



WINTER CRABBING — Crabbers return from the sea ice via the frozen harbor to Nome. See crab harvest update on page 6.

Photo by Diana Haecker

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## City of Nome to take and save White Alice antennas

By Sandra L. Medearis

For those looking for a landmark on the way home by sea, tundra and air, and the comfort of things the "way they used to be," White Alice towers at Anvil Mountain will likely stay in the picture.

The Nome Common Council voted 4-1 to save the antennas Monday evening from looming destruction by authorizing a land swap with Sitnasuak Native Corp. to assume ownership of the 12-acre site.

The city will trade two lots on West Warren Place in exchange. Sitnasuak does not own the tower site yet; an agreement would exist pend-

ing transfer to Sitnasuak by the U.S. Air Force. The agreement follows years of attempts to stabilize ownership of the landmark. "That they are the last ones standing, it breaks my heart we would take them down," Sue Steinacher said during public comment period. "Sitnasuak would take them down," a councilmember offered as correction.

SNC wanted the U.S. Air Force to demolish the towers before they took ownership, or have the city take them over, ensuring SNC would not get stuck demolition, maintenance costs or liability.

The U.S. Airforce constructed the site in 1956 and 1957 as one of the original 31 White Alice communication sites and operated it between 1957 and 1979. The site entered surplus status in 1981.

Before White Alice came to stand on Anvil Mountain, a resident of Nome wanting to make a long distance call had to make a reservation to use one of two circuits out of town. White Alice boosted that number to a whopping 15 circuits and expanded the opportunity for chitchat.

According to the ordinance authorizing the purchase, the City of Nome would lease back the city lots

at Warren Place and West C Street for five years for continued use by the public works department as a lay-down area. The city property on Warren Place has been assessed at \$93,000; an appraisal of the White Alice site contracted by Sitnasuak came to \$73,000. The city would not pay rent to Sitnasuak, but would be responsible for paying all property taxes on the two lots.

A clean-up operation in 2010-2011 removed panels containing asbestos from the towers and shipped out millions of pounds of soil contaminated by PCBs and diesel organics to Oregon for disposal. According to a finding by the state Dept. of Environmental Conservation in May 2014, remaining soil contamination is below approved cleanup levels. ADEC has declared no further remediation required as long as owners and users maintain compliance with conditions, including approval from ADEC for transporting groundwater or soil off the site and use of contaminated material does not violate state water quality standards.

The White Alice system of stations at intervals of up to 200 miles covered 3,100 miles of routes during the Cold War. The telecommunications system was a part of Alaska's defense industry valued at \$300 million annually in the late 1950s and early 1960s, according to documents published by telecommunications industry.

The White Alice network, conceived by Bell Telephone Laboratories engineers in 1954, answered the need for a modern communications system to serve civilian and military needs to get messages through static and all weather conditions. The military relied on White Alice connections as an early warning system in event of Soviet attack. BTL engineers recommended a new technology that used a "feed horn" in front of the antenna to spray a radio signal containing many telephone conversations and telegraph messages against the curved surface of the antenna which then beamed it toward the horizon. A very small frac-

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Photo by Maisie Thomas

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PARADE— A group of children walked down Front Street in a parade in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month on Friday. Walkers carried streamers and pinwheels and wore blue, the color of child abuse prevention, to support the cause.

## Nome recognizes Child Abuse Prevention Month

By Maisie Thomas

Nome Eskimo Community held a tomcod derby, Kawerak held an art contest, Norton Sound Health Corporation held an open house. While none of these events would appear

to be connected, they all supported a common goal. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, marking 30 days dedicated to helping address what is often a taboo subject. Since abuse can be a cyclical process — victims of abuse are more likely to become abusers themselves — it is an important issue for future as well as current generations, and an important cycle to break.

Colleen Deighton works at the Kawerak Child Advocacy Center and helped to coordinate this month's activities in Nome. Deighton pointed out that, though April used to be called Child Abuse Awareness Month, it is now about prevention. "Because let's be honest, we all know it happens," she said. The 30 days are dedicated to stop-

ping maltreatment before it happens, or at least before it goes too far.

Deighton said the goal of the month is to provide safe, family friendly activities to help parents have positive interactions with their children. "I would like to see families do things with each other," Deighton said. The activities are easy, inexpensive, don't need planning and are available all year long.

Alaska has one of the highest rates of child abuse per capita in the nation, according to the Alaska Children's Trust. In addition, a report by the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Social Services showed that Alaska consistently has one of the highest rates of repeat child maltreatment in the

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## Jury finds Nome woman committed fraud, awards damages

By Diana Haecker

Last week, Trudy Sobocienski, the former CEO of the Holy Cross Native Corporation Deloycheet, Inc., defended herself in a civil trial in Anchorage, as Deloycheet has accused her of fraud, conspiracy to commit fraud, breach of fiduciary duties, conversion and unfair trade practices, causing Deloycheet to lose at least \$400,000.

After three days of hearing evidence at the trial, the jury found that Sobocienski did engage in the alleged acts, awarded damages to Deloycheet in the amount of \$32,490 and of punitive damages of \$5,000.

At the center of the case was the allegation that Sobocienski transferred \$400,000 from Deloycheet's operations account as a loan to a Virginia company called Sylvain Analytics Inc. without Deloycheet's board approval and without disclosing her working relationship with the company receiving the money.

According to the complaint, Sobocienski and a co-worker called Corbett "Jim" Beach also caused Holy Cross Oil Inc., a Deloycheet subsidiary, to make four wire transfers totaling \$100,000 without documentation in place that Holy Cross Oil would own 20 percent in Sylvain Analytics, as presented to the Holy Cross Oil board. That investment was changed into a 'loan' without proper loan documentation.

Eventually, the \$100,000 were paid back.

A court action against Beach was stayed when he declared bankruptcy

last year.

The jury also found that while employed at Deloycheet, Sobocienski began working as a management consultant for Sylvain Analytics.

While still on the Deloycheet payroll, Sobocienski and Beach created a consulting company called Alaska Native Enterprise Developers LLC and sent a proposal for ANED to work for Sylvain Analytics, according to court documents.

In addition, both plotted to leave Deloycheet but first put in place a severance agreement.

"Around the end of January or early February, and knowing that they planned to leave Deloycheet, Sobocienski and Beach fraudulently caused Deloycheet to amend their employment agreements to independent contractor agreements which included severance not just when the company terminates their employment, but when they voluntarily chose to no longer work for Deloycheet," reads the complaint.

According to the complaint, after submitting their resignation notices to Deloycheet on May 15, 2012, effective May 25, Sobocienski and Beach caused Deloycheet to wire \$400,000 without board approval or the board's knowledge to Sylvain Analytics on May 21, 2012.

After leaving Deloycheet, both Beach and Sobocienski demanded but did not receive their severance pay, worth \$125,000.

Sylvain Analytics has not returned the \$400,000 despite repeated

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Letters

Dear Editor:  
Well, we survived another Iditarod and another great Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Tournament. It is sure nice to see all the folks from the surrounding villages. We sure have put out some good basketball players from the region. It is a pleasure to watch the teams play so hard and to compete. Nome, Fish River Boys, Golovin, Savoonga, and how about those women from Brevig Mission. What an exciting time it was. Thanks to the folks that put so much volunteer time to make this event happen. Kimberley (O'Connor) Gooden and the crew do a fantastic job. Was good to see my neighbor Christian Leckband playing in his first and hopefully not his last Iditarod. I can hardly wait to see what 2017 brings. The days are longer, so everyone get out and enjoy the weather.

Wes Perkins  
Nome, Alaska 99762

Dear Editor:  
Our legislature will be allowing concealed guns on UA campuses soon. Everything that can help Alaska's students to get A's in college needs to be done right now. In our down turned economy jobs are going to get harder and harder to get. Students that get A's will be able to get the last remaining jobs in our state. A student that has a concealed gun is in a much better position to negotiate with the teacher to get the needed A in class than the student that does not have a concealed gun. The legislature understands that if that is what the student needs in order to get an A in class, then so be it. Kudos to our legislature for supporting Alaska's students in getting the A's in college that they need in order to be able to get a job.

John Suter  
Chugiak, AK 99567

Dear Editor:  
April is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. My wife and I have been married for 31 years. Before she met me she was married to an alcoholic who abused her physically.

She found the means to escape from his abuse.

Now, she has written a booklet titled: Saving my Sister. It is basically a "how to" manual on how to escape an abusive marriage.

The message of the booklet is clear: Find the courage to leave.

Thank you,  
Wayne Adams  
Biscoe, North Carolina 27209

Note: October is the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. April is the National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**DETERIORATING ICE**—Snow and the shorefast ice at West Beach are quickly deteriorating as warm temperatures continue to melt winter away.

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

Editorial

When the Going Gets Tough

Just when we think government has reached the peak of absurdity a new twist pops up. How do we calm fears over bathroom access? The Alaska legislature has not gone as far as the North Carolina legislature but it is not beyond their dingbat quota.

Our local, state and federal governments can't seem to face real issues and instead go back to chew on the same old bones, birth control, women's medical issues, denying health insurance, no taxes for the rich, trashing the environment, killing laws that protect the poor and defunding education. Why do politicians spend so much time and energy on mean absurdity, gridlock and negativism? Why do they enact laws that are unenforceable? If it weren't so laughable one would wonder how a law like North Carolina's N.C. HB2 preventing local governments from protecting people on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity when they use the bathroom ever got passed. To use public bathrooms at hotels, restaurants people would have to use a bathroom that matched their birth certificate.

How is this law enforced? Who is going to check? Do we have to carry a pee ID? What are the qualifications for pee inspector? What are the penalties for going at the wrong place?

What is a restaurant is commandeered by the opposite sex to facilitate going under pressure? Gender-neutral restrooms are nothing new. Check some hospitals in Anchorage. They have been in use many years without a kerfuffle. Toilets should not be an on-going issue. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



S.S. Senator in ice pack in Bering Sea, June 15<sup>th</sup> 1908.

Photo courtesy of Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

**BREAKUP IN THE OLD DAYS**— Photographer F. H. Nowell captured a photo of the ship S.S. Senator stuck in the ice in Nome's roadstead on June 15, 1908. If the warm weather in 2016 continues its pace, the shorefast ice in Nome will be gone soon, well before mid-June as in the old days.

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	04/20/16 7:33 a.m.	Low Temp	4.6°F	04/06/16	
Sunset	04/14/16 10:15 p.m.	Peak Wind	31 mph	04/10/16	
	04/20/16 10:33 p.m.	2016 - Total Precip. (through 04/12)	01.83"		
		Normal Total to Date, 2016	02.77"		
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# House passes bill to address rural clean water

Rural Alaska's widespread lack of modern and robust water and sewer infrastructure stands to get a thorough review following the Alaska House's passage of a bill by Rep. Neal Foster (D-Nome) to create an advisory committee to study the best ways to improve conditions.

House Bill 209, which passed unanimously last Friday, creates the Alaska Water & Sewer Advisory Committee to examine innovative ways to meet rural needs better, faster and cheaper. The ten member committee would be housed under the Legislature and deliver a report with its findings and recommendations for proposed legislation by Dec. 1, 2017.

"We've been trying to address

rural safe water and sewer for decades and we're not making the strides necessary to tackle the problem. Inadequate infrastructure is one of the leading causes of disease and infection in rural Alaska - our needs outstrip our funds. That's where this Committee comes in," said Foster in a press release. "The goal is, in an official capacity, to educate everyone on the issues faced in rural Alaska and present a formalized, unified voice to go after greater federal funding, or innovation that comes from our collaborative process."

The committee will be made up of 10 members, as follows: one member from each the House and Senate appointed by the Legislature's Bush Caucus; one member from each

house appointed by its presiding officer; one public member civil engineer; a Bush Caucus appointee each from a relevant federal agency and a state agency; a Bush Caucus appointee from a large nonprofit tribal health corporation with expertise and seniority; and, two rural public members chosen by the Bush Caucus.

The committee is tasked with a long list of duties in making up its report, which includes identifying the scope of the problem, estimating the number of homes without safe water and sewer, existing programs and funds, technologies, examining prior state and federal efforts, and holding public meetings.

"This is a large endeavor, to be sure," said Foster. "It's worth it. Our

lives and health are worth it. We're the policy making body and it's time to take the lead in reaching out to rural Alaska, to our federal and Arctic partners to see how best we can meet this need, especially under our current revenue climate."

The current budget carries \$51.5 million in funding for village water and sewer projects, which is estimated only to cover eight percent of the need. Of the funds, nearly 40 per-

cent cover maintenance to existing systems. "There are thousands of homes in our state without piped sewer and water systems, and the costs keep growing," said Foster. "The approach we're taking now isn't meeting the need, so let's try something new and bring a greater focus and intent, with the weight of the legislature, behind it."

HB209 moved to the Alaska Senate.

## Senate proposed capital budget

By Diana Haecker

In the last week of the 29th Alaska Legislature, the Senate has released its proposed budget. The Legislature is under the 24-hour rule, meaning that public notice for committee hearings is reduced to 24 hours. This occurs when the Senate and House form a conference committee to reconcile the differences in budgets that passed the Senate and the House. Legislators caution that things can change by day.

The Senate version of the proposed capital budget includes the fol-

lowing items of interest for Nome and the region.

The budget includes \$1.6 million for Arctic Deep Draft Port design for the Port of Nome.

It does not include the governor-supported \$7.2 million for a new school in Kivalina.

It includes funds for the Legislature offices in Anchorage to the tune of \$32.5 million. For Nome it also includes under the Dept. of Environmental Conservation a \$3,090,000 sclairecore replacement project to update water and sewer lines in East

Nome; Anvil Mountain Correctional Center emergency water line repairs for 1.08 million; Nome Seppala Drive Rehabilitation for \$3 million; Moonlight Springs transmission line upgrade/ replacement for \$3,090,000 and a \$52,700 balance of a \$500,000 Seward Peninsula/Port Clarence project development.

The Senate's proposed budget must be approved by the full Senate, and will likely undergo further changes in the House.

## Senate votes to keep arms on University of Alaska campuses

Last week, by a vote of 13-5, the Alaska State Senate passed a bill allow Alaskans to keep and bear arms on a public university campus.

SB 174, sponsored by Sen. Pete Kelly (R-Fairbanks), aimed to resolve a conflict between the University of Alaska Board of Regent's weapons ban and the Alaska Constitution.

"The increasing number of killings on college campuses and other areas that have been specifically designated gun free zones make it clear we have turned these place into targets for mass murderers," said

Sen. Kelly. "Alaskans have the right to defend themselves."

Since 1995, the Board of Regents' policy has prohibited the carrying of firearms in buildings owned or controlled by the university, on developed adjacent university land, or at university-sponsored events under threat of disciplinary action.

Kelly found that the policy conflicts with the Constitution of the State of Alaska which guarantees the individual right to keep and bear arms, a right that cannot be infringed upon by the state or a political subdivision of the state.

Under state law, there is currently no prohibition for law-abiding citizens to exercise their individual right to bear arms at University of Alaska campuses.

"We cannot let the arrogance of academia become a substitute for our hard earned freedoms," said Sen. Kelly in a press release. "Our constitutional rights are inherent. The University doesn't give them to us and neither can they take them away."

SB 174 moved to the Alaska State House of Representatives for consideration.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, April 14

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*After School Activities: Football	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*NCC Parent and Child Play Group	Boys and Girls Club	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Lunch Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Weekly Women's Circle	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering and Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Yoga with Peter: Session 1	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Nome Swimming Pool	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 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.
*Yoga with Peter: Session 2	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 15

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*After School Activities: Ball Games	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Dance Fitness Class	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Adult drop-in Soccer (ages 15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Saturday, April 16

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Child Awareness Mo.: Family Crafts	Airport Pizza	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Yoga with Peter	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Sunday, April 17

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Panel on Trauma and Healing	Northwest Campus	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

### Monday, April 18

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:00 p.m.
*After School Activities: Basketball	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Pilates Class	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 19

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Pre-school Story Hour	Kegoayah Kozga Library	10:30 a.m.
*Lunch Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*After School Activities: Handball	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Sepala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Yoga with Peter	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome School Board: Special Session	Nome Elementary Lib.	5:30 p.m.
*Nome Joint Utilities: Reg. Meeting	City Hall	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 20

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:00 p.m.
*After School Activities: Floor Hockey	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Saturday & Sunday Matinee

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1:30 p.m.

**Allegiant**  
4:00 p.m.



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Photo by Diana Haecker

**WHITE ALICE**— The City of Nome voted to acquire the White Alice site in last Monday's Common Council meeting.

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tion of the signal would survive and then bounce down off a layer of atmosphere surrounding the earth called the troposphere. An antenna at the next White Alice station would pick up the signal, amplify it, and bounce it on its way to the person waiting at the end of the circuit. The towers "do have a value to the community, and tourism value," Mayor Richard Beneville observed. "The price is small for the benefit in the long run."

Councilman Tom Sparks abstained from voting on the White Alice question as a requirement of his employment with federal Bureau of Land Management which has been involved in the past concerning the land transfer.

### Port money

Among other victorious forward developments, the city learned Monday that a request for \$3.2 million for design of the deep-draft Port of Nome expansion had been partially satisfied with \$1.6 million in Gov. Bill Walker's capital budget proposal. Additionally, work will begin finally to repair the Cape Nome Jetty following damage from a storm in 2011. Also, the council approved the city's participation in a multi-agency task force to address serious housing issues in Nome.

In other business April 11, the council authorized City Manager Tom Moran to amend an existing agreement with PND Engineers for additional services for the Cape Nome Jetty repair adding the amount of \$104,595.

City of Nome has been working with federal and state agencies—state Homeland Security Div. of Emergency Services and FEMA to nail down a correct scope of work and funding to repair damage to the jetty from a storm in 2011. The jetty

is part of Nome's port facilities as an alternate site for moving cargo and equipment and exporting gravel and stone products. PND Engineers has been involved in the negotiations with the agencies. Because of delays in resolving the city's award appeal, PND has had to perform more work than proposed, requiring a budget modification to prepare design and specifications documents and provide quality control during construction. All necessary funding will come from grant dollars, according to Moran.

### Housing to front burner?

Nome is currently experiencing a deficiency in number and quality of affordable housing units along with an upsurge in price of available units. Pursuant to a resolution passed by Nome Planning Commission, the council passed a resolution April 11 authorizing Moran to sanction participation in a multi-agency task force addressing these issues within city limits. The planning commission resolution called for an effort including but not limited to City of Nome, Norton Sound Health Corp., Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority, Kawerak, Sitnasuak, Nome Eskimo Community and Nome Emergency Shelter Team (NEST).

### No rooms at the inn

Doug and Judy Martinson, owners of the Sluice Box hotel, came to the council for help with a shutdown of the facility since January stemming from a visit by the state Fire Marshal late last year. The Martinsons claim the violation resulted from an error in paperwork by the City of Nome in 2003, which led them to believe they had satisfied requirements. All reservations to date have been cancelled, Judy Martinson told the council.

They had been given two choices by the state: Keep the building shut down, cancel 600 bed nights of reservations, and finish the full hotel renovations, or, do a fast summer fix.

The temporary fix would require they move a building, build an exit stairway, install sprinklers on the top floor and use the facility as a temporary B&B (removing it from the fire marshal's jurisdiction) until Oct. 1 when they would shut it down and finish the hotel renovations.

The Martinsons had selected the summer fix option except that she feared operation as a B&B would jeopardize the property's status as being grandfathered in as a hotel operating in a residential area.

They needed "assurances that the actions we must take to get through this violation process will not jeopardize our grandfathered status," Judy Martinson told the council.

They also hoped the city would come forth with the use and remodel permits allowing the work ASAP to allow the facility to open by the June 1 birding season and summer guests.

Moran assured the pair they would not lose their grandfather status, and that the city would hustle with the permits.

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demands, according to Deloycheet's lawyers.

The court action was filed in July 2014. Deloycheet, represented by lawyers with Dorsey & Whitney LLP, while Sobocienski represented herself in the civil proceedings in Judge Eric Aarseth's court room last week.

According to Alaska CourtView, Sobocienski filed for bankruptcy with the court on April 7. In response to the filing, the court stayed any further action in the case.

Although Sobocienski defrauded Deloycheet Inc., the case has caused ripples extending to Nome. Sobocienski is a current board member of Sitnasuak Native Corporation, and a member of the SNC Finance and Land Committees. Sobocienski's employment with Deloycheet was at the center of an investigation by the Alaska Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Banking and Securities. The division found that SNC violated provisions of the Alaska Securities Act when it did not disclose in the 2014 board of director proxy solicitation that Trudy Sobocienski had been the CEO of Deloycheet, Inc. from 2010 until 2012. According to documents from the state, Sobocienski did disclose her employment with Deloycheet, but SNC failed to include the information on the proxies when Sobocienski ran for the board.

Deloycheet filed their civil lawsuit in July 2013.

In 2014 Sobocienski was elected to the SNC board of directors by discretionary proxy votes, a practice that has become controversial. According to an open letter published in September 2014 in the Nome Nugget, 14 SNC shareholders alleged that Sobocienski gained the board seat when another board member used a large number of discretionary proxies to secure her election over several other contenders. Marie Tozier, a SNC shareholder who was one of the 14 who had signed the letter, said that in retribution, the SNC board did not allow her to run for a board of director's seat the following year. According to an email exchange with SNC, Tozier asked for the reason of her exclusion. A shareholder relations coordinator an-

swered, "The choice to not place you on the Sitnasuak 2015 board solicited proxy is not information that corporation [sic] needs to disclose."

In light of the recent verdict, Tozier calls for Sobocienski's resignation. "I think she should resign and the board needs to seriously look at discretionary proxies," Tozier said.

A Government Accountability Office report from 2013 on Alaska Native Regional Corporations explains that nine out of the 13 ANCSA regional corporations use discretionary proxies, but all use cumulative voting for their elections of directors. Discretionary proxy votes means that shareholders may grant the board or other specified proxy holders discretion to cast their votes as the proxy holders see fit.

In 2015, SNC again failed to include Sobocienski's former employment at Deloycheet on the 2015 Notice of Annual meeting and statement, which included information about current board members.

The state issued an order in January and stipulated that SNC is to cease and desist from omitting mandatory disclosures in its proxy solicitations and to comply with all provisions of the Alaska Securities Act.

SNC was also ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.

SNC President Michael Orr, in an email to the *Nome Nugget*, said that Sitnasuak Native Corporation reached a settlement with the State of Alaska Division of Banking & Securities on the matter of the 2014 and 2015 proxy statements. "We have improved our process in 2016 and will make all required disclosures to our shareholders," he wrote.

Seeking comment from Trudy Sobocienski, she asked to delay all statements to a later date in time and then deferred to her attorney as she at press time was in a hospital.

Michael Orr said in an email exchange with the *Nugget* that SNC was not involved in the ongoing litigation and stated "We will continue to monitor the situation as it continues to develop."

Asked about the consequences the recent verdict may or may not have on SNC, Orr responded, "There are

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**MAKING A POINT** — Participants in last Friday's Child Abuse Prevention Month parade ended their march at Anvil City Square, where they planted blue pinwheels into the snow, a symbol of child abuse prevention.



Photo by Maisie Thomas

**WALKING FOR ABUSE PREVENTION** — Nome children participated in last Friday's parade.

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country. Repeat maltreatment is defined as a situation when there have been multiple instances, and in some cases reports, of abuse or neglect, but the child is either left in the perpetrator's custody or returned to it.

The State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Office of Children's Services (OCS) is the agency responsible for keeping Alaskan children safe. When a teacher, relative or friend suspects that a child is being abused, he or she can file a Protective Service Report, or PSR, to report maltreatment to OCS. OCS is required by law to investigate the reports. If OCS determines that the report is unfounded and the family is not in need of services, the case ends there.

Alternatively, the office may open a case and offer the family services designed to address the safety issues in the home. Last month, OCS received 1,420 PSRs statewide, and screened in 752 cases, according to the State of Alaska website. The Northern region, which includes Nome, accounted for 252 of the PSRs OCS received.

Christy Lawton, director of OCS, said that over the past five years the agency has made changes to their policy around their review of reports in an attempt to decrease the rate of

repeat maltreatment. Lawton said the number of PSRs OCS receives has not changed too drastically over the past five years, but what OCS does with the reports has.

Statewide, OCS screens and investigates about 55 percent of all cases, and takes custody on around 10 percent of those. The number of PSRs OCS screened in for the Northern region, has increased from 789 in 2011 to 1,220 in 2015. Along with the policy changes, OCS is also making an effort to intervene earlier, especially in cases involving young children and infants.

Maltreatment can manifest itself in several different ways, including mental, physical and sexual abuse and neglect. To prevent physical and mental abuse, Deighton said it is important to help parents realize that when their children act out, it is because they are trying to cope with their environment, not because they want to behave badly.

More often than not, victims suffered from more than one type of maltreatment, Lawton said. The person who reported the victim, most often a teacher, health worker or a law enforcement officer, usually only knows part of the story. Lawton said that a teacher may file a PSR because a student has missed several days of school, which qualifies as neglect. When OCS investigates the home and victim, they may find that the

victim is being physically, mentally or sexually abused as well as neglected.

According to OCS statistics, child neglect is the largest problem in the Northern region, which encompasses 90 communities in the northern half of the State. Allegations of neglect accounted for half of the PSRs OCS received last year in this region.

Lawton said neglect is so prominent because it is a "wide, all encompassing category." Whenever substance abuse is involved, the child is considered a neglect victim. Neglect can also manifest itself in many different ways. Unlike abuse, when the maltreatment is intentional, neglect can occur for a variety of reasons.

Lawton said parents who suffer from depression may simply lack the energy to care for their children. Children in one-parent households are also more likely to be victims of child maltreatment. Lawton said that, given Alaska's high domestic violence rates, there are a lot of people, especially women, raising children on their own. Lawton estimates that substance abuse is present in about 75 percent of OCS cases.

According to Deighton, neglect can be as harmful to a child as physical, sexual or mental abuse, because it is not an isolated incident. "It's not just that mom got mad, it's day after day that these kids go with-

out food, without clothes," Lawton said. By the time the neglect becomes extreme enough that someone notices, the victim is most likely scarred for life.

The reason the Northern region has such a high rate of neglect, Deighton believes, goes back to Alaska's boarding school era. Neglect is defined as the failure of a caregiver to provide food, care shelter, medical attention or education to a minor in his or her care. An entire generation of Alaska Natives didn't understand what it meant to have a parent, and therefore did not know how to be a parent. Though babies being born today are the grandchildren or great-grandchildren of children who were taken away from their villages to be sent to school, the problem is passed down. This explains why victims are overwhelmingly Alaska Native or Native American. In 2015, only 73 of the nearly 2,000 subjects of PSRs were not identified as Native.

Lawton agreed that historical trauma is responsible for Alaska's high child maltreatment rate. The ramifications of the trauma that occurred when Western culture was

forced upon Alaska Natives and they were "sent out by the truckload (to boarding schools)" is passed down through the generations. The sense of loss of culture and traditional values continues, as does a distrust of the government.

Neglect is often harder to detect than abuse, because children most likely will not display physical symptoms until after it becomes a chronic issue. Deighton said the old adage "it takes a village to raise a child" is the first step in the right direction. Deighton said it is important to understand that not every parent will know what to do. Every resident in a community needs to be aware of the children, and has a responsibility to make sure that they are being cared for. If they suspect the child is not getting proper treatment, people need to be willing to talk to the parent, the child and sometimes an authority figure.

Lawton said the way forward for Alaska is for OCS to better coordinate with the Alaska Native tribes and organizations. "We have made a lot of progress, but still have a long way to go," she said.

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eleven members of the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Board of Directors, which will continue to perform its duties as the governing body of the

Corporation. The Board, through its Chairman, oversees a team of professional executives responsible for the day to day management of the Corporation. Furthermore, the Corporation maintains extensive internal

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RED KING CRAB HARVEST— Crabbers return from checking their crab pots set under the Norton Sound sea ice, on Friday, April 8.

Photo by Diana Haecker

## Crabbers harvested more than half of CDQ Norton Sound Red King crab allocation

### By ADF&G area managers

The 2016 red king crab commercial Community Development Quota (CDQ) allocation for Norton Sound is 38,790 pounds. Including the deliveries made through April 10, 21,813 pounds, or 56 percent of the CDQ red king crab allocation has been harvested by 24 registered permit holders.

Roughly 17,000 pounds of the allocation remain. The winter CDQ commercial fishery will continue until the winter season closes by regulation on April 30, or earlier if deteriorating ice conditions suggest there is a strong likelihood of large pot losses.

Additionally, the CDQ buyer can manage their quota as they see fit and

can therefore suspend buying operations for any reason at any time.

Commercial fishing for CDQ crab is open to all residents 18 years or older of NSEDC's 15 member communities who qualify to obtain a CDQ gear permit card and who sign the 2016 NSEDC Norton Sound Red King Crab Fisherman's Agreement and NSEDC Residency Verification

forms.

Interested fishermen should contact NSEDC at 443-2477 if they have questions about the process of becoming eligible to fish for CDQ red king crab. Crabbers interested in participating in the CDQ fishery need to register their CDQ cards with the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. Village residents can call the Fish &

Game office to register. Permit holders must have their permit card in possession and be present any time pot gear is being operated, and can only be assisted by licensed crew members. Crewmembers cannot deploy or operate gear on their own. For further information please contact the Nome office at 907-443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271.

## Severed cable caused statewide GCI service outage

### By Maisie Thomas

Around noon last Thursday, a utility contractor severed a fiber-optic cable in mid-town Anchorage. The cable provided Internet, wireless and TV services for customers with GCI, the state's largest network provider. According to GCI Vice President David Morris, the outage affected every community that the network serves — including Nome — and lasted about 25 hours.

Morris said the extent of the outage was difficult to quantify, because service interruptions depended on a number of factors, including the type of technology providing the service, how it was routed and where it originated.

For instance, all TV channels that came from Anchorage were out. For this reason, Morris said, it will take time to determine how many customers were affected.

GCI updated its Facebook page regularly to update customers who still had an Internet connection, on the status of the outage. A 12-person crew worked through the night to splice the cable back together. Morris estimated that there were about 588 strands of cable that needed to be repaired. "Multiply (588) by two because they need to splice both ends of the repair cable," he added.

Since the workers had to fix the individual fibers, each the width of a human hair, different

locations regained connection at different times. The goal was 100 percent completion by noon on Friday, and as of 12:30 p.m. that day all communities had service.

This is the second time within the past month that a severed cable has affected service in Alaska. Two weeks ago, a construction worker in Kansas accidentally broke a fiber-optic cable and disrupted students' connection to the state's annual standardized test, the Alaska Measures of Progress. After multiple outages, the Department of Education and Early Development decided to cancel the test altogether.

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**ALL SMILES—** Savoonga Health Aides pose at the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation 2016 Raven's Ball. Pictured left to right are Dorothy Kava, Preston Rookok, Mary Ann Seppilu, Rosemary Akeya, Miss Alaska Rosemary Berg, Chantal Miklahook, Brianne Gologergen, Danielle Reynolds and guest Sophie Cleveland.

*Photo by Shanna Kava*  
**HARD WORKERS—** Savoonga Health Aides earned the 2016 Distinguished Provider Luminary Award. Pictured from left to right are Rosemary Akeya, Jordan Annogiyuk, Brianne Gologergen, Mary Ann Seppilu and Dorothy Kava.

## Savoonga Health Aides receive Distinguished Providers award

**By Reba Lean,**  
 NSHC Public Relations Specialist

It was a night of glamour and luxury, compared to their oftentimes less-than-pretty daily workload. The Savoonga Health Aides were recognized on Saturday, April 2, at the annual Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation Raven's Ball. The health aides were named the recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Providers Luminary Award.

The recognition is well deserved in a field that is not often acknowledged. The burnout rate is high for community health aides because it requires extreme hours, difficult decisions and overcoming big obstacles.

"They're the backbone of rural health care," said Tom Vaden, NSHC health aide trainer. "A lot of people

don't understand how many people are just alive because the health aides are out where they are."

In Savoonga, several of the health aides have demonstrated the ambition and motivation to achieve the highest certification levels possible: Community Health Aide-Practitioner status. All but one health aide working in the St. Lawrence Island village achieved level III certification or

higher at the time they were notified of the recognition, which was back in December, 2015.

"We've worked tremendously hard, and this award notification was a big surprise and a big boost of positivity and confidence," said Brianne Gologergen, Community Health Aide-Practitioner.

Four current health aides and two recent retirees were among those

who traveled to Anchorage to receive the recognition. Those who received the award are Brianne Gologergen, Chantal Miklahook, Danielle Reynolds, Dorothy Kava, Jordan Annogiyuk, Mary Ann Seppilu and Rosemary Akeya. They were accompanied at the ball by NSHC Board Chairwoman Emily Hughes and Board Representative Preston Rookok of Savoonga.



*Photo by Kyle Bailey*  
**GRAND OPENING—** Pharmacy and Subregional Clinic staff smile before the Annikkan Inuit Iluuqtaat Subregional Pharmacy grand opening in Unalakleet on March 26. Pictured left-to-right is Jennifer Carver, Luther West, Heather Bailey, Kathryn Sawyer, Michael Robertson, Tony Shelton, Kylea Goff, Carol Charles and Phil Hofstetter.



*Photo by Kyle Bailey*  
**NEW SERVICE—** Helen Anawrok picks up a prescription from Kylea Goff, NSHC Pharmacy Assistant Director, at the newly opened Annikkan Inuit Iluuqtaat Subregional Pharmacy in Unalakleet.

## Pharmacy in Unalakleet opens doors

Norton Sound Health Corporation held a grand opening of the Annikkan Inuit Iluuqtaat subregional pharmacy on Saturday, March 26.

Residents and clinic staff of Unalakleet welcomed pharmacists from Nome, who flew in for the occasion to host a public celebration.

The opening marks over a year's worth of planning coming to fruition.

The Norton Sound subregional clinic in Unalakleet had underutilized pharmacy space that, if used, could potentially remove up to 35 percent of the prescription and call volume from the NSHC Nome pharmacy to Unalakleet.

Pharmacy leaders in Nome determined that by developing a subregional pharmacy, NSHC could provide a valuable service to Unalakleet patients by having pharmacists readily accessible and by improving delivery times to the subregional villages during poor weather days in Nome. The new pharmacy could also decrease the workload of the Nome pharmacy, allowing pharmacists to improve services for Acute Care, Quyanna Care Center and other departments.

The opening also presents the opportunity to provide better accessibility for pharmacist consultations to health aides and other providers within the subregion.

The subregional pharmacy opened for business on Monday, March 28 and filled 19 prescriptions within the first day. NSHC is currently staffing a full-time pharmacist at the new pharmacy on a rotational basis.

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Photos by Julie Johnson  
**CANADIAN MUSER—** Damon Tedford of Vancouver, Canada finished the race in 8th place.



**NORWEGIAN MUSER—** Joar Ulson of Norway, living in Willow, finished the Kobuk 440 with seven dogs in seventh place just after seven in the morning.

## Nick Petit wins Kobuk 440

By Maisie Thomas

Fifteen mushers and their teams began the 2016 Kobuk 440 on April 7. The 440 mile race allows mushers one last chance to compete, or to nab an Iditarod qualifier. Nine of the mushers were Kobuk 440 rookies, including winner Nicolas Petit of Girdwood.

Several mushers call Kotzebue their home. Former Iditarod champion John Baker, Katherine Keith, Marina McGourty, Dempsey Woods and Paul Hansen all had a home field advantage for the race. Hansen, who won Nome's Nome-Council 200 race a few weeks ago as preparation for the Kobuk 440, was looking to complete another Iditarod qualifier.

Daniel Foster lives in Noorvik.

Mushers start in Kotzebue, run inland to the halfway point of Kobuk and turn back to Kotzebue and the coast. The Kobuk 440 has no mandatory layovers in designated checkpoints, but mushers must take 20 hours of rest throughout the six checkpoints.

Petit took the lead early and held on to it. He was first into every checkpoint. By the time Petit reached Noorvik, the first stop on the trail, he was already 20 minutes in front of the second place competitor. At the third checkpoint, about 170 miles into the race Petit had nearly a ninety-minute advantage, and he maintained a comfortable lead for the

rest of the race.

The weather was warm and the trail was fast. Petit was on the trail for exactly 61 hours, with 41 hours of run time and 20 hours rest time. Carmen Daggett, president of the Kobuk 440 board, said that the trail was hard packed for the majority of the race, but got soft toward the end of the race. "The trail conditions were pretty good this year, and we had pretty decent weather," Daggett said.

The biggest problem the warm weather posed for the mushers is that many of them either neglected to bring rain gear or sent their waterproof clothes back home, "and snow gear isn't very waterproof," Daggett

said. The only marginal weather was some wind on the last day of the race.

Petit pulled into Kotzebue at 1:47 a.m. on Sunday morning, a little less than two hours ahead of Burmeister. Burmeister was in fifth place for most of the race, but started moving up after the halfway point. In the last 65 miles of the race, Burmeister passed Jason Mackey. Mackey took third. Katherine Keith and John Baker rounded out the top five. Paul Hansen finished on Sunday night, followed by red lantern Marina McGourty.

Two mushers were unable to complete the race. Foster scratched in his hometown, Noorvik. Daggett said

that Foster is a relatively new musher, and was interested to see how he and his team would hold up in a long distance race. "He tried to give it a solid go," she said.

Dempsey Woods scratched on the return trip between Kiana and Noorvik.

In addition the winning purse, the Kobuk 440 has Rookie of the Year, Humanitarian and Sportsmanship awards. Rookie of the Year went to Petit, the Humanitarian Award went to Keith and Woods took home the Sportsmanship Award.

## Santa Paul gives prize money to Make-A-Wish kids

By Sandra L. Medearis

Santa's big-time helper for many years, Nome's Santa Paul Kudla, entered a televised Santa contest late last year and came back with a sleigh full of cash.

Sleigh full? Yes, \$100,000 first prize from the TV show "Santa's in The Barn" and on top of that, another \$10,000 to give to the charity of his choice.

Kudla decided that \$10,000 should go to the volunteer foundation Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington.

"Make-A-Wish is a foundation that gives happiness to children with life-threatening diseases by granting their wishes, and Santa makes children happy, so the money should go to Make-A-Wish, I thought," Kudla said last week.

"Santa Paul"—that's his helper handle—has held thousands of kids on his lap and heard their hopes and dreams during the holidays when

most dotting parents grant amnesty on "naughty or nice."

"I see all kinds of kids, all ages," Santa Paul said. "I know some kids have not been good. I don't ask what are you doing here," he laughed.

Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children under age 18, who have a serious illness, but not necessarily a terminal illness, said Stephanie O'Brien, regional manager.

"Satisfying a wish grants hope, strength and joy to the child and their family," O'Brien said.

O'Brien came to Nome to receive the check from Santa Paul's hand. The \$10,000 from Santa Paul Kudla will go specifically for granting wishes for Alaska children with the help of many volunteers.

"We are dependent on volunteers," O'Brien explained.

The foundation identifies children to receive wishes through references from medical professionals, social workers, and the like. Then the foun-

dation assigns two volunteers to each child selected, as well as a coordinator. These volunteers work with the family and work to arrange the granting of the child's wish.

The child will get their wish usually within six months to a year, O'Brien said.

"It depends on the time it takes to put the wish together. One child wished to star in her own music video. That took some time to arrange," O'Brien said.

Alaska needs volunteers. Those who wish to participate can volunteer on line at [www.akwa.wish.org](http://www.akwa.wish.org).

Folks who want to volunteer undergo a background check and online training.

"This is an emotional time for the

family," O'Brien said.

The "Santa in The Barn" series, recently filmed in Ketchikan, brings together 10 Santa performers from across the country to live in a barn while competing against one another in an array of over-the-top Christmas-themed challenges, from chimney climbing and gift wrapping to sleigh riding and gingerbread-house building. Each challenger has been putting on the big red suit and spreading holiday cheer for years, as does Kudla.

Kudla started his holiday career at the oldest Santa school in the country, the Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School, established in 1937 in Midland, Mich.

Since then he has worked in Iowa,

Texas, California and for the past two seasons, Las Vegas, Nev. Kudla has competed in Kurdistan and traveled twice to a Santa tournament in Norway, where he competed in speed gift wrapping, cross-country skiing, wood-cutting, porridge-eating, running an obstacle course and climbing a chimney.

When he is not on his Santa gig, one may often see Kudla on his job as heavy equipment operator or with "Fire," his beloved Afghan Hound, walking along Nome's Front Street. He will be wearing his long white beard, which is his very own.



Photo by Leon Boardway

**THE REAL DEAL—**"Santa Paul" Kudla of Nome hands Stephanie O'Brien a check for \$10,000 for the Make-A-Wish foundation. Kudla won the money in a Santa contest declaring him The Best Santa in America. The donation would go to make selected Alaska kids' dreams come true, according to O'Brien, regional director.

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# Brix Hahn makes Top Forty under 40

By Diana Haecker

At the tender age of 22, Anna Brix Hahn has not only finished college, started a business and rose to be the marketing manager for Alaska Dispatch News, but also last week made it to the illustrious list of being a Top Forty under 40.

The Top Forty are chosen annually by the Alaska Journal of Commerce, recognizing young professional Alaskans and their community involvement.

According to AJC editor Andrew Jensen, Brix Hahn was nominated by four individuals, including Nome Representative Neal Foster. The nomination process starts in September, with all nominations compiled in January for a vote. Jensen said the vote of who makes it into the top forty is based on professional achievement in combination with community service. Her active leadership in the Girl Scouts of Alaska, he said, was a decisive fact in Hahn's making the list. "She is not just active in the Girls Scouts, but she's taking a leadership role in the organization," Jensen said.

Brix Hahn is the daughter of Pat Hahn and Sue Greenly of Nome. Like her sisters Kari and Megan, Brix graduated early – at age 16 – from Mt. Edgecumbe. She attended the University of Oregon and the

University of Alaska Fairbanks and graduated with a degree in journalism and justice and a minor in German. She now works in Anchorage as the marketing manager at Alaska Dispatch News, managing their non-news related websites, a dating website, a car sales website and a travel website.

Hahn began a start-up business last year called "Socialite" that focused on creating campaigns for businesses on social media networks.

The 22-year old was humbled and excited when she learned that she made the Top Forty under 40. "It was an absolute surprise," she said. "I am humbled, I'm one of the younger ones that received the award this year."

The honor, she says, serves as an inspiration to her to keep working hard and improving.

Hahn recognized her father Pat saying that he instilled in her values such as common sense, creativity and the importance of keeping a promise. Pat Hahn in turn told the Nome Nugget that his daughter has a keen sense of knowing what is important and focusing on it.

Brix Hahn lists as her first job selling Nome Nugget newspapers at age 7. Asked about her goals in the future, she said although there are many, she'd like to pursue a com-

bined degree in business and law, to travel and to maybe one day open another side business.

Thinking about Nome and return-

ing to her home town? "Uhhh, yeah!" she said. "I think about Nome all the time, but I love it here at ADN for now." Focusing on the important

thing, as her dad said, she'll wait for the right opportunity to arise before coming home to Nome.



WELL DONE— Brix Hahn poses at the awards dinner last Friday with her parents Sue Greenly and Pat Hahn.



Photos by Joy Berger

AWARD WINNING— Anna Brix Hahn shows off her award at the reception on April 8, 2016, at the Hotel Captain Cook.



AMONG PEERS— Brix Hahn is surrounded by fellow award winners at the awards ceremony on April 8 at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage.

## Seward Peninsula Lutheran Ministries Spring Conference



Photos by Kendra Miller

NOME CHOIR— The choir from Nome sings in front of the congregation in attendance Saturday evening.



SHISHMAREF CHOIR— Members of the Shishmaref choir perform during the Spring Conference.



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# Literary, literacy award nominations due April 30

Nominations are being accepted for 2016 Contributions to Literacy in Alaska Awards. The program is a statewide effort to recognize people and agencies who support literature and literacy in the north.

The awards, presented by Alaska Center for the Book annually since 1993, honor individuals and institutions who have made a significant

contribution to literacy efforts, to the literary arts, or preservation of the written or spoken word in Alaska. Past winners include librarians, teachers, writers, tutors, learning programs, volunteers and others dedicated to making the world a better place through the gift of language. Last year's winners were historian Dee Longenbaugh of Juneau; Bar-

row author Debby Dahl Edwardson; Dr. Edna McLean of Anchorage, author of an Inupiaq-English dictionary; and "Alaska Spirit of Reading," a literacy program based in Sitka.

Awards will be presented in July during the University of Alaska's Northern Renaissance Arts and Sciences reading series, held in conjunction with UAA's MFA program

in Creative Writing.

Alaska Center for the Book is Alaska's affiliate to the Library of Congress Center for the Book. The non-profit, all-volunteer board partners with literary, educational, arts and humanities organizations to host and sponsor events across the state, including Reading Rendezvous,

Alaska Reads, Poems in Place, Letters About Literature and more.

The nominations must be received in writing by April 30. Nomination forms are available on-line at Alaska Center for the Book's web site <http://www.alaskacenterforthebook.org> or by calling 907-786-4379.

## House bill aims to give more control to local schools

On Sunday, the Alaska House of Representatives voted to give Alaska schools more local control over testing, curriculum, evaluation and standards.

House Bill 156, by Representative Wes Keller (R-Wasilla), removed language that required the Board of Education to implement federal rules and directs the Board to work with local schools and districts to maintain and improve the quality of Alaska's education.

"HB 156 sends a message to the U.S. Department of Education that Alaskans are not here to be a 'rubber-stamp' of educational policy," Keller said in a press release. "Now is the time to tell the department that Alaska has no intention of being an educational experiment. Parents, not bureaucrats, have the right to control the content of education for their children."

The bill also puts a hold on the current state testing system pending

review and creation of testing based on input from local school districts. A deadline of 2020 is in place for those tests to begin. "This ensures parental control through elected local school board members and state legislators instead of the far-off federal government," Keller said.

HB 156 passed the House on a vote of 22-17 and moves to the Alaska Senate for consideration.

## House votes to call Convention of the States

The Alaska House of Representatives passed a pair of resolutions, both by Representative Shelley Hughes, seeking to restore the balance of power between the states and federal government and strengthen state sovereignty by providing states with veto (countermand) power over federal decisions not in their best interest through a precise and careful mechanism established by an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The intention of these resolutions is to start the process of eventually amending the U.S. Constitution.

House Joint Resolution 14 provides Alaska's application to Congress for a clearly defined, single-issue Countermand Amendment Convention. The Countermand Amendment to the United States Constitution, when ratified, will allow states to propose Countermand Initiatives, which upon approval by three-fifths of state legislatures, will repeal any federal statute, executive order, judicial decision, or regulatory decision listed in the initiative.

"This is grassroots effort, there are no big corporations behind this and there are no big names attached to it," Hughes, R-Palmer, said in a press release. "These are citizens who brought this forward to see the balance restored. Think how different ANWR would be if we could do what we wanted to do without federal barriers. The Countermand Amendment gives states the tool they need to swing the pendulum back to a proper balance between the

states and the federal government, as the Founders intended."

House Concurrent Resolution 4 enables the state legislature to institute tight parameters for the convention, to ensure that a "runaway convention" is not possible and provides for a productive, safe and timely process. The Delegate Resolution establishes a credential com-

mittee for selection of delegates to the convention, and outlines the duties of the delegates.

HJR 14 passed the House on a vote of 24-15 and HCR 4 passed on a vote of 25-14. Both resolutions now move to the Alaska Senate for consideration.

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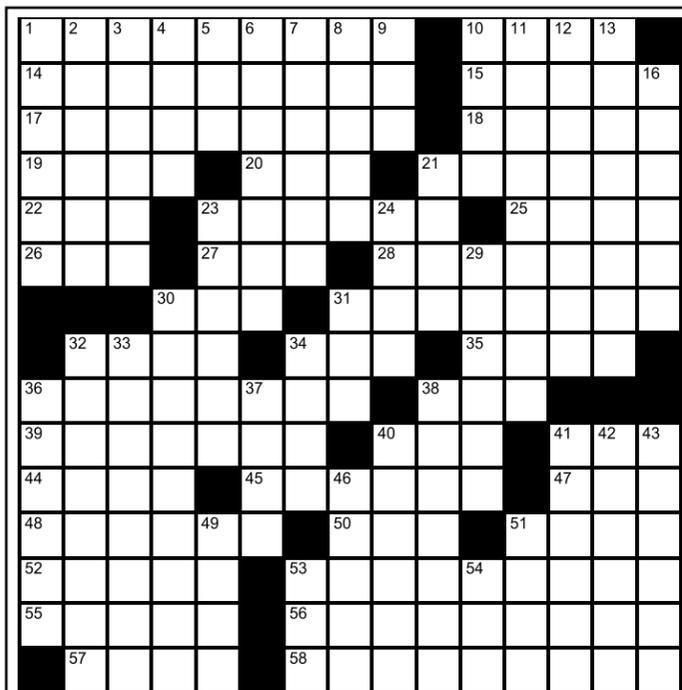
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  10. Says "When?"
  14. An amine used in the immune system
  15. Russian alternative
  17. A 17th or 18th century dance
  18. \_\_\_ Bowl
  19. Thailand, once
  20. "Fancy that!"
  21. One who suspends an action, at law
  22. Big \_\_\_ Conference
  23. Cantonese food similar to appetizers
  25. Hack
  26. "C'\_\_\_ la vie!"
  27. Cable network
  28. The stalk of a leaf
  30. Branch
  31. Comforted
  32. Game piece
  34. Block
  35. Colored
  36. One who hunts
  38. \_\_\_ Master's Voice
  39. Teeth, adapted for cutting
  40. "Wheels"
  41. Computer monitor, for short
  44. Agitated state
  45. Begin
  47. "Fantasy Island" prop
- Down**
1. Modest
  2. Monet subject
  3. Cockeyed
  4. Check
  5. "Casablanca" pianist
  6. A 20th century movement in poetry
  7. Auteur's art
  8. Chilean range
  9. "Malcolm X" director
  10. Kuwaiti, e.g.
  11. Arousing
  12. Hole in a board
  13. Educated
  16. Called attention to repeatedly
  21. Call from the flock
  23. Coercion
  24. "Once \_\_\_ a time..."
  29. Casual top
  30. Heights relative to sea level
  31. Jail, slangily
  32. Mole, for example
  33. Provocative
  34. In need of resupply, maybe
  36. Radiator output
  37. Forest growth
  38. Pride
  40. Links
  41. U-shaped metal rod
  42. Experience again
  43. Descriptive names
  46. Garbage
  49. Chipper
  51. 100 centavos
  53. "Can't Help Lovin' \_\_\_ Man"
  54. Beaver's work

**Previous Puzzle Answers**

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April 14 - April 20

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 <p><b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18</p>	 <p><b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20</p>	 <p><b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22</p>	 <p><b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21</p>
 <p><b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20</p>	 <p><b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21</p>	 <p><b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22</p>	 <p><b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21</p>

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# All Around the Sound

## BSNC promotes senior managers

Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) last week announced two promotions within the company's senior management team. **Richard Foster** was promoted to Executive Vice President and **Laura Edmondson** was promoted to Senior Vice President/ Chief Financial Officer. Foster formerly served as Senior Vice President of Government Services and Edmondson served as Chief Financial Officer.

"Rick and Laura have made significant contributions to the success and growth of BSNC," said President and CEO Gail R. Schubert. "Fiscal year 2016 marks the 12th

consecutive year that BSNC has experienced financial growth and Rick and Laura are integral parts of our company's success. They both have demonstrated a strong commitment to our company's mission and I am proud to recognize their leadership with these promotions."

Foster joined BSNC as Vice President of Business Development in 2004 following a successful 28-year-long career in the U.S. Air Force. BSNC has experienced significant growth from 2004 to present. Foster served as Command Chief (Senior Enlisted Advisor) for the 3rd Wing Commander at Elmendorf Air Force Base prior to joining BSNC.

Edmondson joined BSNC in

2013. She provides strategic and technical financial advice to the company and is responsible for planning, implementing, managing and reporting all financial-related activities for the company.

Edmondson has more than 20 years of financial, operations and risk management experience. Prior to joining BSNC, Edmondson worked for another regional corporation for 10 years in several executive capacities, including Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Operations.



Laura Edmondson



Richard Foster

## Wedding Bells

On a beautiful spring day in Girdwood, Alaska on Saturday March 26, 2016 Yusuf Kamal Rida and Sharon Arlene Verdin with their close friends and family were joined as husband and wife. Yusuf is the son of

Kim March of Anchorage, Alaska and Kamal and Sahar Rida of Cleveland, OH. Sharon is the daughter of Jerry and Darcy Verdin of Anchorage. Yusuf and Sharon both work and reside in Nome.



Photo courtesy of Cameo Productions  
Yusuf Kamal Rida and Sharon Arlene Verdin

## Grants

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that more than \$500,000 will be distributed in fiscal year 2016 among four Alaskan federally recognized tribes through the Tribal Wildlife Grants program. The Native Village of Buckland will receive funding in the amount of \$200,000 for beluga management and youth education. Tribal Wildlife Grants are

used to provide technical and financial assistance to tribes for the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish and wildlife and their habitat. A total of 104 Tribal Wildlife Grant proposals were submitted to the

Service by federally recognized Indian Tribes this year requesting approximately \$17.4 million. Nationally, the Service awarded 29 grants, totaling \$4,980,046.

## Pesto Parmesan Salmon

Recipe by Kendra Miller, MPH, RDN, LD with Miller Health Consulting, LLC

**Makes 4 Servings**  
**Preparation Time: 5 minutes**  
**Bake at 400°F for 20 minutes**  
**Difficulty Level: Easy**

**Ingredients:**  
¼ cup Non-fat, plain yogurt  
2 Tbsp. Pesto  
1 salmon filet  
¼ cup Parmesan cheese, grated



### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Combine yogurt and pesto in a small bowl. Lay the salmon filet on a pan and coat with the pesto mixture. Sprinkle with the parmesan cheese.
3. Bake for 20 minutes. Let sit for three minutes before enjoying!

### Nutrition Facts

Serving Size	3 oz.
Amount of Servings	4
Calories	264
Total Fat (g)	14
Saturated Fat (g)	2
Cholesterol (mg)	84
Sodium (mg)	692
Total Carbohydrate (g)	2
Fiber (g)	1
Protein (g)	34
Vitamin A (%)	1
Vitamin C (%)	0
Calcium (%)	16
Iron (%)	6



# Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church**  
443-2144

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

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**

108 West 3rd Avenue • 443-5448 • Pastor Aaron Cooper

Sunday Small Group Bible Study: 10 a.m.

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.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.

Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

**River of Life Assembly of God**

405 W. Seppala • 443-5333

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Last Sunday of each month Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Worship: 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact Pastor Austin Jones

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Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

**Nome Church of the Nazarene**

3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-4870

Pastor Dan Ward

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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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Case No. 2NO-16- 22 PR

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Marie L. Reader and Caroline C. Kauer have been appointed as co-personal representatives of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Marie L. Reader or Caroline C. Kauer c/o LT Nome Law PC, PO Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with the Superior Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED this 5 day of April, 2016

H. Conner Thomas  
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Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives  
PO Box 61,  
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Photo by Nils Hahn

**DEXTER BYPASS— Residents of Dexter and Banner Creek can take a shortcut to Nome as of this week.**

## INVITATION TO BID

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Bids must include the boat number, and bid amount with your name and phone number.

All boats are sold "AS IS/WHERE IS". Winning bidders must move the boats at their own expense by June 30, 2016.

Boats available for bid will be numbered with Orange spray paint. Pictures will be provided on request.

**Turn in sealed bids to the City Office by May 16, 2016 at 5:00 pm.**

NOTE: "Roe Packer" boat is not available for sale.

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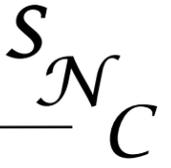
Photo by Diana Haecker

**KOUGAROK ROAD— On Sunday, April 10, the Kougarok Road was open up to mile 17.**



*Photo by Diana Haecker*  
**ICE MINING (left)**— Groups of ice miners work off West Beach in April.

PO Box 72151  
 Shishmaref, AK 99772



**NOTICE**

Date: March 21, 2016

To: Shishmaref Native Corporation Shareholders  
 From: Shishmaref Native Corporation Board of Directors  
 Re: Re-scheduled SNC Annual Meeting of Shareholders

**Re-scheduled Date: April 30, 2016**  
 Time: **1:00 p.m.**  
 Place: **Shishmaref Community Hall**

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders is re-scheduled to April 30, 2016 for the purpose of electing three (3) Board of Directors and for transacting other business that may come before the meeting.

**Registration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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**Notice of Shareholder Outreach and Informational Meetings**

- **Saturday, April 30, 2016 – 2 pm**  
**Anchorage** at the Dena'ina Center, Room Tikahtnu A & B (3rd floor)
- **Saturday, May 14, 2016 – 2 pm**  
**Nome** at the Nome Recreation Center
- **Saturday, May 21, 2016 – 2 pm**  
**Teller** at the City Bingo Hall

**INFORMATION WILL INCLUDE:**

- Management update and report
- Presentation on Corporate Voting
- Shareholder Input on (a) shareholder relations & voting/governance, (b) corporate/business operations, and (c) new business developments
- Opportunity for shareholder questions and comments

Please contact **Dave Evans** for more information at 387-1220 or **info@snc.org**  
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

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The City of Shaktoolik will receive proposals from Offerors to assist the City with the rehabilitation of 1.7 miles of road in Shaktoolik, Alaska. Offerors will provide design and permitting services and project management services during construction.

Interested persons may receive a copy of the request for proposals by registering with the City Clerk by email: [skkcity@arctic.net](mailto:skkcity@arctic.net) or by phone at 907-955-3441. Documents will be available March 31, 2016. Offerors must register with the City Clerk in order to receive any addenda.

One complete request for proposals will also be available for review on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice System.  
<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is April 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. local time. Proposals must be submitted to the office of the City Clerk. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "ATTN: CITY CLERK – Evacuation Road Rehabilitation, DO NOT OPEN" along with the name and address of the Offeror. Fax and/or email submissions are not allowed.

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**Nome Public Meeting Notice**

The Federal Aviation Administration will conduct a public meeting at 7 P.M. on May 2, 2016 at Old Saint Joe's Hall in Nome. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to brief the community on FAA's plans to address soil contamination associated with the historical operation of communication and navigation facilities built to support early Alaska aviation and the World War II Lend Lease effort with Russia.

These facilities were located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the city of Nome, just off the Nome-Council Road, near the intersection of Beam Road and CAA Site Road.

The community is encouraged to attend to obtain a better understanding of the site investigation and evaluation actions that the FAA has been and will be undertaking during the next few years. There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and/or make statements relating to this project.

Any questions pertaining to this meeting should be directed to:

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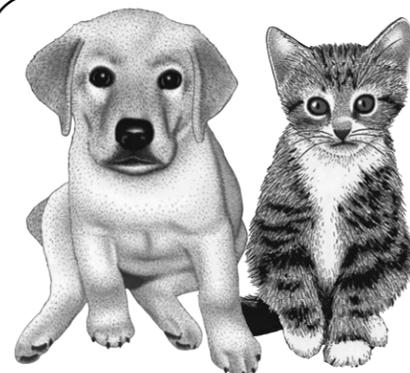


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CHANGE IN WEATHER— Dark clouds above the Bering Sea brought rain and snow to Nome on Saturday, April 9.

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# Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 04/04/2016 through 04/10/2016

**Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party. During this period there were 134 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 51 (38%) involved alcohol. There were 14 arrests made with 14 (100%) alcohol related. NPD responded to 15 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. 0 were remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and 3 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment. There were 5 ambulance calls and 0 fire calls during this period.**

**Monday, April 4,**

12:44 a.m., NPD Officers responded to a hotel on the east side of town for the report of an intoxicated female causing a disturbance within the lobby. Upon arrival the female was contacted and identified as Annie Sockpick, who was still observed causing a disturbance within the hotel. Sockpick was subsequently placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and was remanded to AMCC, where she was held on \$250 bail.  
 10:23 p.m., NPD responded to a report of a disturbance on the east side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Edward Olanna for Disorderly Conduct. He was transported to AMCC and remanded with Bail of \$250.  
 11:42 p.m., NPD responded to a report of a disturbance on the west side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Duane Johnson for Disorderly Conduct. He was transported to NSRH and released to their care, a Summons was requested.

**Tuesday, April 5**

3:30 a.m., NPD responded to a report of a disturbance at a residence on the east side of town. The investigation led to an OCS referral being forwarded regarding the living conditions observed while on scene.

**Wednesday, April 6**

10:21 a.m., NPD received a report of a subject violating Domestic Violence Protective Order by entering the residence intoxicated. Officers arrived and contacted Duane Johnson, who was placed under arrest for Violating a Domestic Violence Protective Order and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

**Thursday, April 7**

3:55 a.m., NPD responded to a report of a disturbance on the west side of town. The investigation led to an OCS referral and protective custody of a minor child.  
 4:20 a.m., NPD responded to a report of a disturbance on the east side of town. The investigation led to an OCS referral to facilitate safe conditions for the minor children present.  
 3:45 p.m., NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated male on the west side of town. The investigation led to a Probation Violation for Kyle Thomas Douglas for consuming alcohol. Douglas was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation.

**Friday, April 8**

11:38 a.m., NPD received a report of a person reportedly intoxicated while in the care of young children. Officers responded to the residence and contacted Courtney Tucker, who was found to be intoxicated, which violated her current Conditions of Probation. Tucker was subsequently placed under arrest for Probation Violation and was remanded to AMCC, where she was held without bail. OCS was contacted and responded to the scene to ensure the safe care of children present.  
 2:22 p.m., NPD officers responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of a subject within the home breaking the cell phone of a family member. Further investigation upon arrival confirmed the allegation, which resulted in Dylan Iya being placed under arrest for Criminal Mischief in the Fifth Degree, DV. Iya was later remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.  
 6:38 p.m., NPD CSO contacted multiple individuals behind an establishment on the west side of town. One of the individuals, identified as Olaf Walters, was observed to be in possession of an open bottle of alcohol. Walters was issued an Open Container citation and released at the scene.  
 7:19 p.m., NPD received a report of a group of intoxicated individuals inside of a

business on the west end of town disrupting customers. Officers responded and made contact with one of the individuals a short distance away from the business, identified as Victor Oozevaseuk, who was found to be on current Conditions of Probation which prohibits the consumption of alcohol. Oozevaseuk was placed under arrest for Probation Violation and was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and was later remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.  
 10:06 p.m., NPD CSO, while on routine patrol on the west side of town, contacted an intoxicated male behind an establishment. The male was transported to the NEST shelter for the evening. No further action was necessary.  
 10:29 p.m., NPD received a report of a juvenile throwing and possibly breaking items within a home on the east end of town. Officers responded and made contact with the juvenile and his parent. Further investigation led to a television being broken during the incident. The juvenile was brought to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital to see Behavioral Health Services with the permission of the parent and left in their care. The report will be forwarded to the Office of Children Services and the Juvenile Probation Office for disposition.  
 10:37 p.m., NPD CSO responded to the NEST shelter for the report of a guest causing a disturbance. Upon arrival, the guest reportedly causing the issue was observed to have calmed down. The guest was given a Disorderly Conduct warning and was allowed to stay, with permission of the monitors present.  
 10:50 p.m., NPD CSO observed a male lying on the ground on the west side of town. The male was contacted, identified and transported to the NEST shelter for the evening.

**Saturday, April 9**

1:03 a.m., NPD Officers were flagged down on the west side of town by a concerned citizen reporting several intoxicated individuals that possibly needed assistance. All but one of the individuals did not require any assistance; but the third was transported to the NEST shelter for the evening.  
 1:14 a.m., NPD received a report of an active assault occurring at a hotel on the east end of town. Officers responded and made contact with the victim and the suspect, identified as Melinda Takak. Investigation led to Takak admitting to causing injury to a family member present within the room. Melinda was placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and was later remanded to AMCC, where she was held without bail.  
 2:33 a.m., NPD received a report of female possibly breaking windows to her residence on the east end of town. Further investigation into the incident revealed that there was no new damage to the residence. The female was released at the scene after being given a warning for Disorderly Conduct and elected to stay with another family member for the night.  
 3:07 p.m., NPD responded to a disturbance on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the two individuals involved in the disturbance were contacted and issued a warning for Disorderly Conduct and subsequently released at the scene.  
 3:55 a.m., NPD responded, along with the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department, to a residence on the east side of town for an intoxicated female requesting medical assistance. The investigation led to four children present being taken into protective custody by the Office of Children's Services due to no sober adult being present to care for them.  
 9:24 a.m., NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle travelling above the posted speed limit on the west side of town. A traffic stop was conducted; the driver was able to produce all required documentation and was released at the scene with a warning for speeding.  
 4:03 p.m., NPD received a report of an intoxicated subject becoming combative with members of a household on the east side of town. Upon arrival and further investigation, Curtis Alvanna was found to have placed one of the members of the household present in fear of injury. Alvanna was subsequently placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and clearance. Once cleared, Alvanna was remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.  
 5:37 p.m., NPD received a REDDI report of a female driving a vehicle from the west end of town that had reportedly been drinking alcohol and had a juvenile in the vehicle as well. Officers located the vehicle with the female and child outside of a residence on the east end of town. Further investigation revealed that the suspect, identified as Clara Noyakuk, was too impaired to drive and was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence (Alcohol) and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the First Degree and was later remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, where she was held on \$1,500 bail. The child was transported to a sober family member's residence and left in their sober care.

9:10 p.m., NPD received a request to conduct a welfare check on a subject that possibly needed assistance at a residence on the east side of town. Officer arrived at the residence, contacted the subject and verified that no further assistance was required. The reporting party was informed of the subject's well-being and no further action was necessary.

**Sunday, April 10**

4:46 a.m., NPD responded to a report of a domestic assault at a residence on the west side of town. Upon arrival and further investigation, the suspect, identified as Carl Jennings Jr., was found to have caused injury to a member of a household and had fled the scene prior to Officers' arrival. Jennings was located later the that afternoon and was subsequently arrested for Assault in the Second Degree, DV, Assault in the Third Degree, DV and Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.  
 3:40 p.m., NPD officers responded to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated subject that appeared to require assistance. The subject was contacted, identified and transported to a family member's residence, where they were left in their sober care.  
 5:16 p.m., NPD received a report of children who were playing inside an abandoned house on the east side of town. Officers responded and placed a call to the owners of the residence to ensure it was properly secured, as one of the windows was not closed. The children were given warnings regarding Criminally Trespassing after the residence was checked for any damage; which none was found. The parents of the children involved were informed of their activities as well.  
 6:45 p.m., NPD received a report of several individuals threatening other persons present on the west end of town. Officers responded and made contact with three subjects in the area reported who stated no fights or any threats had been made. No further action was necessary.  
 6:54 p.m., NPD CSO responded the east side of town for the report of a loose dog that had nearly been struck by a vehicle travelling in the area. Upon arrival, the dog was contacted and the owner was identified and summoned to the scene to secure the animal. The owner arrived, secured the dog and was issued a verbal warning for Animal at Large.  
 7:10 p.m., NPD CSO, while on routine patrol on the west side of town, observed an intoxicated subject that appeared to need assistance. The subject was contacted, identified and requested transportation to a safe residence for the evening. The subject was provided transportation to the residence requested and was left in the sober care of family members present.  
 7:26 p.m., NPD received a request for a welfare check on a child who had a bloody lip at playground on the east side of town. Officers responded and made contact with the child and her friends. The child stated she fell while playing and hit her lip, which was swollen and the bleeding had stopped. The child was escorted to her temporary guardian's residence by an older relative. No further action was required.  
 7:33 p.m., NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle operating on the east end of town with expired registration. Officers conducted a traffic stop and the driver, identified as Gabriel Flores, was unable to provide any proof of current registration for the vehicle. Flores was issued a citation for Operating a Vehicle with Expired Registration and released at the scene.  
 7:39 p.m., NPD CSO, while on routine patrol on the west side of town, observed a male in possession of an open bottle of alcohol outside a licensed premises. Robert Apok III was contacted and issued a citation for Open Container and was released at the scene without further incident.  
 10:18 p.m., NPD CSO while on a routine security check at the NEST Shelter observed a guest in possession of an open bottle of alcohol. Edwin Campbell was contacted and issued an Open Container citation and released at the scene without further enforcement action being taken.  
 11:28 p.m., NPD officers responded to the NEST shelter for the report of a guest causing a disturbance within the building and waking other guests up. Upon arrival, the subject causing the disturbance was identified as John Penetac, who was observed speaking loudly and continuing to wake other guests. Penetac was escorted outside of the building and given a verbal warning for Disorderly Conduct. While outside, he continued to cause a disturbance to other homes in the area. Penetac was subsequently placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and clearance. While at the Emergency Room, Penetac repeatedly attempted to kick one of the responding Officers. Penetac was later remanded to AMCC for two counts of Disorderly Conduct and was held on \$500 bail.

# Court

**Week ending 4/8**

**Civil**

Johnson, Albert J. v. Johnson, Duane A.; Domestic Violence: Short-Term With Children Obruk, Annie K. v. Ningealook, Norman C.; Domestic Violence: Short-Term With Children  
 Jeremewok, Eugenia E. v. Amaktoolik, Thomas; Domestic Violence: Short-Term With Children  
 Minor Party v. Amaktoolik, Thomas; Domestic Violence: Short-Term With Children  
 Iya, Wanda v. Iya, Dylan; Domestic Violence: Short-Term With Children  
 Peterson, Amy F. v. Cutler, III, Robert; Custody - Superior Court

**Small Claims**

No claims filed (start 2NO-16-00006SC)

**Criminal**

State of Alaska v. Delbert Acoman (2/5/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114193881; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
 State of Alaska v. Anita Soolook (9/22/68); 2NO-15-124CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114803937; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; All remaining time to be served.  
 State of Alaska v. Anita Soolook (9/22/68); 2NO-15-760CR Notice of Dismissal; 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 4/1/16.  
 State of Alaska v. Anita Soolook (9/22/68); 2NO-16-214CR Notice of Dismissal; 001: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 4/1/16.  
 State of Alaska v. Coreen Ross (3/21/70); 2NO-16-77CR Notice of Dismissal; 001: DOLP; Filed by the DAs Office 4/1/16.  
 State of Alaska v. Coreen Ross (3/21/70); 2NO-16-117CR Notice of Dismissal; 001: Resisting Arrest; 002: CT; Filed by the DAs Office 4/1/16.  
 State of Alaska v. Coreen Ross (3/21/70); 2NO-16-207CR Notice of Dismissal; 001:

11.56.757, VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 4/1/16.  
 State of Alaska v. Dawnelle Lisa Apangalook (1/11/76); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4<sup>+</sup>; Filed by the DAs Office 4/4/16.  
 State of Alaska v. Traci Rochelle Corta (8/18/89); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4<sup>+</sup>; Count II: Criminal Trespass 1<sup>+</sup>; Count III: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 4/4/16.  
 State of Alaska v. Matthew James Goodhope (5/24/98); Dismissal; Count I: Driving Without A License; Filed by the DAs Office 4/4/16.  
 State of Alaska v. George Samuel Minix (3/12/60); Dismissal; Count I: Criminal Trespass 2<sup>+</sup>; Filed by the DAs Office 4/4/16.  
 State of Alaska v. Charlene Blanch Iyapana (3/18/80); Dismissal; Count I: Criminal Trespass 1<sup>+</sup>; Filed by the DAs Office 4/4/16.  
 State of Alaska v. Chanelle Koonooka (1/7/93); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4<sup>+</sup>; Filed by the DAs Office 4/4/16.  
 State of Alaska v. Michael John Mayac (12/8/88); Dismissal; Count I: Criminal Trespass 2<sup>+</sup>; Filed by the DAs Office 4/4/16.  
 State of Alaska v. Duane Johnson (12/22/89); Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 3/4/16; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 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.  
 State of Alaska v. Dora Lockwood (3/26/57); Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 3/6/16; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day 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.

State of Alaska v. Sarah Evak (4/26/92); CTN 001: AS11.41.230(a)(1): Assault In The 4th Degree - Recklessly Injure (Class A Misdemeanor); Date of Violation: 4/2/16; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002, 003; 360 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 365 days shall be served; 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. David Magliocca (10/7/75); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 12/5/15; 30 days, 30 days suspended; 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 until 4/6/17; 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.  
 State of Alaska v. Stacey Okpealuk (12/12/85); 2NO-15-732CR CTN 001: Import Alcohol-Dry Area-Small Amount; Date of Violation: 8/23/15; 6 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 6 days shall be served; Fine: \$1,500.00 pay by 11/1/16; 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. Stacey Okpealuk (12/12/85); 2NO-16-239CR Notice of Dismissal; 001 VCR; 11.563757; Filed by the DAs Office 4/6/16.  
 State of Alaska v. Duane Johnson (12/22/89); Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 3/4/16; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 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.  
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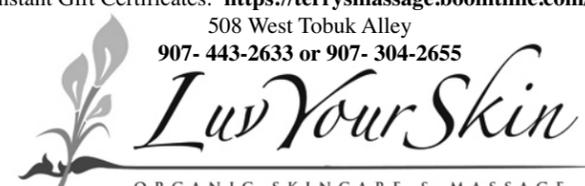
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MORNING CLEANSING— Snow Buntings congregate at a meltwater pond off the Nome-Council Highway on April 12.

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DEXTER BYPASS ROAD— The Dexter Bypass road is open but still icy and muddy.



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MELTWATER— Snowmelt accumulates in the tundra next to Fort Davis Roadhouse on April 12.



Photo by Diana Haecker

KOUGAROK ROAD— A dozer clears snow off the Kougarok Road at mile 17.

## DOT starts to open roads

By Diana Haecker

According to Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities Western District Superintendent Evan Booth, the DOT has started to plow the three roads leading out of Nome. The DOT has opened the Dexter Pass Road, al-

lowing Dexter and Banner Creek residents to drive to town over the pass. Dozers began to clear the Kougarok Road near mile 17 and as of press time on Tuesday have opened the road up to mile 19. As of Tuesday, the Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller High-

way is open up to mile 8.5 and the Nome-Council Highway is open past Farley's Camp near mile 6.

Booth reminds motorists to please watch for marked and unmarked road hazards such as washouts and to give heavy equipment a wide berth.



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HAPPY CAMPER— Maxine Soolook of Nome is happy having discovered a nice spring break-up puddle in Nome on April 12.

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