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KAATILUTA CELEBRATION— King Island Dancers Charles Kokoluk and Ben Payenna performed the “Medicine Man” dance during Saturday’s Kaatiluta. See story page 16.

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City Council kills new taxes on businesses and nonprofits

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome business owners, representatives from nonprofit organizations and members of the general public packed Council Chambers Nov. 24 to give Nome Common Council members a clear message: No new taxes to fill a hole in the City’s budget left by dwindling state and federal support.

Council members got it. They blocked introductions of measures to tax unsold business inventories and charge sales tax on purchases by nonprofit groups.

However, the Council cleared the way to put personal property tax on airplanes.

The City’s budget is short \$800,000.

Make equal cuts in department budgets, members of the public said—don’t put the deficit on the backs of those who could least afford it.

On first reading, the Council could not discuss the ordinances amending the local tax law among themselves or with the public until the second reading at the next regu-

lar Council meeting.

However, by law, the Council allowed testimony during public comment.

Business owners and nonprofits were loaded for bear. Once the agenda reached the public comment period and the public took the podium, the tax ordinances were all over but the shouting.

Barb Nickels, representing 78 businesses and supporting agencies comprising the Nome Chamber of Commerce, led the charge against the proposed ordinance removing the business inventory tax exemption.

It was already difficult to maintain stable inventories for sale to

households and necessary for the safe and efficient function of the City because of “continual sustained increases in the cost of fuel and transportation, Nickels said.

Maintaining the inventories helped to decrease the impacts on supply caused by severe weather, fuel shortages and transportation delays, especially during the long winter months, she said.

“Local merchants and other businesses will have an incentive to assure adequate stocks are always on hand where they do not face a tax liability for those inventories on an annual basis,” Nickels said, noting

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Photo by Keith Conger

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR— Elise Davis is all smiles selling Christmas boughs at the Nome Preschool Christmas Bazaar held on Saturday at the Nome Mini Convention Center.

Nome woman indicted on arson

By Sandra L. Medearis

On November 25, a grand jury charged Kandie Allen, 34, with First and Second Degree Arson, Class A felonies, and five counts of Assault in The Third Degree, Class B felonies, stemming from allegedly starting the Umiaq Apartments fire in late September.

Allen was arraigned in state Superior Court Second District in Nome on Dec. 1.

She waived reading of the charges and pleaded innocent to all charges.

District Attorney John Earthman asked that \$20,000 be added to the bail for her current custody on a prior assault charge. Judge Tim Doo-ley agreed and set the bail on the fire-related charges at \$22,000.

Public defender Angela Green told the court that Allen reserved the

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DEC looks for innovative water and sewer solutions

By Diana Haecker

For most people in the Lower 48 the concept of an outhouse or a household without running water conjures up visions of Third World countries.

But honeybuckets and hauled water are still the reality for many communities in Alaska and the Bering Strait and Norton Sound regions are no exception.

To address this, the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation launched a competition called the Alaska Water and Sewer Challenge to come up with innovative solutions to the water and sewer dilemma faced by many rural communities not hooked up to water and sewer services.

Year after year, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium officials report to the joint boards of Norton Sound Health Corporation and Kawerak Inc. that federal and state dollars are getting harder to obtain, but yet the need for basic services such as sewer and water increases.

Wales is one of the 40 or so communities in Alaska without a water and sewer system. Mayor Dan Richard said that the economy of scale works against building water and sewer infrastructure for small communities. “Our biggest problem is the lack of population,” Richard said. “If you have only 150 people

living in a village, how do you pay for installing a system and who will pay for the operation and maintenance?” He calculated that the installation of a regular citywide water and sewer system would cost between \$400,000 and \$500,000 per household. “Then you’re looking at a couple hundred dollars to charge the customers just for water and sewer,” he said. That’s an astronomical water bill for households in small rural communities that still use a mixed cash and subsistence economy.

According to the Alaska Water and Sewer Challenge website, nearly 40 Alaska villages, including Little Diomedea, Wales, Shishmaref, Teller and Stebbins are classified “unserved.”

Per DEC definition, “an unserved community is one in which 55 percent or less of homes are served by a

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Photo by Merrick Peirce

NEW GOVERNOR— Governor Bill Walker held the inaugural speech after a formal swearing-in ceremony on Monday, Dec 1, in Juneau’s Centennial Hall.

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Letters

Dear Nancy

I am writing to you from Scotland where my mother, Elizabeth Chapman Beberman is presently with me. She taught school in Nome in 1946 where she met and married my father, the late Prof Max Beberman who had been stationed there in the Signal Corps during WWII. After the war ended he was teaching at Nome High School. My mother keeps on talking about the spy she had befriended during that time. A woman who was led away in chains by the FBI for spying. Do you have any information on this? Thank you Alice Beberman Chute Inveresk, Scotland

Editor's note: Readers, can you help her?

Dear Editor,

I'd like your community to know how much I enjoy reading about what you guys are doing. Everything from your Annual Fire Dept Carnival to your high school basketball scores. It's where I go to escape

what consumes the media outlets here in the lower-48. Thank you for the glimpse into a town that is always cooler than where I live weather wise.

I wish you a glorious holiday season filled with love for each and every one of your citizens. Elisa Aboatiyeh, Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Editor:

The Bowhead Whale Riders crew had accidentally perished 9.5 years ago. None of their hunting gear had been washed ashore. Except on November 19, 2014, a seal hunter found their Whale Push Gun, at the hunting ground at Tepraagek, north shores from the village.

He immediately returned it to the immediate family. We are very grateful for his action of returning it to us. Thank you very much!

The Push Gun handle is as if brand new, no damage or mar on the ropes and electrical tape. The paint and engraved last name is not peeled or marred. The only missing part of it is the gun. From where it was in-

tact was recently sawed off. Even the sawed part had saw imprints.

We believe the Whale Push Gun was found not long after the accident and have been kept secret until his conscience could not keep it secret. So he saw off the gun and threw the handle out to the sea, thinking we will be destroyed. Whoever you are, we care about you. You make us happy because we at least have little bit our missing lives is found, although it is only a Whale Push Gun handle.

God knows we are only human and make mistakes. But he loves us, no matter what we do and say. With God, there is no secret, he knows every thing we do and say. He is everywhere, wherever we are. We can't keep secrets with what we do. We praise God, our grief is less-

ened and this may be the closure for our grief, because we will see our loved ones who passed away when Jesus returns to earth, which is very soon. May God bless everyone who prays for grieving families.

Thank you,
The Nowpahahoks,
The family of Bowhead Whale Riders

Dear Editor:

Regarding your story in last week's *Nugget*, "Team updates regional salmon plan." Nome Fishermen's Association will be responding by mail to all of the verbal requests for information made by Charlie Lean and Sam Rabung at the last Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Planning Team meeting. The audio recording of the meet-

ing made by ADF&G shows that statements about NFA quoted in the story are not true.

NFA members have been working on the Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Comprehensive Salmon Plan since 1992.

At the meeting November 21, we heard reports that based on the best available science, few, if any, salmon were added to the Norton Sound sub-sistence and commercial harvest last summer as a result of projects carried out under the CSP. The biggest success story was finding 178 dead silver salmon in Anvil Creek including five marked fish.

We also were told that nothing better is planned for next summer.

It's been that way since 1992. Jack Johnson Nome, AK 99762

Sitnasuak announces dividend

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is pleased to announce that the board of directors declared a dividend of \$6.16 per share to all shareholders of record as of November 24, 2014. Shareholders who are 65 or older as of November 24, 2014, will receive an additional elder's dividend of \$500. Dividends will be put in the

mail the first week of December.

"The dividend amount is a reflection of the hard work of our staff as well as the solid leadership from the board of directors," said Robert (Bobby) Evans, SNC's board chairman. "With the holidays approaching, we're grateful that we have the opportunity to give back to our

shareholders and want wish everyone a happy holiday season!"

Evans said the dividend amount is based on SNC's dividend policy and a review of projected income for calendar year 2014. This is the third year that SNC has distributed an extra benefit to its elders.

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

Editorial

Catch the Spirit

This Saturday Nomeites will have a chance to catch up with a time-honored tradition, the Firemen's Carnival. For over a hundred years the carnival has evolved from the ladies social garden party to the firemen's main fundraiser. It's gone from the crowded gym of the old elementary school to the well-filled space of the Nome Rec. Center.

New fire fighting equipment and training will benefit from the outpouring of community support for our volunteer firefighters. The Carnival serves as a means of support for other benevolent volunteer organizations such as the Nome Rotary, the Volunteer Ambulance Service, the Pioneers, the Nome Education Association, the Public Employees' organization and many others. It is these volunteer organizations that make Nome such an incredible public-spirited community. The Firemen's Carnival is a way for folks in Nome and our neighboring communities to have fun and show support for our volunteer benevolent organizations.

Let's reach deep into our pockets and purses and buy raffle tickets, turkey tickets, good food and bingo cards. Let's have fun and support our volunteers. Catch the spirit. — N.L.M.—

Region sees first significant snowfall of this winter

By Diana Haecker

After the 2013/2014 winter that left the region warmer than many parts of the Lower 48 and cheated residents out of a regular winter, the most recent snowfall in Nome brought back a feeling of normalcy.

Meteorologist Robert Murders at the Nome office of the National Weather Service confirmed that yes, the region is back on track when it comes to "normal" snowfall. Since September 1, a snowfall amount of 5.28 inches would be considered normal. Nome had 4.56 inches.

Much of this came down since the day before Thanksgiving and the weekend thereafter. According to Murders, here are the numbers: Wednesday Nov. 15 saw 3.4 inches

of snowfall; Thanksgiving saw 1.9 inches followed up by 1.9 inches of snow that fell on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

On Sunday, the snowfall let up and accumulated only to 0.9 inches.

In the early part of November snow did begin to fly, but the mid-November warm spell melted all but traces of it away, leaving only glare ice behind.

The Nome police responded to a vehicle roll over near Icy View on Thursday evening, but no injuries were reported. Police Chief John Papisodora said in an email to the *Nugget* that there were several vehicles that slid off the road and some that were stuck on flat ground. "It is recommended that all motorists

check the condition of their vehicle to include tires with sufficient tread to operate safely under inclement winter driving conditions," Papisodora wrote. He recommended to carry basic emergency equipment including a shovel and friction material like cat litter or sand in the vehicle. "Drive slowly and increase following/stopping distance to avoid collisions and provide safety for yourself and others. Drive defensively, wear your seatbelt and make sure that all windows are clear before driving," Papisodora wrote.

The Nome post of the Alaska State Troopers received no reports of stuck vehicles or accidents on roads outside the city limits.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)

Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
4	Th	210am	+1.4	331pm	+1.3	854am	+0.1	845pm	+0.6
5	Fr	254am	+1.4	436pm	+1.3	949am	+0.1	936pm	+0.7
6	Sa	338am	+1.4	535pm	+1.3	1040am	0.0	1025pm	+0.8
7	Su	422am	+1.4	629pm	+1.3	1127am	0.0	1115pm	+0.8
8	Mo	508am	+1.3	717pm	+1.3	1213pm	0.0		
9	Tu	555am	+1.3	800pm	+1.3	1204am	+0.8	1256pm	0.0
10	We	645am	+1.3	842pm	+1.3	1255am	+0.8	140pm	0.0

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. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	12/04/14	11:34 a.m.	High Temp	+32	11/29/14	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	12/10/14	11:49 a.m.	Low Temp	+11	11/25/14	
			Peak Wind	37 mph, E,	11/27/14	
			Total Precip. for 2014	13.67"		
Sunset	12/04/14	4:09 p.m.	Normal Total to Date	15.73"		
	12/10/14	4:00 p.m.	Snowfall Seasonal	17.6"	Normal 17.30"	
			Snow on Ground	11.00"		

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Strait Action

Korean fishing vessel sunk off Kamchatka

The Coast Guard is assisting the Kamchatka Border Guard Directorate and good Samaritans in their search for survivors of the South Korean flagged 326-foot fishing vessel *501 Oryong*, that sank off the coast of Chukotka, in the Bering Sea on Sunday evening.

A Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak HC-130 Hercules airplane crew and the crew of the Coast Guard Cutter *Munro* with an Air Station Kodiak MH-65 Dolphin helicopter were dispatched to the scene on Monday morning. The *Munro* was expected to arrive on scene on Wednesday.

The Kamchatka Border Guard Directorate reported the vessel was carrying 62 crewmembers at the time of the sinking; seven crewmembers in a raft were rescued by a good Samaritan, 54 crewmembers are unaccounted for and one crewmember died of hypothermia.

The C-130 returned to Kodiak on Tuesday night with no survivor having been found.

Coast Guard spokeswoman Diana Honings told *The Nome Nugget* that the U.S. Coast Guard offered assets in the search and the Kamchatka Border Guard Directorate accepted the offer.

"Our ultimate goal is protecting life at sea whether at home or internationally, which is why we are working closely with the Kamchatka Border Guard Directorate to find survivors," said Capt. Diane Durham, chief of response, Coast Guard 17th District. "There are also five good Samaritan vessels on scene that are assisting in the search for survivors; their commitment to helping is commendable."

The Kamchatka Border Guard Directorate reported the *501 Oryong* was hauling in its catch when a wave hit and flooded the boat's storage chambers with seawater.

The Coast Guard Cutter *Munro* is a 378-foot high endurance cutter homeported in Kodiak.

BOEM seeks comments on supplemental EIS for drilling in the Chukchi Sea

The federal agency overseeing the exploration and development of energy resources is holding a series of

public comment meetings this month to hear from the public. At issue is a court-ordered draft supplemental Environmental Impact Statement issued for lease sale 193, held in 2008, in the Chukchi Sea. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, BOEM for short, will take this input into consideration when preparing the final SEIS.

After the final SEIS will be approved by the court, lease development can take place. Shell Gulf of Mexico, Inc. has in 2012 begun exploration in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. On Aug. 28, 2014 BOEM's Alaska Region received from Shell Gulf of Mexico, Inc., a revised version of their Chukchi Sea Exploration Plan. The draft version of the exploration plan includes sections about oil and hazardous substances spill information. The draft plan reveals that Shell plans to stage several tug and barge oil spill containment system vessels in Goodhope Bay in Kotzebue Sound. The vessels expected to moor in a yet to be determined location include a containment system tug and barge, a nearshore oil spill response tug and barge and two supply tugs and barges. Crew changes will occur throughout the season using shallow water vessels, yet to be contracted, transiting out from Kotzebue to the vessel locations in Kotzebue Sound. Vessels may also receive resupply of food stores via a shallow water vessel, the plan says.

At Monday night's public hearing in Anchorage, a coalition of environmental groups projected a "Save the Arctic" message on the side of the Crowne Plaza Hotel as Alaska Natives, Arctic experts and local activists testified for Arctic protection from oil drilling before Bureau of Ocean Energy Management officials.

BOEM's environmental impact analysis predicted a 75 percent chance of a large spill, more than a thousand barrels, if Shell finds oil in the Chukchi Sea. Shell has spent more than \$6 billion on purchasing oil leases and pursuing Arctic oil exploration.

Earlier this month a federal appeals court ruled Shell's preemptive move to sue environmental and Alaska Native groups over challenges to their Arctic drilling plans

unconstitutional.

NOAA Fisheries proposes Arctic ringed seal critical habitat, seeks public comment

In December 2012, NOAA Fisheries declared four subspecies of ringed seals, including the Arctic ringed seal in Alaskan waters, as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). After input from local and state governments, Native partners, and the public to determine proposed critical habitat areas, NOAA Fisheries this week released proposed designations for public comment. The proposed critical habitat designation includes no regulatory restrictions, only a consultation requirement for federal agencies.

Arctic ringed seals are also protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

The proposed critical habitat area in the northern Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort seas provides sea ice conditions that are essential for the survival of Arctic ringed seals. The designation of critical habitat areas, land or water under United States jurisdiction that includes habitat features essential to the conservation of a threatened or endangered species, is required for species listed under the ESA.

Ringed seals nurse and protect their pups in snow caves, which are threatened by late ice formation in the fall, rain-on-snow events in the late winter, earlier break-up of spring ice, as well as decreasing snow depths, which are projected to be too shallow for snow cave formation by the end of the century. Ringed seals also rely on sea ice for extended periods during molting, breeding, whelping, and nursing. Scientific evidence shows that sea ice is projected to shrink both in extent and duration in the future.

A critical habitat designation must be supported by a full analysis of economic, national security, and other impacts. In 2012, the President directed that any future designations of critical habitat carefully consider all public comments on relevant science and economic impact, including those that suggest methods for minimizing regulatory burdens. NOAA Fisheries is releasing its draft analy-

sis of these impacts for review during the comment period. NOAA Fisheries is also seeking input on whether any particular areas should be considered for exclusion from the proposed critical habitat.

Upon designation of a critical habitat area, federal agencies are required to consult with NOAA Fisheries on actions they authorize, fund, or carry out to ensure their actions

are not likely to destroy or adversely modify critical habitat. Designation of critical habitat would not affect subsistence harvest of ringed seals by Alaska Natives.

There will be a 90-day public comment period on the proposal and NOAA Fisheries will soon announce locations and times for public hearings.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 4

*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:45a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Weekly Women's Circle	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
*Wiffleball (grades 3-6)	Nome Rec Center	3:15 p.m. - 4:14 p.m.
(grades 5-8)	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Port Commission: Work Session	Fire Hall	5:30 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Kennel Club: General Meeting	City Hall	5:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering and Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*NPS School Board: Regular Meeting	Nome Elem. Library	5:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 5

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - Noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 6

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Fireman's Carnival	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*PM Laps	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 8

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 3:00 p.m.
*Floor Hockey (grades 3-6)	Nome Rec Center	3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
(grades 5-8)	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Nome City Council	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9

*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:45a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Volleyball (grades 3-8)	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*PM Laps	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Museum and Library Comm.	Public Safety Building	5:30 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Step	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*High School/Junior High Band and Choir Concert	Nome Elem. Commons	7:00 p.m.
*Nome Planning Comm: Reg. Meeting	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 3:00 p.m.
*Team Handball (grades 3-6)	Nome Rec Center	3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
(grades 5-8)	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Christmas Extravaganza	Old Saint Joe's	5:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Nome Joint Utilities: Special Meeting	City Hall	7:00 p.m.

Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Mon-Sat)

Additional hours available by appointment. Call 907-443-6630

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that she was reading directly from a resolution on an ordinance introduced in 2002 and signed again in 2006 to authorize the business inventory exemption.

Nickels noted that the new tax would apply effective Jan. 1 after businesses had already ordered and received their goods for the long winters.

"And again, these same goods will be taxed by City of Nome when they are sold. How can the City of Nome expect to receive taxes on the same inventory twice?" she asked the Council.

The Chamber had a bylaw to buy locally, but as prices rose, they might have to change the bylaw, Nickels warned.

Councilmember Stan Andersen had a response to Nickels' presentation.

"Has the Chamber looked at our budget? Where to cut and when to cut? Where to raise money?"

Melanie Bahnke, president of the nonprofit Kawerak, Inc. told the Council they should cut the budget before increasing taxes. The repeal of the exemption on taxing business inventory would affect the economic well being of the people in the Norton Sound region, one of Kawerak's goals. Kawerak runs more than 20

programs that improve the region's social, economic and cultural conditions, she added.

The proposal would "likely result in a direct increase of expenses to the region," she said. "The cost of living in this region is already astronomically higher than the rest of the nation. Increasing the cost of goods sold locally will also likely result in a reduction of local sales if people turn to vendors like Amazon to avoid the increased costs resulting from this new tax."

Andersen would like to see the attempt to tax business inventory buried once and for all.

All Council could do was to introduce the measure, take it to second reading for a vote and vote it down, he said. That would not happen this time.

When a Council member introduced the repeal of the exemption for business inventory, the Council did not allow the measure to go into first reading.

Nonprofit representatives also provided an earful for Council members.

Danielle Slingsby, head of Nome Community Center, said the Center runs XYZ Senior Center, the food bank, a children's home, teen center and other programs that would be affected by taxing the nonprofit's purchases, all of which go directly to the

programs.

"We have been pleased by the nonprofits being exempt," Slingsby told the Council. "If you take that away from nonprofits, you are taking it away from the services and those who most need them."

The ordinances allowing business inventory and nonprofit purchases to be taxed should not even have the dignity of first and second reading on the agenda, Brian Stockman said, "unless you can fully fund the nonprofits."

A motion to introduce the ordinance on repealing the tax exemption for nonprofits died for lack of a second.

However, a measure to apply personal property tax on airplanes did make it into first reading. That ordinance repealing the exemption on airplanes will go to second reading, discussion and a vote on final passage at the next regular Council meeting.

Paul Kosto, station manager for Alaska Airlines took the podium. He would like to hear Council discussion on what an airplane owner would get for paying taxes, he said. He wanted to see an analysis of the real life impact. Airports in Juneau and Kenai are owned by the cities, and taxed, but these airports provide more amenities.

"Once you start taxing, we will want something in return," Kosto told the Council. "If we all get taxed, there will be an impact on revenue."

That impact could be felt by consumers and could make some air transport companies move their bases. The City should cut back, Kosto advised.

"I think we have a spending issue [the City]. It takes real creativity to tighten the purse strings on spending," he added.

Ken Hughes agreed. "Look at what you are short, cut each depart-

ment a percentage and let the departments decide what to cut.

City Manager Josie Bahnke said that departments had already met and cut back. She said perhaps it was unclear which services had priority for the public and a lack of understanding of the difference between what services are desirable and what is the mission of City government. The City had been looking at ways to make up the \$800,000 shortage. The City had put on sale 31 surplus city lots worth over \$600,000 as one way, also getting them onto the City's tax rolls, she said.

"Everybody is always trying to figure out how to keep it from coming out of 'my pocket,'" Rolland Trowbridge said.

Trowbridge, the owner and operator of Trinity Sails and Repairs, provided a lone voice on the need for taxes to fund City services. "There's a lot of business going on in Nome where sales tax isn't being collected. A lot of people doing business on the side, repairs, the kind of stuff where they're just taking cash money," he said. "For those people doing that, you're not helping yourself, you're not helping anybody, because that is what it costs to run this town."

"The reality is, I depend on this city to function correctly for my business to operate, and so do the nonprofits. We all need to start saying, OK, where do we want the money to come from?" Trowbridge said.

In other business, the Council:

- Held a work session before the meeting with Sen. Donny Olson and Rep. Neal Foster to discuss Nome's priorities for funding from the upcoming legislature. The state is also experiencing a budget shortfall from loss of federal funds and downward spiraling oil prices upon which 80 percent of state budgeting depends.

- Awarded construction of the Port of Nome Middle Dock project to Orion Construction out of California, which came in with a low bid of \$7,082,100. The only other company to submit a bid, Manson Construction, bid about \$5 million more—\$11,732,550. The City has \$9.4 million for the project from federal, state and Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.—leaving \$2 million over the Orion bid. The Council and port administration agreed to look into using the \$2 million to enlarge the causeway project.

- Authorized the sale of surplus real property, 31 lots, owned by City of Nome.

- Approved a resolution certifying that City of Nome suffered impacts from fishing activities within the Norton Sound Fisheries Management Area to enable the City to apply for funding under the FY15 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program.

- Discussed capping the expense of a rate analyst to analyze Nome Joint Utility System's electric service rates at \$30,000. The question was who would pay, NJUS or the City? Andersen advocated adding the \$30K to a \$2.2 million credit line the City has provided NJUS during a current cash flow pinch.

- Received a big Thank You from Stan Hooley, Iditarod's executive director, for support from the City of Nome for the annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

The Iditarod organization appreciated the substantial investment of time, help from public works, volunteers and contributions, Hooley said. Andersen responded that he appreciated a face-to-face thank you in lieu of an annual thank you letter.

- Ruled that employment of Adrienne Bahnke, a stepsister to Mayor Denise Michels, did not violate the City's nepotism law, as Michels did not have supervision over the janitor

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right for a bail hearing when more information became available.

Dooley set Allen's next court appearance for January 30.

According to the grand jury document, Allen intentionally damaged property by starting a fire or causing an explosion, and by that act recklessly placed another person in danger of serious physical injury.

Arson in the Second Degree deals with knowingly damaging a building by starting a fire or causing an explosion.

The grand jury found enough evidence that Allen started the fire at Third Ave. and Moore on Sept. 26 and put other occupants in fear of imminent physical injury by means of a dangerous instrument. Occupants of the building at the time of the fire testified before the grand jury.

The grand jury handed up 10 charges, but the district attorney's office withdrew three assault charges.

The fire broke out around supper-time. John O'Connor, who was napping in a first floor apartment near the start of the blaze, woke up and noticed smoke at the ceiling level.

"Then it came down all around me. I threw my clothes out the window and dived out in just my shorts. There was so much going on that nobody noticed me standing there like that without clothes and shoes," O'Connor said. "I saw a friend and asked him if I could borrow some shoes."

Flames consumed at least two

apartments and damaged several apartments in the west end of the nine-unit complex and displaced about 20 people from their homes.

It took 27 firefighters three hours to quell the flames with axes, chainsaws, a pump truck and a ladder truck.

In the immediate days following the fire, Nome turned out with donations for the people who lost their belongings to the blaze. Nome Baptist Church, Methodist Thrift Shop and other groups opened doors to donors who shared with the people who had no place to go and nothing to use for everyday activities. Bering Straits Native Corporation opened 10 rooms and a place to rest their heads for the displaced people in the corporation's Aurora Inn hotel.

Jerald Brown of BSNC applauded the generosity of the Nome community.

No occupants of the building were injured. Two individuals went to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for slight smoke inhalation, one of which was Allen, who faces a separate charge on assault filed the night of the fire, alleging that she had assaulted and bitten a doctor at the hospital. The district attorney's office filed a Petition to Revoke Probation on an earlier conviction based on evidence that Allen had broken probation conditions by being under the influence of alcohol the night of the fire.

Allen has been in custody at Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility since the night of the fire, Sept. 26.

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Water and sewer, port and school lighting top City's Legislative funding wish list

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council met with the region's legislative representatives to get a feel for approving the City's wish list of capital projects.

Rep. Neal Foster and Sen. Donny Olson had a similar message; oil prices are down, state revenues are down and discretionary spending would be slim. The pair will be representing Nome in Juneau when the legislature begins a session in January.

Both Foster and Olson held out belief and hope that the new gubernatorial team of Gov. Bill Walker and Lt. Gov. Byron Mallott would have a soft spot in their hearts for rural Alaska.

Operating and capital spending is up, but oil prices are down, Foster noted.

In 1987, Alaska was producing two million barrels a day. In five years production had dropped to 150 thousand barrels a day, but that was not an emergency because oil prices continued to climb.

Now production is down and so are the prices.

Recently, the price per barrel has fallen from \$105 to \$75. The price pattern correlates to decreasing cap-

ital projects, Foster said. He added that projections say that oil prices are not going to turn around.

Medicaid, state retirement and other expenses are going up. The operating budget goes up each year. "Do you cut teachers? Do you lower pensions? Do you cut healthcare?" Foster asked.

The opening of ANWR would put money into the system. Capping or discontinuing the Permanent Fund Dividend would help greatly, but these are unpopular fixes and are not likely to happen, Foster said.

He advised that Nome's strategy should be mindful of a mandate to provide health, welfare and education, areas more likely to be funded. Energy costs is a big issue.

Local issues that can be shown to be state issues have a better chance of funding. Nome should submit both large and small projects for funding.

As Nome looks at submitting large projects as port related projects, the City should also submit a list of small things to choose from, as the discretionary funding share for each community was likely to be small, Foster said.

Bush Alaska should not take a back seat, Olson said, as it is from

Bush Alaska that the state owes its beginnings and revenues. He pins his hopes on the new administration, "like a breath of fresh air," he said. Olson noted that the new governor, Bill Walker, was appointing department commissioners and officials who "know how to listen."

He and Foster are gaining in seniority, Olson observed, and thinks the districts' standing will improve.

Olson will be a part of the minority, having been replaced in the majority by Lyman Hoffman from Bethel, but Olson stays at the top of the Senate Finance Committee with a hand on the purse strings, he said.

"I'd like to be optimistic, but it's politics. Sometimes it's for you, and sometimes it's more for you," he concluded.

The Council had a list of legislative priorities on the table. At the top of Nome's list are water and sewer infrastructure, \$4.3 million; Causeway Middle Dock construction, \$ 3.0 million; Kegoayah Kozga Library construction, \$1.9 million; and Arctic Deep Draft Port/Nome Causeway extension.

The Council also had a list of infrastructure items for advocacy to legislature and state administration, for example, pedestrian safety im-

provements on Greg Kruschek Avenue, extension of Steadman Street to Greg Kruschek Avenue, dump truck and sander, \$250,000, covered multi-use recreational structure [including an ice rink], and Nome seawall extension and repair.

The Nome School Board also has a list of top priorities for the legislature: District-wide lighting replacement cost recovery application, \$267,165; Nome Elementary School Gym flooring replacement cost recovery, \$107,692 and Nome-Beltz Campus electrical service and generator system, \$650,000, estimated.

The Nome Public School and Alaska Association of School Boards also has a list of joint priorities. At the top of this list of 19 priorities is universal access to education for Alaska's three- and four-year-old learners, Betsy Brennan, local board member told the Council. Another item on the list, opposing school vouchers, was a strong priority, she said.

Taxpayer-funded vouchers for private, parochial or home school tuition and fees drain scarce resources from public classrooms and diminish revenues available for public schools, said a Nome Public Schools

statement of priorities provided by Brennan.

The City also had a list of federal funding priorities for its lobbyist, Larry Markley—at the top: Arctic Deep Draft Port/Nome Causeway extension, community power generation issues (alternative energy sources, power distribution system upgrades and enhanced energy storage, acquisition of the USAF West Nome Tank Farm and Lot 20 by Port Road.

Markley, by telephone, told the Council that there was no chance that the moratorium on earmarking specific projects was going to be reversed with Republicans dominating both houses.

"The big issue for Nome is to be sure the port stays in the forefront," he said. He added that getting the tank farm transferred to Nome ownership looked good.

"I think we are in there, to transfer the property to the City at no cost," Markley said.

The City needs the property for expansion of port facilities and operations, relocation of fuel storage facilities and to make traffic safety routing changes.

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pipied, septic and well, or covered haul system."

Of the more than 200 communities in rural Alaska, the unserved communities are located mainly in western Alaska and along the Yukon River and its tributaries.

This is what "unserved" looks like: Wales, for example, has a washeteria with washing machines and showers. The water originates from a set of wells a mile away and is piped into the 500,000-gallon washeteria tank. Some people get water from this central location, others go to the village creek outside of town and haul water for their household from there. In the winter, people chop ice from the creek, haul it home, place it in a clean container and let it thaw out for drinking water.

The washeteria in Teller functions as the main source of water. Teller Vice Mayor Joe Garnie said the washeteria has two shower stalls, one for women, one for men. "The entire village is taking showers there," he said. A sign says that there is no warm water coming out of the showers when the washing machines are running. This means that 240

Teller residents have to time when to wash clothes and when to shower because both can't be done simultaneously. Also, the flush toilets are not working. "The toilets have been duct-taped shut for years," Garnie said.

For the lack of flush toilets in the homes, the honeybucket is still not in the museum as former Governor Tony Knowles proclaimed, but can be found in bathrooms across the region. A honeybucket is a five-gallon bucket lined with a garbage bag.

In Teller, such a honeybucket can be found in the village clinic. According to Garnie, each winter, the village clinic's septic system fails and patients as well as clinic staff and providers are using the honeybucket. There is no running water to wash hands after using the facilities.

Vice Mayor Garnie points out that the flush toilets and the septic installed in the 1950s in the former BIA school, now used as teacher housing and workshop space, are still working. "Why can modern technology not get the clinic right?" he asked.

Typically, when the honeybucket is full, it is taken out of the house or the clinic. According to Wales

Mayor Richard, the garbage bags filled with human waste are placed in one of the 14 or 15 honeybucket bins located throughout Wales. A city worker drives in the summer with a four-wheeler and a trailer, in the winter with a snowmachine and trailer, to empty the bins and take the bags filled with human waste to the sewage hole a mile outside of town. Wales charges \$20 per month per household in honeybucket disposal fees.

According to the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation's Village Safe Water program, residents in homes without running water and flush toilets have higher risks to get acute respiratory infections and severe skin infections than persons with in-home running water.

A 2010 study found higher rates of invasive pneumococcal disease among Alaskan children who did not have access to piped water. The disease is a very serious bacterial infection that can affect the brain, blood and lungs. Access to running water and the ability to wash hands frequently can reduce the spread of the disease.

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Mat-Su Borough legally protects the "Right to Mush"

Legislative efforts are underway to add teeth to the Right to Mush resolution passed by the 28th Alaska Legislature

By Sarah Miller

Alaska became the country's first "Right to Mush" state in March, and just weeks ago, the Mat-Su Borough became the first place where this right is legally protected in Alaska.

While House Concurrent Resolution 24 was a resolution bearing no legal enforcement, the ordinance in Mat-Su is the first of its kind to enforce protection of mushing activities with criminal charges for interference.

"As soon as the Right to Mush passed in the legislature, we knew it was time to move on this," said Assemblyman Vern Halter of Willow, who authored the ordinance.

While the Knik Sled Dog and Recreation Special Land Use District designated a specific location for sled dog recreation in 2008, this ordinance prohibits actions that deliberately interfere with the activities of mushers on shared use trails, while addressing legitimate concerns about humane kennel operations.

The ordinance amends Title 24 of the borough code that regulates animal care to include sled dogs and mushing facilities in the areas outside of Palmer, Wasilla and Houston,

which have their own animal ordinances. The ordinance provides the first legal definition of a sled dog ever drafted, written as "a member of the genus and species *Canis familiaris* that is domesticated, owned, and used to pull a sled or vehicle under the control of a musher." The ordinance also clarifies that sled dogs fit the definition of livestock, according to borough code, thus exempting dog lots from the animal annoyance code. Halter, a private attorney, former Magistrate Judge, and public defender, said the definition and ordinance took two years to draft.

The purpose of the ordinance is to ensure protections for both sled dogs as well as mushers, preserving the sport and the existence of kennels while setting high standards of care for the dogs. The standards combine those already included in the code's animal care regulations with a list of requirements modeled from Mush with P.R.I.D.E.'s kennel certification checklist. Mush with P.R.I.D.E., a voluntary organization of mushers and mushing enthusiasts, created the checklist to promote responsible and humane care of sled dogs. The re-

quirements listed in the borough code range from providing for the dogs' basic needs including water, shelter, and diet, while also addressing proper methods of sanitation, husbandry, humane restraint, kennel construction and maintenance, and even emergency evacuation plans. Compliance with the regulations is required for kennel owners to be eligible for the protections that the ordinance offers.

Owners must have a minimum of three years of licensed kennel operations to apply for a mushing facility license. As the code entails regulations for housing as well as food storage, kennel owners must have the existing facilities and infrastructure to be eligible to apply for a license. There must also be a minimum of three years of mushing history, whether for travel, freight, recreational or professional purposes. Licenses require owners to allow inspection of their kennels to ensure compliance with animal care regulations. Cruelty to animals and failure to provide humane care can result in revoked licenses, among other legal consequences. "This is a very detailed piece of legislation," explained

Halter. "It's not *carte blanche*, open to any musher. They have to demonstrate a commitment."

The code also addresses appropriate training and exercise practices specific to sled dogs.

Tethering and restraint are particularly important issues addressed in the code, said Halter, because of their purposes to mushing. Restraint is redefined in the code to include voice command, meaning that the dogs can be off leash or physical restraint, which is a common practice among mushers who are training young dogs to run alongside a harnessed team and to respond to the musher's verbal commands. The definition of restraint was patterned after hunting laws, which consider voice commands as an acceptable restraint for retrieving dogs, who must be allowed off leash in order to participate in the hunting activity. "Free running, and learning to respond to voice commands are essential to training the dogs," explained Halter,

who has a long personal history with sled dogs and mushing, including participation in the Iditarod, Yukon Quest. Halter currently coaches competitive mushers.

Tethering is another issue specifically addressed by the ordinance, defined as "to restrain an animal by a chain or cable line which is attached to a fixed object." Under the ordinance, the tether must be long enough to allow dogs freedom of movement and adequate exercise.

Drafting a specific definition of tethering as a necessary and humane method for controlling the dogs was important because of the movement promoted by animal rights activists to ban it. Halter explained, "Such a ban would virtually destroy sled dog kennels and racing."

The ordinance addresses the perceived nuisance posed by the noise of sled dogs, acknowledging that sled dog kennels are "naturally

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Since building traditional water and sewer systems is cost prohibitive, the DEC launched the Water and Sewer Challenge last year to find better and more affordable methods to deliver safe drinking water and sewage disposal to rural Alaska. DEC partnered up with the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Dept. of Agriculture, the Indian Health Service, the Arctic Research Commission and Tanana Chief's Conference to form a steering committee.

In August 2013, the DEC launched the challenge by calling for a team competition to create cost-effective designs for water and sewer technologies constructed to function in arctic conditions. Last week, the DEC announced the selection of six entities out of 18 applicants to meet the challenge. The six entities are Cowater Alaska, Dowl HKM Alaska, Summit Consulting Services, Tetra Tech, University of Alaska Anchorage and Lifewater.

DEC Village Safe Water program director Bill Griffith explained the challenge these entities now face. "We require teams to work with end users from two unserved communities to come up with different designs for household systems," Griffith said.

The goal is to come up with running water and sewer systems at a reasonable cost to build and maintain. The performance target, Griffith said, is to allow each household system to consume 15 gallons of water per day per person. The target cost to

build a system would be \$160,000 or under, at an operational cost of \$135 per month or less.

Design parameters include a mandatory kitchen sink, a bathroom sink, an inside toilet, a shower and a hook-up and drain for a washing machine. The system must withstand the possibility that the camp or house is left unheated for a while. It also must be feasible to install the new system in an existing home.

Written proposals by the six design teams are due by the end of June 2015, followed by live presentations. The DEC then picks the best three systems and the top three teams will receive funding to create a prototype of their systems in a laboratory. After the systems will be tested in the lab, there will be field tests conducted.

Team Dowl HKM was assigned to work with Shishmaref. According to DEC, team Tetra Tech will work with Wales.

Wales Mayor Richard added that technical solutions are out there and already are applied in his village. "We did a remodel on our clinic this summer and part of it was to integrate a new type of septic system which sits above ground and doesn't require a leach field," said Richard. Richard described several chambers inside this new septic tank, including ultraviolet action to keep the materials inside actively decomposing. "It percolates out clear water, not necessarily drinking quality, but it's clear," he said.

"I am happy to see people interested in the subject," he commented on the DEC Water and Sewer Chal-

lenge. It all comes down to affordability not only to build sustainable water and sewer systems but more importantly to have the budget to maintain them. "My hope is that we get everybody running water," he said. "But if we can't afford it, we can't afford it."



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places of noise and commotion." The barking and elevated activity level of the dogs, caused by predictable events such as feeding, watering, harness hook-up, and the presence of other animals or wildlife, is normal and expected.

"An active kennel cannot be turned on and off like a machine," wrote Halter in the summary statement presented to the Mat-Su Borough Assembly before the hearing on the ordinance.

Assembly members voted to approve the ordinance, which states, "It is the intent of the Borough to recognize that responsible mushing facilities will create some impacts such as a certain amount of noise, which shall be considered acceptable." Under the ordinance, sled dogs are exempted from being included as animal annoyances.

Opposition to the existence of kennels in areas such as the Mat-Su Borough comes from the increased population growth in the area. Although mushing is a time-honored tradition and common practice there, with numerous professional and recreational dog kennels in the area, objections to the presence of kennels in residential neighborhoods and the use of trails for mushing exists. Halter explained, "There's a lot of people moving in who want to be in these subdivisions where the kennels already are, but they don't quite understand sled dogs and mushing. The ordinance serves the same purpose as the Right to Mush resolution — to ensure that mushing can survive and even thrive here."

The opposition has escalated to include aggressive actions toward the dogs and their owners, said Halter.

"Mushers have been getting lots of interference recently. There have been incidents of people felling trees behind the mushers as they go down the trail to block the trails and prevent them from returning. There have been shootings to spook the dogs. It's really isolated, with people targeting certain mushers. This ordinance treats those types of ac-

tions similar to interference with hunting activities such as trapping." Interfering with legal mushing activities can be cited as an infraction with a fine, or a misdemeanor. To be charged, there must be proof of intent.

Such protections would be welcomed in other areas of the state, where mushers have experienced lawsuits, harassment and intimidation by those who oppose their kennel operations or use of trails. Mitch Seavey, a high profile competitive musher whose accomplishments include two Iditarod victories, recently petitioned his state representative Mike Chenault to follow up the Right to Mush resolution with an amendment to the state nuisance law to include sled dogs among exempted livestock. Alaska Statute 09.45.235, which deals with agricultural operations as private nuisances, lists livestock as horses, cattle, sheep, bees, goats, swine, poultry, render, elk, bison, musk oxen, and "other animals kept for use or profit".

Tom Wright, Chief of Staff for Chenault, said that a bill has just been drafted to address this issue. "Sled dogs probably won't be included in the livestock category. The legal advice we were given is that they should have their own separate category, and be exempted from the nuisance laws unless existing ordinances are in place that already address them," Wright said.

Any legislation passed at the state level will be applicable to the unorganized parts of Alaska's boroughs. Wright predicted there would be much discussion around a variety of unforeseen considerations.

"All sides will have to be considered, especially when it comes to property rights," he commented.

The newly drafted bill will be presented during the legislative session scheduled to begin in January, and will go through the legislative process in which it may be referred to a specific house committee, where it will be open to public hearings and amendments.

"We will find out if this is an ex-

isting issue around the state for mushers," said Wright.

Some Nome residents would definitely agree that this is an existing issue.

The home of the Iditarod's finish line is not immune to opposing views on the suitability of maintaining sled dog kennels in residential areas. Nils Hahn, a four-time Iditarod finisher, and his wife Diana Haecker live several miles outside of the city limits of Nome, where they maintain a sled dog kennel on their property. Their home is in a subdivision, which is unregulated by the city, and is governed by covenants, none of which address the presence of sled dogs.

The two are currently facing litigation from their neighbors Kevin Bopp and his wife Lynn DeFilippo who find the presence of the sled dogs to be an impediment to quiet enjoyment of their own property.

Myron Angstman, attorney for Hahn and Haecker, said, "The question in this case is whether the activities and noise of the dogs are reasonable, and whether the neighbor's sensitivities to the activity and noise are reasonable. But these all relate back to the bigger question of whether dog teams are allowable in Alaska."

In a comment section on social media responding to an article on the Mat-Su ordinance Kevin Bopp stated that the minimum distance that dog teams should be kenneled from a neighbor's property should be a quarter mile.

This proposed distance is prohibitive to realistic kennel operations, argues Angstman. "Even though rural Alaska is lightly populated, that population is very concentrated in certain areas. There are places in Alaska where there aren't roads. There is a lot of land that is non-usable. If you can't be in or near a community, and operate your kennel near your home, then owning a kennel will be out of the question for many residents," Angstman said.

The attorney for Bopp and DeFilippo was contacted but a response was not received by deadline.

Nome Representative Neal Foster, who championed the "Right to Mush" resolution, believes that this is a pertinent issue for all Alaskan residents.

While Chenault is approaching the

issue from the angle of agricultural nuisance laws, Foster is looking at the hunter harassment laws as a potential model for protecting the Right to Mush. These laws prohibit deliberate interference with recreational and subsistence activities, and carry the weight of fines or potential imprisonment. The felling of trees or firing of guns to spook dogs in deliberate attempt to interfere with mushing would be viewed as interferences similar to those identified in AS 16.05.790 as unlawful, such as "creating a visual, aural, olfactory, or physical stimulus in order to alter the behavior of the fish or game that another person is attempting to take or view."

Foster's approach would take a more comprehensive view of protecting mushing activities that occur off of private land.

"Mushing by its nature occurs

across multiple land types: private land, public land, state and municipal rights-of-way. As such, an approach that covers all of these areas seems in order," explained Paul LaBolle, staff to Foster, in an email.

The issue of mushing is clearly gaining public interest in Alaska, beyond mere curiosity about the results of the Last Great Race.

The passage of the Right to Mush resolution has been sparking debates about how this iconic Alaskan tradition and way of life can be continued in modern times.

The issues are complex, encompassing topics of recreational and economic opportunities to mush, ethical treatment of animals, and equitable land use and private property rights, with all discussion converging on the central question of what the "Right to Mush" means in practical terms for Alaskans.



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Nome School Board considers new tech position and increase in physical activity for children

By Kristine McRae

Nome school district's Technology Director Robin Johnson attended last week's school board work session to provide support for her request of an additional position in her department.

Since 2009, when one full time staff member began to teach half time, the tech department has been operating with 2.5 employees.

In the meantime, the duties and programs for which the department is responsible have increased exponentially, according to Johnson.

Superintendent Steve Gast is in favor of the new hire and can see firsthand just how taxed the tech department is.

"One of the things we are experiencing with the tremendous demands which the state is putting on us, for testing purposes, is can we keep this tech ship up and running so that if something goes down we can fix it?" Gast said.

In a memo Johnson recently sent to Gast, she listed the numerous programs and duties for which the Technology Department is responsible.

While none could argue that the list was exhaustive, school board members wanted to clarify how the district proposed to fund the new position. "We keep talking about it but no one is explaining how we're paying for this," board member Jennifer Reader said. She felt that she sufficiently understood why the position was needed.

Gast assured the board that the district has the money, and that because the funds would come from the "classified" as opposed to the "certified" funds, the cost would not affect the direct instruction of the students. In fact, he said, it would serve to better support them.

"We've saved enough money this year in other areas to fund that position, but we also need to think about the future. This position is in the classified realm, and it wouldn't affect students, teachers, or instruction," Gast said.

Barb Amarok wondered if there was a direct relationship between adding a new tech position and improving the reading proficiency of more students. "I hear what you're saying, that we're not touching instructional money," Amarok explained, "but that's \$80,000 that could be directed right at reading proficiency at the elementary school."

For her part, Johnson is concerned

that the ability of her staff to respond to the needs of teachers is waning.

"We like to pride ourselves on taking care of the teachers' requests," Johnson said, "but we're not even able to get to the help desk tickets, and that will affect their instruction."

Although the board doesn't normally approve classified positions, Gast told members he wanted to "keep them in the loop" because the technology department plays such a vital role in the district.

Stephanie Kemper is Nome's new Obesity Prevention Specialist. The position is funded through a grant received by the Nome Community Center, and last week Kemper joined school board members at their work session to go over what she feels are some priorities concerning physical activity in the schools. "I went over the new wellness policy, and I'm excited to see the new changes," Kemper told board members. Then she suggested changes that would increase the amount of physical education elementary school students receive.

Right now elementary students attend Physical Education class twice a week for 30 minutes. Kemper suggested the district consider upping that number, citing positive results from the elementary school in Seward, which implemented PE classes every day and has seen positive academic results.

Board members discussed options for adding time for more physical activity, but they also acknowledged the several existing opportunities that students already have, scheduling limitations, and the need for more volunteers to supervise those activities.

Kemper also shared that, now that Nome schools have breakfast and lunch programs that follow USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) standards, the district qualifies for two awards. One is through "Team Nutrition," which supports healthy school environments that are conducive to healthy eating and physical activity. The other program through which the schools can show progress and earn awards is the HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSC).

As the Obesity Prevention Specialist, Kemper hopes to encourage reward systems and fundraising efforts that include healthy activities and healthy snacks as an alternative to candy and unhealthy foods.

Director of Human Resources and Special Programs Sean Arnold presented the board with a draft of the new teacher evaluation tool. According to the new state standards, all Alaska school districts must incorporate the new evaluation by the 2015-2016 school year. "Within this framework, everyone in the district is held accountable," Arnold said. "It meets all the requirements [of the state], the only thing that's missing is the student data piece, and we're waiting to see if the state will change those requirements."

Arnold was referencing the percentage of a teacher's evaluative score that would be based on the test scores of the students in his or her class.

Currently the state has set 50 percent as the measure, but several districts around the state are pushing for a much lower figure, like 20 percent. The new evaluation will also have a live observation component and incorporate a way to measure the implementation of cultural standards.

Board member Barb Amarok added that she hoped the new evaluation was able to acknowledge teachers who are teaching lessons that use our unique location and environment to augment their teaching.

Nome parent and PTA president Julie Kelso approached the board with the suggestion that the district offer instructional materials that are no longer in use at the schools to the public and to community organizations.

"Anchorage school district has a policy which gives the public access to those materials before they are disposed of," Kelso said. "I think this would benefit the district as we get new materials."

Board president Betsy Brennan indicated that the suggestion could be incorporated into an existing policy.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4.



Photo courtesy of Liz Korenek-Johnson

CELEBRATING TRADITIONS— Nome Elementary School third graders read the story "Dancing Rainbows" by Evelyn Clarke Mott in early November. The story is about the Tewa Pueblo Indians of New Mexico and their traditions of dance around Feast Day and other times. As a community connection, the students worked with the King Island Dance Group to learn three traditional dances from this region. The students worked with the group for three days learning and practicing before performing for parents and community members on November 6. As a way to give thanks and show appreciation to Elders, the students performed again last Tuesday for the residents of Nome's Quyanna Care Center.



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DANCERS— Third graders performed at Quyanna Care Center.

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Thomas finds running success in Connecticut

By Keith Conger

Three years ago, when Maisie Thomas enrolled as a sophomore at Hotchkiss, an independent boarding school, she needed to choose a sport

to fulfill the school's participation requirement. On a recent trip back in Nome for the Thanksgiving break Thomas explained that on her pre-enrollment visit to the school, she

met, and liked, the cross country running coach and decided to join the team. That institutional prerequisite has become a passion, and as it turns out she is very good at her new endeavor.

After spending the first 10 years of her schooling in Nome, Thomas entered The Hotchkiss school. She spent her sophomore year getting used to the 600 student school in Lakeville, Connecticut, which is nestled in the northwest corner of the state near the borders of New York and Massachusetts. It is certainly a less rural setting than she had grown up in. During her first year out east she learned to be a runner, and ran on the junior varsity squad; somewhere in the top 14 of her team.

The runner's dedication and determination were evident to Nome motorists who witnessed the countless hours she ran during the summer months. Her training paid great dividends. By her junior year she had earned a spot on the varsity unit. That year she was part of the Hotchkiss group that attended the New England Championships — the cross country season finale for prep schools from that part of the country

Photo by Margaret Thomas
EAST COAST RUNNER — Maisie Thomas is a top ranked runner on the Hotchkiss school cross country team.

— or as Thomas put it, “New Englands.” During that first year on varsity Thomas represented her school at most races by being the sixth or seventh ranked Hotchkiss runner on the seven girl varsity squad. She placed 72nd at the 2013 New Englands.

Continued summer training prior to her senior year, which included around 10 miles per week on the Nome Rec Center treadmills, helped to advance her ranking on the team. Thomas put in 35-45 mile training weeks during the off season, and she even won the 14 year and older category at Nome's Hammer on the Anvil mountain trail race this past August.

At the beginning of her senior season Thomas was consistently the fourth or fifth ranked Hotchkiss runner, but by season's end she had moved that up a few notches. During the season she set a personal record; running a five-kilometer race in 20:06. Thomas was her team's second ranked runner in two races, and ranked third on her team in the Founders League conference meet, cracking the top 20 with a time of 21:16. Thomas also helped her team take third at the 2014 New Englands with a 49th place finish.

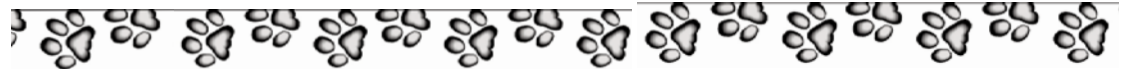
Thomas recognizes the differences between the places she runs out east and the places she runs in

Nome. “We have very different cross country running courses,” said Thomas. “Ours are grassy, with some woods, and lots of golf courses.” In Connecticut she also doesn't have to worry about wild animals following her as she did last summer when she was accompanied by a wolf while training near Banner Creek.

Cross country running has opened other adventures for Thomas. Last year she joined the track team, which is a typical thing for cross country runners to do in the off season. Thomas ran 1200-meter races, as well as competed in three-kilometer races. She enjoyed the experience, but prefers the longer five-kilometer races.

Thomas is beginning the process of finding a college where she can continue her competitive running. The top of her list is Colby College, an NCAA Division III school in Waterville, Maine.

“You have to put in the work,” says Thomas as part of her great advice to the young runners of Nome. “Cross country (season) is only a few months long. It's really what you do for training in the summer and winter that counts. Running is so unique. You get what you put into it.”



Iditarod bumps up prize money for winner

By Diana Haecker

Monday, Dec. 1 was the last day to sign up for the 2015 Iditarod and according to the Iditarod website, 79 mushers were on the roster, including reigning champion Dallas Seavey and former champions Mitch Seavey, Lance Mackey, John Baker, Jeff King and Martin Buser.

The Iditarod Trail Committee announced an increase in overall purse from \$625,100 to 725,100. But only the top five will notice the difference. The 2015 champion will take home \$70,000. Last year's champion Dallas Seavey received a check over

\$50,400. The runner-up team will earn \$58,600, up from \$47,600 last year; the third place team will get \$53,900 up \$9,000 from last year; fourth place will get \$48,400 and fifth place will make \$44,300.

The race pays prize money to the 30th finisher. Other finishers receive a check of \$1,049 (a dollar for each mile traveled).

The ITC also announced in press release that major trail work was done this summer between Rohn and Farewell. Heavy quipment was flown to the Farwell landing strip and 20 miles of tree stumps were

ground, dead trees removed and the trail was widened.

The ITC reported that DNR and Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance provided funding. Cruz Construction donated in-kind worth about \$85,000 to work on the trail.

The roster of Iditarod mushers still includes Karin Hendrickson, who last week suffered a broken back after being hit by a car while she was training her dog team along the Parks Highway in Willow.

The race will begin with the ceremonial start in Anchorage on March 7.

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Kiana man found guilty of attempted murder

By Diana Haecker

After a weeklong trial in Kotzebue starting on Nov. 17, a jury found Kiana resident Teddy Smith guilty of two counts of attempted murder, three counts of felony assault, two counts of assault in the first degree, two counts of robbery by force and two counts of theft.

The jury handed in the guilty verdict on Monday, Nov. 24.

The trial took place more than two years after Smith unleashed a series of events that left residents of Kiana in fear and then two hunters nearly dead in the woods.

It all began on September 7, 2012, when Smith's mother Dolly died. Teddy Smith got on the VHF radio and announced her death, which was first labeled suspicious, but then troopers determined no foul play was involved in her passing. When efforts failed to revive her, Smith went outside their house, armed with a rifle and shot at the

crowd that had gathered to lend support.

Then Smith disappeared.

Ten days later, and 40 river miles upriver on the Squirrel River, two brothers were setting up camp at a wilderness cabin. The two are Paul and Charles Buckel who had floated down the Squirrel on a hunting trip. There, they ran into a man who introduced himself as "Paul" but as it turns out, it was Teddy Smith. Smith invited them in, helped them get their gear out of their floating raft and they sat down for a coffee. Then they discovered that their satellite phone was missing. While Paul Buckel was looking for it upstairs, Charles Buckel faced Teddy Smith, who produced a gun and shot Charles in the chest.

Smith then ordered the other brother at gunpoint to get the floatable canoe, which was tied up a little ways upriver and to bring it to the cabin. When Paul Buckel saw that

Smith was aiming at him, he turned around and tried to run away, but was shot in the back near the shoulder blade.

Smith proceeded to pack the canoe with gear and food and took off. The brothers did not know for sure and were waiting, hiding in the bushes. Both severely wounded, they stayed put until Paul had wrapped his brother in insulating material before he went to search for an old marine radio and a battery. He found both and managed to place a call that got through to a person in Noorvik. Troopers were alerted and went to get them the next morning. Both hunters survived and were flown to hospitals in Fairbanks and Anchorage for surgery.

Meanwhile Teddy Smith was floating downriver and troopers arrested him without resistance.

Smith was taken to Kotzebue and indicted on several counts. Last week's trial ended with a guilty ver-

dict on all counts, after the jury deliberated for nearly four hours.

Nome District Attorney John Earthman was the state's prosecutor. Public defender Angela Green defended Smith. Nome Superior Court

Judge Tim Dooley presided over the proceedings in a Kotzebue courtroom.

Smith will be sentenced in April 2015.

Postal inspectors find drug shipment bound for Nome market

By Sandra L. Medearis

He said he had expected diving equipment coming from Hawaii. However, when postal inspectors opened two packages addressed to Daniel Gilpin last June, they found marijuana and hashish, according to court documents filed in Anchorage and Nome. A motion by Gilpin to move the case to Nome Second District Court was granted and the case opened in Nome Nov. 19.

Gilpin, 44, has pleaded innocent to charges on three counts misconduct—controlled substance, fourth degree, and one count of misconduct—controlled substance, third degree—all Class B or Class C felony charges. Police say the marijuana and hashish had a combined street value of approximately \$68,290, according to an affidavit signed by AST Curtis Vik.

On June 16, a postal inspector contacted Alaska State Trooper Curtis Vik to tell him two packages had been sent to the U.S. Postal Inspector's office after the USPS received a tip that the packages would contain drugs. The parcels had tape around the edges. Both parcels, with Gilpin's Nome address on them, came from Tom Little of Mountain View, Hawaii (Big Island). Investigators said no Tom Little had held the box number attributed to Tom Little.

The packages had tracking numbers that would allow the sender and recipient to track their movement.

In the afternoon of June 16, USPI Damron and Vik phoned Gilpin about the parcels. Gilpin said he was expecting dive equipment from Hawaii and gave law enforcement consent to open the parcels. In both parcels, Damron and Vik found metal and plastic containers that had been closed with duct tape to prevent odors from escaping them, Vik

said in his affidavit. In all the containers the investigators found several bags of a green leafy substance, which Vik recognized as marijuana, he said in the document. There was also a baggie in each of the parcels that contained what Vik recognized as hashish.

"One of the baggies appeared to be fairly wet, which is consistent with bubble hashish," Vik said in the affidavit in support of the complaint.

"The other baggie appeared to have been dried and was the consistency of a soft wax. I tested both baggies for the presence of THC with field kits. Both baggies tested positive for

the presence of THC."

Gilpin told investigators that he had a medical marijuana card—that the contents of the packages were his medicine, according to the court document. The marijuana weighed two pounds, 13.8 ounces. The hashish weighed 85.8 gross grams. The value of the marijuana sold in Nome would be approximately \$64,000. The hashish would be valued at approximately \$4,290.

Gilpin is out of jail on bail of \$5,000. His next court appearance is slated for Dec. 30.

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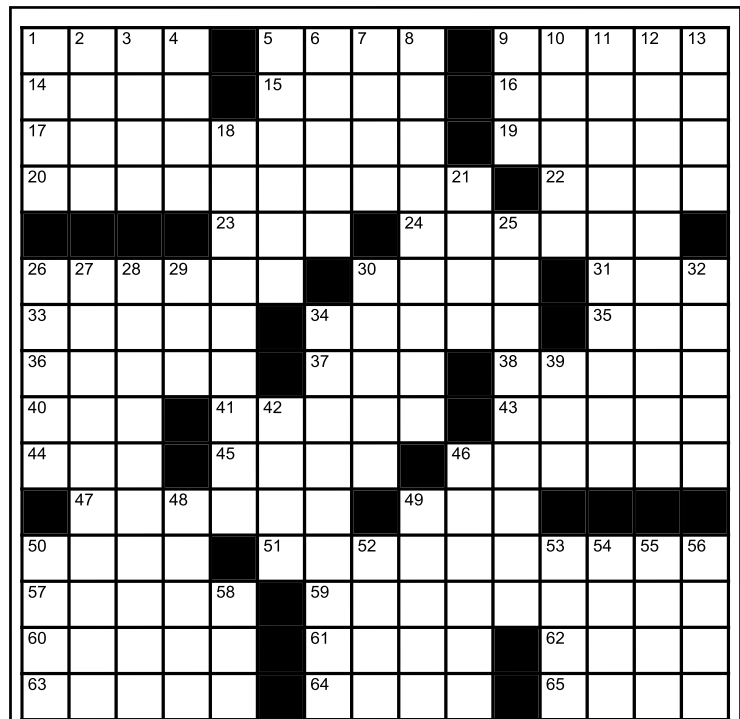
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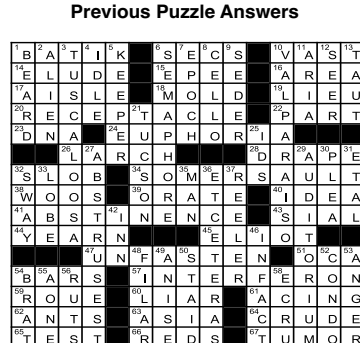
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 20. Instrument for measuring light intensity
 22. The Beatles' "___ Leaving Home" (contraction)
 23. Masfield play "The Tragedy of ___"
 24. Justification
 26. Prominent feature of aroid plant
 30. ___ Station in NYC
 31. Something to chew
 33. Spain's Gulf of ___
 34. Chatter (2 wds)
 35. ___-tzu, Chinese philosopher
 36. Grammar topic
 37. Decide to leave, with "out"
 38. Be bombastic
 40. Cooking meas.
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 43. Discomfit
 44. Be in session
 45. Fastidious
 46. Catch, as in a net
 47. Contemptible in behavior and appearance
 49. Abbr. after a comma
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 2. Brightly colored fish
 3. 100 centavos
 4. Rectangular paving stone
 5. Culmination
 6. Like Cheerios
 7. Water carrier
 8. Followers
 9. Neon, e.g.
 10. Fertile soil
 11. Potash feldspar
 12. Weakens
 13. New Mexico art community
 18. Italian operatic composer
 21. Ashcroft's predecessor
 25. John Madden, e.g.
 26. Short tails, like those of rabbits and deer
 27. Ardent
 28. Inherited modification
 29. Archaeological site
 30. Litter member
 32. "A merry heart ___ good like a medicine": Proverbs
 34. Inn outside city limits
 39. Engine speed, for short
 42. Reduced instruction set computer (acronym)
 46. Some solvents
 48. Parents
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 50. Acad.
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 58. "Comprende?"



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New Arrival

Tracey Kimoktoak and Steven Hoogendorn Sr. of Koyuk proudly announce the birth of their pannaq, **Alanna Jean 'Aneanna' Hoogendorn**. She was born on November 9, at 2:00 a.m. at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She was 6 pounds, 4 ounces and 18.5 inches long. Her siblings are Jeffrey, 25, Steve Jr., 23, Matthew 21, Franklin, 19, William, 16, twins Ashley and Amber, 15, Susan, 13, Melton, 12, Annie, 9, and Melvin, 5. Her paternal grandparents are Randy and Geri Hoogendorn of Nome and maternal grandmother is the late Maxine Kimoktoak of Koyuk. Paternal great-grandparents are Bill Hoogendorn of Nome (the late Lena), and the late Moses and Ruth Milligrock of Diomede. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Edward and Annie Kimoktoak of Koyuk. Alanna was named after her first cousin, Alanna 'Aneanna'

Nome.

Osgood is attending the University of Alaska Anchorage where she will graduate in December with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Osgood served in the Anchorage community as a regular



Jessica Osgood

volunteer for The Salvation Army of Alaska teddy bear tea auction.

Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services

In one of the last acts as Governor, Sean Parnell last week reappointed Dr. Karen O'Neill to the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services. The council advises the commissioner of Health and Social Services and the governor on planning and implementation of the emergency medical services system.

O'Neill is the medical director of Norton Sound Regional Hospital. She has served as a medical provider in the Nome region since 1975, including service with Emergency Medicine Associates and Norton Sound Health Corporation. O'Neill is reappointed to a seat reserved for an Alaska Native health care organization administrator.

Saying it Sincerely

By Dan Ward, Nome Church of the Nazarene
A member of the Nome Ministerial Association

I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with family, friends, love, and plenty of your favorite foods. As you thought about the things in your life that you were thankful for, was this the year that the one *big* thing you had spent years praying for came to be? Or, have you finally given up hope God will answer that prayer?

In Luke chapter one we encounter a couple who had given up hope that God would ever answer their prayer for a son. Elizabeth and Zachariah had married with all of the excitement and expectations young people have when they get married. They would help each other through life, enjoy each other's company, and have lots of children; children who would ensure that the family name carried on, children who would take care of them in their old age. Now they are old, and that dream had faded long ago.

Then one day, as Zachariah was serving in the Temple, an angel appeared to him and said, "Zachariah, God has heard your prayers. Your wife Elizabeth will have a son ..." Zachariah answered the same way many of us would, "Do you expect me to believe this? I'm an old man and my wife is an old woman." And, for his unbelief, Zachariah was rendered unable to speak until their son was born.

Christmas is the season of hope. Luke begins his Christmas story by telling how God answered a long forgotten prayer.

Are there prayers that you have given up hope of ever seeing an answer to? Are you struggling with the impossible?

Let me tell you about a friend of mine.

She was addicted to drugs, addicted to alcohol, and pregnant ... again, with what would be her seventh child. The other six had been taken away from her by the state. It was impossible that this baby would not be taken away too. She hated her life. She hated what the drugs and alcohol had made it become. But, they were the only things that dulled the pain. She had given up hope that things would ever be any better.

But, people were praying for her. After the baby was born, her neighbor came and invited her and the baby to church. She didn't want to go but she finally gave in. She expected that, when she walked into the church, everyone would take one look and know everything she had ever done. What she found instead was a church family of people who loved her, prayed for her, and encouraged her. She found forgiveness through the blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit helped her lead a new life. Today she is an excellent mother. The drugs and alcohol are gone. Her daughter is the delight of her life.

Have you given up hope? Jesus is waiting. He offers hope, forgiveness, love, and a new life. Turn to him, and then find a church family to love and help you.



Alanna Jean Hoogendorn

Alowa who died in 1998. Welcome Aneanna!

Welcome to Nome

Wells Fargo has named **Jessica Osgood** as its Nome store manager. Osgood joined Wells Fargo in 2011 as a personal banker in Anchorage. She served as a service manager and assistant store manager in Anchorage prior to her arrival in

Potato & Leek Soup

Recipe by Miller Health Consulting, LLC

Makes 16 servings
Preparation Time: 4 hours
Difficulty Level: Easy

Ingredients:
8 medium Potatoes, finely diced
1 stalk Leek, chopped
1-10.75 oz. can Cream of celery soup
1 c. Dry milk
5 c. Water
1 Tbsp. Garlic, minced
1 Tbsp. Black pepper, ground
8 oz. Low fat cream cheese
1 c. Plain yogurt, non-fat

Directions:

1. Combine diced potatoes, chopped leek, cream of celery, dry milk, water, garlic, and black pepper in a large crockpot.
2. Let the soup cook on high for 4 hours, stirring occasionally. After 4 hours, remove half of the soup and place in a blender. Add the cream cheese and yogurt and blend for thirty seconds to puree the potato pieces. Return the blended soup to the crock-pot, mix, and serve.

Tips:

- Try different types of potatoes for different textures and variations. Red and russet potatoes both work well with this recipe.
- Leave the skin on the potato for added fiber benefits.



Nutrition Facts

Serving Size	1 cup
Amount Per Serving	12
Calories	161
Total Fat (g)	4
Saturated Fat (g)	2
Cholesterol (mg)	12
Sodium (mg)	234
Total Carbohydrate (g)	25
Fiber (g)	2
Protein (g)	6
Vitamin A (%)	7
Vitamin C (%)	11
Calcium (%)	10
Iron (%)	5

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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Community United Methodist Church
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865
Pastor Charles Brower
Sunday: Worship 11:00 am
Monday: Thrift Shop 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey
Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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Sunday: Worship 11 a.m..
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

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Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
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For more information contact Bob Blake 434-1966

St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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Friday Hospital Mass: 12:10 p.m. (NSRH Meditation Room)

Patients going to ANMC and want to see a Catholic priest please call Fr. Brunet, OMI: cell 907-441-2106 or Holy Family Cathedral (907) 276-3455

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Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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Pastor Dan Ward • 252-5773
Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

• More Seawall

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a four-wheeler, please contact the Nome Police Department at (907) 443-5262.

3:07 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a stolen four wheeler on the west end of town. The investigation is ongoing.

4:15 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to behind the Visitors Center on the report of an intoxicated male sleeping on the ground. Delbert Oozevaseuk was contacted and observed to be highly intoxicated. Delbert was transported to a family member's home and left in their care.

6:02 p.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched to a business on the east side of town for the report of an intoxicated male refusing to leave. Upon arrival, the male had already left the establishment and was provided transportation to his destination, along with a Criminal Trespass warning.

7:28 p.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that displayed expired registration tags. The driver, Mark Figley, was issued a citation for expired registration and released from the scene.

8:43 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a business on the west side of Nome for the report of a motor vehicle accident. No injuries or damage was reported and alcohol was not involved. Autumn Day-Tocktoo was issued a citation for driving without a valid license and for failing to provide current proof of insurance.

9:56 p.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with an inoperable passenger side headlight that was traveling east on E Fourth Ave. The driver of the vehicle, Douglas Doherty, was given a verbal warning for headlight requirements and issued a citation for failing to provide current proof of insurance.

10:55 p.m., the Nome Police Department responded to the report of a disturbance at a residence on the west side of Nome. The person causing the disturbance was identified as Johnathan Schield and he was given a verbal warning for Disorderly Conduct. A second call was placed, again reporting that Johnathan was causing a disturbance. Investigation led to the arrest of Johnathan, 30, for Disorderly Conduct. He was remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, where he was held on \$250 bail.

11 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report that Chad Wilson, 21, had escaped from the Seaside Center. Wilson was later contacted at a residence on the east side of Nome. Wilson was remanded to AMCC for probation violation.

SUNDAY November 30, 2014

12:15 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the report of a person refusing to leave a residence after being asked multiple times. Upon arrival, the suspect had already fled the scene. It was reported approximately 12 hours later, that the suspect may have caused damage to the door of the home. Investigation into the Criminal Mischief is ongoing.

2:14 a.m. the Nome Police Department contacted a highly intoxicated female walking on the west side of town. The female indicated she was heading home for the evening and declined any further assistance. The female was warned not to return to any bar due to her high level of intoxication.

4:58 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the east side of town for the report of juveniles making threats to a homeowner. Upon arrival, the juveniles had fled the scene and were not able to be located.

9:11 a.m. Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle without functional tail lights. The driver was contacted and verbally warned for the equipment violation, which was solved by turning the switch for the lights on in the vehicle. No further action was required.

9:21 a.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that did not have functional tail lights. The driver was contacted and given a verbal warning for the deficiency.

11:29 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a citizen receiving harassing texts. The reporting party was given the proper channels to prevent harassment and advised to call back if the issue persists.

1:32 p.m. the Nome Police Department was flagged down by a citizen who had found a bicycle that had been stolen earlier in the summer. The bicycle was transported to the Nome Police Department for possible identification of the owner.

5:19 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a stolen four-wheeler. A report was filed and the investigation is ongoing.

8:45 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to an establishment on the west side of town for the report of a fight between two males. Upon arrival, both males had fled the scene, but one of the involved parties was contacted later in the evening. The male contacted provided the names of the other involved parties, but refused to press charges. The second involved party was not able to be located, nor had they called the Nome Police Department to report that any altercation had occurred.

8:55 p.m. the Nome Police Department re-

ceived a report of a snowmachine driving recklessly through town. The operators of the snowmachine were located at a residence and were both warned for the manner in which they were driving their machine.

9:41 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of an intoxicated male who was causing a disturbance at a residence on the west side of town. The male was contacted and informed that his behavior was disturbing others. The male agreed to quiet down and no further action was taken.

9:53 p.m. an elderly female called the Nome Police Department for assistance as she was stuck in her bathtub and was unable to get out due to a broken arm. Upon arrival, the female was successfully extricated from the tub and refused any medical treatment.

10:44 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival and further investigation, Frank Kavairlook Jr, 34, was found to have injured a member of the household. Frank was subsequently arrested and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center for Assault in the Fourth Degree, D.V.; where he was held without bail.

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King Island Native Community Annual Meeting and Election



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the General Election and Annual Meeting of the King Island Native Community will be held on Saturday, December 27, 2014 at Old St. Joseph Church. Ballots will be available and voting will take place during the hours of 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Tribal members eligible to vote may vote during these hours by obtaining and submitting regular ballots at the Old St. Joseph Church. The annual meeting will then begin at 4:00PM. Seats up for Election: 3 (3) seats are up for election this year. The potluck will begin at 3:00PM. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

PLEASE VOTE AND ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING! We need your participation to make this election and annual meeting a success!

Please call Janice @ 443-2209 if you have any questions about the meeting, potluck, election, or rides for Elders.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Conditional Use Permit



A public hearing will be conducted during the rescheduled regular meeting of the Nome Planning Commission to seek comments on the following:

Approval of a Conditional Use Permit for AT&T to construct a 150' tall communications tower at 105 Front Street, which is currently zoned for Commercial Use.

DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 2014
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: City Hall Chambers

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Shaktoolik Native Corporation

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

As designated in their by-laws, the Shaktoolik Native Corporation will hold its' annual meeting of shareholders on Saturday, December 13, 2104 at the SNC Armory. Doors open at 9:30 AM and call to order at 10:00 AM or upon establishment of quorum. This year shareholders will be electing 3 (three) directors. Shareholders are encouraged to send their proxies to be received at 4:30 PM, Friday, November 28, 2014 for early bird and December 12, 2014 close of business for all other proxies.

For more information please contact:



Shaktoolik Native Corporation
P.O. Box 46
Shaktoolik, AK 99771
Ph. 907-955-3241
Fax. 907-955-3243
e-mail: fnsago@yahoo.com

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Sitnasuak Native Corporation is looking for Advisory Members for the following committee's:

- Land Committee
- Elder Committee
- Subsistence Committee
- Foundation Committee

If you are a SNC Shareholder interested in serving on one of the listed Committee's please send a letter of interest to: PO Box 905 Nome, AK 99762 or you can fax it to (907) 387-1226.

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Koyuk Native Corporation

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the annual meeting of the shareholders of Koyuk Native Corporation, will be held on January 7, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., at the Koyuk Community Hall, for the following purposes:

1. Election of four(4) Directors

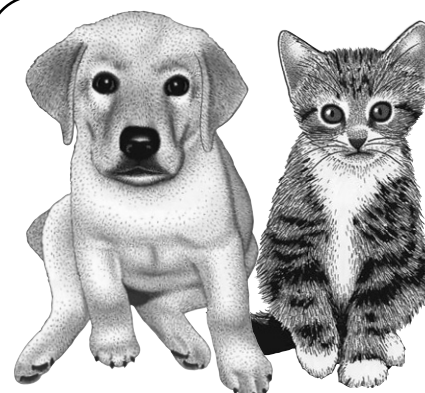
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MORE PIE? — Pat Ward serves up some home-made pumpkin pie at the Community Thanksgiving Feast at XYZ Center on Thanksgiving Day.

• More Legals

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A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-14-00308C1) requesting a name change from (current name) Diane Marie Sirlook to Diane Marie Scott. A hearing on this request will be held on December 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK. 11/20-27-12/4-11

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
CASE NO: 2NO-14-00310C1
ORDER FOR HEARING, POSTING AND ADDITIONAL SERVICE
In the Matter of a Change of Name for Harry Wesley Soxie,
Current name of Adult
Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-14-00310C1) requesting a name change from (current name) Harry Wesley Soxie to Harry Wesley Ivanoff. A hearing on this request will be held on December 17, 2014 at 10:30 am at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK. 11/27-12/4-11-18

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
In the Matter of:
S. K.,
DOB: 08/06/98, and
M. J. K.,
DOB: 06/13/2000,
Children Under the Age of Eighteen Years.
Case Nos. 2NO-13-16/17 CN
NOTICE AND SUMMONS TO ABSENT PARENT

To: Thomas Iyahuk, d.o.b. 06/20/1976
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights under AS 47.10.080(c)(3) has been filed in the Superior Court, Second Judicial District, Nome, Alaska concerning your daughters S. K., d.o.b. 08/06/98, and M. J. K., d.o.b. 06/13/00. This petition may result in an order terminating your parental rights.

A copy of the petition is on file in the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska. The Court's physical address is 113 Front Street, Second Floor, Nome, Alaska 99762. The Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762.

A termination trial is scheduled to be held in Courtroom A, Superior Court, 113 Front Street, Second Floor, Nome, Alaska 99762, on February 2, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.

You have the right to be represented by an attorney. An attorney has been appointed to represent you at state expense. The court has appointed Michael Wenstrup to represent you in this case. You may contact him at 1-855-574-3825 or 1-907-374-3825. His mailing address is 104 Kutter Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

If you or your attorney cannot appear at the hearing, you must file with the court a response to the petition within thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this notice.

DATED: 11/28/14
CLERK OF THE TRIAL COURTS By: /s/ Brodie Kimmel, Clerk of Court
By Sue Greenly, Judicial Assistant
12/4-11-18-25

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

Court

Week ending 11/28

Civil

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD v. Komakhuk, Gabriel; Domestic Relations Other

Small Claims

No current small claims on file (start 2NO-14-00046SC)

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Jeffery Ellanna (9/30/93); 2NO-14-252CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114796458; Violated conditions of probation; Takes no action; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jeffery L. Ellanna (9/30/93); 2NO-14-512CR CTN 001: DUI-Operate Vehicle Under Influence; Date of Offense: 8/4/14; 60 days, 57 days suspended; Consecutive to any other count or charge; Pay to Clerk of Court, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep/ep.htm: Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due 11/20/15; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep/ep.htm: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSHC BH within 5 days of your release; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; as 28.35.030(b) and AS 28.35.032(g); Cost of the IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the fine due date; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 11/21/14); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. Jeffery L. Ellanna (9/30/93); 2NO-14-512CR CTN 002: Driving with Revoked License; Date of Offense: 8/4/14; CTN Charges Dismissed: 3, 4, 5 and 6; 30 days, 20 days suspended; Unsupervised 10 days shall be served immediately consecutive to all other counts and charges; Police Training Surcharge: \$50; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; License Actions: Defendant's driver's license is to be immediately surrendered to the Court, License Number: 7436038, State: AK; Such license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 90 days; Probation for 1 year; No new criminal charges.

State of Alaska v. Jeffery Ellanna (9/30/93); 2NO-14-715CR Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 11/8/14; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsupervised 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10

days.

State of Alaska v. Iskander Garifullin (7/4/93); 2NO-13-981CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass 2; Filed by the DAs Office 11/21/14.

State of Alaska v. Iskander Garifullin (7/4/93); 2NO-14-129CR CTN 003: Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 2/26/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001, 002; Fine: \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Pay the unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/1/15; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Alex Peter David (3/24/88); Dismissal; Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 4*, Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 11/25/14.

State of Alaska v. John Penetac (11/12/64); 2NO-14-748CR Count 002: Disorderly Conduct; Date of Offense: 11/22/14; Count 001 is Dismissed; Police training surcharge due in 10 days: \$50; 6 days, 0 days suspended; Unsupervised 6 days are to be served immediately; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Obey all laws.

State of Alaska v. John Penetac Jr. (11/12/64); 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsupervised 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Robert Laurence Norris (4/25/83); CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 11/12/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002; 240 days, 150 days suspended; Unsupervised 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 18 months (date of judgment: 11/24/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol; Alcohol Assessment by 4/1/15.

State of Alaska v. David Gadowski (4/17/78); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 11/12/14; 90 days, 75 days suspended; Unsupervised 15 days (CTS) shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 11/24/14); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Joan Miller (6/10/86); 2NO-14-450CR Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 11/24/14; Filed by the DAs Office 11/24/14.

State of Alaska v. Joan Miller (6/10/86); 2NO-14-751CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass 2; Filed by the DAs Office 11/24/14.

State of Alaska v. Brianna J. Campbell (12/17/87); Dismissal; Criminal Trespass 2*;

AS 11.46.330(A)(1), Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 11/26/14.

State of Alaska v. Nicholas M. Epperson (4/4/86); Crim Trespass 1 - In A Dwelling; Date of Violation: 8/6/14; Suspended Imposition of Sentence; Imposition of sentence is suspended; The defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders, and conditions listed below; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; 30 days for DA; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 11/26/14); Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Packy A. Kobuk (9/23/93); 2UT-13-52CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111175173; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: balance of time is imposed; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Packy Kobuk (9/23/93); 2UT-14-74CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111175632; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, consecutively; Consecutive to the term in Case No. (no case indicated); Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

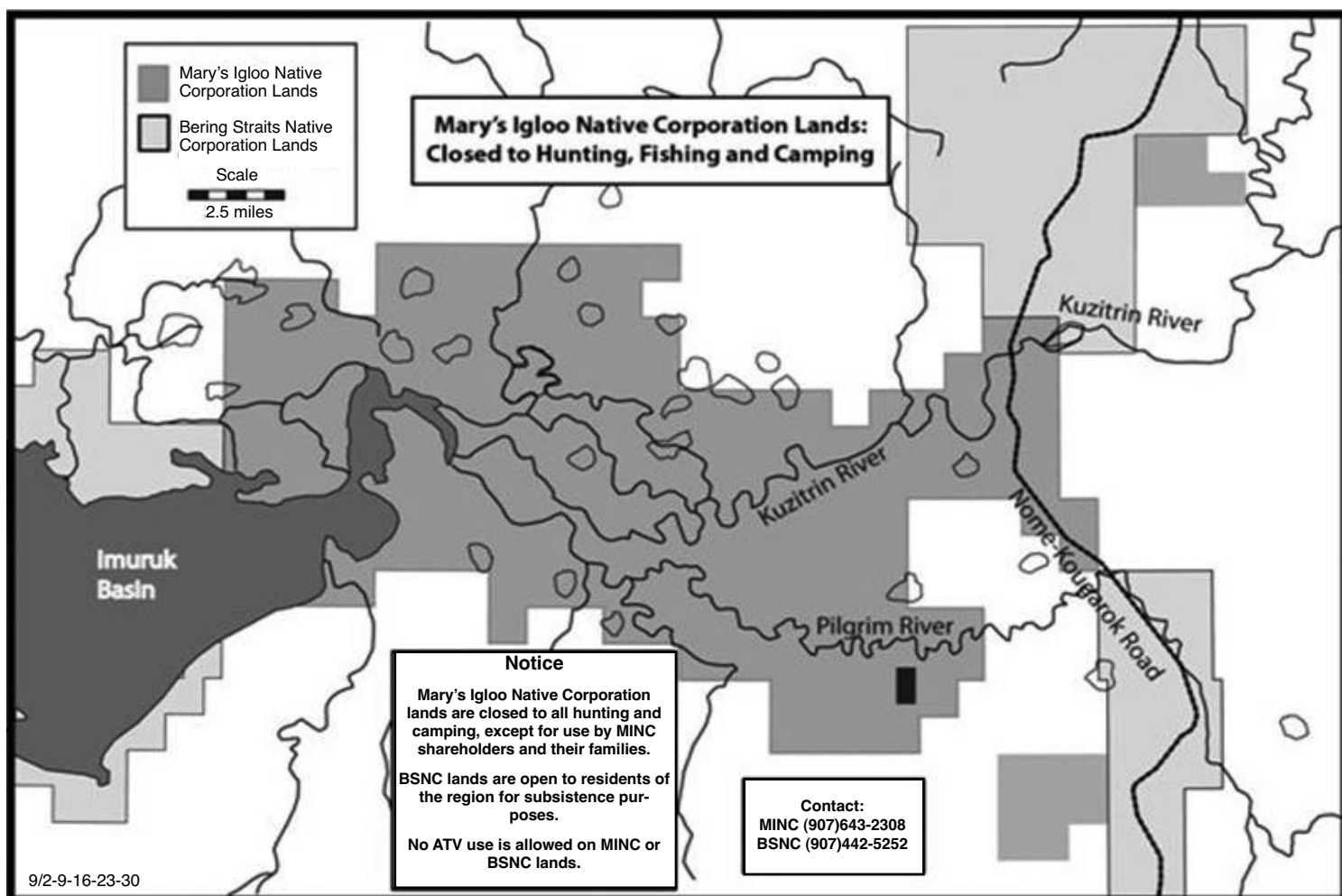
State of Alaska v. Packy A. Kobuk (9/23/93); 2NO-14-599CR Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 9/12/14; 180 days, 150 days suspended; Remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 11/25/14); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Packy A. Kobuk (9/23/93); 2NO-14-678CR (revised) Escape 4*, 11.56.330(a)(1), Class A misdemeanor; Offense Date: 10/23/14; 180 days, 180 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge due in 10 days: \$50; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Probation until 11/25/16; Obey all laws; No new criminal charges; Do not consume or buy alcohol; Any ID card issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the alcohol buying restriction until the restriction expires; (AS 04.16.160).



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FAMILY VOLUNTEERS TOGETHER — Tobin, Sophia, Tristen, Emelyne, Daniel, Elsa and Carol Hobbs help to serve Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the XYZ Center Thanksgiving Day.



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DANCERS (top)— Phyllis Walluk, Gina Walluk and Crystal Tobuk performed with the Nome-St. Lawrence Island Dance Group.

WOLF DANCE (left)— Bryan Muktoyuk, right, and Sam Ahkinga, left, performed the wolf dance with the King Island Drummers and Dancers.

Kaatiluta celebration pays tribute to Alaska Native Heritage Month

By Keith Conger

Kaatiluta, one of Nome's largest community pot luck and dance celebrations of the year, was held Saturday evening at the Nome Recreation Center. "Kaatiluta stands for 'All of Us Together' in the King Island dialect," said event coordinator Moriah Sallaffie, who works for Kawerak's Beringia Center. "The main goal of the event is to bring the entire community together to celebrate our diverse culture."

The event got its start three years ago as a way to commemorate Alaska Native and Native American Heritage Month. Sallaffie says, "Kaatiluta is a prime example of people and organizations coming together to support each other." She explained that although she might be the official coordinator, the event sort of ran itself. Kaatiluta's contributors came from nearly every aspect of Nome's community. "Lots of people came together to make this happen. What I really loved is that when people saw that we needed help, they rolled up their sleeves, and volun-

teered."

The potluck was coordinated by Marie Tozier, who works at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus. Many delectable foods were presented, including salmon, halibut, fry bread, akutaq, beluga, blueberry delight, and a variety of caribou stews and soups. Chuck Fagerstrom of Sitnasuak Native Corporation helped procure the caribou meat.

The Nome Youth Facility helped set up chairs and tables at the event, and Nome-Beltz JROTC program members helped to serve food and took care of the clean up. Jennifer Thelen of the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve made fliers and also helped document the event through photographs. Kent Runion, a teacher at Nome-Beltz High School helped run a craft table for the smallest kids. One of the most generous sponsors was the Bering Sea Lions Club.

Marjorie Tahbone of Kawerak's Eskimo Heritage Program helped coordinate gift offerings for elders. She

obtained many donations from local businesses around Nome. One of the items was shrink wrapped salmon from the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation that was distributed in Bering Strait Native Corporation berry buckets. Tahbone explained that this year, in lieu of a raffle, the grand prize of a round trip ticket on Bering Air was awarded to the elder with the most great, great-grandchildren.

The post potluck celebration was started by the King Island Catholic Church Choir. They were followed by performances from both the King Island Drummers and Dancers and the Saint Lawrence Island Drummers and Dancers. One of the features of the entertainment was "The Third Grade Dancers." The dance performed by the young elementary school children was a product of collaboration between third grade teacher Elizabeth Korenek-Johnson and the King Island dance group.

Kaatiluta has attracted up to 400 people each year. Sallaffie explained that one of the best outcomes of the

yearly gathering has been the formation of the Cultural Planners Group which includes representatives from around Nome. She says the group was created to keep individuals and organizations informed about different events that are hosted throughout the year.

The Kaatiluta event met all three goals of Native Heritage Month. According to the Alaska Native Heritage Month website these are; to educate and inform others of the diverse Alaska Native groups, their traditions, knowledge, ways of life, and

contributions; to engage the community in Native dance, games, arts, stories, and other areas of tradition; and to encourage widespread community participation in the celebration of Alaska Natives and American Indians.

Although there have been various federal efforts since the early 1900s to pay tribute to the contributions of first Americans, the designation of a specific commemorative month first occurred in 1990 under a presidential proclamation by President George H. W. Bush.



Photo by Keith Conger
LITTLE DANCERS— Pauline Chiskok, Brittney Payenna, Bethany Payenna and Jade Brower danced to the drumming of the King Island Drummers and Dancers.



Photo by Lizzy Hahn
LEVITATING— Mason Omiak, middle, kicks it into gear during the Nome-St. Lawrence Island Dance Group's Rock'n Roll dance.



Photo by Diana Haecker
LITTLE DRUMMER— Nathaniel Piscoya exits the stage after an exhausting performance with the Nome-St. Lawrence Island Dance Group.