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In Our Village Communities:

In-Home Support Program

Brevig – FT

Stebbins – FT

Shishmaref – FT

Savoonga – FT

Wales – PT35

Point of Care Assistant FT in all villages needed

Tribal Healer: Village Based FT

Village Based Counselor: White Mountain PT625

Certified Medical Assistant - Unalakleet FT

CHAP Supervisor Instructor – In Region

Community Health Aide Positions:

1 Brevig FT

2 Diomede PT75

2 Elim PT625

2 Gambell FT

1 Golovin PT625

2 Koyuk PT75

2 St. Michael FT

1 Savoonga PT75

1 Shishmaref PT625

1 Stebbins PT75

1 Teller PT75

1 Wales PT75

1 White Mountain PT625

Certified Travel Specialist

Brevig - Relief

Elim - Relief

Gambell - Relief

1 Koyuk – Relief

1 Little Diomede – Relief

2 Shaktoolik – PT625, Relief

2 Shishmaref – PT 625, Relief

Clinic Maint. Tech

Koyuk FT

Little Diomede FT

St. Michael FT

EVS

1 Brevig Rel

1 Elim PT50

1 Gambell Rel

1 Golovin Rel

2 Koyuk PT50, Rel

2 Little Diomede PT50, Rel

1 Savoonga Rel

1 Shaktoolik Rel

1 Shishmaref Rel

1 St Micheal Rel

1 Stebbins Rel

1 Teller PT50

1 Unalakleet Rel

1 Wales Rel

1 White Mountain Rel

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Court

Week ending 12/11/2020

Civil

No current civil cases on web site; start 2NO-20-00135CI

Small Claims

No current small claims cases on web site; start 2NO-20-00013SC

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Thomas Palmer (9/28/70); Dismissal; Count I: Harassment 2nd; Filed by the DAs Office 11/29/20.

State of Alaska v. Wagner Mokiuyuk (4/25/94); 2NO-20-482CR Dismissal; Count I, II: Violation Of Conditions Of Release; Count III: False Information Or Report; Filed by the DAs Office 12/4/20.

State of Alaska v. Wagner Mokiuyuk (4/25/94); 2NO-20-489CR Dismissal; Count I, II: Violation Of Conditions Of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 12/4/20.

State of Alaska v. James Edward Alvanna (8/14/84); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 3rd; Filed by the DAs Office 12/8/20.

State of Alaska v. Ralieggh Robert Iyahuk (9/26/72); 2NO-20-373CR CTN 001: Resist/Interfere with Arrest; DOV: 6/17/20; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTNs Dismissed: 002; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting 2/7/21 to AMCC by 5:00 p.m.; Initial Jail, and Police Training, Surcharges, due.

State of Alaska v. Ralieggh Robert Iyahuk (9/26/72); 2NO-20-467CR CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; DOV: 7/21/20; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTNs Dismissed: 002, 003; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting 2/7/21 to AMCC by 5:00 p.m., concurrent with 2NO-20-373CR.

State of Alaska v. Sonny Annogiuyuk (7/19/85); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: Vehicle Theft 1-Take Veh, Air Or Wtrcraft; C Felony, Offense Date: 4/16/20; Separate misdemeanor judgment also issued in this case; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 003 and 004: Reckless Endangerment; CTN 005: Reckless Driving; CTN 006: Lv Scene Of Accident- Unattended Vehic Dmg; Offense Dates (all CTNs): 4/16/20; Sentencing Date: 12/1/20 with counsel, Moshe C. Zorea, and John Earthman the DA present; CTN 001: 18 months, 18 months suspended; Unsuspended 0 months shall be served; Surcharge and Costs due, as stated in Judgment; Provide DNA when requested; Restitution due as stated in Judgment; Probation for 3 years; General and Special Probation Conditions set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated. Waiver of Indictment, attached.

State of Alaska v. Sonny Annogiuyuk (7/19/85); 2NO-20-188CR CTN 002: DUI; Date of Offense: 4/16/20; CTNs Dismissed: 003, 004, 005, 006; 3 days, 0 days suspended, concurrent with 2NO-20-188CR; Fines and other costs due, as listed in Judgment; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Use IID: 6 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from the fine if proof of payment filed before fine due date.

JOB OPENINGS

NMS is hiring for a Full-Time, **Expeditor-Maintenance Technician I**, position to support the Nome School District. The base work week is Monday through Friday from 8AM-4:30PM. This position may be called in for snow removal operations at 5AM, 7-days per week. This position pays \$20.00/hr. Job is located at the NBHS Campus at 3.5 Mile Nome, Teller Road, AK 99762.

Contact Matt Barone, NMS Maintenance Forman at (907) 434-1933 or mbarone.nms@nomeschools.org. Visit www.nmsusa.com/employment to apply today.



JOB OPENINGS

NMS is hiring for a Temporary, Full-Time, **Maintenance Technician I & II** position to support the Nome School District. The base work week is Monday through Friday from 8AM – 4:30PM. This position may be called in for snow removal operations at 5AM, 7-days per week. Starting rate of pay is \$20.00 to \$27.00/hr (DOE). The job is located at the NBHS Campus at 3.5 Mile Nome – Teller Road, AK 99762.

Contact Matt Barone, NMS Maintenance Foreman at (907) 434-1933 or mbarone.nms@nomeschools.org. Visit www.nmsusa.com/employment to apply today.



JOB OPENINGS

NMS is hiring for Full-Time, Seasonal, **Snowplow Operator** to support the Nome School District. This position requires operating a snowplow to remove ice and snow from roads, parking lots, and other assigned areas. Early morning 5:00AM starts, extended hours, and weekend duty including holidays may be required. Starting rate of pay is \$25-\$30/hr (DOE). Contact Matt Barone, NMS Maintenance Foreman, at (907) 434-1933 or mbarone.nms@nomeschools.org. Visit www.nmsusa.com/employment to apply today.



JOB OPENINGS

NMS is hiring for **Custodians at the Nome School District** to support it's established team. Competitive hourly pay and benefits available. Must have some experience or working knowledge of cleaning equipment and general cleaning processes. Starting rate of pay is \$18.00/hr and up (DOE) plus full benefits.

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NMS is hiring for a Full-Time, **Facilities Administrative Assistant**, position to support the Nome School District. The base work week is Monday through Friday from 8AM-4:30PM. At least 3-years of office/clerical experience required including intermediate level of email and computer experience. Starting pay is between \$18/hr - \$20/hr (DOE).

Contact John Mortensen, Facilities Director, at (907) 244-4121 or John.Mortensen@nmsusa.com for more information. Visit: www.nmsusa.com/employment and apply today!



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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS POSTPONED

The November 7, 2020 Koyuk Native Corporation Annual Shareholder meeting at the Koyuk School has been **postponed until the 1st Saturday in January, 2021**. Koyuk Malemute School doors open @ 10:00AM, meeting scheduled to start by 12:00PM.

*subject to change with the COVID pandemic.

Stebbins Native Corporation
P.O. Box 71110
Stebbins, AK 99671
(907) 934-3074

The Stebbins Native Corporation will postpone the **2019 Stebbins Native Corporation Shareholder's meeting** until further notice due to the COVID-19.

Any questions, please call the Stebbins Native Corporation at **(907) 934-3074**.

Quyana,
SNC

Seawall

Nome Police Department Weekly press releases Activities reported between 12/07/2020 – 12/13/2020

During this period there were 302 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center; 92 (31%) of these calls involved alcohol.

The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to 18 ambulance calls. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to 2 fire calls during this period. NPD responded to 13 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. Nobody was remanded to AMCC as protective hold; and 4 persons remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

There were five citations issued for Minor Consuming Alcohol, two citations for curfew violations, one citation for open container violation.

Arrests

A total of 22 arrests made with (86%) alcohol related

Monday, Dec. 7, 2020

Charge: Assault in the fourth degree, DV; four counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Duane Johnson. Location: E. G St.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020

Charge: Assault in the fourth degree. Name: Evonne Newhall. Location: East 3rd Ave.

Charge: Disorderly Conduct. Name: Lisa Seppilu. Location: River St.
Charge: Arrest Warrant. Name: Evonne Newhall. Location: East. 2nd Ave.
Charges: Criminal Trespass in the first degree, DV; Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Jake Kuzuguk. Location: W. Kings Place.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020

Charges: Criminal Trespass in the second degree; two counts of Violations of Conditions of Release. Name: Robert Smith. Location: River St.
Charge: Assault in the fourth degree, DV. Name: Thomas Waltz. Location: River St.
Charges: Violating DV Protective Order; Violating Conditions of Release; Petition to Revoke Probation. Name: Brandon Walker. Location: Lanes Way.
Charge: Warrant Arrest. Name: Marvin Okleasik. Location: Front Street.
Charge: Violations of Conditions of Release. Name: Bessie Stalker. Location: W. D Street.
Charge: Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Cordell Lockwood. Location: E. Nugget Alley.

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020

Charge: Warrant Arrest. Name: Victoria Simpson. Location: River St.

Friday, Dec. 11, 2020

Charge: Criminal trespass. Name: Andrew Ozenna. Location: River St.
Charges: Criminal Mischief in the fifth degree, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Justin Wilson. Location: River St.

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020

Charge: Felony Petition to Revoke Probation. Name: Lance Thomas. Location: River St.
Charge: Violating Conditions of Release; Petition to Revoke Probation. Name: Derek Martin. Location: W D St.
Charges: Criminal Trespass in the second degree, DV; Criminal Mischief in the fifth degree, DV. Name: Janis Zumwalt. Location: W. D St.
Charges: Three counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: William Tate. Location: E. Nugget Alley.

cation: E. I St.
Charges: Criminal Trespass in the second degree, Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Brian Ayek. Location: River St.
Charges: Criminal mischief in the fifth degree, Criminal Trespass in the first degree; eight counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Ronald Ozenna Sr. Location: E. 3rd Ave.

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020

Charge: Assault in the fourth degree, DV. Name: Micah Trigg. Location: W. 2nd Ave.
Charges: Criminal Trespass, Disorderly conduct, two counts of Assault in the fourth degree. Name: Frederick Pete. Location: River Street.

Traffic

A total of 10 traffic stops were conducted during this reporting period, with 0 citations and ten warnings issued. NPD responded to no motor vehicle accidents.

Monday, Dec. 7, 2020

Charge: Driving while license revoked/suspended. Suspect: Ernest Wilkalkia. Location: E. 6th Ave.

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020

Charge: Driving without a valid driver's license.. Name: Gregorio Mendez. Location: W. Tobuk Alley.

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020

Charge: Failure to stop at stop sign, failure to carry proof of insurance. Name: Jason Smith. Location: Bering Street.

Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party.

Trooper Beat

12/4/20

Nome
Disturbance: At approximately 1:23 a.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report of a disturbance involving underage drinking. Troopers responded and removed the juveniles from the residence.

Nome

Assist Public: At approximately 8:37 a.m., AST in Nome received a report civil issue. Troopers advised of options.

Nome

Assist Public: At approximately 10:49 a.m., AST in Nome were notified of a complaint regarding harassment. Troopers responded and advised the complainant of their options.

Saint Michael

Miscellaneous: At approximately 2:10 p.m., AST conducted a visit to the village of Saint Michael.

Nome

Disturbance: At approximately 2:16 p.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Nome regarding a family dispute. Troopers advised the complainant of their options.

Stebbins

Miscellaneous: At approximately 2:16 p.m., AST conducted a visit to the village of Stebbins.

Nome

Liquor Laws: At approximately 2:45 p.m., AST in Nome and the region. Charges of Alcohol Importation were referred to the prosecuting agency.

Saint Michael

Traffic: At approximately 8:03 p.m., AST in Saint Michael received a report of a DUI after the fact.

Norton Sound Region

Sexual Abuse of a Minor: At approximately 8:04 p.m., AST in the Norton Sound Region received a report of a possible sexual assault of a minor. Investigation ongoing.

12/5/2020

Nome
Disturbance: At approximately 2:18 p.m.,

AST in Nome received a report of an assault. Troopers responded.

White Mountain

Patrol Request: At approximately 8:54 a.m., AST in White Mountain received a patrol request. Troopers responded.

Gambell

Miscellaneous: At approximately 9:00 a.m., AST conducted a visit to the village of Gambell.

Brevig Mission

Patrol Request: At approximately 10:55 a.m., AST conducted a visit to the village of Brevig Mission.

Unalakleet

Disturbance: At approximately 10:57 a.m., AST in Unalakleet received a call from Unalakleet Police Department regarding a residential party. Troopers responded.

Nome

Destruction/ Damage/Vandalism: At approximately 2 a.m., AST in Nome received a report of property damage. Investigation ongoing.

Stebbins

Assault: At approximately 4:23 p.m., AST in Stebbins received a report of an assault. Troopers responded.

Unalakleet

Warrant Arrest: At approximately 7 p.m., AST in Unalakleet contacted Adeline Pete, 26, of Stebbins. Pete was arrested on an outstanding warrant for \$1,500 for Assault IV and Harassment I.

12/6/2020

Nome

Animal Call: At approximately 11:35 a.m., AST in Nome received a report of a loose dog attacking other dogs.

Saint Michael

Assault – DV: At approximately 1:50 p.m., AST in Saint Michael received a call from VPOs regarding a DV Assault. Upon investigation, Troopers arrested Lee Kobuk, 41, for DV Assault I and Manufacturing Alcohol in a Local Option Community.

Nome

Welfare Check: At approximately 2:12 p.m., AST in received a request for a welfare check to be conducted.

Elim

Welfare Check: At approximately 2:24 p.m., AST in Elim received a request for a welfare check to be conducted. VPOs conducted the welfare check and the individual was safe.

Savoonga

Assault – DV: At approximately 6:30 p.m., AST in Savoonga responded to a report of DV Assault. Upon investigation, Troopers arrested Randy Annogiyuk, 32, for DV Assault IV x2, and Criminal Mischief V x2.

White Mountain

Search and Rescue: At approximately 7:55 p.m., AST in Nome received a report from the VPSO in White Mountain regarding a Search and Rescue ongoing.

12/7/2020

Stebbins

Disturbance: At approximately 03:03 a.m., AST in Nome received a report of a disturbance involving an attempted assault.

Various; Serve Court Documents: AK20094715 Serve Court Documents 12/7 9:59 Koyuk

Saint Michael

Miscellaneous: At approximately 7:10 p.m., AST conducted a village visit to Saint Michael's.

Stebbins

Miscellaneous: At approximately 7:17 p.m., AST conducted a village visit to Stebbins.

12/8/2020

Nome

Civil Issue: At approximately 8:19 a.m., AST in Nome received a report of a civil issue. Troopers advised the complainant of their options.

Nome

Assist Public: At approximately 3:05 p.m., AST in Nome received a request for public assistance regarding a vehicle parked on private property. Troopers responded.

Krier, Inc. dba Polar Liquor Store located at 224 Front Street, Nome is applying for transfer of a Package Store AS 04.11.150 liquor license to Carr-Gottstein Foods Co., dba Hanson Trading Co. located at 415 Bering Street, Nome. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant, and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage AK 99501 or alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov.

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Nome

Disturbance: At approximately 4:55 p.m., AST in the Nome Census Area received a report of an assault in a local village. The investigation is currently ongoing.

Little Diomed

Suspicious Circumstances: At approximately 5:10 p.m., AST servicing Little Diomed received a report of a helicopter crash. Troopers confirmed no helicopters had crashed in Little Diomed.

Norton Sound Region

Assist Agency: At approximately 5:33 p.m., AST in the Norton Sound Region received a report from VPOs regarding a sexual assault. Investigation ongoing.

Nome

Assist Agency: At approximately 8:20 p.m., AST in Nome received a report from Nome Police Department regarding an animal call.

Diomed

Suspicious Circumstances: At approximately 10:02 p.m., AST in Diomed received a report of suspicious circumstances. Troopers responded.

12/9/2020

Elim

Miscellaneous: At approximately 8:57 a.m., AST in Nome conducted a village visit in Elim.

Nome

Assisted Public: At approximately 2:21 p.m., AST in Nome assisted an individual with completing their fingerprints.

Nome

Animal Call: At approximately 3:21 p.m., AST in Nome received a request for information on an animal call. Troopers responded.

Golovin

Miscellaneous: At approximately 3:23 p.m., AST in Nome conducted a village visit to Golovin.

Saint Michael

Welfare Check: At approximately 9:20 p.m., AST in Saint Michael received a request to conduct a welfare check on an individual.

12/10/2020

Unalakleet

Assault – DV: At approximately 5:23 a.m., AST in Unalakleet received a report of an ongoing DV Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

Shishmaref

Miscellaneous: At approximately 08:13 a.m., AST conducted an overnight visit to the village of Shishmaref.

Shishmaref

Assist Public: At approximately 08:21 a.m., AST in Nome were contacted by an individual in the village of Shishmaref. Troopers responded.

Norton Sound Region

Sex Offense: At approximately 10:36 a.m., AST in the Norton Sound Region received a report of a sex offense. Investigation is ongoing.

Brevig Mission

Assault – DV: At approximately 11:30 a.m., AST in Nome responded to a DV Assault in Brevig Mission. Edward Barr, 36, of Brevig Mission, was charged with crimes of DV Assault IV and Interfering with a Report of a Crime involving Domestic Violence.

Brevig Mission

Assault: At approximately 11:35 a.m., AST in Nome received a report of assault from a local village. Investigation ongoing.

•Fish Factor

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have to maintain the same level of inventory across one or two facilities,” Kallenberg said.

Reducing the carbon footprint from shipping is a primary goal of what Kallenberg calls his “mission based company.”

“Our goal is to expand our warehouse network to the point where we can achieve one-day ground transportation to 99 percent of the country,” Kallenberg said, adding that Alaskan Wild plans to open a fulfillment center in every major metropolitan U.S. area.

“Our mission is to accelerate humanity’s transition to sustainable food systems,” he said. “And I believe that Alaska can set an example globally. In order to do that, Wild Alaskan has to become a big business so that we can shift the consumption habits away from these unsustainable options into America’s own backyard. The carbon footprint

implications of fish going round trip to another country and back, or farmed salmon coming in from another country are ridiculous,” he said.

Kallenberg believes the U.S. has “unknowingly downgraded its seafood supply” by importing up to 90 percent of its seafood, and exporting most of its own to other countries. “We export the best and import the worst,” he said. Wild Alaskan Company intends to change that pattern.

Young fishermen get federal nod

U.S. fishermen will soon be eligible to receive training and financial benefits long enjoyed by farmers and ranchers. The Young Fishermen’s Development Act sailed through Congress last week with a simple voice vote because of bipartisan support, according to Congressman Don Young’s office. Modeled after the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program that can be

traced back to 1862, the Act creates the first federal program dedicated to enabling future generations of fishermen. This bill directs the National Sea Grant office under NOAA to establish a program through the Commerce Dept. that provides for a competitive grants program for state, tribal, local, or regional networks or partnerships; a mentorship/apprenticeship program with older fishermen; financial support for training and education in sustainable fishing practices, marine stewardship, business and technical initiatives.

“We are thrilled,” said Linda Behnken, executive director of the Sitka-based Alaska Longline Fishermen’s Association, in response to the bill’s passage. ALFA was part of a national Fishing Communities Coalition which helped herd the Act through Congress over two years.

“Alaska’s Congressional delegation played the lead role in advancing this legislation, building bi-partisan support for an important

industry and Alaska’s number one private sector employer,” Behnken added. “We are celebrating a brighter future for our industry and our young fishermen. Huge thanks to Senator Sullivan, Senator Murkowski, Congressman Young and their hard working staff!”

The \$2 million program will be paid out over six years and is funded by fishing fines - so in a way, fishermen are picking up the tab themselves. By comparison, mandatory federal backing for ranchers and farmers (including aquaculture) is \$15 million for this fiscal year, \$17.5 million for FY21 and \$25 million for FY23.

Southeast does Dungeness!

Panhandle crabbers pulled up their second best Dungeness catch ever in combined summer and fall fisheries. A fleet of 104 crabbers pulled up 790,000 pounds during the two month fishery that ended on Nov. 30, down slightly from catches that typically are closer to one mil-

lion pounds. Also down was the number of participants which usually approach 200, likely due to a low price. Selling the crab at the dock helped boost the price from \$1.68 a pound paid during the summer fishery, said Adam Messmer, a shellfish manager with the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game at Douglas. “There was definitely a few more boats selling off the dock which bumps the average price up a little bit. For the fall, we had \$1.91 so it was up a bit from the summer,” he said. The average price for the 2019 season was \$3.07 per pound for Dungeness, which weigh two pounds on average. Still, combined with the summer Dungeness fishery it adds up to a near record catch for 2020.

“With the fall season, we’re at almost 6.7 million pounds which is the second highest on record,” Messmer said. Southeast’s highest Dungeness catch was 7.3 million pounds in 2002. The most valuable harvest was in 2019 at \$16.3 million to fishermen on a 5.3 million pound harvest.

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