The next morning they were off early and found it just as interesting as the first day. From Iron Creek there was a change in the scenery for they were traveling around the Coast Range, the Sawtooth Mountains, whose majestic tops were covered with snow even in the balmy August weather. The vegetation became larger and the bare iron-stained sides of the mountains showed many colored in the sun light. The road-bed grew worse,

the washout deeper, and in places there were glaciers on the track which the passengers had to walk around, and places where the ties were entirely gone, but the dogs pulled cheerily on. At noon the party reached Cottonwood and the end of their dogmobile ride. From there they were taken down the Kruzaama River by the natives.

The rabbits and foxes ran out and took peeks at the strange intruders, and from every direction could be heard the songs of birds. After traveling eleven miles of such a winding river between mountain peaks so constantly changing their direction that it was impossible to believe they were the same range, the weary travelers landed on the bank of the river and after a walk of a quarter of a mile were at the Springs. And oh! those trees. After living for years where there are none it was like the first sight of a long absent friend. Some said they felt like hugging the trees. They found their sojourn at the Springs all and more than they had anticipated; with a comfortable log house to live in; delightful and rejuvenating hot mineral baths; long walks among the trees; hunting and picking berries; fishing in the many lakes; rowing on the river; and building bon-fires in the evening around which they told sto-



ries; sang songs and toasted marshmallows; so that when the three weeks had expired and it was time to return home no one wanted to go.

The trip back on the dog car had lost none of its attractions, and as the hunting season had opened, there was added excitement. The two leaders were trained bird dogs, and as the car was flying along the leaders would suddenly stop and point and the hunters would get off and in a few minutes come back with a bag of game. By the time the car reached the road house the party had over fifty ptarmigan.

The whole trip was a pleasant one and one long to be remembered, and it ended as it had begun, but with a fin-

ishing touch of enjoyment. Upon reaching the top of the foot hills the dogs suddenly stopped and looked around at their master, who proceeded to unhitch them, and after putting the leaders on the car with the passengers, and leaving the others to follow, gave the car a push, and away it flew down the mountain side giving the passengers an exhilarating coast of over seven miles, landing them within a short ride of home. The unanimous vote was that the outing had been a success and they would go again.

*Story and photos compiled by Cheryl Thompson and Laura Samuelson of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.*

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**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY** (left)—A greenhouse at Pilgrim Hot Springs, or Kruzemapa Hot Springs as it was called in the early 20th century, utilized steam pipes to provide heat for the plants and flowers.

**STILL STEEP AND SNOWY** (above)—The Sawtooth, or Kigluaik Mountains, whose majestic tops were covered with snow even in the balmy August weather in 1912 have beckoned hikers and adventurers for generations. The snow-covered peak is the Seward Peninsula's high point, Mount Osborn.

## The Hot Springs and Sawtooth Range

By Lillian Simson for the 1911 Aurora Yearbook

Yet another Christmas story from the archives of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

Northward from Nome may be seen the low round-topped hills which are four miles back on the tundra. From the summit of these one can see a number of granite-peaked mountains that have the appearance of the tooth of a saw. From this appearance the Kigluaik Mountains received the name of Sawtooth. This range is 15 miles wide and 60 miles long.

Some of the peaks are capped with snow. This is the only place about Nome where there is "ice and snow, the year around."

Mt. Osborne, the highest peak on Seward Peninsula, is 4,700 feet high. The north side rises nearly 3,000 feet in a seemingly straight wall, which has evidently been made by volcanic action and looks as if it were polished. As it has many different kinds and colors of rock formation it makes one of the grandest and most impressive views of Alaska.

The Kruzemapa Hot Springs are 60 miles from Nome. The trip can be made in one day by dog team.

In the past as many as 100 people have been there at a time, but now the large hotel has been destroyed by fire and fewer people can be accommodated.

They are near the Pilgrim River, which flows north and then west of

them, where it empties into the Kuzitriem River.

The springs, by which many people have been cured of their different ailments, through the health-giving properties of the water, bubble up from the sand in the same manner as other hot springs, even in the coldest weather the creek is open and the snow melted for a half mile around.

The soil for a considerable distance is warm. In some places by digging for about three feet, water is reached; in other places the ground is quite dry.

East of the hotel there is a garden of 12 acres and west of it is a potato-patch of four acres.

Four years ago 70 tons of the finest flavored turnips, rutabagas, cauliflower, radishes, lettuce, carrots and potatoes were raised there. The last few years the amount produced has not been so large.

Near the springs is a large grove of cottonwood trees, which are the largest on the Seward Peninsula. This is a very pleasing sight to the people of Nome, as there are no trees for many miles around, and cottonwood recalls a summer climate.

Near the springs, in the Pilgrim River, that is very clear, grayling, trout, pike, salmon and whitefish are plentiful.

Rabbits and ptarmigan are also found in abundance.

In the winter, after the holiday season, many people of Nome find the period of recreation at the Kruzemapa Springs both pleasant and beneficial.

## The Nome Nugget

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*Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the staff of The Nome Nugget (and Santa too). We wish you and your family the best this Holiday Season! We are celebrating with family and friends and are unavailable for this next week: our next publishing date is on Jan. 8. Also from Flip, Snoopy, Neve, Grubby and Zorro*

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# Unalakleet Sewing Circle auction yields record \$22,000

**Elders and children receive Christmas money from sale of handmade items**

By Laurie McNicholas

Every Unalakleet elder, orphan and child in a single parent household received Christmas cards with gifts of cash early this month from members of the Sewing Circle, an organization dating back to 1887 when missionary Axel Karlson established the community's Covenant Church.

The cash gifts are proceeds from the annual Sewing Circle auction of handcrafted goods and other donated items held Nov. 27 in Unalakleet Schools' multipurpose room. This year's auction produced a record \$22,000, reports Sewing Circle member Heidi Ivanoff.

"The auction was successful this

\$18,000 at its auction, always held the day after Thanksgiving, members told *The Nome Nugget* in an interview last month during a meeting of the group hosted by Olga Oyoumick, wife of Covenant Church pastor Joel Oyoumick. "We collect 85 percent of it that night," Ivanoff said.

In addition to handmade products, Sewing Circle members said auction items have included donated berries, salmon strips, bread, Bering Air tickets and for fun one year, 20 pair of men's pants. Winning bidders pay for store-bought items immediately, but for handcrafted products the Sewing Circle may accept a down payment of one third of the amount

bid on auction night. Giving buyers of handmade goods more time to pay helps the Sewing Circle obtain the best prices for them, Ivanoff explained.

"Not just the Sewing Circle makes things," she noted. "It's really a community-wide donating of handmade items. We provide supplies of cloth and yarn." She said most of the funds raised at the auction are distributed to elders and children a week after the auction. "The extra money after gifting elders and children goes for a variety of projects at the Unalakleet Covenant Church, including carpeting, renovations, roofing, etc.," she added. "We keep several hundred dollars in a kitty."

Other Sewing Circle members present at the meeting were Judie Kotongan, Betty Oyoumick, Sarah Oyoumick and Annie Woods, president of the organization. Woods said her grandfather, Chief Nashalook, met Axel Karlson in St. Michael and invited him to come to Unalakleet.

"Karlson was on his way to Russia, but he had missed the boat and spent the winter in San Francisco," Woods explained. "He could not make it past St. Michael. My grandfather kept the missionary safe when he first came to Unalakleet. He kept him in his home." She said some Unalakleet residents were antagonistic toward Karlson at first.

Sewing Circle members credited Karlson's wife, Hanna, with helping to establish the organization in its early years.



Photo courtesy of Unalakleet Sewing Circle

**AUCTION HIGHLIGHT**—This handmade tapestry by Judie Kotongan fetched just over \$2,000 at the Unalakleet Sewing Circle's annual auction Nov. 27. Proceeds from the auction, which yielded a record \$22,000, have been distributed as gifts of cash in Christmas cards to all Unalakleet elders, orphans and children in single parent households. Kotongan serves as treasurer of the Sewing Circle.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

**MY WORD!** —Conner Merrill examines his new dictionary, provided to selected grades at Nome Elementary by Rotary International District 5010 through Nome Rotary Club, just before the spelling bee preparation kick-off. The edition contains high-interest entries for students, including a long word that takes up a whole page, American Sign Language, and other juicy information besides words and definitions. District 5010 includes Alaska, Yukon Territory and eastern Russia.

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year due to good attendance, a good selection of items and competitive bidding," Ivanoff noted. "The top selling item was a small beaded tapestry depicting a seal that went for over \$2,000. That was the highlight of the evening as the bids just kept going up. We also had moose jerky, buckets of herring eggs on kelp and many home-baked items." She estimated attendance at a little less than 100 persons.

"The doors opened at 4 p.m. to accept donations and display the items," Ivanoff said. "Bidding started at 6:30 p.m. and we were done about 1 a.m. This year the auctioneers were Middy Johnson, Karl Erickson, Jim Egli, Dave Cunningham, Jeff Erickson and Herb Ivanoff."

Refreshments served midway through the evening included a cake baked by Sewing Circle treasurer Judie Kotongan, coffee and juice. Kotongan also made the seal tapestry. Members of the Sewing Circle sang a hymn translated into Inupiaq that their mothers used to sing. The mothers and grandmothers of most current members of the Sewing Circle were prior members of the organization.

In previous years the Sewing Circle has raised from \$12,000 to

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes



Photo by Denise Olin



SINGING THEIR HEARTS OUT (top, left)—Kindergarteners (back row, left to right) Parker Kenick, Darius Ferreira, Ethan Hannon and Danielle Bogart, (front from, left to right) Cathy Nguyen, Hayley Barrera, Paris Hebel and Serry Iyatunguk sing *Santa Claus Is on His Way* during the kindergarten Christmas program Dec. 17.

NOTE FOR NOTE (top, right)—Mari Lammer's class performs a Christmas carol with garland and smiles at the Nome Elementary School Christmas concert Dec. 16.

SWEET MUSIC (left, center)—Danny Karmun treats Nomeites and visitors to a couple of accordion tunes during the City of Nome's Christmas Extravaganza at Old St. Joe's Dec. 9.

BIG EYES (above)—Jens Hildreth, 3 1/2 months, looks a bit bewildered upon meeting Santa Claus at the Alaska Native Brotherhood children's Christmas party Sunday.



Photo by Denise Olin

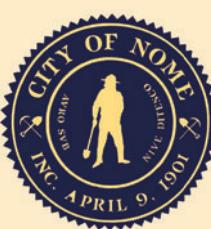
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Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

## Sights and sounds of the season in Nome



Photo by Nadja Roeske

**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT** (above)—Paige Shield, 9, proudly holds a gift she made herself, while Rhonda Scheider, left, and Paige Shield stand behind her at the Old St. Joesph's Bazaar, Dec. 19.

**IT'S OVER** (top)!—Sam Bourdon, center, achieves “lift-off” during profuse applause at the end of the Nome Elementary Christmas program Dec. 16.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

**TOOTLE-OO**—A large number of recorder flute players—these are just a few—played well in the Nome Elementary School Christmas program Dec. 16.

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# By His Own Pen - The Story of the Discovery of Gold at Anvil Creek

**By Jafet Lindeberg**

A Christmas Gift from the archives  
of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial  
Museum

Your museum, the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, is fortunate to receive an abundance of donations every year. In early January 2009 the museum received a truly remarkable gift in the form of an original letter written by Jafet Lindeberg who, as one of the Three Lucky Swedes, discovered gold at Anvil Creek in September 1898. Let's let the e-mails written to the Museum provide the background.

January 13, 2009

Ms. Laura Samuelson, Would you be interested in a letter written by Jafet Lindeberg, written in 1951 describing the discovery of Nome. If you are I'd be happy to send you the letter he wrote to me when I was 10 years old.

Frank Cooper

January 13, 2009

Dear Frank,  
Yes, we are very interested in Jafet's letter. Jafet Lindeberg was one of the founding fathers of Nome. He was responsible for giving us power and water. He was a generous man who lived here until about 1923. We admire him greatly.

Sincerely,  
Laura Samuelson

January 14, 2009

Dear Laura,  
My mother and father were friends of Jafet's. My father and Jafet were both miners and ran around with each other.

When I was in the fifth grade we were studying Alaska and my father wrote Jafet and asked if he would write a letter for me describing his experience.

As a child I met Jafet a few times but was too young to say I knew him.

I will send you the letter in the next couple of days. I have held it for 58 years, it will be good to know it is going somewhere that it will be appreciated.

It was good to hear from you  
Sincerely,  
Frank Cooper

The letter was gifted to the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum and the people of Nome by Frank Cooper. It was transcribed by Cussy Kauer for your reading pleasure. Please note that the transcription is not intended to be correct in grammar or spelling. A few corrections have been made (Golovin, Yukon). Mr. Lindeberg was Norwegian. His accent is often revealed in his written words.

LETTER OF APRIL 23, 1951  
FROM JAFET LINDEBERG TO  
MASTER FRANCES COOPER

Written on letterhead belonging to Nevada Tungsten Corporation, Post Office Box 137, Mina, Nevada

April 23, 1951

Master Frances Cooper,

I have been informed that you are studying Alaska and its natural resources. Among which is the gold discovery in which I took part in 1898 about September. Gold had been discovered on the Seward Peninsula about 1872 but had not been considered in paying quantities. What is meant not in sufficient amount where a person alone or in company with others could earn an ordinary days wages or sufficient to warrant him or them to abandon further exploration of other areas where more remunerative alluvial deposits may exist.

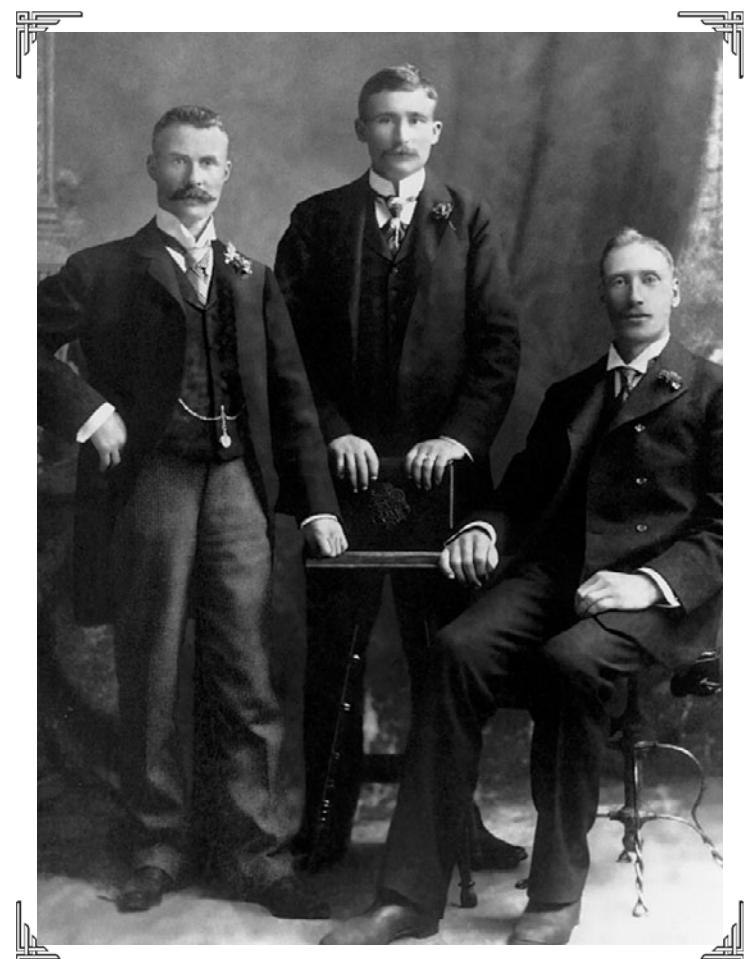
My two partners and myself had explored for about a month in a district where gold was found in the Early spring of 1898 and named Council City a distance of 50 miles from Golovin Bay which was a trading settlement and missionary station

at the entrance to Fish River. Council City became a small town with population of about 50 people and has remained up to date about the same.

On September 4, 1898 my associates and myself decided to explore the country further to the westward and as we had two small boats we loaded these two boats with supplies food and mining equipment and traveled down river to Golovin Bay and there found a larger boat which we repaired and reconditioned for our purpose to travel along the open coast westward.

We left Golovin Bay on the 12 of September 1898 and reached the first river as an entrance to a Lagoon in two days on the third day to a river which we afterward name Snake River Where we found it to be very crooked. We camped about 1/2 mile up this river and while preparing our dinner that we were very much in need I dug a hole on a sand bar as deep as my rubber boots permitted and panned some dirt from the bottom of the hole and found a few colors of gold but not sufficient to pay wages, only an indication that some place there may be more. Next morning early we packed up for further journey up the river which was shallow in places and it took us two days before we could see a creek about two miles away meandering to the river. There we unpacked again.

One of my partners Erick Lindblom and I started out to investigate this creek while John Brynteson our third partner stayed at the camp to make it permanent. We found fairly good prospect on this small creek which we then and there named Mountain Creek. The next day we started out early providing ourselves with mid-day meals and traveled over large area of hills Eric digging holes and panning. In most of the creeks we found gold that we considered was in paying quantities as the following days we located claim for ourselves and others from whom



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

**THE THREE LUCKY SWEDES—Erik Lindblom, Jafet Lindeberg and John Brynteson.** In his letter to a 10-year-old boy, Jafet writes, "He who works gains what he works for and that very little comes to the ones who only wants and expect to get things without work."

we had power of attorney. We named the creeks as well as the river. Some of the mountains and natural objects, the town Nome, also the Cape which protrudes out to Bering Sea. We called it Cape Noon and afterward changed the name to Cape Nome.

Anvil Creek was named from a rock which was visible for all of the creeks and resembled an Anvil. Snow Gulch was named from a Bank of Snow or a glacier which was still covering the lower end of the small gulch late in September. Moonlight Springs was named as it happened that we were late going back to our camp on Snake River and the moon was shining on the water in the spring, so it was named Moonlight Spring. Dry Creek was named appropriately because it was dry. Rock Creek was named because it was very rocky. Glacier Creek has a large bank of ice in the late September so we called it Glacier Creek.

After about a week's stay we returned to Golovin Bay Mission Station where we reported our discovery of gold to a few men only to be kept a secret until we had time to locate our claims according to law and form a mining district. That would take more than three men as a recorder had to be appointed and notices given and recorded. The Mission Station owned an 8 ton schooner that we wanted very badly, but the missionary wanted us to build him a school house and church before he would rent us the schooner. This we did in about five days as we hired help and the season was nearing close, ice would be forming on rivers and also on the ocean shores as well as on the bays.

October 9 1898 we had loaded our rented schooner and started out and in two days we again entered Snake River. This time we were eight of us and (illegible) we had unloaded the ship and pulled it up the river about 1500 ft.

The ice started forming on the river and the next morning the river was frozen over so we could walk on the ice. We were then 8 of us and began packing camp equipment and other supplies up to Anvil Creek where we built our main camp from which we traveled to different creek, measured the claims that had been located on our first trip the month before.

After the claims were measured

and staked and placed on records according to United States mining laws and the regulation made by us who formed the Cape Nome mining district, we built "rockers" for washing gold or separating gold from gravel and sand. We worked with these primitive tools for about two weeks and produced about \$2,000 in gold dust and small nuggets.

There after we began our journey back to Golovin Bay and St. Micheals, which was and is the port for the great Yukon River and the British town of Klondike. After arrival to St. Micheals we notified the outside world of our discovery. Great many prospectors came to Nome during the spring of 1899 and staked claims in the Nome mining district tho many of the prospectors did not believe that there was any placer gold in that area and left for parts unknown.

During the late spring and early summer of 1899 gold was discovered in the beach sands for 20 miles along the sea beach and a great deal of gold dust was mined from these sands. The number of miners on the Nome beach was about 1,500 and all of them produced sufficient gold to return to their homes in the States to live their natural way which in most cases was farming and no doubt a great many men acquired fortunes from that capital gained from Nome beach.

The rest of the Alaskan history you can find in your schoolbook and your teachers can give you authentic history of all the happenings to date. I am at present mining tungsten in this part of Nevada and especially in Sodaville, which is your native place to which you no doubt will return when you have reached the age that you have to earn your own living.

I hope that you will always remember your mother and father who have given you the chance to reach manhood, given also a chance to learn what others have accomplished tho you must also learn that "he who works gains what he works for and that very little comes to the ones who only wants and expect to get things without work." My best wishes to you as well as your brothers and sister and hope that you will always remember them. and that if any of them need your help that you give it without stint tho your mother and father come first.

Jafet Lindeberg

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I have been informed that you are studying Alaska & its natural resources among which is the Gold discovery in which I took part in 1898 about September. Gold had been discovered on the Seward Peninsula about 1872 but had not been considered in paying quantities, that is meant not in sufficient amount where a person alone or in company with others could earn an ordinary days wages or sufficient to warrant him or them to abandon further exploration of other areas where more remunerative alluvial deposits may exist. My two partners and myself had explored for about a month in a district where gold was found in the Early spring of 1898 and named Council City a distance of 50 miles from Golovin Bay which was a trading settlement and missionary station

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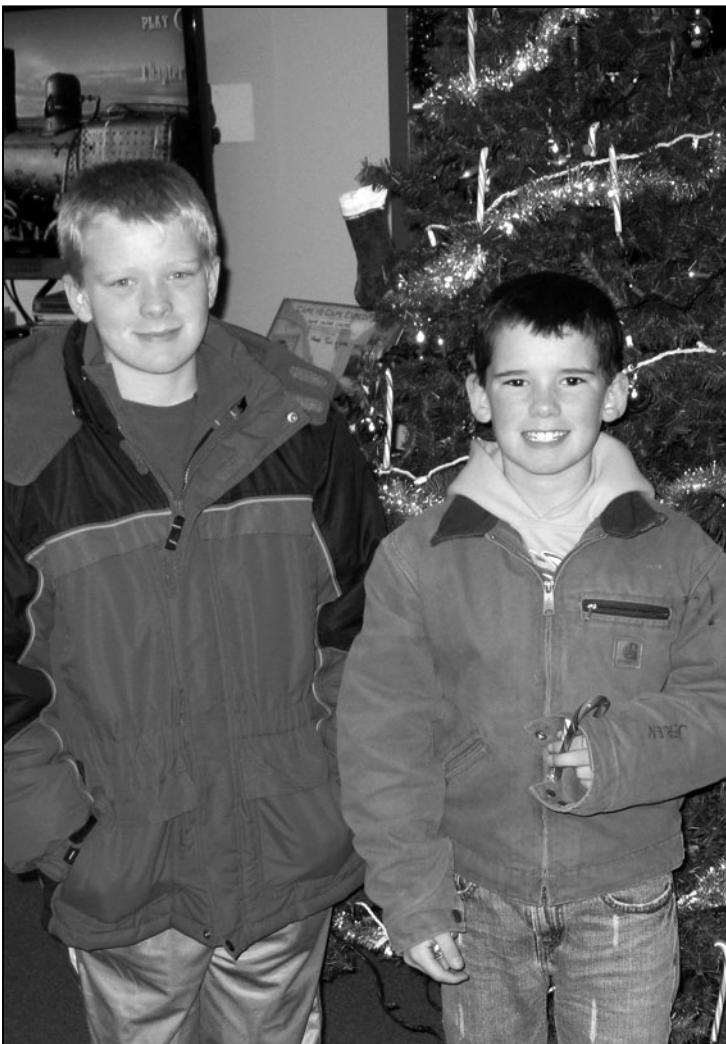


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**SWEET TOOTH**—Abe Morris (left) and Jeren Morris enjoy candies from the Christmas tree at the Nome Convention and Visitors Bureau's Open House Dec 19.



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**TASTY TREAT**—Donna Morgan hands Annie Conger a tasty plate of cake slices at the Helen Fagerstrom Bazaar at the Community United Methodist Church.



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**HOMEMADE ORNAMENT**—Carmill and Mecca Goldsberry (age 3) craft a Wooly Mammoth at the Ice Age Ornament Making Dec. 19 at the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve.



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**MISS KATHY**—Always volunteering when she can, Kathy Crayon got valuable help from the Wrenn brothers, Matthew and Jonah, in passing out programs for the school Christmas extravaganza.

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## Crayon shares colorful Christmas memories

By Sandra L. Medearis

Don't get Kathy Crayon started on Christmas stories. Kathy loves to tell stories, and Christmas stories are at the top of the list.

Here's one:

"It was my last Christmas in upper state New York, Troy, N. Y. I was in the Fifth grade. Back in those days I had a voice that was accepted in the choir at St. Pats. My sister and I were in the choir; my brother was an altar boy. So Midnight Mass was not an option.

"We went to church, did our duty, all the singing, all the Latin stuff.

"Lo, and behold! When we got home, we discovered Santa had been there!

"At the bottom of the stairs there were two gifts. There was a blue Huffy bike for me. Of course, I couldn't ride it until summer, but no problem! I was just totally in awe of Santa that he gave me a bike I couldn't ride in winter, but he was looking ahead.

"The other gift was a Linda Lou doll. A Linda Lou doll couldn't just come from anywhere, even from Santa's workshop. Someone had to send in box tops. It was all on the

back of the cereal box. SOMEHOW, Santa must have eaten enough of that cereal to get that doll.

"It was a big doll, about 16 inches, with short black hair. It was one of the few toys I took to California with me six months later."

But Kathy Crayon has only begun:

"When my nephew Michael was three years old, the main thing he really wanted was a Wuzzles character by Disney. It was a Bumble Lion with stripes on the front and antennae on his head.

"But, my sister couldn't find that lion anywhere. All the stores were sold out. But friends of my sister went to Disneyland on Christmas Eve, and I got a phone call. They said there was one Bumble Lion, a demo model, did I want it?"

"Of course," I said. That's what he wanted. If auntie could do it, they always got what they wanted. I wrapped him and set him under the tree. It was all worth it when he unwrapped it and said, "Oh, Bumble Lion! I knew you would find me."

"Then there was the time when my youngest nephew..."

[Sorry, that's all you get—more Kathy Crayon stories next year!]



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## It's the thought that counts

By Sandra L. Medearis

Allison Wrenn tells about a surprising—but one of the best—presents she ever received.

When her son Matthew, now six years old, was three, she was tickled when he came home from pre-school with a present for her.

Allison, recently moved here from South Carolina with her husband Dr. Neil Wrenn, loves to cook healthy food from scratch.

"Anyone knows I do not cook instant foods or prepared food from boxes," Allison explained.

So, she had to laugh when she

pulled Matthew's present from under the tree and opened it.

"It was a cookbook with recipes from the kids. Matthew's recipe was for the frozen meal Kid Cuisine. [Yikes! 60-70 g of carbs, 600 plus calories].

### KID CUISINE

- Take out of box.
- Stick in microwave.
- Push "Cook."
- Sit down at table and eat.

"I was delighted, even reading the other kids' recipes. They were precious and brought tears to my eyes. I love homemade gifts."

*Photo by Sandra L. Medearis*

**LUCKY MOM**—Allison Wrenn, with hubby Dr. Neil Wrenn, received an addition to her cookbook shelf from son Matthew.

## A time to renew old friendships: The Seattle Nome Picnic 2009

By Laura Samuelson

The annual Nome Picnic held in Seattle's Woodland Park has been a tradition for over 75 years. Every year the event brings together Nomeites who no longer live in Nome. There is no such thing as a former Nomeite, for once you have lived here you cannot ever get Nome out of your blood.

At this year's picnic there was yet another eclectic mix of people with amazing ties to Nome. Meet Will Russell. His dad was Bruce Russell who was manager of United States Smelting Refining and Mining (USSR&M) from 1940-1957. Will

set thaw points for USSR&M, worked at Marks Air Force Base and was base engineer at Galena for Larry Galvin.

Richard B. McNees first came to Nome in 2009 on a Cruise West ship. After a visit to the Carrie McLain Museum, Richard decided to attend the Seattle picnic. His brother John A. McNees ran the Weather Bureau in Nome from 1942 -1964. John was also a Territorial Senator from Alaska. John bought Nome Beverages/ Nome Bottling Works and bottled Coca-Cola in Nome.

Two sisters drove from Oklahoma to look for family ties at the Nome

Picnic. They wanted to find out more about their uncle who they believe was a saloon owner in Nome from about 1902 to about 1920 or 1930. He changed his name when he moved to Nome, so that makes this search a little trickier. What they do know is that their great uncle was born Virgil Marion Allen 1854 in Arkansas. He left home at 14 and as a cowboy rode with Pancho Villa. The ladies thought that perhaps he was affiliated with the Southern Saloon. The staff at the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum did find

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**REMEMBER SUMMER?** —Rachael Ireton with her mother Anne Ireton at the Seattle Picnic last summer.



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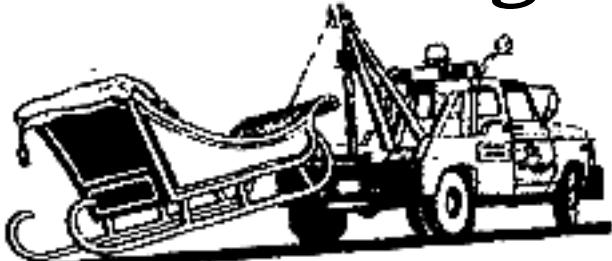
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# Jump into January to start a year of good financial habits

**By Loren Prosser**

Now's the time many of us make resolutions for the New Year. With holiday bills arriving in the mail and tax season just around the corner, it's smart to make sure those resolutions include taking a fresh look at your financial picture and setting new financial goals and habits for 2010.

Do resolutions help? According to a study reported in the *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, people who make explicit resolutions are 10 times more likely to reach their goals than people who don't. The 2002 study\* found 40 percent to 45 percent of American adults make one or more resolutions a year – and nearly half maintain them six months or longer.

We jump into January with great intentions. Yet for some, the goal of financial fitness fades into February then drops off the calendar entirely. The reason? They don't know where to begin. These ideas can help you stay on track:

**Talk to your banker** – One great way to get a jumpstart on a new financial plan is to meet with a personal banker or financial advisor. Just like staying on a New Year's diet, a little support and guidance from a "coach" can help you put together a great plan and turn it into an effective strategy you can stick with.

**Set goals.** When it comes to achieving financial success, you need to know where you are headed. Write down your financial goals –

down payment on a home, college education for the kids, paying off high credit card balances. Add short-term goals such as saving for vacation because early success can encourage you to keep going long-term. Some financial institutions offer online tools that allow you to establish savings goals and monitor your progress toward reaching them. Be specific about the amount you will need and the target date for reaching each goal, then set up a savings plan that will get you there.

**Take stock.** Add up all your expenses for at least a month. Again, some financial institutions have online tools to help monitor transactions and track spending. With many online services, you can download transaction records directly to personal finance software, making it even easier to monitor your costs – no more sifting through shoeboxes stuffed with receipts at tax time. What's more, online services could help you reduce taxes by keeping track of every deductible expense.

Make two lists of expenses – essentials such as mortgage, taxes, food and insurance, and non-essentials (or at least more flexible costs) such as entertainment and clothing. You may be surprised at how much you're spending on the non-essentials. After you've taken stock of your expenses, it's important to continue to keep track of your finances. Sign up for online banking and online bill payment services, which allow you to set up automatic payments for recurring expenses.

**Cut costs.** How can you save when you spend every dime to meet expenses? You don't need to live like a miser to trim dollars from your

monthly expenses – yet you do need to pay attention to every purchase and avoid impulse buying. Look again at those costs – you might find considerable savings.

For instance, does your financial services company have a relationship approach to service? In other words, does the company offer you more value and discounts – in time and money – the more business you do with them? Be sure to ask how you may qualify for relationship benefits that can reduce or even eliminate fees.

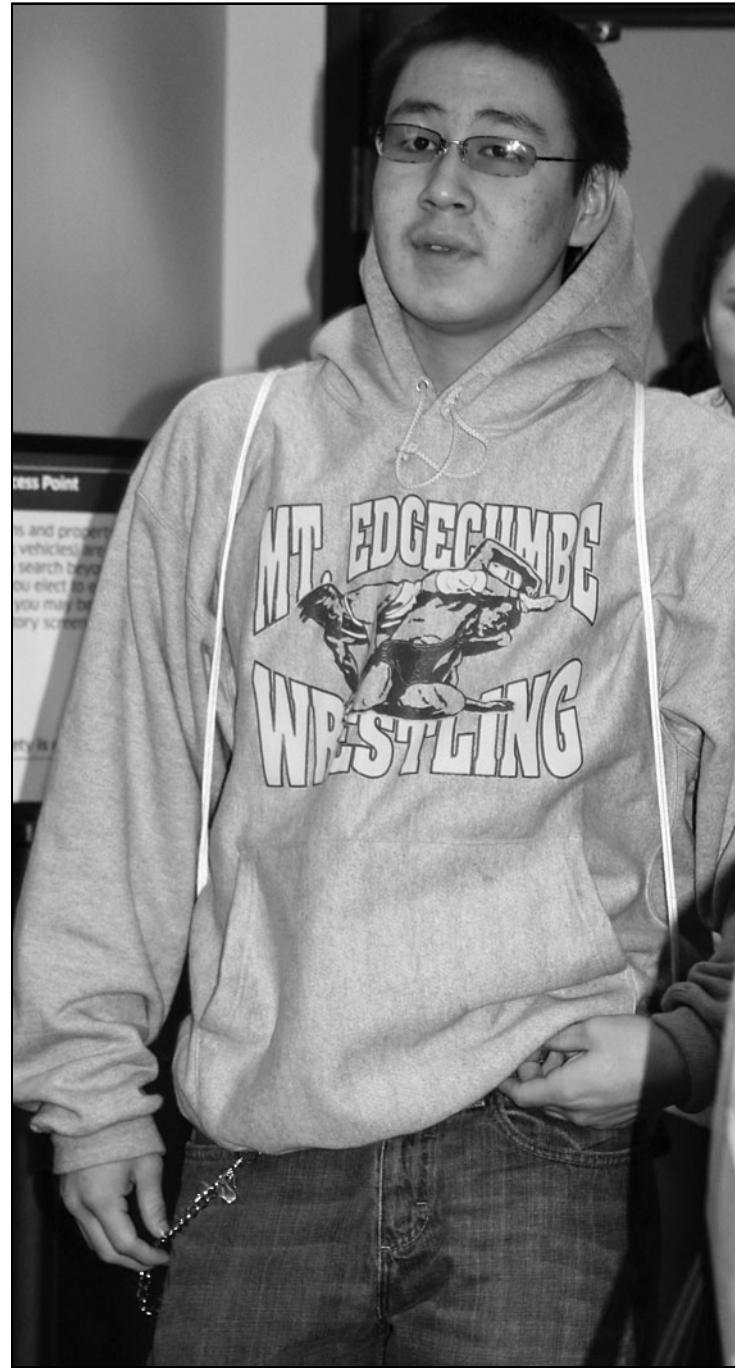
Also, talk with your insurer about

how you can lower your insurance costs – and shop around for discounts. For example, many insurers offer a discount if they insure your home and your vehicles.

**Cut credit card debt.** According to the Federal Reserve, consumer credit debt in the United States totaled about \$990 billion at the end of 2008. The average amount of credit card debt per household is estimated at about \$8,500.

If you have large credit card balances, consider a home equity loan

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*Photo by Denise Olin*

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**—Franklyn Ahkvaluk, a freshman at Mt. Edgecumbe in Sitka, is back in Nome for the holidays.

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12/24

**Seawall**

12/14

Madeleine Okpealuk, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Marie Lawlor, 53, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

12/15

Blynn Iyatunguk, 19, was issued a citation for Driving in Violation of Instructional Permit.

12/17

Timothy Kost, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Aholagan Tuksaq, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation times 2, Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree, and Vehicle Theft 1st Degree.

12/18

Gerald Aningayou, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Sue Ann Kowchée, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation; Driving While License is Suspended/Revoked, and Motor Vehicle Insurance Required.

## Trooper Beat

On December 10, at approximately 8:20 p.m., Ernest Butler, 27, of St. Michael, was arrested after investigation showed he had assaulted a family member. Alcohol was not suspected to be a factor in the assault.

On December 11, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Edwin Campbell, 35, of Gambell, was arrested after investigation revealed that he assaulted a family member the evening of December 10, after consuming alcohol. Edwin Campbell was also on Conditions of Release and not to consume alcohol.

On December 11, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Alaska State Troopers in Nome received a report from Gambell VPOs that Lloyd Apatiki, 28, of Gambell had violated his Probation Conditions by consuming alcohol. Lloyd Apatiki was subsequently arrested and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome.

On December 11, at approximately 11:00 a.m., AST in Nome received a report from St. Michael VPO's that Nimeron Mike, 33, of Stebbins, was involved in an incident to include Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Tampering with Physical Evidence. The investigation is on going.

On December 13, at 2:40 a.m., AST received

12/19 Lawrence Martin, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

12/20

Trina Larsen, 19, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

A Golovin juvenile received a citation for Curfew Violation.

Patrick Newhall, 45, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence, Assault 4th Degree.

Andrew Ozenna, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass.

12/21

Vivian Washington, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

David Moore, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving While Intoxicated and Violation of Probation Conditions.

During this reporting period we had seven (7) persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

12/22

On December 15, at approximately 2:15 p.m. AST received a report that Art Amaktoolik, 36, of Elim, was stranded on an ice flow. The investigation revealed he had gone to check his crab pots and when he tried to return to shore, there was a wide open lead. A rescue boat responded and picked Art Amaktoolik up and returned him to Elim. No injuries were reported.

On December 16, at 11:00 a.m., VPSO John Peratovich arrested Martin Willooya, 50, of Golovin, with an arrest warrant for failure to appear at status hearing. Willooya's original charge is Criminal Mischief IV. Willooya was remanded to AMCC with \$2500.00 bail.

On December 17, at 4:37 p.m., AST received a report of a domestic violence assault in Gambell. A suspect has been identified. Investigation continues.

On December 18, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 19, at 11:00 a.m., VPSO John Peratovich arrested Martin Willooya, 50, of Golovin, with an arrest warrant for failure to appear at status hearing. Willooya's original charge is Criminal Mischief IV. Willooya was remanded to AMCC with \$2500.00 bail.

On December 20, at 4:37 p.m., AST received a report of a domestic violence assault in Gambell. A suspect has been identified. Investigation continues.

On December 21, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 22, at 4:37 p.m., AST received a report of a domestic violence assault in Gambell. A suspect has been identified. Investigation continues.

On December 23, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 24, at 4:37 p.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 25, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 26, at 4:37 p.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 27, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 28, at 4:37 p.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 29, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 30, at 4:37 p.m., AST received

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On December 31, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 32, at 4:37 p.m., AST received

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On December 33, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

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On December 34, at 4:37 p.m., AST received

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On December 35, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

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On December 36, at 4:37 p.m., AST received

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On December 38, at 4:37 p.m., AST received

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On December 39, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

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On December 40, at 4:37 p.m., AST received

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On December 41, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

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On December 42, at 4:37 p.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 43, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 44, at 4:37 p.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 45, at 11:00 a.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.

On December 46, at 4:37 p.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy

## United States General Services Administration



Notification is hereby given to the public of the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) intent to renew a lease in a building at 214 Front Street in Nome, Alaska.

Due to the location of Front Street and the city of Nome's location on the Bering Sea, a majority of the land in the vicinity is located in the FEMA 100 year floodplain. Therefore, the location of the building at 214 Front Street makes it susceptible to flooding at or above the 100-year flood level.

Under the President's Executive Order 11988, "Floodplain Management," GSA is required to review possible alternatives solutions to the proposed action. Alternatives that will be considered include taking no action.

Public comment is invited on possible alternatives. Interested persons may obtain more information about this action from GSA, Michael Levine, Regional Environmental Program Manager at **253-931-7263**. Requests can be sent via e-mail to [michael.levine@gsa.gov](mailto:michael.levine@gsa.gov) or by mail to **U.S. GSA (10PMP), 400 15th St. SW, Auburn, WA 98103 Attn: Michael D. Levine**. Comments about this action should be submitted in writing to the above name within 10 days of this notice.

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## CITY OF NOME

In May 2005, the Alaska Legislature authorized cities to increase their E911 surcharge to help pay the costs of Enhanced 911 services.

Starting **January 1, 2010**, the City of Nome will impose a **monthly E911 surcharge of \$2.00** for both wire lines and wireless phone lines sold to customers having an address within the City of Nome E911 service area.

The added charges are intended to improve public safety by updating the E911 system to facilitate faster and more accurate emergency response.

## Public Notice

12/3-10-17-24

## NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Stanley Sobocienski, d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for transfer of an (AS 04.11.090) beverage dispensary liquor license to T & C, Inc.

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

12/10-17-24

## Public Reminder

City of Nome issued Licenses and Permits for 2009 expire on Dec. 31, 2009. The following Licenses and Permits should now be renewed for 2010:

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

IT IS ALSO TIME TO APPLY FOR EXEMPTIONS FOR:  
Municipal Tax Exemption - DUE by February 1, 2010.  
Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exemption - DUE February 1, 2010.

Contact the City Clerk's office if you have questions **443-6663**.

## CITY OF NOME

## • Good financial habits

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to pay them off. The interest likely will be lower than that of credit cards, and your tax adviser can tell you if the interest qualifies as a tax deduction. If a home equity loan is not an option, you still can pay down the balances. Pay the minimum on the lowest-interest cards and as much as you can on the higher-interest cards until they're paid off.

**Start saving.** Start now, even if it's just a few dollars a week. You can have money automatically transferred from your checking account to savings each month to help build a nest egg. Ask your financial adviser about 401(k) and other direct-deposit accounts that move money straight to savings or investment funds. This process makes savings much easier, and a 401(k) can cut your tax bill. If your employer

matches your 401(k) savings, try to have the maximum deducted each pay period.

**Be flexible.** Treat yourself to small splurges once in a while and don't get discouraged if an unexpected expense throws you off your budget one month. Just get back on the financial fitness track.

The most important step you take on any journey is the first one, so jump right in to January and head down the road to financial fitness. Come next December, you'll be glad you did.

*Loren Prosser is Community*

*Banking President for Wells Fargo in Northwest Alaska. He can be reached at [loren.w.prosser@wells-fargo.com](mailto:loren.w.prosser@wells-fargo.com) or 443-5127.*

\*Auld Lang Syne: Success predictors, change processes, and self-reported outcomes of New Year's resolvers and nonresolvers, by John C. Norcross, Marci S. Mrykalo, Matthew D. Blagys, University of Scranton. Journal of Clinical Psychology, Volume 58, Issue 4 (2002).

## NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Sang Ton Yi, d/b/a Twin Dragon Restaurant located at 100 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for transfer of a Beer & Wine/# 3142 liquor license to Twin Dragon Corporation located at 100 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

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## •More Legals

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Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska in the following described land: Lot 5, Block 24, BROWERVILLE ADDITION NO. 3, according to the plat filed August 8, 1983 as Plat Number 83-6; Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Subsurface Estate therein, and all rights privileges, immunities and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 19, 1971 (85 Stat 688-704; 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613 (f.), more commonly known as 7522 Transit Street, Barrow, AK, 99723, a/k/a 7522 Transit Street, Barrow, AK 99723. \$139,724.71 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status.

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## CITY OF NOME

The Nome Planning Commission has one seat available for appointment.

If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission, please submit an application form.

Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at: **WWW.NOMEALASKA.ORG**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY JANUARY 15, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M. TO CITY HALL, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
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## Public Notice

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## CITY OF NOME

## VACANT SEAT

### Nome City Council

Do you have time to volunteer?

Are you interested in nome's future?

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Submit a letter of interest to serve on the Nome City Council drop off letters at City Hall 102 Division Street or mail to Clerk's Office PO Box 281, Nome, AK 99762

Letters of interest will be accepted until **5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2010** at the City Clerk's Office, 102 Division Street.

12/10-17-24

**Court****Week ending 12/18**  
**Civil**

Nayokpuk, Allison vs. Nayokpuk, Timothy; DV: Long Term Only  
 Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Sookiyak, Kirby; Debt - District Court  
 Goodhope, Leona Rosanne vs. Obruk, JoAnne; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
 Geary, Daena Iris vs. Geary, Evans Hugh; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
 Goodhope, Leona R. vs. Obruk, JoAnne V.; Stalking Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term

**Small Claims**

Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Mike, Daniel N.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Dft. Cert Mail

**Criminal**

State of Alaska v. Columbus Sobocienski (2/23/73) 2NO-09-252CR Count 1: DUI; Date of offense: 5/9/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed: count 2 (002); 45 days, 42 days suspended; Remanded; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$1,500 due 10/1/10; Payable to Clerk of Court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (12/10/09); Payable to Clerk of Court; Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation) with \$100 suspended (if probation); \$50 payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (first offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or other provider by 1/15/10; File proof by 2/15/10 that assessment was received and file proof by 5/1/10 that assessment recommendations were followed; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: Cost of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must us an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during your probation period; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment; Other: Warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and warrantless arrest for violations.

State of Alaska v. Columbus Sobocienski (2/23/73) 2NO-09-620CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 10/6/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 002 (count 2); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 20 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-09-252CR; Forfeit bail; 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 12/10/10; 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 consume alcohol or possess or consume marijuana for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment; Other: Warrantless test and arrest.

State of Alaska v. Greg Long (3/31/70) Count 1: DUI; Date of offense: 9/20/09; 60 days, 40 days suspended; Report to AMCC by 1/15/10; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$3,000 due 11/1/10; Payable to Clerk of Court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (12/11/09); Payable to Clerk of Court; Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation) with \$100 suspended (if probation); \$50 payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1467 (second offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or similar agency by 3/1/10; File proof by 4/1/10 that assessment was received and file proof by 6/15/10 that assessment recommendations were followed; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 1 year; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: Cost of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due dates; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must us an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 24 months during your probation period; Probation until 12/11/11; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 2 year from date of this judgment; Other: Warrantless breath test at request of peace officer; Warrantless arrest for violation.

State of Alaska v. Rose Madden (1/17/61) 2NO-09-446CR Count 1: DUI;

Date of offense: 7/22/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed: 2, 3, (002), (003), 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report by 1/10/10 to AMCC; Remanded; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$1,500 due 9/1/10; Payable to Clerk of Court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (12/10/09); Payable to Clerk of Court; Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation) with \$100 suspended (if probation); \$50 payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (first offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or ASAP within 4 weeks; File proof by 1/31/10 that assessment was received and file proof by 4/1/10 that assessment recommendations were followed; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: Cost of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must us an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during your probation period; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment; Other: Warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and warrantless arrest for violations.

State of Alaska v. Rose Madden (1/17/61) 2NO-09-514CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 8/11/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 20 days suspended; 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 12/10/10; 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 consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Steffan Soonagrook (10/4/86); 2NO-09-533CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/11/09.

State of Alaska v. Steffan E. Soonagrook (10/4/86); 2NO-09-674CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 10/26/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2 (002), 3 (003), 4 (004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 130 days suspended; Unsuspended 50 days shall be served consecutive to count 5 and 09-707CR; 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 12/11/10; 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 consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Steffan Soonagrook (10/4/86); 2NO-09-533CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/11/09.

State of Alaska v. Steffan E. Soonagrook (10/4/86); 2NO-09-674CR Count 5: Disorderly Conduct; DV; Date of offense: 10/26/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2 (002), 3 (003), 4 (004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to Count 1 and 2NO-09-707CR.

State of Alaska v. Steffan Soonagrook (10/4/86); 2NO-09-707CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/7/09; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC and consecutive to terms in 2NO-09-674CR; 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. Francis Milligrock (4/26/87); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 9/17/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC 1/15/10; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Sur-

charge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/11/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, Yvonne Pete without consent.

State of Alaska v. Michelle Kulukhon (10/12/83); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 11/8/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 45 days suspended; 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 12/11/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Daniel Apok (3/7/76); 2NO-09-184CR Count 2: Leaving the Scene/Property Damage; Date of offense: 5/5/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 1, 3 (001, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-190CR; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Restitution: Shall pay restitution to satisfaction of victim; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Daniel Apok (3/7/76); 2NO-09-190CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 2/5/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3 (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 150 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-184CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/8/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol; Other: Pay restitution in 2NO-09-184CR.

State of Alaska v. Barton Johnson (4/23/91); Criminal Trespass 1°; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 7 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 7 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Geoffrey Milligrock (4/29/84); Assault 4°; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Forfeit Leatherman Tool to State; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Katrina Toolie (5/3/87); Dismissal; Count 001: False Information or Report; Filed by the DAs Office 12/7/09.

State of Alaska v. John Kakona (3/10/54); Notice of Dismissal; Count 001: Theft 3°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/14/09.

State of Alaska v. Randy Myers (7/22/82); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/11/09.

State of Alaska v. Bernadette Joe (12/26/50); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violating Custodian Duties; Filed by the DAs Office 12/11/09.

State of Alaska v. Bobbi Ann Andrews (12/12/75); Dismissal; Charge Number 1: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 12/10/09.

State of Alaska v. Victor Joe (6/8/40); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violating Custodian Duties; Filed by the DAs Office 12/14/09.

State of Alaska v. Lorraine Tom (9/8/58); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violating Custodian Duties; Filed by the DAs Office 12/14/09.

State of Alaska v. Kourak Nakak (1/10/71); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/17/09.

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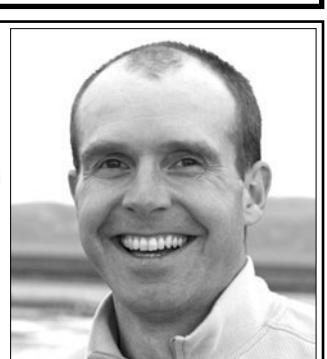
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# Nanook runner to continue stride in Idaho

By Tyler Rhodes

Nanook senior AnnieKate Olson is trading one Coach Collins for another.

With high school coach Jeff Collins at her side, Nome's captain and lead runner from the 2009 girls' cross country squad signed a letter of intent Dec. 16 to run for coach Mike Collins at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho.

Olson, who was this year's Region I North champion, said it wasn't until her senior season that she considered running at the college level. She credits Nome's Coach Collins with pushing her toward continuing her running career. "Jeff gave me the idea to run in college," she said.

And Jeff Collins has a good idea of what Olson will be in for in Lewiston. Jeff Collins is no stranger to Mike Collins' running program at Lewis-Clark, since the Nome coach ran for the Idaho school during his collegiate years. The two Coach Collins are not related.

Olson said the running program and course offerings at Lewis-Clark appealed to her. Her initial academic plans are to focus her studies on either the humanities or social work. The college has roughly 4,000 students.

For the brief ceremony Dec. 16, Olson was joined at the trophy-laden table in the Nome-Beltz High School library by her parents, Sharon Keeney and David Olson, as well as Jeff Collins and assistant coach Erika Eaton. While the ceremony put the final punctuation mark on Olson's high school career, Jeff Collins said the program at Lewis-Clark should serve as the start of a whole new level of running for his top ward from the 2009 season. "I think she will be a great addition to the Warrior's program. Any program in which she is not leading the pack will help AnnieKate develop as a runner," he said. "She is competitive, has a strong desire to



Photos by Tyler Rhodes

**THE WORK**—AnnieKate Olson pushes it to the finish to win the Nome Invitational Cross Country Meet this fall.

excel and will learn what it takes to get back to the head of the pack again."

Jeff Collins said that when challenged to bring her performance up a notch in a quest for that regional title this year, Olson was able to shift gears and drive the pace of many races. "At the beginning of the season, after Kotzebue, I asked her how she felt about training to win regionals, to which she responded, 'Yeah, sure!'" Collins said. "I'm not sure if she believed in her ability enough then, but I and others saw the ability. When she realized what she was capable of, her times decreased, her focus increased and her goals started to become reality."



**THE RESULTS**—Nome-Beltz coach Jeff Collins looks over AnnieKate Olson's letter of intent to run at his alma mater Lewis-Clark State College in Idaho.

# Nanook boys blast out of the gate

If the opening two games of the season are any indicator of things to come for the Nanook basketball team, Nome's boys may find themselves again on a path to the state tourney.

Kicking off the season at the Nome Recreation Center Saturday and Monday nights, the Nanooks showed no mercy in two decisive wins over Monroe Catholic High School.

In Saturday's action, Nome and

Monroe were even paced out of the gate, coming into the second quarter nearly tied. Aided by three three-pointers by Tim Sullivan in the second, Nome ended the first half with a 14-point lead. The Nanooks poured it on in the third, outscoring the guests from Fairbanks by 24.

Sullivan led Nome in the 87-47 win with the game-high 24 points.

Christian Leckband added 19 off the bench. Nome's Jeremy Head scored all 17 of his points in the first three quarters. Monroe was led by Jon Sniegowski's 14.

In Monday's action, Monroe started a late-game rally to try and close the gap against Nome, but it was too little too late. Sullivan again led Nome in the 64-51 win, scoring 25 points, including five

three-pointers. Head chipped in 16 and Mason Evans went 6-6 from the charity line. Nick Gavora put up a respectable 21 points to lead the Rams.

Both the Nome boys and girls teams will next head to Anchorage over New Year's to participate in the Anchorage Christian School tournament. The boys will face Kotzebue in the first round Dec. 31.



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**AIR JON**—Jon Wongittlin splits Monroe's LaDarius Milton (34) and Jon Sniegowski during Monday night's Nanook win over the visiting Fairbanks team.

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