



FIRST BARGE — A tug and barge made it to Nome last week.

Photo by Nils Hahn

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## Rep. Young includes Army Corps projects for Alaska in the WRDA

By Maisie Thomas

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved the 2016 Water Resources Development Act which includes several Army Corps of Engineers projects for Alaska. The WRDA is bipartisan legislation that promotes economic competitiveness and strengthens

water transportation and infrastructure. Alaska Representative Don Young included six projects for Alaska in the Act, which passed out of committee unanimously. Four of these would have an impact on northern Alaska. Young spokesperson Matt Shuckerow said that, though the bill still needs to be ap-

proved by the full House of Representatives, it has made "good progress so far."

The WRDA projects are proposed on a local level to the Corps, and then the Chief Engineer develops a report, which goes on to Congress. The projects are intended to address the economic and social of commu-

nities in the region, as well as enhancing national security.

One provision would reform the current system the Corps uses to evaluate small, remote port and harbor projects by recognizing the regional benefits as justification for the project. As noted in a press release from Young's office, a port or harbor in a rural location would lower the cost of goods throughout the region.

Another project Young included in the legislation is the construction of a harbor in Little Diomede. Diomede does not have a runway, which makes access to the island difficult and the cost of living astronomical. During the winter months an ice runway is constructed for

planes to land; helicopters bring freight in year round. As the climate is changing, residents of coastal villages in northern Alaska are noticing that the ocean is freezing later and thawing sooner, and the ice that does form is more easily broken. In February of 2015, Diomede went for weeks without groceries and mail. "We know the struggles Little Diomede has gone through," Shuckerow said. The total estimated cost for the project is \$28,960,000. Federal money would cover about 90 percent of the cost, with other agencies pitching in the rest.

Young also included a two-part

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Photo by Keith Conger

MASS START — The group of hearty AKBody Tundra Challenge racers leave from the race start on the Greg Kruscheck Avenue Saturday. The course consisted of tundra, road, beach and had a few man-made obstacles too. See story on page 16

## Polar Bear Management held here

By Lana Creer-Harris

The much-vaunted Polar Bear management meeting was held June 3, and 4 in Nome. All the heavy hitters were there looking forward to sharing their opinions and not happy in the least that that one of the management tools was a harvest quota.

"This amendment took away Native exemption. You just don't give that up. I will make sure everything I can do to get our exemption back," said, Taqulik Hepa, North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management.

The Marine Mammal Commission is involved through advice only, and was present to assist the meetings. The MMC did support adoption of the agreement. Their rationale

was to change harvest. According to moderator Sky Starkey; the MMC believes a bilateral agreement is best co-management. Alaska Native representatives in attendance voiced their strong desire to be in attendance when the USF&WS had these discussions, because of their shared goals.

The co-conveners stated their prime objective: Improvements of co-management of polar bears under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and development of steps for improving participation of polar bear hunting communities in co-management. Their secondary objective is to address the challenges for imple-

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## Schmidt named NAIA Collegiate All-American in two sports

By Keith Conger

Call her a book-end All-American. Nome-Beltz Nanooks cross-country running team alumna Rosa Schmidt started the 2015-2016 school year at Northwest Christian University in Eugene, Oregon by receiving National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, or NAIA,

All-American honors in cross-country running. She concluded her sophomore year with a second All-American award, this time in the NAIA's 10-kilometer track event.

"As much as I like track, cross-country is always going to have my heart," said Schmidt in an interview upon her return to Nome for the summer. "I started there."

Schmidt and her NCU Beacons teammates were ranked number one nationally in cross-country by NAIA for much of the season, periodically traded places with the three-time defending champions from the University of British Columbia. They nearly beat the NCAA Division 1 team from Gonzaga on October 17.

The Beacons concluded the regular season with the top ranking in the country. "We definitely went in (to Nationals) with the target on our back," said Schmidt.

The team looked poised to do well at the national meet in Charlotte, NC on November 21 until Shea Vallaire, who usually runs in the team's third or fourth spot, suffered a stress fracture. "We weren't fully sure we could beat them (British Columbia) without Shea," said Schmidt. "It was a very stressful time, but it worked out....We were running in the race and we saw Shea on the sidelines. Everyone ran a little bit extra for her."

The team was able to overcome the adversity and were crowned National Champions despite Vallaire's replacement ranking 90th. The Beacons total time for its five runners was 89:42.3. They outdistanced the second place team from British Columbia by 20 points.

The individual national championship in the event was claimed by Kellian Hunt of Biola University

who set pace with a time of 17 minutes, 16.7 seconds. Schmidt was the Beacons fourth fastest runner that day. She cracked the 18-minute mark, crossing the finish line in 17 minutes, 54.6 seconds. The effort landed her 13th place, with the top 30 runners having the All-American honors bestowed upon them.

When it came to running around a track, Schmidt admits she certainly had lots to learn. Track programs in Western Alaska are rare. This spring only a handful of runners from Unalaska and Bethel entered the ASAA 1,2,3A State Championships in Anchorage.

"I asked a lot of dumb questions, like 'which direction do you run?'" said Schmidt of her freshman year experience in the sport. "I had to learn real fast."

And learn fast she has. Schmidt says that the NAIA sets pre-season,

national qualification times for each track event. She beat the A-Standard time of 37 minutes, 30 seconds in the 10-kilometer race her very first track meet of the 2016 season. That allowed her to "play a little," and participate in a few 5-kilometer races. She qualified for nationals in that event a month into the season at a meet in San Francisco.

Schmidt chose the 10-kilometer race at the 2016 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Gulf Shores, Alabama. The hot weather on May 26 presented a challenge to the racers. "It was 85% humidity when I raced," she said. "It was just not what I'm used to."

Schmidt figured the opening lap of the race would be run in around 87 seconds. She was surprised to see the field go out much faster than that.

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## Letters

### Dear Editor,

I am in my late 70s and have a lot of pain from arthritis. I cannot stand or walk for any length of time nor can I use a full flight of stairs although a few steps from the ground to the first floor is doable. I drive because I cannot walk very far. I have a valid driver license and handicap plaque. I find an insufficient number of parking spaces for the handicapped in Nome. None on Front Street but on the east side of the State building and one on the west side of the Federal Building so both are on the south side of Front Street and I don't want to park on the north side to walk across Front Street because I walk so slow. There are no handicapped spaces at Hanson's and I don't want to cross Bering for the same reasons.

Today (May 23) has been a frustrating and painful day. I had business at the DMV in the State Building. There was no parking in front of the building and the parking lot was full except for the handicap

space, which was occupied by a trash dumpster. Once I got a reasonable parking space, I called the number on the directory at the front entrance for Facility Concerns and was told that it's the trash company's fault and they will have to move it. Finger pointing.

Then I went to the post office to check my mail. There was no parking in front of the Federal Building but the handicap space was available. I walked to the entrance and there was a handwritten sign that the elevator works but no the stairs to use the west side door. I had to walk back to the west side, past my car, and up a half-flight of stairs. I complained to somebody behind the counter that a sign near the handicap space that says "Use this door today" with an arrow to the door would have kept me out of pain and was told "We only rent here and are not responsible to put up any signs." More finger pointing.

I am sure that the trash collector is able-bodied and so was the postal

clerk. Just a little consideration for Nome's handicapped and elders would not have hurt either of them.

Name withheld

/s/

### Dear Editor,

Recently I have seen ads and a letter attacking the current Board of Sittnasuak Native Corporation. It surprises me to see these comments when I know they are not true. I don't know why people can't be honest during elections.

I will attend the Annual Meeting at the Nome Elementary School on June 4 and vote for Bobby Evans, Lincoln Trigg and Louie Green. Sittnasuak has a good team doing for all. The elder dividend is greatly appreciated. Thanks to the Board of Directors.

Respectfully,  
Irene Anderson  
Nome, Alaska 99762

### To The Editor:

Each member of Congress receives a base salary of \$174,000 annually, for which Americans pay through the income tax. But, do Congress' accomplishments justify their receiving such a generous amount?

Congress people are part of a network that is supposed to represent Americans. Unfortunately, they pretty much ignore our wishes.

While Congress spends our hard earned tax-dollars, we Americans are losing good paying jobs, our security, our liberties, and so on.

The American Dream fades while our elected officials concentrate on lower priority issues like climate change rather than high priority ones such as: fixing America's sagging

economy; creating good paying jobs; defeating ISIS; the REAL tax-reform that America so desperately needs, and which will only be accomplished by enacting a national consumption tax like the FAIRtax.

Our representatives must wake up to the fact that they need to honor the will of the American people, not simply ignore it.

Thank you,  
Joe O'Hara  
Ocala, Florida 34481

### Dear Editor,

I am 71-year-old woman and I am writing this letter on behalf of all Alaskan Native Senior Citizens. This letter is concerning Medicaid Services for Alaskan Native Senior Citizens who have Medicaid and are to have Major Surgeries at ANMC Hospital in Anchorage, or elsewhere.

Prior to my travel to Anchorage,

my village clinic, travel personnel, and my caseworker had tried their best to get me an escort. I was given Norton Sound Regional Hospital Patient Advocate telephone number. I called and called, the phone kept ringing without answer. The Patient Advocate telephone doesn't even have an answering machine.

Still Medicaid Services kept denying me an escort. This is not the first time I was denied an escort.

I was admitted April 13, 2016, in the morning and have my dangerous major surgery. My doctor told me it is dangerous surgery because I might get blood clots.

After my surgery, waking up for the first time I was emotionally strained; confused what is going on; throwing up; and had a hard time un-

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

## Editorial

### Keep the Windows Open

The trend in government is to get away with as much as possible with minimal notification of the public. This is true of both federal, and state government and sadly, the local government, too. They will hide legal notification on the most obscure web site that is almost impossible to find.

It is the mission of the Nome Nugget to provide an open, easy means of communication with the public both in print and on-line. This is the main goal of almost every community newspaper in the United States because democracy and an informed public are important to us. Local governments run into danger when our leaders think they are experts on every issue and become corrupt because they think they know it all, and they refuse to allow new people and new ideas to have a role in local government. Our city has openings on planning and port commissions. Why do we not do our best to advertise these openings? Why does our city management behave so poorly? What do they have to hide?

Nomeites, don't let our precious democracy fade unnoticed into oblivion. Get to meetings, contact council members and find out why the City of Nome can't pay to publish legal notices and public events. Let's keep the doors and windows open at City Hall and let in some fresh air. —N.L.M.—

Illegitimus non carborundum

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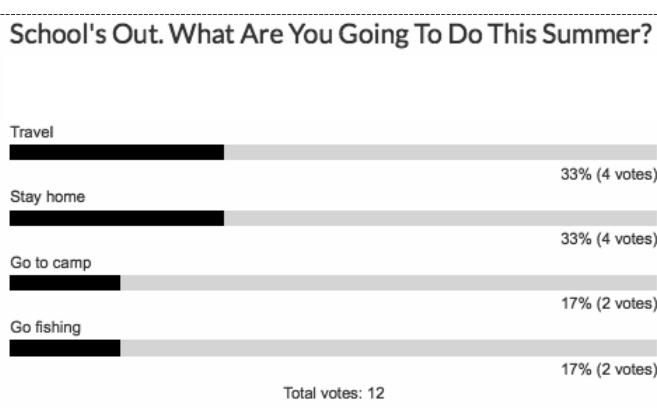
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### Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)

Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
6/ 9	Th	10:09a	+1.5	8:41p	+1.3	2:48a	-0.3	3:18p	+0.9
10	Fr	10:58a	+1.5	9:47p	+1.2	3:38a	-0.2	4:31p	+0.8
11	Sa	11:43a	+1.5	10:54p	+1.1	4:26a	-0.1	5:44p	+0.7
12	Su	12:25p	+1.5			5:13a	0.0	6:51p	+0.6
13	Mo	12:01a	+1.1	1:04p	+1.5	5:58a	+0.1	7:49p	+0.5
14	Tu	1:08a	+1.0	1:40p	+1.5	6:43a	+0.3	8:38p	+0.4
15	We	2:16a	+1.0	2:14p	+1.4	7:28a	+0.4	9:22p	+0.3

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### Weather Statistics

Sunrise 06/09/16 4:30 a.m. 06/15/16 4:21 a.m.	High Temp (05/30...06/05) +74F 05/31/16
	Low Temp +34F 06/04/16
	Peak Wind NNE @ 31 mph 06/01/16
	2016 - Total Precip. (through 06/05) 03.09"
	Normal Total to Date, 2016 04.28"
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## Foster's Report

### Greetings to folks in House District 39.

One the ninth day of this special session, the Legislature passed an operating and capital budget for fiscal year 2017. It has been a difficult task to balance the needs of the state with the revenue available. Traditionally, the budget has been funded mostly with revenue from oil taxes and royalties. Low oil prices and production decline have decimated that revenue source. The budget we passed reflects this situation. According to the division of legislative finance, agency spending has been reduced by about \$217 million for FY17. That paired with reductions from last year, brings agency spending down by \$621 million. These are hard cuts to make and will have a palpable effect of residents especially in rural areas.

The good news is that the deal struck between the majority and minority caucuses restores funding to important areas. The base student allocation for public schools was brought back to full funding, including the \$50 increase per student. Several early education programs were made whole: \$2 million was restored to pre-kindergarten programs, \$320,000 for Best Beginnings, and

\$700,000 for Parents As Teachers. Senior Benefits had \$5.1 million put back and \$530,000 was added back for Pioneer Homes. Over \$15 million was put back to the University, which will help keep rural campuses open. About \$1.4 million was put back into public broadcasting which sometimes is the only link to the outside world for rural communities. There was \$480,000 added back for state trooper detachments. Also \$11 million in funds were put in for behavioral health grants. These grants will focus on substance abuse treatment.

I was happy to see these programs restored, as they are crucial to the basic functioning of the state. While it's clear that reductions do have to be made to balance the budget, we must focus the money we do spend on our constitutionally mandated areas of public education, public health, and public welfare.

The capital budget was minimalist as was last year's. The funds spent were focused on leveraging other funds to maximize our ability to work on the state's infrastructure. Included in the budget are funds for airports, roads, school construction, bulk fuel and rural power systems upgrades, water and sewer infra-

structure projects, cold climate housing research, and housing for teachers, public safety, and health professionals. If you have questions about specific projects in your area or community please contact my office.

### Apply for the Snowmobile Trails Grant Program

Applications are due July 1, 2016

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation offers an opportunity for all governmental and tribal organizations, clubs, public agencies or educational institutions, or businesses to apply for grants related to snow machine trails and safety programs through the Snowmobile Trails Program. These grants have been used to maintain recreation trails in urban Alaska, but I see this as a great opportunity for those of us in rural Alaska to create and offer safety training courses and bolster trail markings on snowmachine routes which can save lives when traveling in poor visibility.

**Information on the program and forms can be found at:** [http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/sn\\_owmtr.htm](http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/sn_owmtr.htm)

## • Letters

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derstanding English, as English is my second language.

I still asked for an escort after my surgery. My caseworker told me, she even wrote a letter to Medicaid Services in Nome for an escort to pick me up after I am released from hospital. Still I was denied an escort. The denial I found out was because I am able and strong and can speak fluent English.

Yes, I am able, but I was weaken from major surgery; Yes, I can speak English fluently. Also my doctor advised me not to lift over 15 pounds, because I had major surgery. My luggage was over 15 pounds.

While awaiting my doctor's appointment, after I was discharged I saw many young adults with escorts and/or their escorts are coming after

them. These young adults are able, in their 20s to 40s or even 50s. They speak only English language as they never speak their native languages. Why do they have escorts?

Why not the Alaska Native Senior Citizens? Is Medicaid Serving trying to get RID of Alaskan Native Senior Citizens?

I know there are many budget cuts in our State of Alaska. Our lawmakers cut so many of them. They themselves have much higher pay and have health insurances. They should cut down their wages, so Alaska Native Senior Citizens can have Medicaid Services get more help.

All we Alaskan Native Senior Citizens are only asking for help so that we can be with our loved ones who are still alive and to live longer to watch them grow up and succeed.

I am very sorry I write this nasty letter, but I am very disappointed that

the Medicaid Services keep denying me when I ask for help. I am a 71-year-old woman who went through dangerous major surgery.

Medicaid Services, you deal with the wrong outspoken Old Woman. I am writing this letter, on behalf of all my Alaska Native Senior Citizens. You will have far greater hardship in the future. I hope from now on Medicaid Services will not deny any more Alaska Native Senior Citizens, when they need Medicaid help. And I hope and pray all of us Alaska Native Senior Citizens are treated with respect and with compassion.

Name withheld by editor upon request because she was a patient in ANMC, Anchorage

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**DREDGE AND TENDER** — A tender boat leaves a gold mining dredge off East Beach on Monday, June 6, 2016.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, June 9

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Crafts and Activities: (ages 8-13)	Kegoayah Kozga Library	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lunch Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*NCC Summer Lunch Program	Boys and Girls Club	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 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	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Cemetery Committee	City Hall	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Friday, June 10

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*NCC Summer Lunch Program	Boys and Girls Club	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 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, June 11

*Lemonade Day	Location around Nome	Times vary
*Nome Recreation Center	Closed Weekends	*Until Labor Day - 9/5/16
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	11:00 a.m. - noon
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Sunday, June 12

*Nome Recreation Center	Closed Weekends	*Until Labor Day - 9/5/16
**AA Meeting	Nazarene Church	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Monday, June 13

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Summercise	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*NCC Summer Lunch Program	Boys and Girls Club	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Dance Fitness Class	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Common Council: Reg. Mtg.	City Hall	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
*Midnight Sun Softball Tournament	Satellite Fields	<b>7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.</b>
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, June 14

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*Pre-school Story and Crafts (ages 3-7)	Kegoayah Kozga Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lunch Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*NCC Summer Lunch Program	Boys and Girls Club	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*Midnight Sun Festival:	Golden Goose Lot	<b>noon - 9:00 p.m.</b>
Vendors and Fish Pond	Nome Rec Center	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Summercise	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering and Seppala	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Yoga with Peter	Nome Rec Center	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
*Nome Planning Comm: Reg. Mtg.	City Hall	<b>7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.</b>
*Midnight Sun Softball Tournament	Satellite Fields	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Adult drop-in Soccer (ages 15+)	Nome Rec Center	

### Wednesday, June 15

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Summercise	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:00 p.m.
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*Open Swim	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Vinyasa Flow Yoga with Larissa	Nome Rec Center	7:50 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Acro Fit with J&L	Nome Rec Center	<b>7:</b>



KITESURFER AT FORT DAVIS— A kitesurfer makes the best of a blustery day at Fort Davis outside of Nome.

*Photo by Diana Haecker*

## • Young

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amendment to help justify an Arctic port. One revision recognizes the value of a potential port to northern Alaska communities, another enables the Corps to consider the national security benefits when deciding whether to construct a port or not. Shuckerow said Young has not identified a specific location for a port, but has considered a couple of options. The Representative is also in favor of multiple northern ports.

In his address to the committee, Young stated that the Secretary of Defense is strongly in favor of a port

in northern Alaska, as is retired Coast Guard Admiral Robert Papp. "Many of you don't realize but (the Arctic) is a hot spot in the world today. This is not about Alaska, this is about national security...the activity, the exploration for minerals, oil, etc. (our rival nations) are so far ahead of us that we're not even on the same page," Young lamented. He stressed the need to identify a port immediately, both for national security and for oil development.

Representative Rick Larsen (D-Washington) agreed with Young, "There's a lot going on up there...we can argue about the reasons why the polar ice cap is melting, but the end

result is that it's resulting in a lot more activity, not just [from] the U.S. but from other countries as well..." Larsen said, adding that the U.S. needs to assert sovereignty over its waters.

Another amendment Young added would allow Alaska Native Corporations to develop water infrastructure projects as non-federal sponsors. As a non-federal sponsor, native corporations, such as the Bering Straits Native Corporation, could partner with the federal government and help sponsor infrastructure projects. Given the amount of shoreline Alaska Native corporations own, said BSNC's Matt Ganley, the

amendment makes "a great deal of sense."

Most federal projects are designed for landowners. In the lower-48, this works because tribes own the land their reservations are on, but in Alaska, most of the land is owned by corporations. Ganley explained that tribes have a very different relationship with the Federal Government than Alaska's Native Corporations.

Ganley said that legislators are beginning to realize that Native Corporations have the ability to do a lot of work, but federal legislation, such as the WRDA, has not caught up with this reality. "This is a problem we face all the time." As the law stands,

tribes are eligible to act as non-federal sponsors, but Native Corporations are not. This amendment, Ganley believes, will help bring federal legislation in line with the current situation.

Earlier this year, Port Clarence, a natural deep-water port, was transferred to Bering Straits Native Corporation. Young supported the transfer. Should the amendment be passed, BSNC will be able to partner with the federal government in constructing necessary infrastructure.

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### Letter mailed to Gov. and for Letters to the Editor.

Governor Bill Walker  
Office of the Governor  
State of Alaska  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska, 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker

The reason I'm writing this letter is: That we need your help Gov-

ernor. I met you while you were here in Nome on several of your trips here. And so I know you are pretty familiar with our town.

I live on 4th Avenue and Bering Street and from my kitchen window which faces this intersection beside Hanson's Grocery Store, this intersection has become increasingly more dangerous; it has always been so. With the large

increase of motor vehicles it has become ever so increasingly more dangerous. At times I see people,

children and elders standing there for a long time trying to cross Bering Street, let alone Children heading to the school bus stop, let alone those going to the grocery store, Old St. Joes and the Children's Play Park. Only a few cars do slow down or stop, but the majority do not. Both a child and a lady have been hit at this intersection, on the State Highway in front of Hanson's. Just last fall a lady was hit and had to be medivaced to Anchorage. That Medivac trip would have easily covered the cost

of a couple of stop Signs or a Flashing Red light at this intersection. We need a 4-way stop at this intersection on 4th and Bering Street.

When I first started this endeavor, I called the Commissioner's Office of Patrick Kemp and was passed on to Steve Patters office, then to Pam Golden which I was told was in charge of Traffic and Safety. I have called that office many times and always left messages for a return call but so far have had no response.

So Governor this is why I'm

writing to you for help. We desperately need a 4-way stop at this intersection.

Please can you do something, let's not wait until someone gets killed or seriously injured again! Needless to say once again the cost of which would be far more expensive than the cure!

Thank-you for your serious attention to this matter.

Erna S. Rasmussen  
Nome, AK 99762-0002

## • Polar Bears

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menting the U.S.-Russia Polar Bear Agreement and Title V of the MMPS.

At this point the meeting was closed and non-participants were asked to leave.

Keeping track of bear harvest in real time has become the management concern of keeping the quota numbers.

Co-management arrangement details will be knocked out in following meetings.

Participants:

Rose Fosdick, vice president of Natural Resources, Kawerak Inc.

Taquil Hepa, Director NSB Dept. of Wildlife Management.

Jack Omelak, Alaska, Nanuq Commission,

Charlie Brower, Alaska Nanuq Commission,

Gary Frazer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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## Nome holds fifth annual e-waste recycling event

**By Maisie Thomas**

Electronic waste, or e-waste, is the fastest growing waste stream in the world, and western Alaska is not an exception to this trend. To rid the region of hazardous chemicals, Nome held its fifth e-waste recycling program along with the annual city cleanup on June 4.

After learning about e-waste recycling programs in other places, Kawerak Environmental Coordinator Anahma Shannon spearheaded Nome's first event in 2011, her goal being to remove as much hazardous material as possible from the region. During the e-waste recycling event, Nomeites could drop off their broken phones, computers, iPads and other dysfunctional electronic devices in the parking lot between Kawerak and the Methodist Church. Shannon said

Kawerak also collects fluorescent bulbs, which contain mercury, and household and vehicle batteries. Bering Air flies broken electronic devices to Nome from the villages, and Alaska Logistics ships the e-waste to Seattle.

Shannon said the turnout at the e-waste event has increased over the years, with some businesses bringing several truckloads to recycle. Kawerak used to charge \$0.25 a pound, but eliminated the fee to make the process "as painless as possible." Disposing of e-waste is now free for households and \$10 a truckload for businesses.

Shannon said that it is especially important to remove e-waste from the villages because; unlike in Nome where waste is separated into material that can and cannot be burned,

village landfills burn all trash. Burning e-waste is extremely hazardous, because the chemicals and heavy metals are released. When torched, heavy metals release cancer-causing dioxins into the air. Physically breaking devices in ways such as crushing or shooting also leads to unnecessary exposure to heavy metals and chemicals.

According to the World Health Organization, "E-waste-connected health risks may result from direct contact with harmful materials such as lead, cadmium, chromium, brominated flame retardants or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), from inhalation of toxic fumes, as well as from accumulation of chemicals in soil, water and food."

"Just a lot of bad stuff," leaves the electronic devices and settles on the



E-WASTE—Kawerak held its annual e-waste drive on Saturday, June 4. It is important to dispose of e-waste properly; the Nome Landfill collects and separates it from burnable materials.

Nugget File Photo

tundra, where hazardous chemicals, such as arsenic and lead, leach into the water and soil, Shannon said. It is especially important to prevent this in rural Alaska, where people are dependent on plants and animals for food. If toxins enter the ecosystem, it is only a matter of time before they begin to affect the humans who are dependent on the land for their food.

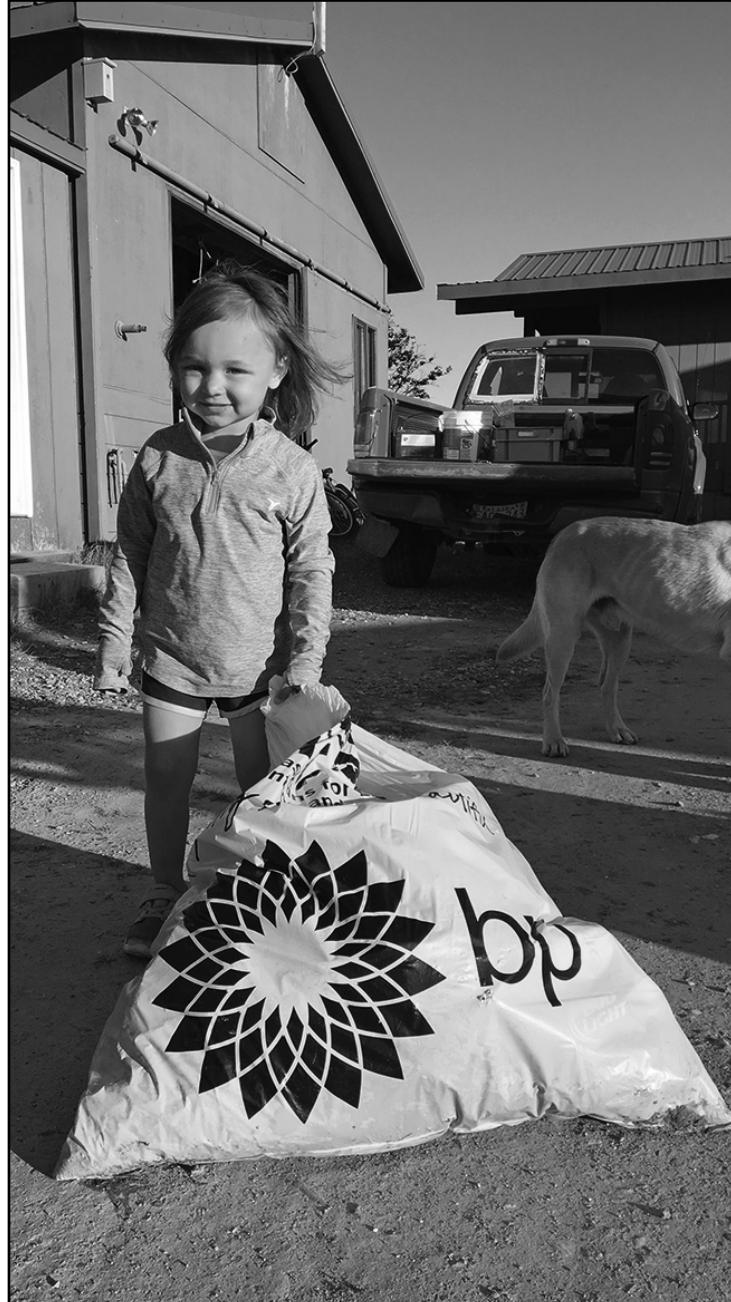


Photo by Jessica Blandford

YOUNG RECYCLER—Lexi Blandford shows off her first bag of trash of the summer. The trash was picked up from the Dexter Bypass Road.

## Governor Walker Thanks Legislature for Safeguarding Alaskans' Healthcare Access

*Passage of HB374 ensures 23,000 Alaskans will not lose health insurance coverage*

June 5, 2016 JUNEAU—Governor Bill Walker today thanked members of the 29th Alaska Legislature for their near-unanimous support yesterday of HB 374, which the governor introduced to ensure Alaskans do not have to pay more in health insurance premiums.

"Over the past two years, my team and I have received hundreds of calls and emails from Alaskans who say health care costs are increasingly unaffordable," Governor Walker said. "This legislation will provide relief from substantial premium increases for 23,000 Alaskans who are insured through the private marketplace as we continue work to bring more insurers into Alaska."

In the past two years, insurance premiums in the individual market have increased almost 80 percent—the equivalent of an additional mortgage for many families. Three health care insurers have left Alaska since 2015. The remaining insurer told the state it cannot commit to continuing in the market, due to the high cost of providing care for a small population

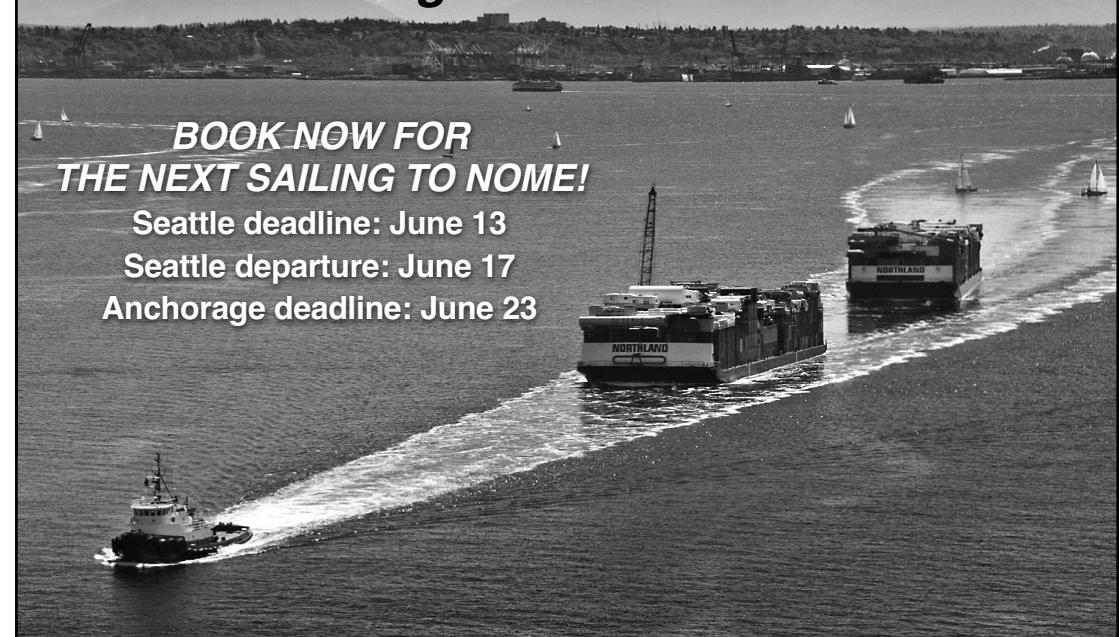
with rare and costly medical conditions. Without relief, the insurer would have had to pass on the cost to 23,000 Alaskans—or would have had to pull out of the state altogether, leaving those Alaskans without healthcare insurance options.

HB 374 establishes a state health insurance fund through the Alaska Comprehensive Health Insurance Association to stabilize rates, and aims to convince additional insurers to serve Alaskans in the individual healthcare market. Instead of spreading the cost of the claims to the 23,000 Alaskans enrolled in the market, the cost would be paid through the insurance premium tax all insurance companies operating in the state already pay.

"Had this problem not been addressed this year, it would have cost the state more than \$200 million next year," said Lori Wing-Heier, Division of Insurance Director. "Even with the two-year sunset provision, we will work on other sources of funding to raise the money needed for the reinsurance program."

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## Cemetery group suggests exclusive section for veterans

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Cemetery is a lovely resting place, with monuments and crosses nestled in the grasses and dispersed among at least 100 trees planted by loved ones in honor of their dear departed. A 360 degree review from the hill holds the Nome River and watercraft, Anvil Mountain, the town with the spire of Old St. Joe's, residences and industrial areas all melded with activities of the living.

The care of volunteers, including Cussy Kauer and Deb Redburn, has tended the grounds over the years. But the cemetery needs expansion and updating of facilities. Unmarked graves remain, the morgue needs modernization, and the need for mapping and expansion continues.

Now the Nome Ad-Hoc Cemetery Committee, an advisory group of civic leaders, has formed to continue care and to advance improvements. At their first meeting the group decided to implement a three-tiered approach, according to reports from City Manager Tom Moran—updating existing information, including digitizing maps and an alphabetical register, creating a new system of burials in the existing cemetery, and creating a development plan for the cemetery expansion. Also on the agenda, getting running water to the morgue where families come to prepare the bodies of their relatives. Among suggestions was developing a section of the cemetery exclusively for veterans.

The committee roster comprises the following list: Stan Andersen and Lew Tobin, Nome Common Council; Ken Hughes and Sara Lizak, Nome Planning Commission; Cussy Kauer and Dave McDowell, Museum and Library Commission; Julie Farris and Bertha Koweluk, Nome Rotary Club and Leo Rasmussen, former mayor and community member.

The group planned to meet again June 9 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The City will hold an open house this summer at Old St. Joe's to collect public input. Meanwhile, the first meeting produced the following suggested plans and updates:

Julie Farris volunteered to add burial permits over the past four years to update a preliminary map at City Hall.

Nome Rotary Club would coordinate with Chip Leeper, Dept. of Parks and Recreation director, to paint and erect markers on unmarked graves.

The City's public works department would dig graves, going forward, leading to an increase in burial permit costs, to be determined by Julie Liew, finance director.

There would be a fee waiver policy for permits, similar to the one for renting city facilities.

If Nome Joint Utility System staff finds it not feasible to install running water in the morgue, the City would work with Norton Sound Health Corp. to develop a different location for preparation of bodies. Nome has neither mortuary service nor under-

taker.

City engineers would receive a "clean" copy of the map at City Hall to digitize it. The City would consult its attorney about a quiet title action for the Masonic area south of the vault.

The recreation director has taken on the responsibility for ensuring plot selections are vacant and people use the ones they have selected. The City would have a plot overlay developed for the existing and new cemetery to be applied to the digitized map in

order to sell actual plots.

The cemetery group is advisory in status; no city department has had the cemetery under its umbrella. "We are thankful for the volunteers who have taken on this project," Moran said.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

**AT PEACE**—Volunteers and families have tended Nome Cemetery throughout the years. Nome Ad-Hoc Cemetery Committee has formed to continue upgrades and expansion.

### Nome Beltz Junior/Senior High School Semester 2 Honor Roll, 2015 - 2016

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Bethany Thomas

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Maya Kralik  
Kelly Lyon  
Ashleigh Minix  
Naomi Minix

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Autumn Osborne  
Anna Peterson  
Jayden Pollard  
Nephi Tidwell  
Katelyn Tocktoo  
**SHAYNA WARNKE-GREEN**

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Walter Bell  
Brittany Bobby  
Nicole Castel  
Benjamin Cross  
Starr Erikson  
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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE

## EASTERN NORTON SOUND SUBSISTENCE SALMON OPENINGS

Chinook salmon and chum salmon are reported as being harvested in small numbers in recent days. As salmon have been to enter the coastal waters of Norton Sound, the department will now begin implementation of subsistence fishing restrictions and closures with the overall goal of providing limited harvest opportunities while ensuring that adequate numbers of Chinook salmon reach spawning areas in eastern Norton Sound drainages.

Specific strategies vary for each subdistrict depending on expected fishing effort and recent harvest patterns, the preferred management option chosen by residents in each community, and expected run abundance of Chinook salmon. Fishing times and restrictions for each subdistrict are as follows:

### Norton Bay Subdistrict

Effective 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 6, all flowing waters draining the Inglutalik and Ungalik Rivers, and all marine waters of the Norton Bay Subdistrict, will be placed on a subsistence gillnet fishing schedule of two 48-hour periods per week. Periods will be from 6:00 p.m. Mondays to 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays, and from 6:00 p.m. Fridays to 6:00 p.m. Sundays. During the Monday to Wednesday period, subsistence users will be restricted to set gillnets with a stretched measure size of 6 inches or less. For weekend 48-hour openings from Fridays to Sundays, there will be no restrictions on mesh size. This schedule will remain in place until midnight Sunday evening, July 3. The Koyuk River drainage is not affected by this action and will remain open to subsistence fishing with no restrictions in place. Additionally, the use of beach seines, dip-

nets, and cast nets is open continuously by regulation in all waters of Norton Bay Subdistrict, but any Chinook salmon incidentally captured in these gear types must be immediately released alive and unharmed.

### Shaktoolik Subdistrict

Effective 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 6, all marine waters and freshwaters of Norton Sound Subdistrict 5, the Shaktoolik Subdistrict, will close. At 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 6, the marine waters of Subdistrict 6 will reopen to subsistence salmon fishing with set gillnets with no mesh size restrictions for 24 hours. After 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, the marine waters will close to subsistence salmon fishing until the following week when additional periods are set. This opening has been timed so subsistence users can take advantage of good drying weather and favorable surf conditions. This brief period with restricted mesh and the remainder of the week closed should allow some utilization of Chinook and chum salmon harvest surpluses but not have an adverse impact on escapements of Chinook salmon to the Unalakleet River drainage.

A reminder to Subdistricts 5 and 6 subsistence users that dipnets and castnets are now designated legal

will reopen for 48 hours to the use of set gillnets with a mesh size of 6 inches or less. At 6:00 p.m. Wednesday June 8, the Unalakleet Subdistrict marine waters will close to subsistence salmon fishing until the department announces the next periods the following week. This opening has been timed so subsistence users can take advantage of good drying weather and favorable surf conditions. This brief period with restricted mesh and the remainder of the week closed should allow some utilization of Chinook and chum salmon harvest surpluses but not have an adverse impact on escapements of Chinook salmon to the Unalakleet River drainage.

A reminder to Subdistricts 5 and 6 subsistence users that dipnets and castnets are now designated legal

subsistence gear for salmon throughout Norton Sound. However, subsistence fishers in freshwater areas of Subdistricts 5 and 6 are prohibited from retaining any Chinook salmon incidentally captured in dipnets or cast nets. Any Chinook salmon incidentally captured in dipnets or cast nets must be immediately released alive and unharmed back into the water.

### Other Eastern Norton Sound Coastal Waters

As a reminder, all waters from Wood Point west to Point Romanof, subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days a week. However, all marine waters from the western tip of Cape Denbigh east to Point Dexter and all marine waters from Black Point south to Wood Point, east of St.

Michael remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing through June 30. On July 1, subsistence salmon fishing in these marine waters will revert back to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with no restrictions.

The department will evaluate early season run timing and abundance of Chinook salmon using ground based escapement indices and fishermen reports from the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts. Inseason assessments of Chinook salmon run abundance may indicate the need for additional conservation measures or that run abundance warrants a relaxation of subsistence fishing restrictions. The department will also consider setting fishing periods allowing the use of beach seines to target other salmon species in freshwater areas.



*Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff*

LITTLE ONES—This year's musk ox babies are getting familiar with Nome.

## Iditarod mushers protest two-way communication devices on the trail

### By Maisie Thomas

The Iditarod Trail Board made several changes to the official rules for the 2017 race. The most important, and controversial, revision is that mushers are now allowed to carry cellphones, satellite phones and other two-way communication devices on the trail.

Race Marshall Mark Nordman said that the situation on the Yukon last year is the main reason behind the new rule. Two mushers and their teams were attacked by a snowmachine outside of the Nulato checkpoint, and physical safety became a serious concern on the trail. "We want to make sure that nothing like this ever happens again," he said.

During the 2016 Iditarod Official Finishers Club meeting in Nome, the mushers' recommendation to the board was to allow two-way communication devices that are only to be used to communicate with race officials in the case of an emergency. For the past few years, Iditarod mushers have had an SOS button on their tracker that they can press for help in case of an emergency. Phones and computers are available in the checkpoints, but up until now mushers were not allowed to carry cellphones or satellite phones. Front-runner Brent Sass was disqualified from the 2015 Iditarod for carrying an iPod Touch.

Nordman believes that the attack on Aliy Zirkle, which lasted for several hours, could have been prevented if she had had access to a phone. "Things are always evolving in any event," he said, adding that this is the first time that the Iditarod has had to deal with mushers and teams being assaulted.

It takes time for help to arrive after a musher activates their SOS button. When musher Hugh Neff was caught in a storm near Golovin Bay in the 2014 race, he activated his SOS button, but it took 10 hours for him to be rescued. Cell or satellite phones would be a faster way of communication. Two-way communica-

cation devices had been banned up until now to prevent coaching.

Nordman said he feels that mushers should be focused on their race and team, not their next Facebook status. Thus, no social media is allowed. "You won't be blogging your way to Nome." Also, devices may not be used to conduct interviews with the media or to ask for outside assistance or coaching. In some places, mushers with smart phones have access to the Internet, and it is impossible for the Iditarod Trail Committee to prevent them from using it. When asked about concerns with mushers using social media, "It's important to remember the purpose of the rule," Nordman said. Ultimately, safety is more important than trying to prevent cheating, because, "If somebody wants to cheat, they're going to cheat," Nordman said. "I can't tell you that no one has ever carried a phone to Nome before."

While all mushers are in favor of a safe Iditarod, many are protesting the rule change, saying that allowing racers to carry two-way communication devices makes the Iditarod's no

coaching rule obsolete, and thus changes the nature of the Last Great Race. Defending Iditarod Champion Dallas Seavey published a petition asking for the Board of Directors to reconsider the rule. "The purpose of rule 35 is to address safety concerns on the trail. However, allowing unrestricted two-way communication creates a situation in which there is no realistic way for coaching to be policed," the petition reads.

Originally, the rule did not explicitly ban outside assistance or coaching. However, Seavey and fourth place finisher Wade Marrs recorded a discussion they had about the impacts the new rule would have on the race, which lead the board to add the clause.

In his petition, Dallas Seavey asked the board to rewrite the rule to include several points, including that two-way communication devices should be carried by choice not by requirement, and can only be used in case of an emergency. He also asked that the ITC create a 24-hour hotline or other avenue to take emergency calls from mushers. "A private line of communication that cannot be po-

liced is neither an efficient safety measure, nor does it ensure honest competition."

In just under a week, the document garnered over 1,000 signatures, many from Iditarod mushers, including DeeDee Jonrowe, Nicholas Petit and Marrs, but also from people as far away as Australia and South Africa. Nordman said the Board of Directors is always open to new ideas, and will take Seavey's suggestions into consideration.

### Other rule changes

Following publicity regarding incidents of domestic violence that had taken place between two mushers who competed in the 2016 race, the Board of Directors is forming an advisory committee to determine what to do in the future to address cases in which mushers have domestic violence and mental health issues. Nord-

man said the issue is "being taken very seriously," but that he can't provide specific information at this time.

The entry fee for the 1,049 mile race increased by \$1,000, to \$4,000. Nordman said the higher entry fee was necessary because it costs more and more to put the race on each year. This is not the first time the entry fee has been \$4,000. After the 2007 race, the entry fee increased from \$1,850 to \$3,000, then to \$4,000 in 2009. The fee then decreased to \$3,000 in 2012, where it has stayed until now.

Nordman said the "substantial increase" in fee does have the potential to discourage mushers from entering the race, but, with sign ups starting June 25, he expects a full field nonetheless.

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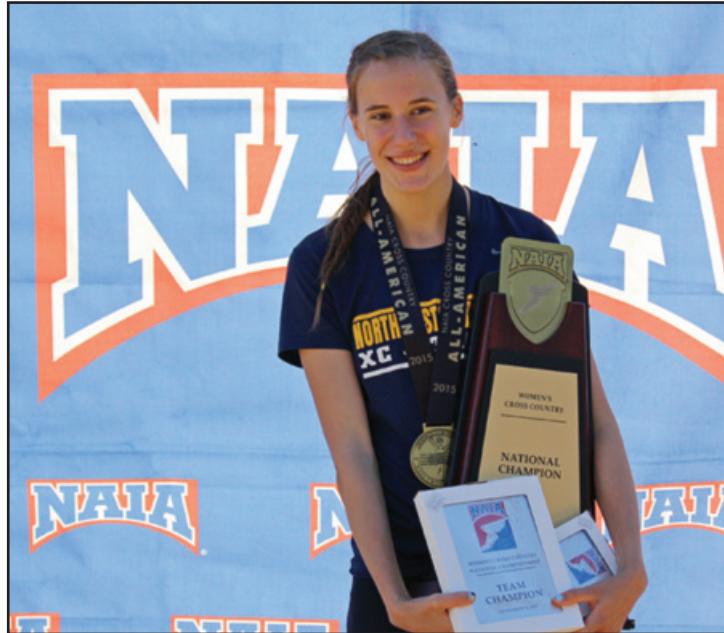
## • Schmidt All-American

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Even though she completed the first lap in 78 seconds, Schmidt was still dead last. "Even the girl who was ranked fourteenth was running in front of me," she said.

Seeing her competitors from behind did not discourage Schmidt,

who entered the field of fourteen as the seventh ranked NAIA runner. "I kinda just hung in the back for a bit and started building as I could. As much as I could do for the heat," she said. "Everyone who started 'rabbiting' out front died off, and slowly there were girls that were just spent."



*Photos Courtesy NCU Athletic Department*

**NATIONAL CHAMPION**— Nome Alumna Rosa Schmidt holds the NAIA National Championship trophy she helped her team win in Charlotte, North Carolina last fall. She earned All-American honors for her 13th place finish.

By the end of the 25-lap race, Schmidt had worked her way up to the sixth position with a time of 37:27.17. She was one minute, 17 seconds off the pace set by Jesse Perkinson of Southern Oregon University. The top eight in the event received All-American honors.

Schmidt is in Nome during her break. She is working at the library and also helping young athletes. She is studying to become a secondary math teacher and would like to one day coach running. "I like the idea that I am competing at a collegiate level because I don't think a lot of

people in rural Alaska know that that's even an option," she said. "I've got my foot in the door, and now I want to pull more people in with me. I'd love to encourage other people and help them out."



**DOUBLE ALL-AMERICAN**— Rosa Schmidt, 5, earned her second All-American honors in the 2015-2016 school year, as she placed 6th in the 10-kilometer race during the 2016 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Gulf Shores, Alabama on May 26.

## Nome Biathletes train with U.S. National Team Coach

**By Keith Conger**

Five members of Nome Ski and Biathlon gained national exposure last week as they traveled to Anchorage's Kincaid Park for the five-day Alaska Regional Biathlon Camp.

The quintet received guidance from some of the nation's top biathlon instructors including the current United States National Women's Team coach Jonne Kahkonen, two-time Olympic team member Sara Studebaker-Hall and former U.S. National team member Zachary Hall.

With their increased participation outside rural Alaska, the Nome team is becoming known at both the state

and national levels. Bianca Trowbridge, Mallory Conger and Emelyne Hobbs competed in the USA Youth and Junior Biathlon World Championship Trials last winter. Joining them in this summer's United States Biathlon Association sanctioned clinic were Mary Fiskeaux and Sophia Hobbs, who recently completed their first winter in the sport. Both were making the jump from the Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championships in Galena to a gathering on Alaska's road system.

The camp's instruction was spearheaded by Kahkonen, who was Finland's head coach for four years before becoming the U.S. Women's

coach in 2010. According to an article on FastSkier.com at the time of Kahkonen's hire, USBA president Max Cobb hoped that his new coach could help send women from the US into the top 20 on the World Cup. That goal was realized this year, as Susan Dunklee placed second in a World Cup race in Presque Isle, Maine.

"Jonne is a coach I worked with when I was competing," said Studebaker-Hall, who raced in the 2010 and 2014 Winter Olympic Games and now is an assistant nordic coach at the University of Alaska Anchorage. "He has a fresh pair of eyes. He's on the World Cup circuit right

now. He sees what the latest stuff is, and what's going on and what the best athletes are doing."

Kahkonen, Studebaker-Hall and Hall worked with a group of 23 experienced young Alaskan biathletes for full-day sessions on Wednesday through Friday. Seven members of the group, or 30 percent, call rural Alaska home. Mornings were devoted to developing shooting technique and afternoons were a combination of shooting and roller skiing. On Saturday morning, clinic participants competed in a biathlon time trial, where they either roller skied or ran.

"This camp was very helpful for

the development of shooters," said Trowbridge. "I went to the camp (in Anchorage) last year and a camp down in Utah (last October) that really focused on shooting and this camp was the most helpful. It was very well set up and the coaches worked on each person's level."

"Jonne was our roller ski coach for three days and taught me a lot of new stuff," said Conger who also attended the ABA's biathlon camp in the summer of 2015. "The roller skiing in Anchorage was amazing. The trails were nicely taken care of. There were no rocks or gravel."

"I really enjoyed working with the group from Nome," said Kahkonen.

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## Congratulations to our award-winning staff Alaska Press Club Awards for *The Nome Nugget*:

### • Best Sports Reporting First Place

**By Keith Conger**  
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**By Maisie Thomas**  
"Potential bill could close small Alaskan schools"



**• Best Feature Photo - First Place**

MID DAY RUN — Emily Russell enjoys the mid-day sun peaking over the horizon during a run along East Beach, on Dec. 27, 2015.

*Photo by Nils Hahn*



Photos by Jim Pasek

**TOP LEADER**—The United States Olympic and National team head coach Jonne Kahkonen helps Nome Ski and Biathlon team member Bianca Trowbridge with her standing position shooting.



**GREAT POINTERS**—Two-time United States Olympian Sara Studebaker-Hall gives instruction to Nome Ski and Biathlon members Mary Fiskeaux, center, and Sophia Hobbs at the USBA sanctioned biathlon camp at Anchorage's Kincaid Park on May 26.



**HIGH FLYER**—Nome Ski and Biathlon member Mallory Conger gets some air as she works her way through the roller ski agility course during the Alaska Biathlon Association sponsored biathlon camp.



**TIME TRIAL**—Nome Ski and Biathlon member Emelyne Hobbs and 2015 US World Youth and Junior Championships team member Alex Kilby take aim during the Alaska Regional Biathlon Camp's roller ski time trial at Kincaid Park on May 28.

## •Nome Biathletes

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"They all are very enthusiastic and wanted to keep improving on biathlon. I was especially impressed with their approach on roller ski training, learning what a challenge it is to find roads to train on at home. So when we did the agility and coordination course on roller skis I was happy to see each of them took the challenge and wanted to learn and take the next step."

"I think they are really progressing well," said Studebaker-Hall. "It is really exciting when you bring kids in who have fairly limited access to true biathlon facilities. They come to Anchorage and see the 30-point range. Last year I think some of them were a little bit intimidated and they had never been in that position before. So this year, they felt more confident. You see positions getting better. You can see that people have been working. You can see that people have been dry firing. They took what they learned last year and made some changes."

"I signed up for the camp in preparation for next year's ski season," said Emelyne Hobbs. "I was looking to improve my shooting as I train for Junior World Trials in Jericho, Vermont next year as well as our regional and state meets. I feel much more proficient with my rifle. It was wonderful one-on-one instruction, and I appreciated that a lot. I'm looking forward to seeing where these new skills will take me."

"I was worried about being left behind by all of the other biathletes," said Emelyne's younger sister Sophia. "I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to do the drills and things. But this camp was a great experience. I shot more rounds than I'd trained for, and was coached by Olympic athletes and their coaches. Walking away from this camp I feel way more confident about practice and competition."

The biathlon clinic was sponsored by the Alaska Biathlon Association, a

group that formed two years ago and has worked to foster and promote the sport of biathlon across the state of Alaska. ABA has organized summer camps, run statewide biathlon races, and sponsored the USA Youth and Junior Biathlon World Championship Trials.

Last winter ABA purchased three top-of-the-line biathlon rifles with the intent of awarding them to up-and-coming biathletes ready to take their training to a higher level. During the camp, Nome's Mary Fiskeaux received one of the rifles, and former Unalakleet racer Aly Daniels, who now races out of Fairbanks, was given another.

"I was very honored to have received a .22 rifle from the Alaska Biathlon Association," said Fiskeaux. "It meant a lot to me that they thought I was deserving of it when they could've easily given it to someone else. I plan on using the rifle to practice and dry fire in hopes of qualifying for the 2018 Arctic Winter Games."

The Alaska Regional Biathlon Camp also featured morning sessions for novice biathletes. Instruction for this group was provided by Hall, who has been a biathlon coach in Anchorage for several years, and head coach of Team Alaska's biathlon squads at the 2014 and 2016 Arctic Winter Games. Hall recently stepped into the position of Regional Director for USBA in Alaska.

Olivia Mashiana, Lauryn Nanouk-Jones and Autumn Nanouk were three young athletes from Unalakleet who were among Hall's novice participants. In all, 10 non-road system athletes that compete for rural Alaska's Western Interior Ski Association were present at the Alaska Regional Biathlon Camp. That number represented approximately 25 percent of the total campers. The list of WISA athletes also included Daniel Kopp of Galena.

"It's exciting to see the level of athletes coming out of Western Alaska," said Hall. "They had a great

showing at the Arctic Winter Games just a few months ago. I think it's a huge testament to the coaching and camaraderie that is available through WISA."

"Really it's about opportunity," Hall added. "If you provide opportunity, the kids will take advantage of it. And that's what this is for the WISA kids. And what's neat is that by the end of the camp, you can't tell the difference. You can't tell where a kid's from because they are all doing

the same things. In fact, some of the kids from WISA are doing it better than some of the kids from the road system."

The camp concluded with a Sunday time trial on the Upper Gasline trail near Hillside Ski Area, which was followed by a hike up the ridge leading to Wolverine Peak. The climb allowed the young biathletes to socialize.

"For Zach and I it's almost more of the goal, to create this environment,"

said Studebaker-Hall after the hike. "Alaska is really big, but the biathlon community is really small. And we want it to be a biathlon community where everyone learns and grows and benefits from each other."

"I want to see the community grow because when you begin to share ideas, everybody is speaking the same language," said Hall. "That is what we achieved this week."

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# HOUSE PASSES COMPROMISE OIL TAX CREDIT REFORM

*HB247 Conference Committee Report strikes balance in new resource climate*

Following months of debate, the Alaska House of Representatives approved reforming the State's oil and gas tax credit system. The House-Senate Conference Committee Report for House Bill 247, which passed 21-19, protects the State at lower oil prices and brings certainty

to the State's outstanding and future tax credit liability.

The compromise, based on the Senate's version of HB247, was minimally amended, by the Conference Committee. "I was a 'no' vote on changes to our tax regime on the Governor's version and the changes

the House made to the Senate's version. The last thing I wanted to do was tell our partners we were changing the rules again," said Rep. Dave Talerico, R-Healy, and the House Resources Co-Chair and Chair of the House Conference Committee. "I've come around. We compromised sig-

nificantly. We're ending credits and minimizing our outlay. We're also protecting our stability and, eventu-

ally, our economy."

HB247 now heads to the Governor for signature.

## Conference Committee Advances Flawed Oil Tax Credit Subsidy Bill

*New Version of HB 247 Will Cost Alaska Hundreds of Millions of Dollars a Year Into the Foreseeable Future*

The Conference Committee created to work out the differences between the House and Senate versions of House Bill 247 advanced a new version that continues unsustainable subsidies to the oil and gas industry that will cost Alaska hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

The only member of the Minority on the Conference Committee is Representative Geran Tarr (D-Anchorage). She objected to the new version of HB 247 and voted no on advancing the bill out of the committee. "The people of Alaska will consider this Special Session a failure if we don't address this unsustainable credit system for the North Slope, which is one of the most expensive components of the system of subsidizing the oil industry in Alaska. The Conference Committee version of the bill does not do that, so I was a no vote. I want a strong and vibrant oil and gas industry in Alaska, but paying out more in tax credits than we receive in production taxes is just a bad business deal for the people we are elected to represent," said Tarr. "Additionally, the public was left out of the process because the meeting was noticed late Sunday for an 8:00 a.m. Monday meeting."

HB 247 was originally put forward by Alaska Governor Bill Walker and his version of the bill would have offset Alaska's fiscal gap by approximately \$500 million. The bill was dramatically changed through the Republican-controlled committee process in the House and Senate to strip away nearly all savings and continue the unsustainable oil industry subsidies. Eventually, a bipartisan group of lawmakers in the House and Senate came together to pass a version of HB 247 that would protect Alaska from being overwhelmed by these tax credits, incentives, and subsidies for the oil industry. However, the Senate Majority promptly gutted that version of the bill in favor of continuing the unsustainable oil tax credit system.

The HB 247 Conference Committee waited until day 15 of the Special Session to meet and in the span of one meeting that lasted just over an hour, they forwarded a new version of HB 247 largely similar to the Senate version of the bill. "The subsidies and incentives included in this bill makes it impossible for the Alaska Legislature to pass any version of a fiscal plan that is fair to the people of Alaska," said Alaska Independent Democratic Coalition Leader Rep. Chris Tuck (D-Anchorage). "Today's vote showed a lack of leadership by the House and Senate Majority members on the Conference Committee because they missed the opportunity to rollback and moderate these oil industry subsidies, which are threatening to overwhelm our budget, our economy, and potentially our future."

Alaska's oil tax credit system has

become a huge cost driver and the repurchased part of the credit system is now the third largest state expenditure behind education and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

In the next fiscal year, the State is expected to pay out an estimated \$825 million in refundable tax credits, while the state is forecasted to only take in \$54 million in production taxes. FY 2017 will be the third year in a row that production tax revenues are less than credit payments. The provisions included in the current oil and gas tax code, and continued in the version of HB 247 advanced by the Conference Committee, for the State of Alaska to cover a third of oil industry losses increases the state's fiscal liability to the oil industry to over a billion dollars.

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## HOROSCOPES

June 9 - June 15



Big surprises are in store for you this week. Enjoy, Capricorn! A review of your finances reveals the budget crunching has paid off. Celebrate with a night out.



Dreams do come true, as you are about to learn this week, Aries. Make sure you pay it forward. A loved one throws you for a loop with their announcement.



Cunning Cancer. You know how to make a splash, and you make a big one at a meeting, so big you receive an offer you can't refuse. A fate draws near.



Long live romance! A trip fans the flames of passion and makes this week one to remember. Enjoy, Libra. A memo invites further investigation.



Try, try, try, Aquarius, and you will succeed. It will take some doing, but you will come out on top. A friend could use some honest advice.



Pipe down, Taurus. You're blowing things out of proportion. A trek north will bring some much-needed perspective. An argument is won.



Making up is hard to do, but not impossible, Leo. Admit you're at fault and apologize for your mistakes. A treasure is uncovered in the most unusual of places.



O, Scorpio. O, Scorpio. Where have you been? You've had your nose to the grindstone for so long that you're missing out on some major milestones.



Psst, Pisces. There's a mischief-maker in your midst, and they are up to something for sure. Keep an eye out. A love letter gets the home fires burning.



Courage will be called for this week, as confrontations ensue. Stand by your convictions, Gemini. A memorial provides a moment for reflection.

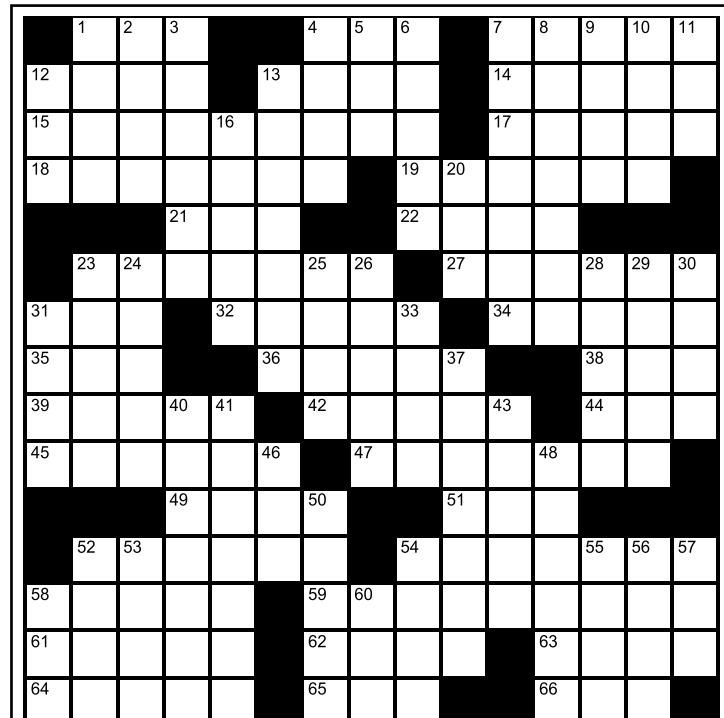


A loved one is in dire need. Do everything you can, even if it means you have to make some sacrifices. They will return the favor, Virgo.



You've never been to be pushy, but you have no choice with a certain friend. They won't make a decision without your insistence, Sagittarius.

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### Across

- Car accessory
- Convened
- Symbol over Spanish words
- Long, long time
- Formally surrender
- Bunk
- Officer's club
- Absurd
- Put down
- Harden
- Balloon filler
- Big name in hotels
- Edible vegetable oil of sorts (2 wds)
- "The magic word"
- Spotted, to Tweety
- Tiny openings
- Overthrow, e.g.
- Assent
- Not bold
- Bird-to-be
- Fort Knox unit
- Assured
- Back, in a way
- Stick out
- Especially
- Go through
- "So \_\_\_ me!"
- Come up with
- Come fly with me Singer
- Assumed name
- Sudden rash or action

61. It's spotted in westerns

- Fly high
- Excursion
- Arcade coin
- "Sesame Street" watcher
- Appetite

### Down

- Switzerland's capital
- Beat badly
- Temper, as metal
- Lentil, e.g.
- "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- Andrea Bocelli, for one
- Prickly plant
- Gadget used by some allergy sufferers
- Baker's unit
- Contradict
- Artist's asset
- Absorbed, as a cost
- Untapered cigar
- Hamper
- Bit of a draft
- Song of joy
- Cy Young, e.g.
- Western blue flag, e.g.
- Sprite flavor
- "He's \_\_\_ nowhere man" (Beatles lyric, 2 wds)
- Damp
- "Cogito \_\_\_ sum"
- Kid
- Fodder holder
- Dumber
- Golden
- Act of defiance or violation
- Cow
- "Dig in!"
- Visual compliment
- Thomas Jefferson, religiously
- History Muse
- Milieu for Lemieux
- Clash
- Bolted
- Archaeological site
- Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
- Appropriate
- juice (milk)

### Previous Puzzle Answers

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## All Around the Sound

### New Arrivals

Bernadette Iya, of Savoonga, announces the birth of her son **Jeffrey Kulisa Iya**, born April 14, 2016 at 2:47 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, and was 21" in length. Siblings or Other Family Members: Great Grandmother Jeanette Iya; Jade Iya, Jacob Iya, Barry Iya, all proud uncles. Grand Uncle Joseph Iya and Jason Iya; all loving and caring, proud momma

Bernadette Iya.

Mary Otton, of Anchorage, announces the birth of her son **Damon Wallace Otton** ("Baby Dee"), born April 27, 2016 at 8:14 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20" in length. Siblings or other family members are brothers Sebastian, Tracen and Xaedyn. Maternal grandparents are Helen Katchatag and Wally Otton.

### Honors

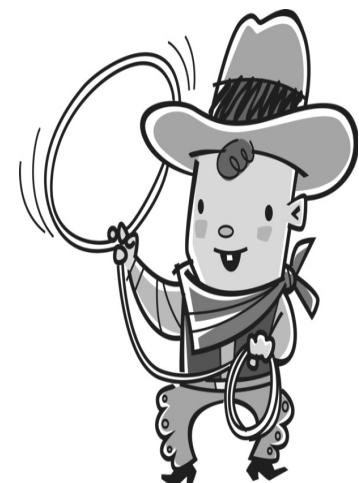
HighLine Jr. College in Des Moines, Washington recognizes **Cass E. Mattheis** of Nome, Alaska for GPA of 3.89 for Winter Quarter, 2016.

## Tug and barge grounded near mouth of Yukon

### By Maisie Thomas

Strong winds grounded a tug and barge near Nunam Iqua on June 2. The Tug Sam B, pulling the Barge LAB, was entering the Yukon River when they were blown onto a sand bar. The vessel was carrying approximately 18,973 gallons diesel fuel at the time of the incident.

Petty Officer Shawn Eggert of the U.S. Coast Guard said there were no reports of damage, pollution or injuries from the incident. By the next high tide, on the morning of June 3, the barge was refloated by another vessel and on the way to Pilot Station.



## From the Taxac and Martin family

We would like to express our heartfelt thank you in assisting with the funeral and burial of son, brother, uncle **Charles James Mayac Taxac** to everyone that has helped in the funeral arrangements.

We also would like to thank the families who provided food for the potluck. The funeral service and potluck went well.

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Photo by Nils Hahn

**LOONS**— Two pairs of red-throated loons ride the waves off East Beach in Nome.

### Citrus-Cranberry Scones

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

**Makes 1 Dozen**  
**Preparation Time: 75 minutes**  
**Bake at 425°F for 17 minutes**  
**Difficulty Level: Difficult**



**Ingredients:**  
 ½ cup frozen cranberries  
 ¼ cup orange juice  
 1 cup 2% cottage cheese  
 ¼ cup packed brown sugar, divided  
 ½ tsp. lemon zest  
 1 tsp. vanilla  
 1/3 cup skim milk  
 1 tsp. lemon juice  
 2 Tbsp. olive oil  
 1 cup whole-wheat flour  
 ¾ cup bread flour  
 1 Tbsp. baking powder  
 ½ tsp. salt  
 4 Tbsp. cold butter, diced  
 ½ cup chopped pecans  
 1 large egg, lightly beaten

Serving Size	1 scone
Amount Per Serving	12
Calories	165
Total Fat (g)	10
Saturated Fat (g)	3.5
Cholesterol (mg)	27
Sodium (mg)	273
Total Carbohydrate (g)	15
Fiber (g)	1
Protein (g)	3.5
Vitamin A (%)	4
Vitamin C (%)	6
Calcium (%)	5
Iron (%)	5

**Directions:**

1. Combine cranberries and orange juice in a small bowl. Let sit for approximately 1 hour before beginning to prepare scones.
2. Preheat oven to 425°F.
3. Drain cranberries; discard liquid. Gently crush cranberries with the back of a spoon, keeping some solid pieces. Set aside.
4. Combine cottage cheese, 1 Tbsp. brown sugar, lemon zest, and vanilla in a small bowl. Set aside ½ cup of the cheese mixture for topping.
5. Combine skim milk and lemon juice to make soured milk. Add soured milk and olive oil to cheese mixture.
6. Stir together whole-wheat flour, bread flour, baking powder, and salt in a medium bowl. Cut cold butter into flour mixture with a pastry blender until crumbly. Add pecans and cranberries. Add cheese mixture and stir until just combined.
7. Spoon ¼ cup batter per scone onto sheet pan. Brush with lightly beaten egg. Bake at 425°F for 17 minutes or until scones appear golden. Cool on rack.
8. While scones are cooling, whip remaining cheese mixture until smooth.
9. Top scones with whipped cheese mixture to serve.

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**Fisheries Technician (White Mountain, Koyuk, Shaktoolik & Unalakleet):** This position assists in project implementation, logistics, field work and carries out established scientific methods. The position will be stationed in a remote field camp for extended periods of time.

**Clean Up Crew Member (Savoonga, Teller & Golovin)** This position assists in project implementation, logistics and field work for clean up projects in area beaches, rivers and sloughs.

**Seafood Processor (Nome, Unalakleet)\*:** A seafood processor is responsible for the proper processing of crab, halibut and other seafood. They work to provide a high quality product in a sanitary environment.

**Fish Buyer (Nome, Unalakleet, Golovin, Elim & Shaktoolik):** This position assists fishermen at the dock, loads and unloads tender and fishing vessels, issues fish tickets, produces ice, operates a forklift and crane, maintains a clean work environment and transports seafood products to the airport.

**Quality Control Coordinator (Nome, Unalakleet):** This position is responsible for supervising quality production and packaging of crab and other seafood. They work to provide a high quality product in a sanitary environment.

**Refrigeration Technician (Unalakleet):** This position is responsible for the proper operation of facilities and equipment in seafood plants. Applicant must be certified in basic electrical operations. A minimum of two years experience in applied refrigeration systems and successful completion of appropriate schools is required.

\*Residents living outside of Unalakleet and Nome who work in the processing plants may be eligible for a housing stipend and travel expenses.

For an application or complete job descriptions, check [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com) or contact Shara English at (907) 274-2248 (Anchorage), 800-650-2248 (toll-free) or [hr@nsedc.com](mailto:hr@nsedc.com).

## Legals

### CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

O-16-06-01 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2017 City of Nome General Fund Municipal Budget and Exercising the Power to Assess and Authorizing the Levy of a General Property Tax

O-16-06-02 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2017 City of Nome School Debt Service Fund Budget

O-16-06-03 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2017 City of Nome Special Revenue Fund Budget

O-16-06-04 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2017 City of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget

O-16-06-05 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2017 City of Nome Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget

O-16-06-06 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2017 City of Nome Port of Nome Fund Budget

O-16-06-07 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY 2017 City of Nome Port of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget

These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on May 23, 2016 and were advanced to second reading/public hearing/final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **June 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the Office of the City Clerk.

5.26, 6.2-9

### INVITATION TO BID CITY OF NOME, ALASKA HEAVY DUTY/SPECIALTY VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT REPAIR/MAINTENANCE

The City of Nome is accepting bids for heavy duty/specialty vehicle and equipment repair and maintenance.

Interested persons may receive a bid package by registering with the City Clerk by email [bhammond@ nomealaska.org](mailto:bhammond@ nomealaska.org), phone at 907-443-6663 or by fax at 907-443-5345. Contract Documents will be available May 31, 2016.

One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 202, Anchorage, AK 99503, 907-563-2029. One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Associated General Contractors of Alaska, 3750 Bonita Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701, 907-452-1809.

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is

6.2-9-16-23-30

### INVITATION TO BID CITY OF NOME, ALASKA EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLE REPAIR/MAINTENANCE

The City of Nome is accepting bids for emergency service vehicle repair and maintenance.

Interested persons may receive a bid package by registering with the City Clerk by email [bhammond@ nomealaska.org](mailto:bhammond@ nomealaska.org), phone at 907-443-6663 or by fax at 907-443-5345. Contract Documents will be available May 31, 2016.

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The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. local time and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "Vehicle Repair and Service" along with "Bid Opening: July 7, 2016." Fax and email submissions are not allowed.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest qualified Bidder as determined by the City. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informality, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

6.2-9-16-23-30

### INVITATION TO BID CITY OF NOME, ALASKA LIGHT DUTY VEHICLE REPAIR/MAINTENANCE

The City of Nome is accepting bids for light duty vehicle repair and maintenance.

Interested persons may receive a bid package by

registering with the City Clerk by email [bhammond@ nomealaska.org](mailto:bhammond@ nomealaska.org), phone at 907-443-6663 or by fax at 907-443-5345. Contract Documents will be available May 31, 2016.

One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 202, Anchorage, AK 99503, 907-563-2029. One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Associated General Contractors of Alaska, 3750 Bonita Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701, 907-452-1809.

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. local time and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "Vehicle Repair and Service" along with "Bid Opening: July 7, 2016." Fax and email submissions are not allowed.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest qualified Bidder as determined by the City. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informality, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

6.2-9-16-23-30

### INVITATION TO BID PORT OF NOME - CAPE NOME JETTY REPAIR

**OWNER:** CITY OF NOME  
P.O. BOX 281  
NAME, ALASKA 99762  
907-443-6663 (PHONE)  
907-443-5345 (FAX)  
[bhammond@ nomealaska.org](mailto:bhammond@ nomealaska.org) (EMAIL)

The City of Nome will receive sealed bids to perform construction activities to repair the Cape Nome Jetty which was damaged during a 2011 storm designated FEMA DR-4050-AK. Repair of the Cape Nome Jetty will include survey, remote operated vehicle (ROV) inspection, mobilization for all work, demobilization, excavation, stone removal and salvage, placement of salvaged stone, dredging and disposal, removal and reworking of

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## Classifieds

**WANTED** – Mark Knapp at The Cutting Edge in Fairbanks is buying legal ancient walrus ivory, musk ox horn, mammoth ivory and teeth. Very good prices.  
[907-452-7477, cuttingedge@gci.net](mailto:907-452-7477, cuttingedge@gci.net).  
4.14.16-4.13.17

## Notice AREA VILLAGES, SPORT HUNTERS, GUIDES, PILOTS AND MINERS

The public is reminded that lands within the shaded areas on the map including King Island (not shown) are predominately privately owned by King Island Native Corporation (KINC) and its shareholders. Within the boundaries are also Native Allotment Lands.

Artifact digging, sport hunting, mining, guiding and hunting by aircraft is strictly prohibited. All non-shareholders for sport hunting, guiding and hunting by aircraft, mining or operating ATVs must have permission by the King Island Native Corporation prior to entering on above mentioned land.

For detailed information or to obtain permission to enter King Island Native Corporation lands contact KINC Office Manager at **(907)443-5494**, PO Box 992, Nome, Alaska 99762, [kingsland@gci.net](mailto:kingsland@gci.net).

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existing revetment material, supply and placement of imported filter rock, B-rock and armor rock.

Federal funds will be used to pay for the work under this contract.

Interested persons may receive a bid package by registering with the City Clerk by email [bhammond@namealaska.org](mailto:bhammond@namealaska.org), phone at 907-443-6663 or fax at 907-443-5345. Contract Documents will be available May 19, 2016.

One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 202, Anchorage, AK 99503, 907-563-2029.

One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Associated General Contractors of Alaska, 3750 Bonita Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701, 907-452-1809.

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is June 16, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. local time and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids must be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "Bid Enclosed: Port of Nome - Cape Nome Jetty Repair" along with the name and address of the Bidder. Fax submissions are not allowed.

A five per cent bid bond is required. Payment and performance bonds will also be required. The contract will be awarded to the lowest qualified Bidder as determined by the City. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
STATE OF ALASKA – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
CITY OF SAVOONGA, CLASS III MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PERMIT**

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) proposes to issue Solid Waste Disposal Permit No. SW3A184-21, to the City of Savoonga, to operate a Class III Municipal Solid Waste Landfill.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**  
Location: Savoonga is located on the northern shore of St. Lawrence Island, approximately 33.5 miles southeast of Gambell. The legal description of the landfill is: Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 61 West, Kaitet River Meridian. The landfill is operated by the City of Savoonga with landowner permission from Sivuqaq Incorporated.

Landowner: Sivuqaq Incorporated  
Landfill Operator: City of Savoonga

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
This public notice is for an existing landfill that has operated as an unpermitted facility since it was constructed. This will be the first permit issued for the landfill. The landfill serves the 671 residents of Savoonga. It is estimated that the community will produce 857 tons of solid waste per year. The 2-acre site is being operated as an areafill landfill with designated areas for white goods and scrap metal.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**  
For information regarding this Solid Waste Disposal Permit, please contact Trisha Bower at (907) 451-2174 or by e-mail at [trisha.bower@alaska.gov](mailto:trisha.bower@alaska.gov).

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**  
ADEC is seeking comment regarding the proposed project only. Notice is given that any person interested may present written comments relevant to the proposed Permit to ADEC. Written comments will be included in the record if received before 5:00 p.m. on July 8, 2016. Submit written comments regarding the project to Trisha Bower, ADEC Division of Environmental Health, Solid Waste Program, 610 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, Fax: (907) 451-2174, email [trisha.bower@alaska.gov](mailto:trisha.bower@alaska.gov).

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Natalie Wolfe at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

May 24, 2016 dated at Fairbanks, Alaska.

s/b  
Douglas Buteyn  
Solid Waste Program Coordinator

new fill pad and access driveway as described in Project drawings and specifications. A guaranteed maximum price (GMP) based on completed construction is required. Proposals must include all costs associated with labor, materials, shipping, and receiving for a completed project. A construction schedule with an August 15, 2016 completion date is mandatory.

Proposals may be submitted to NVU at the address below until 2:00 PM, June 15, 2016. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by a selection committee and will not be publicly opened or read aloud.

Request for Proposals (RFP) guidelines and specifications may be obtained by contacting:  
NVU - EALF Project (Site Work)  
PO Box 270  
Unalakleet, AK 99684  
T (907) 624-3622  
Email: [admin@unkira.org](mailto:admin@unkira.org)

NVU reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all proposals.

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**Native Village of Unalakleet  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

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**WATER WELL**

The Native Village of Unalakleet (NVU) is requesting Proposals from qualified Contractors to provide a water well and associated equipment for a proposed Elders Assisted Living Facility in the Unalakleet, Alaska. The work includes furnishing all drilling, labor, tools, equipment, and materials for an operational water well system. Proposals

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## OWNER FINANCED TERMS AVAILABLE

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, on behalf of the Native landowner, is offering the following tract of land for sale by sealed bid:

**Lot 1, U.S. Survey No. 12435, Containing 39.97 acres, as shown on the BLM plat of survey filed on July 22, 2000.**

**39.97 acres on scenic Stuart Island near St. Michael, Alaska, with 1/4 mile of frontage. Great potential for a future lodge. The different fish species found in the river is a fisherman's dream come true. Great Subsistence campsite- berries, greens and other birds and animals. \$35,000.00 minimum bid, cash or terms.**

For more information on property, bid procedures, and terms of sale, call or write:  
**Tony A. Weyiouanna Sr.- LMSII, Kawerak, Inc. P.O. Box 948 Nome, Alaska 99762, Phone Number (907) 443-4324 or 1-800-443-4316.**

Title to land sold as a result of this advertisement will be conveyed in fee simple status by approved deed. Award will be made to the highest bidder who meets or exceeds the minimum bid, subject to approval of the Native owner.

Bidding open June 1- July 2, 2016, **BID OPENING - July 5, 2016, at 3:00 PM, Nome, Alaska.**

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## Sealed Bid Auction Old Nome Hospital

**Bidding starts June 2 - June 16  
Bids open June 17 at 12 noon.**

**Sale includes: ALL FF&E**

- Fee Simple 12 city lots (90,000 sq. feet)
- Two Buildings & two Metal buildings, total 51,000 sq. feet
- 7,000 gallon diesel tank with 6,000 gallon diesel fuel remaining
- Cummings 150K generator with Onan Gen . App TT hours 450 since new
- Two diesel fired hot water boilers
- Commercial stainless steel kitchen
- Commercial stainless steel laundry
- Heavy duty power, city water & sewer

Possible Retail, Warehouse, Living use. Massive Steel Piling Foundations

Mark sealed bid: **Old Nome Hospital**  
**Attn. Stewart Smith**  
**SSS Commercial Real Estate**

Name  
Bid amount  
Funding source  
Closing date

Deliver or email to **SSS Commercial, Cordova street #207 Anchorage Alaska 99503 or [stewart@stusell.com](mailto:stewart@stusell.com)**

Download package at [www.stusell.com](http://www.stusell.com)

Seller reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR LIQUOR LICENSE  
TRANSFER**

The Estate of Charles M. Reader d/b/a Safety Roadhouse located at Mile 21 Nome-Council Highway is applying for transfer of a seasonal package store liquor license AS 04.11.150 and a seasonal beverage dispensary liquor license AS 04.11.090 to Safety Roadhouse LLC.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant c/o LT Nome Law PC PO Box 61, Nome, AK 99762 and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

## Real Estate

**Lot for Sale**  
Mile 4 Beam Road Left hand side of the road  
Lot 7 Arctic Sky Subdivision The Pit  
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Contact 1-907-632-6700

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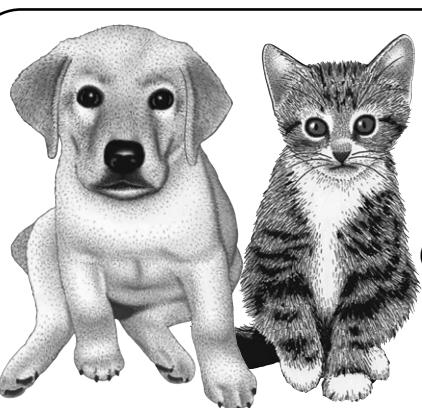
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Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

**Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet**  
**443-8538 or 443-5262**

## Seawall

Monday, May 30, 2016

1:10 a.m. NPD CSO while on routine patrol on the west side of town observed an intoxicated female staggering in the middle of a roadway. The female was contacted and observed to be under the age of 21. The female was transported to a family members home where she was issued a minor consuming alcohol citation.

7:32 a.m. NPD received a report of an assault that occurred on the west end of town. Officers located the victim on the east end of town. The victim had a minor wound to their stomach and was transported to NSRH for medical treatment. A suspect has been identified and the report was taken and forwarded to the district attorney's office for disposition.

9:18 a.m. NPD received a report of a disturbance on the west end of town. Officers identified the suspect as Victoria Simpson; Victoria was found to have assaulted her mother and placed others in the home in fear of being injured. Victoria was transported to NSRH for medical clearance and then remanded to AMCC for two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree DV and Resisting Arrest and was held with no bail set.

5:30 p.m. NPD received a report of an intoxicated female down on the west end of town. Officers located the individual and was transported to NSRH due to their high level of intoxication and left in their care for the evening.

7:33 p.m. NPD made contact with an individual having trouble with an leg injury that occurred sometime in the past, he was transported to NSRH and left in their care.

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

2:16 a.m. NPD received a report of a possible sexual assault that occurred on the west end of town. A suspect has been identified and the report is under investigation.

3:11 a.m. NPD received a report of a trespass on the west end of town. Officers responded and identified the suspect who was mentally unstable. He was transported to NSRH to see BHS and further assistance. Additionally the Adult Probation Office was contacted to follow up with the individual.

9:13 a.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on a four-wheeler observed driving on Seppala Drive. Officers issued the individual a warning for driving on a state highway; the suspect had just pulled into his place of work.

9:55 p.m. NPD responded to a report of a traffic disturbance on the west side of town about a couple arguing and fighting inside of a vehicle. The investigation led to the arrest of Ben Milton for DUI, Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test, Assault in the Third Degree DV, Assault in the Fourth Degree DV. Additionally, Angelina Kagassagoon was arrested for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol and Violating her Probation Conditions. Both were transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center and Remanded without bail.

10:54 p.m., NPD received a report of an assault on the west end of town, a suspect and victim have been identified, and the investigation is currently on going.

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

1:17 a.m., NPD conducted a traffic stop on the west end of town on a four-wheeler, the individual was given a warning for operating an off road vehicle on a state high way.

9:56 a.m. NPD received a report of the Seawall being vandalized by Spray Paint on Middle Beach. Officers responded and located the incident, a suspect, identified as J.S. (15 years old), admitted to doing the crime and the Juvenile Probation Office was contacted and he will be cleaning it up along with the report being forwarded to the JPO for further disposition.

10:41 a.m. NPD received a report of a domestic dispute on the west end of town, Officers responded and made contact with all individuals involved. No assault took place, but the individuals were instructed on their resources to utilize for further assistance, no enforcement action needed.

10:43 a.m. NPD received a report of an assault on the west end of town. Officers identified the suspect and took their statement. Officers interviewed the victim and the victim's mother, and the investigation led to an unfounded assault. The reporting party additionally did not wish to press any charges. Issue was resolved by separation.

3:23 p.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on the east end of town. Officers issued the individual a warning for having their rear tail light out, and was instructed to get it fixed.

4:49 p.m. NPD assisted an individual who broke down on Greg Kruschech Avenue, the individual was instructed to have the vehicle towed as soon as possible.

8:21 p.m. NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated individual unconscious on the west side of town. The investigation led to the individual being transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for treatment for acute alcohol intoxication.

11:52 p.m. NPD responded to a report of an assault having taken place at a local alcohol consumption establishment. The investigation led to a report being taken for the alleged assault, which was related to one of the individuals essentially stealing a Walrus tusk from the other approximately 1 year ago.

Thursday, June 2, 2016

12:12 a.m. NPD responded to a report of a dangerous fire on the east side of town. The

investigation led to a small campfire located on the beach and a group of people cooking hotdogs.

12:36 a.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on the west side of town. The investigation led to a brief foot pursuit and the arrest of Ned Weber for Violating the Conditions of his Release and Resisting Arrest. He was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center and remanded without bail.

2 a.m. NPD received a REDDI Report regarding an intoxicated driver on the west side of town. The investigation led to a traffic stop and the driver being found completely sober. No further action was required.

2:26 a.m. NPD responded to a report of a disturbance on the east side of town. The investigation led to the discovery of an argument related to past infidelity issues. The situation was resolved by separation for the remainder of the evening.

11:39 a.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on a blue Yamaha dirt bike that was driving east on Front Street, the driver, identified as Wesley Gordon, was issued a citation for operating an off road vehicle on a state high way and released on scene.

11:54 a.m. NPD received a 911 report of children playing with the phones on the western end of town. Officers responded to the residence and educated the children along with their parent of the importance of not treating 911 as a toy. The children were informed on how and when to use 911 when necessary.

11:59 a.m. NPD received a report of a welfare check on the west end of town on an elderly female who had not contacted her niece for a few days. Officers made contact with the elder and was safe and secure, no further action needed.

12:17 p.m., NPD conducted a traffic stop on the east end of town on a vehicle with an expired license plate. The Nome Police Dispatch Center confirmed the expired plates with APSIN, and the driver, Gregory Jackson, could also not show proof of current insurance on the vehicle, he was given a citation for Failure to provide current insurance on demand and given a warning to fix his registration.

6:54 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the report of a male masturbating inside his vehicle in a public parking lot on the east of Nome, Alaska. Investigation led to the arrest of Dakota D'orio for Indecent Exposure in the 2nd Degree. D'orio was remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

7:49 a.m., Nome Police Department responded to the report of a disturbance on the west side of Nome, Alaska. Investigation led to the arrest of Courtney Tucker for Violation of Probation. Tucker was remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where no bail amount was set.

Friday, June 3, 2016

5:10 p.m., NPD CSO while on routine patrol on the west side of town observed Dennis Soolook in possession of an open container of alcohol. He was contacted and issued a citation. He was released on scene.

6:03 p.m., NPD responded to the west side of town for the report of a female needing assistance. Bobbi Miller was contacted and observed intoxicated. Investigation found Bobbi was on conditions of probation that prohibit the consumption of alcohol. Bobbi was placed under arrest and transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation. Once cleared, she was transported to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where she was held without bail.

6:39 p.m., NPD CSO responded to the west side of town for the report of two males passed out on the ground. The two males were contacted and observed minor intoxicated. Both were able stand and walk under the own power. No further action was needed.

6:46 p.m. NPD CSO responded to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated female who was passed out on the ground. The female was contacted and identified. The female was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital and left in the care of the ER staff.

7:32 p.m., NPD CSO while on routine patrol on the west side of town observed an intoxicated male passed out on a bench. The male was contacted and identified. Attempts were made at multiple locations to find him a place to stay. He was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation. Once cleared, a family member was located and he was left in their care.

10:15 p.m., NPD responded to the west side of town for the report of possible elder abuse. Investigation found it was a verbal argument only between members of the household, and no abuse had accrued. The situation was resolved by separation.

10:57 p.m. NPD CSO responded to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated male who fell and hit his head. The male was contacted and identified. He was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital where he was left in the care of the ER.

11:50 p.m., NPD along with members of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to the west side of town for the report of a male experiencing a seizure. The male was contacted and transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital via Nome Volunteer Ambulance.

Saturday, June 4, 2016

12:23 a.m., NPD along with members of the Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to the east side of town for the report of a porch fire. The fire was small in size and quickly extinguished. No injuries were reported and damage to the structure was minimal.

1:59 a.m., NPD responded to the west side of town for the report fight. Investigation found it was a verbal argument that was escalating. No assault took place. The situation was resolved my separation.

3:02 a.m., NPD responded to an establishment on the west side of town for the report of a female passed out inside. Upon arrival the female was observed being helped out by other patrons. No further action was needed.

3:21 a.m. NPD responded to the north side of town for the report of a noise complaint. Residents of house hold were informed of the disturbance and ordered to quiet down. One female was provided transportation to her residence.

3:47 a.m., NPD was informed of personal items left in a rental car. The items were collected and returned to the owner.

12:11 p.m. NPD responded to the east side of town for the report of an intoxicated male who had accidentally broken window in his residence. The damage was documented and the tenet was directed to speak to his landlord regarding repairs.

1:48 p.m., NPD received a report of a stolen ivory carving. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

1:58 p.m., NPD responded to the east side of town for the report of an intoxicated male refusing to leave a residence. Charles Alvanna was contacted inside the residence. Investigation found Charles to be on conditions of probation that states obey all laws. Charles was placed under arrest and transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation. Once cleared, he was transported to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where he was held without bail.

6:11 p.m. NPD responded to the east side of town for the report of an intoxicated male passed out on the ground. Edward Muktoyuk was contacted. During contacted one open bottle of alcohol was found on his person. Edward was issued a citation and transported to his residence where he was life in the care of a sober relative.

8:39 p.m. NPD along with members of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to the east side of town for the report of male experiencing alcohol detox. The male was contacted and transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital via Nome Volunteer Ambulance.

9:37 p.m., NPD CSO while on routine patrol on the west side of town observed a male sleeping on the beach. The male was awoken and found to be minor intoxicated. He stood and walked away under his own power.

10:53 p.m., NPD responded to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated female being harassed by juvenile females. Investigation found Bobbi Miller was intoxicated and assaulted an adult female. Bobbi was found to be on conditions of probation that prohibit the consumption of alcohol and obey all laws. Bobbi was placed under arrest and transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment. Once cleared, she was transported to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where she was held without bail.

Sunday, June 5, 2016

1:15 a.m., NPD responded to an establishment on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated male female passed out outside. The female was contacted and identified. She was provided transportation to her residence where she was left in the care of sober family members.

3:04 a.m., NPD responded to the west side of town for the report of a disturbance. Investigation found Mark Kennedy had assaulted a member of the household while intoxicated. Mark was also found to be on probation with conditions that prohibit the consumption of alcohol and to commit no violations of law. He was placed under arrest and transported to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where he was held without bail.

5:33 a.m. NPD responded to the east side of town for the report an intoxicated male assaulting a female. Investigation found Ned Weber assaulted his girlfriend and stole her phone. Ned was found to be on Conditions of Release that prohibited the consumption of alcohol and contacting the female he assaulted. Upon contact Ned became combative with the officer. He resisted being placed in hand cuffs and the patrol vehicle. Ned was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation. Once cleared, Ned was taken to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where he was held without bail.

9:41 a.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on the west side of town. The driver was given a verbal warning for failure to stop at a stop sign.

## Court

Week ending 6/3

Civil  
Minor Party v. Daniels, Alan; Sexual Assault: Short-Term  
Jemewouk, Eugenia E. v. Amaktootlik, Thomas R.; Custody - Superior Court

Small Claims  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC v. Lynch, Terri Matthews; SC More Than \$2500: 1

Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal  
State of Alaska v. Jared Nassuk (12/12/94); Dismissal; Count I: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 6/1/16.

State of Alaska v. Ernest Iyapana, Jr. (8/15/85); Dismissal; Count I: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 6/1/16.

State of Alaska v. William Iyakitan (12/16/88); Dismissal; Count I: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 6/1/16.

State of Alaska v. Ernest Wilkalia (9/11/76); Notice of Dismissal; 001: A4; Filed by the DAs Office 6/1/16.

## Trooper Beat

### Trooper Beat

Any charges reported in these press releases are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

On May 16, at approximately 2:00 p.m., a resident of White Mountain reported that when her family returned home from a trip to their camp they found that their house had been burglarized and approximately \$200 in cash was stolen. Alaska State Troopers responded to investigate and no witnesses or suspects have been developed. If you have information about this case please call the Nome AST at 1-800-443-2835.

On May 24, at 3:56 a.m. AST received a report of an intoxicated person in Savoonga. Sidney Kulowiyi, 24, of Savoonga, was subsequently arrested for violating conditions of release and probation violation. Kulowiyi was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On May 24, at 5:39 a.m. AST received a report of an intoxicated person in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Clifford Iknokinok, 20, of Savoonga. Iknokinok is charged with violating conditions of release, driving under the influence,

minor operating after consuming alcohol, and minor consuming alcohol. Iknokinok was remanded to AMCC.

On May 24 at 1:20 p.m. AST received a report of an intoxicated person in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Robin Booshu, 30, of Savoonga, for violating conditions of release. Booshu was remanded to AMCC.

On May 30, at approximately 11:30 a.m., a White Mountain School employee observed damage to one of the teacher housing doors and reported the damage to the VPSO. After contacting the home owner it was discovered that items including a firearm were stolen. The door will be replaced and the estimated cost of repairs is approximately \$900. AST responded to investigate and no witnesses have been developed. If you have any information about the incident please call the Nome State Troopers at 1-800-443-2835.

On May 31, at approximately 8:00 p.m., a resident of White Mountain reported that the victim returned home from their camp they discovered that their home was burglarized

and approximately \$67.00 in coins were stolen. On June 2, AST responded to investigate. With the assistance of the local VPSO, the stolen money was recovered and a suspect was developed. The charges of Burglary in the First Degree and Theft in the Fourth degree will be filed with Juvenile Justice in Nome.

On June 1, at approximately 1:00 p.m., one of the owners of a cabin located at mile post 41 of the Kogarok Road outside of Nome reported that their cabin was vandalized. AST responded and it appeared that one window of the cabin had been shot with a small caliber round. No witness have been found and there are no suspects at this time. If you have any information regarding this incident please call the Nome State Troopers at 1-800-443-2835.

On June 1, at 2:30 p.m. AST arrested Jeffrey Kimoktoak, 26, of Koyuk, with an arrest warrant for two counts of misconduct involving a controlled substance 4. Bail was set at \$1,000.

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### NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS MEETING LOHMAN MINING AND COMMERCIAL, INC. AUGUST 10, 2016

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Application for GOAL funding is a sequential three (3) step process. Applicants must (1) register for the online application system, (2) submit a Pre-Application using the online application system and (3) submit a GOAL Application using the online application system. This Notice contains requirements and deadlines for Steps (1) and (2). Applicants will NOT be eligible to apply for GOAL funding unless they first meet both deadlines for Steps (1) and (2).

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# Hanson makes the grade at 2016 American Ninja Warrior

**By Keith Conger**

Last spring, Unalakleet's Nick Hanson was easily the most remote contestant to compete in NBC's reality TV show American Ninja Warrior. He needed a top-30 finish to have a chance of advancing to the National Finals in Las Vegas, and remained 'on the bubble' in his qualifying event until being knocked off by the very last competitor.

On Wednesday, Hanson appeared on the show for a second straight season. "His run last year inspired a whole nation," the show announced. Hanson's hopes of moving forward to the next round this year were made harder, though, as the show's course designers changed nearly every obstacle in the wake of last season's first-ever successful Las Vegas course completion, and subsequent million dollar payout.

The prime time viewing audience witnessed Hanson—who was undaunted by the added challenges, or the bright lights of Hollywood—become the fifteenth contender to test their strength against the series of obstructions. Each of the preceding contestants had fallen into one of the pools of water that lie under each challenge.

Hanson, however, stayed dry, and became the first to successfully execute the necessary moves to finish each of the six hurdles. His finishing time was not the speediest of the night, but course completion ensured advancement.

Known to television viewers as the Eskimo Ninja Warrior, Hanson completed the course's four new obstacles, as well as two familiar barriers, in 4 minutes, 43 seconds. As he progressed through each stage, the crowd chanted, "Eskimo, Eskimo..."

Hanson took six seconds to jump the series of five elevated, offset and slanted pads known as the Floating Steps. The clock showed 42 seconds after he swung from a trapeze onto the large, swinging vertical log called

Tick Tock. He briskly ran over the six swinging steps of the Escalator, and his time stood at one minute, three seconds when he started advancing three rings over the unevenly spaced pegs of the Ring Jump.

When Hanson got to the I-Beam, the first 2015 holdover obstacle, the clock read 2 minutes, 17 seconds. He worked his way steadily across the 35-foot beam that zigzags through the air and has a lip that starts off wide, but narrows to one inch.

Hanson successfully completed the I-Beam, leaving only one familiar challenge, the Warped Wall, which had been raised six inches over the previous year's height. After stopping briefly to rev up the audience, Hanson needed only seven steps to scale the wall and tap the buzzer to end his successful run.

"The northern lights are not as bright as the smile on that young man's face," said one of the announcers of the first successful athlete. "Nick Hanson, the Eskimo Ninja. Cold as ice on the run that was as hot as fire."

"The Ring Jump was actually easy, even though the announcer thought it was hard for me," said Hanson in an interview with the Nome Nugget after the show aired. He thought the hardest obstacle was the I-Beam. "I knew that was going to be the tough one. I was basically holding on by my toes."

"That's what the offseason is about," the announcers stated as they commented on contestants like Hanson coming back prepared for new obstacles. "The offseason is about making adaptations to courses, cuz we're going to make it harder here on American Ninja Warrior."

To get himself competition ready, Hanson has constructed several of the show's obstacles along the beach in Unalakleet. The dominant feature in his training apparatus is a Warped

Wall, which stands at 14 feet, 2 inches and has a steeper curve than the one on the American Ninja Warrior set. "Mine is harder than the 14'6" one," he said. "You really have to commit to my Warped Wall."

With the changes in obstacles each season, it is impossible for competitors to directly train for new barrier. Hanson relies on his everyday lifestyle, which includes the Native Youth Olympics, to adjust to the new challenges. Ice hopping prepared him for success on the Floating Steps and Escalator. "The I-Beam was my knuckle hop," he said as he referenced the stamina needed in both the traditional native game and the hardest obstacle on the show's set.

One of the hallmarks American Ninja Warrior has used in its eight seasons is contestant profiles. "Last year it was a real honor to represent my state, but mostly my culture... I'm doing this all for my people," Hanson said in the recorded interview that preceded his run through the course. While wearing a traditional men's parky and mukluks, he added, "The kids were so excited because they were like 'he's a native kid from a village and so am I. I can do this too.' " The show's trailer included a clip of Hanson quickly hopping from ice berg to ice berg in the waters off his hometown.

"We've seen him do the knuckle hop on a hardwood floor," the announcers stated. "We know he has determination and strength."

The original taping took place on April 5, but the show does not allow contestants to divulge future results. Hanson said it was tough to keep the secret. He was pleased to watch the show on Wednesday with a group of 30 at his parent's Peace on Earth restaurant in Unalakleet.

The initial 130 contestants were pared to 30 in the Los Angeles qualifier. This will be further cut to 15 in the subsequent City Finals segment. Hanson's fans will have to wait a few



**ESKIMO NINJA'S SUPPORT CREW** — Nick Hanson, wearing a black hat, was surrounded by family and friends when he competed in the American Ninja Warrior competition in early April. The NBC show aired nationally on June 1.

weeks to see how he did. He has not been told when that will be aired, but suspects June or July.

The finals are much harder, Hanson explains, and will include 12 challenges. He and the other participants must prove they can conquer the obstacles they faced the first time through, and then work their way through an additional six. In preparing for the show, he hoped one of the challenges would be the Salmon Ladder, an obstacle he erected in Unalakleet several years ago.

If he makes the next cut, Hanson joins an elite group of participants from five different City Finals that will compete for \$1 million on the famed Mt. Midoriyama course in Las Vegas. The sets at each of the qualifying locations vary.

At the National Finals in Las Vegas, Hanson would likely meet up again with Kevin Bull, the participant who knocked him out in 2015. Bull's inspirational story includes overcoming Alopecia, a condition in which the body's immune system

mistakenly attacks hair follicles resulting in hair loss on the entire body. Bull posted the fastest time on the Los Angeles course by some 20 seconds, nearly breaking the two-minute mark at 2:02.

Bull's 2016 run again knocked Hanson down a notch in the standings. This year, however, Hanson remained solidly in the top 30 with a 13th place finish. Two women were among those to advance from the city qualifier in Los Angeles. This included Natalie Duran, who could not scale the Warped Wall, and Jessie Graff, who completed the course in 4:27.

Hanson said over 25 family members and friends came to cheer him on in Hollywood, including his parents Bret and Davida, and his girlfriend Joanne Semaken. "I'm just glad I had so much support from my family and my community," he said in his post-run interview. "This is for them. This is for everybody back home in Alaska."

## A dozen runners accept AKBody Tundra Challenge

**Photos and story  
by Keith Conger**

There are certainly easier and faster ways to get from Greg Krusiek Avenue to the Beam Road, but for the twelve participants in this year's AKBody Tundra Challenge, running a true cross country, overland route was the only way.

Although he was the fourth to traverse the soggy, bushy and uneven ground along the first half of the course, high school runner Aaron

Rose caught, and passed, his main competitors just as the front pack was hitting the beach. Rose completed the approximately five-kilometer loop in 31 minutes, 25 seconds, outlasting Gabe Cabrera, who finished 65 seconds off the pace.

Race organizer Crystal Tobuk, who runs a personal fitness training business called AKBody, designed the course to include the natural obstacles provided by the tundra and

beach, as well as a few man-made obstacles near the course finish at East End Park. This is the third year she has organized the event.

Junior high runner Tobin Hobbs was the second participant to reach the series of obstacles that necessitated high stepping through tires and crawling military-style under a net. Hobbs was the fastest pre-high school runner maintained a top three finish and crossed the line in 33:15. Nicholas Reader claimed fourth, a scant three seconds behind Hobbs.

The first female finishers were Mallory Conger and Ava Earthman.

The pair, who will enter high school next year, posted times of 39:05 and 39:07 respectively, as Conger finished the mandatory, 15 race-including pushups slightly faster than her cross country teammate. The youngest finisher was nine-year-old Hayla Trigg who dusted herself off after her pushups in a time of 52:35.

Tobuk uses the AKBody Tundra Challenge to raise money for worthy causes. Last year's race earnings went to the Hall Steps Foundation. This year's proceeds will be donated to local Nome youth Jens Hildreth, who is battling cancer.



**BUSHWHACKING** — AKBody Tundra Challenge runners worked their way through thick brush on Saturday.



**BEACH CRAWLING** — Tobin Hobbs leads Gabe Cabrera and Nicholas Reader through the final obstacle in the AKBody Tundra Challenge.

### AKBody Tundra Challenge Results

1. Aaron Rose	31:25
2. Gabe Cabrera	32:30
3. Tobin Hobbs	33:15
4. Nicholas Reader	33:18
5. Mallory Conger	39:05
6. Ava Earthman	39:07
7. Erin Johanson	45:21
8. Aileen Witrosky	52:34
9. Hayla Trigg	52:35
10. Sherry Trigg	52:35
11. Luisa Machuca	54:35
12. Tabatha Patino	DNF

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