



THE GREAT BATHTUB RACE— Three hardy teams showed up to compete in the 49th running of the Great Bathtub Race on Labor Day. See story page 8. Photo by Diana Haecker

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KINGIKMIUT DANCE FESTIVAL— The annual Wales Kingikmiut Dance Festival was celebrated last weekend with dance groups from all over the region. Here, the Savoonga Dancers perform. See more photos on page 9.

Photo by Marjorie Koonooka

Planning commission ok's conditional use permit for mancamp

By Diana Haecker

The Nome Planning Commission on Tuesday approved a conditional use permit for the Bering Strait Regional Housing Authority to build a small, temporary crew camp just north of Icy View in a soon-to-be developed subdivision.

The crew camp is to house a construction crew that will build a housing development of two triplexes and single homes on the Rube Placer site.

According to the application, the structure is a modular, self-sufficient structure with a built-in water tank, septic system and a generator. It is a three-bedroom structure, and aims to house up to six workers.

The planning commission briefly discussed the project and chair Kenny Hughes noted that a similar conditional use permit has already

been approved to authorize the housing project to be built in what is now zoned as a resource development area. Since BSRHA submitted a sub-area plan that plan is amended to delete a triplex building and replace it with the temporary man camp structure, which will be moved upon completion of the construction of the triplexes.

One neighbor sent a letter objecting to the issuance of the permit, but since no detailed basis for the objection were given, and barring any negative public comment during the public hearing during the meeting, the commission unanimously approved the conditional use permit. Present were commissioners Greg Smith, Melissa Ford, Adam Lust and Kenny Hughes.

Two candidates run for mayor

By Diana Haecker

The filing deadline on Tuesday, Sept. 2, revealed meager interest to run for public office as only one race in the upcoming municipal elections is contested. It's the office of the mayor, a two-year term, and the race pits incumbent John K. Handeland against challenger Kenny Hughes.

City Council Seat E is currently held by Cameron Piscoya, who decided against running again for office after one three-year term of serving on the council. Adam R. Lust is the only candidate for this seat.

City Council Seat F, also a three-year seat, is held by Mark Johnson, who filed for re-election. He is running unopposed.

Utility Board Seat A, currently

held by Pat Knodel, has no candidate listed. Knodel is not running again for office. The seat is a two-year term.

Utility Board Seat D, a three-year term, is held by Larry Pederson who is running for re-election, unopposed.

School Board Seat A, a three-year term, is held by Darlene Trigg, who also filed for re-election and she runs unopposed.

School Board Seat E, a three-year term, is held by Marjorie Kunaq Tahbone. She filed for re-election and is unopposed.

The municipal election will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

School in Nome begins with less students than last year

By Anna Lionas

Nome Public Schools opened its doors on Tuesday for the first day of the 2025-2026 school year. Students flooded in ready to begin the new

year, but the hallways are a bit emptier this time around with enrollment down 6.3 percent.

Superintendent Jamie Burgess informed the school board of this change at the August 12 board meeting along with other updates preceding the school year.

"This is not unusual. We're seeing, you know, declining enrollments happening in a lot of different places," Burgess said, referring to other districts across the state.

The district receives a majority of funding from the state through a per-student formula, which was recently increased by the legislature to \$6,960 per student.

The district is combatting the loss of the money they would've gotten from the 41 less students.

"We have actually lost two class-

rooms here at the elementary school simply because of the low enrollment, and that's been a way that we've been able to respond to some of our funding challenges as well," Burgess said.

When asked about why numbers dropped in such a way, Burgess said she it was mostly students leaving Nome and there hasn't been a great uptick in kids leaving to be home-

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Photo by Diana Haecker
BACK TO SCHOOL— Second graders Edwin and Björn Toerdal and their mom Amanda Toerdal, welcome new Nome Elementary School Principal Michelle Carton, on Tuesday, Sept. 2.



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Remember your history. Take heart from the wisdom of the past: Give us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free... so we can exploit their labor and then kick them out of the country.
Add your shoulder to the wheel! With your help, WE CAN DO IT!
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year is here, it came in a blink of eye, huh?! One minute your balling under the sun, the next it's school. Well, as ya'll go about getting through the school year, reflect on your previous year. Maybe you want to get a better grade. Maybe you want got be stronger on the court for volleyball or basketball. Maybe my fellow wrestlers want to improve their record from last season.
Whatever it may be, ya'll it's important to set personal goals. Take a minute, reflect on what got you there. Visualize where you want to see yourself and your team. Then, simply put in the work. Always practice the way you expect to perform. You out there to just kill time and travel or are you out there wearing your heart on your sleeve, giving all you got, representing your school

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Editorial

Without participation of the public, democratic governance does not work. It is shocking to see the downward spiral of public interest in taking part in forging the path where we go as a society. Not only has the Republican-run Congress abdicated it's role of being in charge of the purse strings and providing oversight and checks and balances. Also, our local public doesn't seem to be interested in participating in the body politics as evidenced by the lack of candidates to run for municipal office, on the council or on boards. Is complacency and sheer disinterest in public participation the disease that slowly kills democracy? —D.H. —

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My fellow kind, what's good ya'll. I hope ya'll got all the fun out of the summer you was hoping for. I know I did, as far as prison allows anyways. I got out in the yard and got as brown as possible, ballin under the sun with all the fellow iluqs, lol!
First off, I want to praise us as a people ya'll. I simply love how humble we are. Perseverance is a natural part of us as a people. Some might get sideways and put it up for debate, but we as Eskimos, don't perform for this circus, but simply for teacher other and our people.
Our ability of observation and using it to our advantage is a trait what we as people capitalize on very well. Being in prison and around so many walks of life, we are so very distinctly blessed, I see it daily.
Second, I want to shout out to the Unalakleet Wolfpack, Shaktoolik Wolverines, Noatak Lynx and the rest of northwest. Another school



Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)

Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide
09/04	Th	11:00 a.m.	1.41	09:56 p.m.	0.28				
09/05	Fr	06:50 a.m.	1.33	08:59 a.m.	1.28	12:03 p.m.	1.39	10:37 p.m.	0.20
09/06	Sa	07:00 a.m.	1.32	09:51 a.m.	1.21	03:28 p.m.	1.41	11:14 p.m.	0.13
09/07	Su	06:59 a.m.	1.32	10:45 a.m.	1.11	04:34 p.m.	1.45	11:49 p.m.	0.09
09/08	Mo	07:02 a.m.	1.34	11:38 a.m.	0.95	05:39 p.m.	1.47		
09/09	Tu	12:22 a.m.	0.09	Low	07:16 a.m.	1.38	High	12:28 p.m.	0.76
09/10	We	12:55 a.m.	0.13	Low	07:37 a.m.	1.44	High	01:16 p.m.	0.56

Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area.
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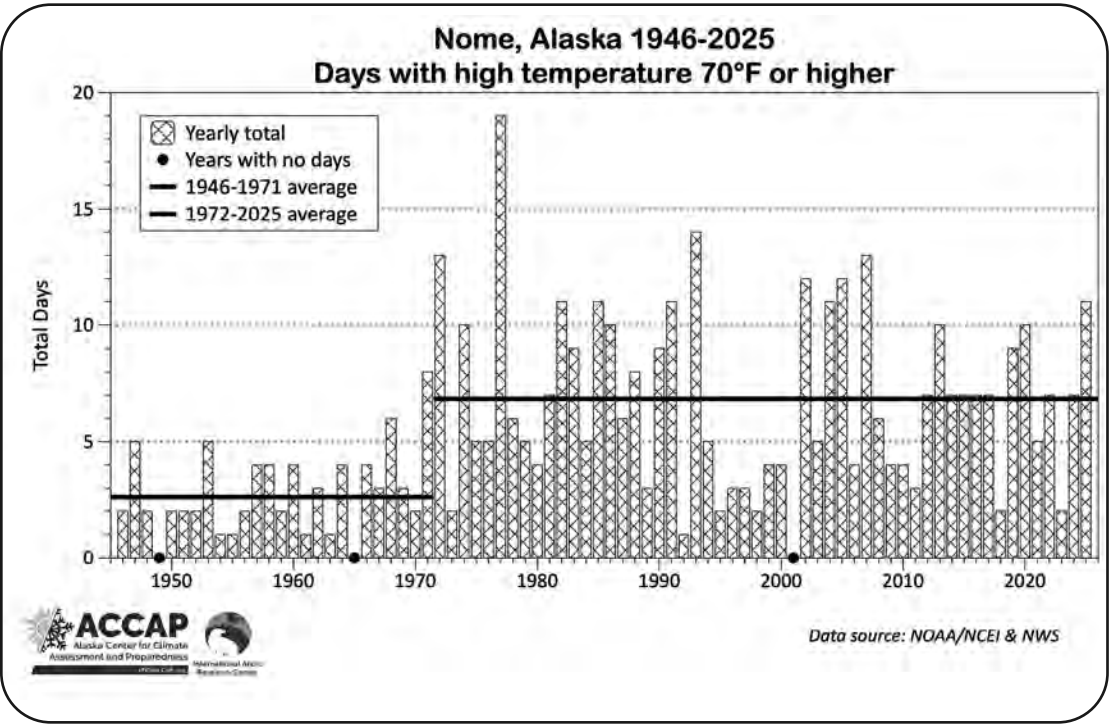
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Climate Watch

By Rick Thoman
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Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Preparedness
International Arctic Research Center/University of Alaska Fairbanks

All things considered, summer 2025 was a pretty reasonable summer in Nome climate-wise, especially after the previous couple of years.

Temperatures averaged slightly above normal each of the three months, the overall this summer had the highest average temperature since summer 2020. Sunny and mild days were more frequent than usual between mid-June and early August.

At the Nome airport, the temperature reached 70°F or higher on 11 days, the most since the summer of 2007.

Dexter reported 16 days that warm and Pilgrim Hot Springs 22 days at 70°F or higher.

This week's Climate Watch graphic shows the total number of days each summer with high temperatures of 70°F or higher at the Nome airport since 1946 (when climate observations moved from downtown to Marks Field).

Until the early 1970s Nome usually had only a few days each summer in the 70s or 80s. Since then, the average number of warm days has more than doubled. So far, in the 21st century, there have been only three summers (2001, 2018 and 2023) that had fewer warm days than were typical in the mid-20th century.

Rainfall this summer was well above normal, especially in August. In total, 10.14 inches of rain was more than one and half times normal. However, that was more the result of a few storms that brought heavy rain, as the number of days with rain was only slightly above normal.

Out in the ocean, though the summer overall did not feature overly warm waters, the sunny and hot weather in late July and early August briefly pushed Norton Sound surface up into the lower 60s, which by both direct measurements and satellite estimates were even higher than highest sea surface temperatures offshore of Nome we saw during summer 2019.

Airport weather station status update	
Week ending September 1, 2025	
Community	Status
Brevig Mission	Intermittent
Buckland	Reporting
Deering	Offline
Elim	Intermittent
Emmonak	Intermittent
Gambell	Intermittent
Golovin	Reporting
Koyuk	Reporting
Nome	Reporting
Savoonga	Reporting
Shaktolik	Reporting
Shishmaref	Reporting
St. Michael	Intermittent, no temperatures
Teller	Intermittent
Unalakleet	Reporting
Wales	Intermittent
White Mountain	Intermittent

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	09/04/2025 07:53 a.m. 09/10/2025 08:11 a.m.	High Temp +52°F 08/26, 8/31 + 9/01/2025 Low Temp +37°F 08/27/2025 Max Wind 29 mph 08/31/2025 SE	National Weather Service Fairbanks, Alaska (907) 458-3700
Sunset	09/04/2025 10:05 p.m. 09/10/2025 09:44 p.m.	06/01/2025 to 09/01/2025 total precipitation 11.91" Precipitation year to date normal: 10.17"	

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, September 4

Nome Visitor Center open M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Library M-Th 12 noon to 7 p.m., F-Sa 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Tuesday-Saturday 12 noon - 5 p.m.

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Full Send (Spin Class)	Nome Rec Center	6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Brazilian jiu-jitsu	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

Friday, September 5

Nome Visitor Center open M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Library M-Th 12 noon to 7 p.m., F-Sa 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Tuesday-Saturday 12 noon - 5 p.m.

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Free Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	12:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Drop-In Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:55 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (Age 15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Yoga w/ Pete	Nome Rec Center	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
*REFIT w/ Kim	Nome Rec Center	5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Have you got a drug problem? Narcotics Anonymous has a solution!
NA Meeting is held on Friday night at 7:00 p.m., at the Kativik Cultural Center

Saturday, September 6

Richard Foster Building - Library M-Th 12 noon to 7 p.m., F-Sa 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Tuesday-Saturday 12 noon - 5 p.m.

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	12:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 7

Richard Foster Building - Library M-Th 12 noon to 7 p.m., F-Sa 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Tuesday-Saturday 12 noon - 5 p.m.

*Open Gym Nome Rec Center 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, September 8

Nome Visitor Center open M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Library M-Th 12 noon to 7 p.m., F-Sa 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Museum M-F 12 noon - 5 p.m.

Common Council - Regular Meeting

Council Chambers - 7:00 p.m.

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Yoga w/ Pete	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9

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Richard Foster Building - Museum M-F 12 noon - 5 p.m.

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:55 p.m.
*Drop in Soccer (Age 15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Strong Nation	Nome Rec Center	5:45 a.m. - 6:45 a.m.
*Full Send (Spin Class)	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
*Brazilian jiu-jitsu	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 10

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NEW NES PRINCIPAL— Michelle Carton, originally from Palmer, joins the Nome public school staff as the new NES principal. She moved south to Nome from her last post in Utqiagvik.

• **School**

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schooled, which the district still does receive a smaller amount of funding for than students in brick-and-mortar schools. But some students moved from the homeschool program back to Nome-Beltz this year, Burgess said.

The board report was given before the deadline for kindergarten registration, which could increase enrollment yet. Student numbers are counted over a month period in the fall.

Other News

This year, 23 percent of certified teachers are from other countries. This is with the addition of five more teachers from the Philippines and one from Zambia, Assistant Superintendent and HR manager Elizabeth Korenek-Johnson said in her report.

The increased hires from outside the country reflect a difficulty of sourcing teachers from the state or even the Lower 48.

Of the 60 teaching positions available at Nome Public Schools, two

are not yet filled.

Nome-Beltz is sporting a new roof over its main building after the summer construction repaired the outdated, leaking one. Burgess said it would be nice to get the roof over the gym replaced at some point but there are not yet official plans to do so.

The Alaska Native Science Engineering Program’s Acceleration Academy begins in Nome for the first time this year. Beginning in 9th grade, students can start earning credits toward a college degree. Eleven students at the high school are enrolled, four are freshman. The director Kacey Miller was appointed earlier this summer.

There have been multiple changes of leadership with the retirement of Lisa Leeper from Anvil City Science Academy and Nick Settle from Nome Elementary school. Emily Annas has been with the district and is taking over the principal position at ACSA and Michelle Carton is stepping into the role at NES. Also, former teacher Holly Harlow was promoted to assistant principal of Nome-Beltz.

New UPS location



Photo by Diana Haecker

UPS DELIVERY— After over 20 years of operating the UPS pickup and drop off location at the Polar Café, the arrangement is no longer working and Ramon Gandia from this week on is accepting packages at his lot on 305 E. Carstens Way, between noon and 1 p.m. from Monday through Friday. Look for the vehicle with a UPS sign, or the white delivery truck and —as an unmistakable landmark— the lone tree in the neighborhood.

Troopers identify washed up body as missing Merkoryuk man

By Laura Robertson

The human remains that washed up in Nome last week have been identified as 72-year-old Samuel Shavings of Mekoryuk, Alaska State Troopers say.

Shavings went missing on May 26, 2025, when the boat he was traveling in sunk in rough water conditions.

Two men, including Shavings, were missing after the boat sank off the coast of Mekoryuk. Three men were aboard a 22- to 24-foot Ocean Pro boat when it sank. One man swam to shore and was located. Samuel Shavings, 72, and Albert Williams, 65, remained missing. Two

local boats searched for the men overnight with assistance from the U.S. Coast Guard. On May 27, the Rescue Coordination Center planned to launch a C-130 aircraft and the U.S. Coast Guard routed a vessel to the area. A search and rescue team found the remains of Albert Williams, who was traveling in the boat with Shavings.

The search for Shavings was eventually suspended.

The body was found on Friday, August 22, by two beachcombers on East Beach in Nome. According to troopers, the body was washed up on the beach, near the Nome-Council highway and the Beam Road.

The identity of the deceased person was unknown as the body was in advanced stages of decomposition. Troopers said in a dispatch the person was dressed in winter gear.

According to Tim DeSpain, a trooper spokesperson, Nome Police Department and the Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to assist troopers.

The body was sent to the state medical examiner on Sunday for an autopsy. On Thursday, the troopers said the state medical examiner had identified the remains as Samuel Shavings.

Shavings’ next of kin has been notified.

Subsea cable has been repaired

By Laura Robertson

Quintillion announced this week that its crew had successfully repaired the fiberoptic cable which had been cut in January off Oliktok Point in the Beaufort Sea and said that high speed internet service to Quintillion customers has been restored.

In a statement, Quintillion President Mac McHale said that its crew would now work on cable burial, which could take up to an additional two weeks.

“With cable repair behind us, Quintillion’s No. 1 priority is now fortifying our network to mitigate the risk of future outages, even those that can be caused by Acts of Nature,”

wrote McHale. “This work includes deeper cable burial with custom equipment, as well as creating additional redundancy, resiliency, and sustainability in the Quintillion system.”

Quintillion said that it is developing two major infrastructure projects to build resiliency. The first is a 1000-mile subsea fiber extension from Nome to Homer. The second is

a 180-mile terrestrial fiber route between Prudhoe Bay and Utqiagvik. The company claims that together, these projects will form a “multi-layered redundancy architecture.”

This is the third outage in as many years. An ice scour in June 2023 caused an outage that lasted more than three months. In April 2024, a brief outage was caused when the cable was damaged on land.

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Nome man on road to recovery after climbing accident

By Diana Haecker

A Nome man is in stable condition and recuperating in Anchorage after having survived serious injuries stemming from a 60-foot fall off a rock cliff during a climbing session in the Kigluaik Mountains on Tuesday, August 19.

Vince Villella was part of a five-member climbing group who set out from Pilgrim Hot Springs to climb. With him were experienced climbers Ian McRae, Ben Cross and Pilgrim Hot Springs caretakers Callen Christensen and Otto Heuschele. As the clouds burned off to reveal a nice day, the group hiked about five miles to the north facing slopes of the Kigluaik Mountains where they wanted to climb.

Communicating through his wife Molly Naaktgeboren, Villella emailed the Nome Nugget what occurred that day.

Villella and Cross started traditional climbing a mountain wall after traversing a steep and rocky area. Traditional climbing refers to a free climbing style where the lead climber places temporary protections into the wall as a second climber follows and belays the climbing partner. According to the email, Cross led the first pitch, then Villella led the second pitch, placing cam and hex into the wall. For unknown reasons, Villella slipped and fell. “As he fell the hex popped out of the rock which means the next piece that would ‘catch him’ would be the cam,” wrote Naaktgeboren in the email. “However, due to the slack in the system and the topography of the rock face, Vince hit 2-3 times before landing above his belayer. He landed before the cam would have engaged and ‘caught’ him. Falling about 60

plus feet.”

The remaining three in the group witnessed the accident and rushed to help. According to Naaktgeboren, Callen Christensen climbed to the first pitch to assist Cross rappelling the unconscious Villella down. In the meantime, Ian McRae said he hit the SOS button on his inReach – as did others in the group – to summon help, which triggered the emergency response. According to Alaska State Trooper spokesperson Austin McDaniel, troopers were notified at 4:45 p.m. Nome Search and Rescue was contacted and according to SAR Chief Jim West Jr., the swift jump to action by Bering Air helicopter pilot Patrik Toerdal contributed to the successful rescue of Villella. Two Bering Air helicopters responded, one carrying two Norton Sound Health Corporation paramedics and equipment to safely transport the patient through rough terrain to the helicopter.

In the meantime, the climbers worked on carefully moving Villella down a steep, rocky slope to a spot where the helicopter could land. Toerdal wrote in an email to the Nugget that “Vinces’ friends and the NSHC crew were instrumental in getting him off the hill side and into the helicopter for us to bring him back.”

“All we did was to have a helicopter ready for a very unfortunate event. We’ve had a busy summer and helicopter availability has been slim. Luck had it that we had the necessary equipment and personnel available to go out with the NSHC medical crew and do what needed to be done.”

Villella was flown to Nome and medevaced to a hospital in Anchor-

age.

According to his wife his initial injuries were two brain bleeds, a shattered clavicle, six fractured ribs, two fractured vertebrae, one compression fractured vertebrae, air in his lung, and fluid in his chest cavity.

“We are now 13 days down the road of recovery,” she wrote on Tuesday to the Nugget. “Since then,

the air and fluid have cleared up, he has had surgery to put his clavicle back together, and we have transferred to a rehabilitation hospital where he receives 3-5 hours of physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech language five days a week.” She said at this point there is no discharge date known. A friend, Rosa Wright, started a GoFundMe campaign, stating that both Villella,

who works at NSHC, and his wife are contributing to the community and have two little young ones to care for. “We would like to help ease the financial burden and stress of being in Anchorage and all the medical expenses that follow that so they can focus on Vince’s recovery and taking care of the kids,” the fundraising campaign reads.

Researchers make surprising discovery

By Laura Robertson

Last Thursday, researchers aboard the *R/V Sikuliaq* zoomed in from Port Clarence to give a Strait Science presentation. Katrin Iken, a marine biology professor at University of Alaska Fairbanks and Lee Cooper of the University of Maryland Chesapeake Biological Lab were on board the *Sikuliaq* for an annual Arctic Collaborative Ecosystem Cruise, which studies shifting ecosystems in the Chukchi and Northern Bering Seas through a wide variety of metrics.

The cruise ran from August 11 to August 29.

The biggest surprise of the trip was a Hanasaki king crab (*Paralitho-*

des brevipes) that the researchers found hidden in a mooring at around 71 degrees north, approximately the latitude of Utqiagvik.

Iken said that it was the first time the researchers had found an adult king crab that far north, at least to the best of her knowledge.

“That king crab was really a surprise,” said Cooper. “I think about all these people in Wainwright and Utqiagvik who kind of start think about harvesting king crab,” he added with a laugh. “There’s some changes. Seeing these organisms come in that we haven’t seen before, fish moving

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CITY COUNCIL Seat “F”	THREE YEAR TERM Mark Johnson
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UTILITY BOARD Seat “D”	THREE (3) YEAR TERM Larry W. Pederson
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SCHOOL BOARD Seat “E”	THREE (3) YEAR TERM Marjorie Kunaq Tahbone

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ADF&G Fish Report

By Luke Henslee, ADF&G
Commercial coho salmon catches are slowing down in Norton Sound but remain strong in Southern Norton Sound. Shaktoolik Subdistrict 5 and Unalakleet Subdistrict 6 both have coho catch rates above the historical average for late August. All counting projects in region are inoperable due to high rivers, and with no stretch of dry weather in sight, may be done for the season. So, without further ado here is the fisheries report for all you fish heads:

Salmon
Coho catches and escapements in Southern Norton Sound are stronger than in Northern Norton Sound.

Subsistence Schedules
Subsistence fishing in Subdistrict 1 is open continuously in marine and fresh waters 7 days per week. Dip nets and cast nets may be used when subsistence net fishing is open. Beach seining closed in the Nome Subdistrict as of August 15.
The Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts is open to subsistence fishing in the marine and fresh waters continuously with gillnets restricted to 6 inches, or less. Subsistence fishing utilizing a beach seining in the fresh and marine waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6 closed by regulation on August 10.
The Pilgrim River is open to subsistence net fishing with a household

limit of 3 king and the sockeye household annual limit has been waived. Escapement in the Pilgrim River has slowed in the past few weeks but has met escapement requirements while allowing subsistence opportunity.
These fishing schedules will remain in place unless reduced by Emergency Order due to abundance concerns and, except in areas previously noted, subsistence fishing will be allowed 7 days per week.

Commercial Salmon Fishing
Commercial salmon fishing has been put on a scheduled in Subdistricts 2-6 with two 48-hour commercial period per week, through Thursday, September 7, 2025, unless modified by Emergency Order. Total harvest to date:
Subdistrict 1: 96 sockeye, 1074 chum, 12 pink, and 1 coho,
Subdistrict 2: 351 sockeye, 3,448 chum, and 1,691 coho,
Subdistrict 3: 57 sockeye, 124 chum, 36 pink, and 4,396 coho,
Subdistrict 4: 6 chum and 285 coho,
Subdistrict 5: 76 sockeye, 730 chum, 4 pink, and 10,047 coho,
Subdistrict 6: 62 sockeye, 599 chum, and 12,165 coho.

No commercial fishing is anticipated in the Port Clarence District due to lack of market interest.

Escapement
Here are counts for projects currently operating:
North River Tower –Escapement goals: King 1,200-2,600; Pink 25,000; Silver 550-1,100 (aerial survey goal) – Cooperative project; NSEDC with assistance from Fish & Game.
Counting began on June 17 and was inoperable from June 27 through July 7, from July 23 through August 6, and August 14. Operations resumed August 15 and stopped August 23. Estimated escapement for periods the tower was operational is 216 kings, 965 chum, 1,254 coho, 6 sockeye, and 12,504 pink salmon.

Shaktoolik River Tower – NSEDC project.
The tower counted for 3 days from July 13 to July 15, from July 19 to July 21, and restarted operations on August 6 through August 9 with 267 kings, 1,233 chums, 258 coho, and 5,464 pink salmon reported.

Ungalik River Tower – NSEDC project.
Counting began on June 25 and was inoperable from July 14 to July 18, from July 21 until July 31, August 8 through August 16, and ceased operations again after August 20. Escapement estimates for when the tower was operational is 30 king, 4,428 chum, 43,443 pink, 2,795 coho, and 48 sockeye.

Kwiniuk River Tower – ADF&G Project.
Counts began on June 26 and became inoperable on August 12 with counts resuming on August 15. Operations stopped for the season on August 25 due to high water. Escapement is estimated to be 42 kings, 1,644 chum, 23,446 pink, 8,786 coho, and 330 sockeye salmon.

Niukluk River Tower – NSEDC project.
Counts began on June 24 and became inoperable on August 12. Operations restarted August 18 and halted again on August 23. Escapement estimate is 210 kings, 21,711 chum, 38,360 pink, 4,257 coho, and 291 sockeye salmon.

Eldorado River Weir – NSEDC project.
Counts began on June 24 and became inoperable on August 12 with 3,971 chum, 778 pink, 21 coho, and 53 sockeye salmon.

Nome River Tower –ADF&G project.
Counts began on June 28 and the weir became inoperable and stopped for the season on August 25. Escapement estimate is 973 chum, 64 sockeye, 1,070 pink, and 224 coho salmon.

Snake River Weir – NESDC project.

Counts began on July 11 and became inoperable on August 12 with 804 chum, 1,276 pink, 98 coho, and 47 sockeye salmon recorded to date.

Pilgrim River Weir – NSEDC project.
Counts began on June 26 and became inoperable on August 12. Weir operations restarted August 18 and ceased for the season on August 24. Escapement is estimated to be 12 kings, 1,956 chum, 321 pink, and 18,741 sockeye salmon. Sockeye salmon passage has met the lower end of the escapement goal for the Pilgrim River (6,800-36,000 sockeye salmon).

General Information
Obtaining subsistence fishing permits and reporting subsistence harvests can be done at the Fish and Game office in Nome during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. or online at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingSubsistence.main>. Harvest reports can also be returned to the drop box located near the Front Street entrance of the Nome office. Additional information can be found by calling Nome Area staff at (907)443-5167 or from villages at (800) 560-2271.

Hey, stay safe and good luck.

• Researchers

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further north, species that are southeastern Bering Sea showing up in the Northern Bering Sea. A lot of things that are biologically surprising.”
The researchers gave a broad overview of environmental conditions during the cruise. They explained that they’d measured surface temperature and surface salinity at several locations throughout the cruise. The results generally followed an expected pattern: warmer temperatures in the south and colder ones in the north. Towards the coast, there were warmer waters. They said they had run into ice, and the surface of the water had a fair amount of sea ice melt, making the water both colder and fresher in those places.
As in the past, the researchers kept an eye out for harmful algal blooms. On August 16, they found an elevated amount of *Alexandrium* in water northeast of Gambell, but it didn’t qualify to issue an advisory. As they continued northwards through the Strait, they did not see any levels that would warrant an advisory. As they came southbound, the same was true.
The researchers used a variety of methods to look at the animals at the base of the food web, including krill, copepods and amphipods. The amphipods are important to grey


whales. Cooper said that the amphipods that used to be present north of St. Lawrence Island has “really disappeared and become a much small area.” North of the strait, he said, there is still “a lot” of food.
Throughout the cruise, they did mooring operations, deploying and receiving the instruments which stay in the water year-round taking measurements. A lot of the data from the moorings—which included recordings of marine mammal sounds and environmental measurements—has not been processed yet, but they were able to give a “sneak peak”: There was a humpback whale sound from late July, a bowhead whale song from February, and bowhead and bearded seals in late April.
The also measured the amount of CO2 which had dissolved in the water. They said that some animals had shells with carbonate in them, and that an environment with certain levels of carbon dioxide might be corrosive to some of those shells. They said there were some places where there were corrosive conditions, especially at depth.
Asked what the greatest change in the waters were, Cooper responded that the disappearance of sea ice was driving a lot of the other changes in the ecosystem.

First observation!

Adult blue king crab found hidden in a mooring at 71 °N

Previously detected adults in northern Bering Sea and juveniles at DBO3





SURPRISE CRAB— Researcher Christoph Gabaldo shows the adult Hanasaki king crab found in a mooring at latitude 71°North during the Sikuliaq’s research cruise.

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BUSY PORT— The *Sikuliaq* and NOAA’s *Fairweather* dock at the causeway, on Friday, August 29.

The Dock Walk

Compiled by Laura Robertson
A churning grey sea didn’t stop two cruise ships, several freight ships and three research boats from coming calling on Nome this week. Under dense clouds and frequent waves, the Port of Nome and the small boat harbor stayed busy.
On Tuesday, August 26, the *Sitka/Spruce* departed with village freight. The *Ari Cruz/Atlas 205* arrived to pick up gravel for Chevak, as did the *Maia H/Klinkwan*. The *Avik/152* also arrived to take fuel to the villages. The cruise ship *National Geographic Resolution* arrived in Nome and tourists got to spend the day exploring Nome before their ship departed that evening.
On Wednesday, August 27, another cruise ship arrived—the *Seabourn Venture*, coming south from its journey through the Northwest Passage. The ship stayed for two days, departing on Thursday, August 28. The *Ari Cruz* left with its haul of gravel, and the *Sitka/Spruce*

arrived with village freight. The *Nunaniq* arrived, also carrying village freight. It set out the next day. The *Woldstad*, a research ship, changed its research crew and departed the same day.
On Thursday, August 28, the *Sam Taalak* arrived and departed with village freight. The *Maia H/Klinkwan* set out with its gravel bound for Chevak. The *Maia H/Klamath* arrived to pick up rock for the seawall in Utqiagvik. The NOAA ship *Fairweather*, the second research vessel, arrived to let its crew leave.
On Friday, the *Sitka/Spruce* departed. The *Sikuliaq* arrived to change its research crew.
Both the *Sikuliaq* and the *Fairweather* departed on Saturday, as did the *Maia H/Klamath*.
No ships arrived or departed on Sunday, as the weather was bad.
On Monday, the *Sam Taalak* arrived carrying village freight. The *Alulag/Drift River* arrived with equipment for the villages.

• Letters

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and your community? I personally hope for the latter for ya’ll.
Last but not least, to my fellow dad’s out there, your love and guidance matters. Your guidance, teaching right from wrong is invaluable. We all know the importance of momma’s love, that’s inevitable. Our pride, joy and happiness we share for our kinds must be put on display, loud and proud! Win, lose, draw, fail, always be sure to let your children know they are syncope in your heart.
Remember, it takes a community to raise a child. Unalakleet did a great job raising me. It was my bonehead decisions that put me where I am today.
With continued prayer for guidance from above I’ll be alright, so will our people! Stay blessed!
Farrel Soxie #520601
Goose Creek Correctional Center
22301 West Alsop RD
Wasilla, AK 99623

Read Psalm 139
My likes, my loves, and my hearts
I came into this world with my emotions, what I love best is my happiness in motion. When I am in motion I know my happiness brings a smile a mile long.
When I am in distress I know my sorrow brings out life’s life in a song. I work to bring myself up every single day. When I do that I talk to my God when I pray. Every moment of my days, the likes in my life brings me deep pain, within them days I feel like giving my emotions a gains. For that gain my love for myself is hard to explain. My pains brought my hugs in the plain.
My most plans in this life are my loves. My momma whose still with us, and my daddy who now soars above. Momma my love for you was and is first sight, that’s how strong God is in will, he brought us through our might. My love for my daddy is a lot different. I am fighting God’s battle to prove my daddy’s love is dependent. My hurts in life was having no Senior in sight and I’m Junior.
The hurts that came from them struggles was my hearts and I had to endure our momma alone. But don’t ever forget daddy, it was you and momma that brought my life. Grace, no one will ever take yours or momma’s place.

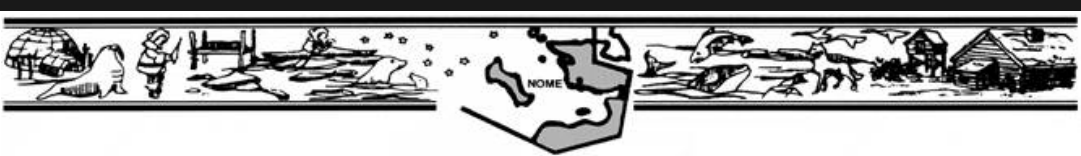
I thank you mom and dad for our heart before me and our heart after me. And Bro you know I’ll love you forever more for helping momma with our two most precious hearts of all. I praise you my brothers and sisters for bringing new hearts to our worlds.
If it was not for all of your haves known, I feel and believe God’s Grace wouldn’t be shown. Seven spirits to learn and seven stars to teach, God has all lives in His reach.
A thousand generations to come, a thousand generations to live, a thousand generations five, a thousand generations to love, and a thousand generations to keep seeking good.
Hearts with the gifts He sends for us to receive from above. God’s gift for me was for me to start with a belief. Next that lead to me wanting more, so I prayed for my faith to strengthen towards His Love, and I now believe mores to come.
Pray with me and I promise you He’ll answer you all in time, it’s time for all to shine, amen.
Allen D. Lane, Jr., #526179
Anvil Mountain Correctional Center
P.O. Box 730
Nome, AK 99762

Letter to the Editor,
Tom Begich has traded off his Father’s good name his entire life. I met his Father Nick Begich. A friend of my father (Richard Whittaker) whose name was Russ Brown was on the plane when Nick Begich went missing.
Tom Begich grew up without a Father. Tom Begich never learned the difference between right and wrong. Tom Begich is an entitled aristocratic white boy who believes he should be Governor of the State of Alaska.
America is supposed to be a representative democracy, not an aristocratic of ethically challenged entitled people like Tom Begich, Lisa Murkowski and the rest: the Kennedy’s, the Bush’s and Cuomo’s the Brown’s.
I will not vote for Tom Begich.
Sincerely,
Jed Whittaker
P.O. Box 140134
Anchorage, AK. 99514

Letter from Ukraine

I celebrated Labor Day during an air raid this year, alongside a group of school children, at the “Avenue of Heroes” in downtown Mykolaiv. It was a fitting end to a very unusual 30 days for anyone who is passionate about both Alaska and Ukraine.
September first is customarily celebrated as “Knowledge Day” in Ukraine. It’s the first day of the school year: a time when families buy new shoes for students, students bring flowers to teachers, and community leaders give short talks about the importance of education.
I didn’t know any of this when I went into town. But, my sister-in-law Sheila Nitta is currently in Ukraine as an independent photographer. She is already well-known to some readers of the *Nugget*; she is a huge fan of Alaska in general and Nome in particular, and she sells her photo cards in the Naataq Gear shop. Because the morning of September first was overcast in Mykolaiv, Sheila wanted to take some outdoor photos, so we went with our interpreters to the former Regional Administration Building site downtown.
The location carried plenty of memories for me. I’d been less than mile away on the morning of March 29, 2022, driving south across the Inhul River bridge. I’d looked up in time to see a gray, stubby-finned cruise missile flying at treetop level just past the far end of the bridge I was on. That was followed seconds later by an explosion and dust cloud as the rocket blew a massive hole through the center of the region’s main office building.
In the hours and days immediately after, I’d seen the impromptu memorial of flowers and candles that sprang up on the adjacent plaza, as rescue crews tried to dig more than 70 dead and wounded citizens out of the rubble.
I’d also seen the slow transformation of the site into a monument of resistance and remembrance over the subsequent three and a half years.
So while Sheila took photographs of the building, I walked down the “Avenue of Heroes”, to look at the pictures and read the names of soldiers and Marines from Mykolaiv who’ve died defending their country since 2022.

While there, I also visited briefly with two uniformed Ukrainians, one of whom wore the distinctive teal beret of the Ukrainian Marine Corps. They asked where I was from, and I told them I was from Alaska, in the United States. The older of the two men asked me, in English, “Did you meet Putin?” “No, I wasn’t invited.” We all laughed, without much humor. I thanked them for their work in defending Ukraine, gave each of them an Alaskan flag patch, and asked the Marine if he was with Mykolaiv’s 36th Brigade. My interpreter helped me understand that the younger Marine had indeed started out in the 36th, as the older man carefully placed the Alaskan flag onto his uniform sleeve, neatly lined up with his unit patch.
By now a group of high-school-aged students and teachers had gathered at the end of the memorial.
I excused myself from the uniformed Ukrainians and walked down the Avenue with my interpreter to figure out what was going on. To my surprise, the soldier and the Marine followed after us. But, as we stepped away to the edge of the memorial, they walked to the middle of the space and started addressing the students: on the subject, reasonably enough, of Knowledge Day.
My interpreter gave me a quiet running translation, and I wish I could have somehow captured all of it. The words were heartfelt, moving and inspiring. They were also interrupted by an air-raid warning, since in classic fashion, the Russians celebrated Ukraine’s Knowledge Day and first day of school with a cruise missile attack.
So I’ll take one poetic liberty and share instead the remarks made by Ukraine’s General Kyrylo Budanov on the same subject:
“We need to learn in order to fight and win. Our enemy is waging war not only for territories or resources. It tries to capture our minds, our desire to learn, our desire to develop.
“It is reason and knowledge that determine the victory in this confrontation. New technologies change the course of war and the future of humanity. That’s why Ukraine needs smart, educated, resilient and responsible people.
“Today I thank teachers and educators for their dedication. Thank you, pupils and students for your perseverance. I especially want to thank the parents who do everything possible so that their children can gain knowledge.
“Happy Knowledge Day! Glory to Ukraine!”
May all of us likewise reflect on the past 30 days in Alaska, and the last three and a half years in Ukraine, with a sincere desire to gain knowledge, and to change humanity’s future.
In Service,
—Mark Hayward
Mykolaiv, Ukraine



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RUNNING BATHTUBS— Two junior teams battled it out during the Great Bathtub Race on Labor Day, chasing the grown-up team ahead of them.

Photo by Diana Haecker



WINNING— Team GCI won the 49th Great Bathtub Race.

Photo by Nils Hahn

Labor Day celebrated with 49th annual bath tub race and modified rubber duck race

By Laura Robertson

Labor Day took place under cool grey skies. A break in the weeks of rain allowed onlookers to watch the annual Bathtub Race without getting wet, but the Rubber Duck race had to adapt to bad racing conditions.

For 35 years running, Nomeites have cheered for their colorful rubber ducks as they bob down the Snake River. The ducks are numbered from 1 to 3,000, and buying a ticket assigns you to a duck and a chance at a cash prize. Most years, the ducks are dumped into the Snake River near Bering Air. The first three to cross the downriver finish line take the cash prize. A “wild duck” winner is also selected from the bunch.

This year, Nome Rotarians, the organizers of the iconic race, made do with the bad weather. They decided not to send the ducks on the traditional race for the safety of both the environment and the Rotarians. Instead, they hosted “Duck, Duck, Stew.”

Standing at the usual duck race starting point, they poured the ducks into an recycled fishing tote and stirred the colorful rubber critters with a shovel. They checked to make sure they were well-mixed—ducks from across the range of numbers represented on the top. At 2 p.m. sharp, each Rotarian took a turn stirring the ducks up further. Nicole Santonastaso O’Neill, dressed in an inflatable duck costume, used the shovel to scoop the ducks up about 20 at a time. She sifted them as if panning for gold, knocking ducks off

the edges of the shovel until only one remained. To pick the wild duck, she dove backwards into the tote and grabbed one from underneath her.

While they couldn’t cheer their ducks on from the banks of the river, a crowd of about two dozen people still showed.

The race was canceled because of bad weather conditions, explained longtime Rotarian Charlie Lean, who traditionally captained the skiff that released the ducks into the river. Between the high water and the south wind, it didn’t make sense to do the race. The banks of the river were steep. Lean said the last time the weather had been similar on Labor Day, Rotarians had been picking ducks out of the harbor hours later.

The Rotary Club uses proceeds of the rubber duck race to award scholarships to Nome-Beltz graduates.

49th Running of the Great Bathtub Race

Earlier in the day, three teams participated in the 49th annual bathtub race. Teams assembled just before noon, gathering on Front Street at City Hall with bathtubs on wheels filled with at least ten gallons of water. The colors of their jackets popped against the dense fog.

At exactly noon, they sprinted down Front Street towards the Post Office. Team GCI—the oldest team in the mix—finished first, while the two younger teams ended up entangled with a parked side-by-side vehicle on the side of the road. After a bit of help from watching adults, they soon finished, too. Dean Hild-

reth with team GCI at the finish line dedicated the win to his late son Jens, who used to ‘captain’ the bathtub in prior races and whose birthday would have been on Monday.

Each team received a certificate and a bit of spending money from organizer KICY’s executive director Patty Burchell, who reminded the crowd that next year marks the 50th Anniversary of the iconic race. “Get your tubs together, all you need is a tub on four wheels, four people to push and someone in the tub,” she said. “We want a full street next year, for the fiftieth running of the Great Bathtub Race.”

Bathtub Race Teams:
Team GCI (adults)
Captain: AJ Gerke
Runners: Dean Hildreth, Albert Gerke, Bea Jorgensen

Team Red (Youth)
Captain: Quincy Foret
Runners: Logan Tobuk, Gabby Tobuk, Iza Phan, Roya Tobuk

Team Purple (Youth)
Captain: Elsie Ventress
Runners: Theo Ventress, Junie Ventress, Ali Smithhisler, Paige Savok

Rubber Duck, Duck Stew winners: (unofficial results)
First duck: MARIAN HEMINGWAY
Second duck: DOREEN ANA-LOAK
Third duck: GARY EVANS
Wild Duck: TRACY GREGG



Photo by Nils Hahn

MIXING IT UP— Rotarian Lew Tobin mixes the ducks prior to picking the winning ducks out of the big tub.



Photo by Laura Robertson

AFTERMATH—After Duck, Duck Stew, Rotarians shovel ducks back into the totes where they’ll live until its times for next year’s duck race.



2025 Wales Kingikmuit Dance Festival



Photo by Harold Koonooka
Gambell Dance Group perform at the Kingikmuit Dance Festival



Photo by Marjorie Koonooka
Unalakleet Dance Group



Photo by Marjorie Koonooka
Teller Dance Group



Photo by Marjorie Koonooka
Jackson Castel with the King Island Dancers rocked the house during the Kingikmuit Dance Festival.



Photo by Marjorie Koonooka
King Island Dancers and Drummers.

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Urgent call to support news outlets

By the board of the Alaska News Coalition

Our communities in this vast state are connected by the stories we share. Whether through the radio airwaves or the pages of a local newspaper, journalism helps us understand one another and navigate day-to-day life in Alaska. But journalism in all forms is under threat and it's a threat we can't afford to ignore.

The Alaska News Coalition is a nonprofit formed by a volunteer board of current and former journalists to protect the economic sustainability of our state's newsrooms and to support local news organizations with the financial, technical and policy tools they need. (You can read more about our programs and projects on our website <https://alaska-newscoalition.org/>).

Without strong local journalism, Alaska's communities risk losing not just information to remain engaged and informed, but the connections necessary to thrive.

The News Coalition board of directors is speaking out in support of Alaska's public media organizations, which are facing new challenges following federal funding cuts and the clawback of money appropriated by Congress — totaling more than \$20

million. These setbacks threaten the ability of stations to provide critical reporting and essential programming to the communities they serve.

In many rural communities, public radio stations are the only consistent source of immediate, locally relevant news. They connect neighbors, share vital safety and emergency information, and give voices to local perspectives that might otherwise be overlooked.

At the same time, Alaska's print and digital newsrooms, particularly in small communities and regional hubs, are also under unprecedented strain.

Diminished advertising revenues, rising costs and the loss of local ownership have left many communities without a locally produced newspaper. Newsroom staffing across the state has been whittled back by dozens of reporters, editors and photographers since the good years, with the future years looking leaner than is healthy for our communities.

This erosion of local journalism means fewer eyes on public spending, fewer stories about our neighbors, and less shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities before us.

It means less coverage of community events, school sports, deaths, anniversaries and all the other news

that helps hold people together, which is increasingly important during this time of divisive politics.

We cannot afford to treat print and broadcast as separate struggles. Public radio, community newspapers and other independent outlets are all part of the same ecosystem that keeps Alaskans informed, connected and engaged in civic life. When one part of that system falters, the whole state feels the loss.

We urge Alaskans to stand with public media while also recognizing the equally urgent need to sustain print and digital journalism. Support your local stations, subscribe to your local paper, share their work and advocate for policies and funding that ensure newsrooms, of all kinds, can survive and thrive. Our communities depend on our collective commitment to protecting and supporting the storytellers, fact-finders and watchdogs who keep democracy alive.

The journalists and journalism supporters who comprise the Alaska News Coalition board of directors are Elizabeth Arnold, Alex Baker, Lisa Busch, Lisa Demer, Margaret Friedenauer, Rashah McChesney, Josh O'Connor, Larry Persily and Lisa Phu.

HOROSCOPES

September 4 to September 10

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

You're feeling bold this week, Aries. Use a surge of energy to speak out about something that needs to be said. Be mindful of how others may receive it.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Stability and home life are in the spotlight, Taurus. You may be called to handle something domestic or financial. Use your natural patience to avoid impulsive decisions.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, conversations will flow with ease this week, and you'll be a magnet for interesting ideas. If you have been waiting to pitch an idea, do it right now.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may assess your value right now, both financially and emotionally. An important decision requires you to have a level head. It's a great week to update a budget.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

This week invites you to step into the spotlight, Leo. This is just where you like to be. Don't be afraid to own your power and reveal something personal to friends and family.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you are more introspective than usual. Take time to reflect and recharge this week. Old memories or unfinished business might resurface and you have to face it head on.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Your social life picks up, and someone in your network may present a useful opportunity. Be open to collaboration, Libra. Just don't say yes to too many things at once.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Currently your ambition is in focus and others are noticing, Scorpio. A professional opportunity may come your way, but don't rush the details. Trust your intuition when negotiating.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

You are craving inspiration and something new, Sagittarius. This is the week to explore new ideas, travel or study something interesting. A philosophical discussion might come up.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

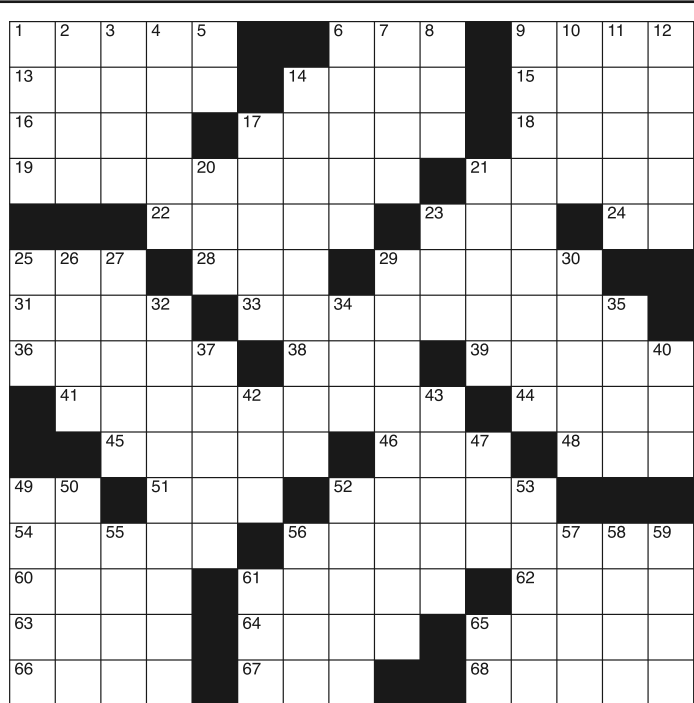
Capricorn, change is in the air whether you invite it or it finds you. Emotional matters may require some extra attention right now.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, all of your partnerships are going smoothly right now. You may need to readjust your expectations to reflect your productivity. A turning point comes into play midweek.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Think about looking at your daily habits, Pisces. Figure out if anything needs to be tweaked. You need to take care of yourself and prioritize your health.



CLUES ACROSS

- Fairly large
- Barrels per day (abbr.)
- Cover the entirety of
- Leafy appetizer
- Showy ornament
- Norse personification of old age
- Athletes
- Closes tightly
- Attack via hurling items
- Where the reserves stand
- Sword
- Begat
- Damage another's reputation
- Northeast
- Turf
- For each
- Hours (Spanish)
- Western state
- One who offers help
- Flanks
- A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- Free from drink or drugs
- Tunnels
- Mature
- More dried-up
- News organization
- Steal something
- Forms one's public persona (abbr.)
- Female fish eggs
- Small petrel of southern seas
- Edible starches
- Historical
- In a place to sleep
- Horse grooms
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Chinese dynasty

CLUES DOWN

- Vipers
- Ancient city in Syria
- Slog
- Emits coherent radiation
- "Pollock" actor Harris
- Bleated
- Monetary units of Afghanistan
- Tooth doctor
- One who takes apart
- Commoner
- Beat poet Ginsberg
- Cave deposit material
- Home energy backup
- Begets
- Face part
- Frocks
- Hill or rocky peak
- Giving the impression of dishonesty
- About ear
- Male parents
- Popular grilled food
- Vaccine developer
- Not conforming
- Polite address for women
- 1970 U.S. environmental law
- Astronomical period of 18 years
- One who fights the government
- Center for Excellence in Education
- Watches discreetly
- An electrically charged atom
- Hymn
- Arabic given name
- Popular pie nut
- City in Zambia
- Species of cherry
- John __, British writer
- Be next to
- Make angry
- Give birth to a lamb or kid
- Unhappy

Previous Puzzle Answers

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Obituary



Delia Anasuk Oozevaseuk
March 28, 1958 – August 20, 2025

Delia Anasuk Oozevaseuk was born at Gambell, Alaska on March 28, 1958 to Glen and Estelle Oozevaseuk. She left to join her parents on August 20, 2025, along with her siblings and her son, whom she loved very much, and countless relatives.

She grew up in Gambell and Aqeftapak with all her family and friends, where she learned her traditional way of life.

She graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School and then served in the Military between April 4, 1978 and April 3, 1984 with an Honorable Discharge.

Shortly afterwards, she had “Wee Wee” Dawn Oozevaseuk, met “Apa Jack” Albert Johnson, started a family and also had Duane, Barton, Jordan and Larrisha Johnson. She also worked for many years at National Bank of Alaska, Bering Strait Regional Housing Authority, NSSP, NSEDC, NEST, Graphite One Gold Mine Camp, AK Gold Company, and AC Company. Then, Delia spent the rest of her life sewing and beading.

She enjoyed spending time with all her grandkids, being outdoors picking all kinds of edible plants, fishing, and occasionally hunting and boating. She loved to cook for others, beading and sewing; such as earrings, bootie designs, sew seal skin mittens and leather.

Out of deep love she showed genuine unconditional care towards her grown kids and grandkids, providing traditional clothing and food for her family and loved ones She enjoyed bringing the NEST residents Eskimo food (whom she called her “other children”) and deeply loved.

She also enjoyed her subsistence way of life,

helping out anyway that she can, including being a helping hand that goes above and beyond for all, including strangers. All of which she continued to do so, even harder for her family, friends, and people she just met. She enjoyed all the quality time she can get. She never took anything as babysitting but took it as an opportunity as quality time with no hesitation. Taking anything for granted was not an option her.

She is preceded in death by her parents Glen and Estelle Oozevaseuk, siblings Bert Oozevaseuk, Evangeline Tungiyen, Francine Oozevaseuk, Constance Wilson, and Sharon Uglowook, her son Barton Thomas “Uvayu” Johnson, whom she dearly missed.

She is survived by her siblings Raymond Oozevaseuk and family, Delbert Oozevaseuk, Edythe Tungiyen and family, Malcom and Glen Oozevaseuk, her children Dawn “Wee Wee” Oozevaseuk, Duane Johnson and family, Jordan Johnson and family, and Larrisha Johnson, her longtime companion Albert “Jack” Johnson, her niece Mellissa Johnson, and many, many nieces and nephews, friends, and relatives.

We would like to thank ANMC, NSHC, NSEDC, Kawerak, Alaska Native Brotherhood Club, NVG, City of Gambell, Gambell Schools, Gambell Native Store, AC Store, Alvin, Devon, and whoever helped make the casket, and especially Dawn and her boyfriend Brian Quiroz, Albert Jack Johnson, Melainie Campbell, and Mellissa Johnson for all their help at this time. Apologies for anyone we may have missed but know that we are very grateful for everything that everyone assisted with.

Zucchini Chicken Bake



Recipe courtesy of “Cookin’ Savvy”

Servings: 4-6

- 2 medium zucchinis
- 2-3 tomatoes
- 2 chicken breasts
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- avocado oil
- 1-1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 375 F.

Cut zucchinis, tomatoes and chicken into bite-sized pieces. Place in 9-by-13-inch baking dish.

Sprinkle with minced onion, Italian seasoning and paprika then drizzle with avocado oil. Mix well with spoon.

Cover with mozzarella and Parmesan cheese. Cover with foil and bake 40 minutes.

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church

103 E. 1st Avenue (1st and Steadman)
443-2144

Bible Baptist Church is holding worship services
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Rural Alaska students give back, build futures through UAF summer program

By Jessica Massey, UAF

FAIRBANKS [UAF] — Five high school students from Brevig Mission, Stebbins and Shishmaref recently traveled to Fairbanks to participate in a two-week summer program hosted by the Upward Bound program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Students explored future careers, practiced leadership skills and took part in a statewide day of service.

The students — Tiara Kuzuguk and Carson Tocktoo of Brevig Mission; Devin Ozinoff of Stebbins; and Andy Ningealook and Vivien Ongtawasruk-Pootoogooluk of Shishmaref, were among dozens of youth from rural Alaska who took part in the Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math and Science summer experience.

While living in the UAF dormitories, students experienced college life firsthand, eating in the dining halls, attending daily workshops and exploring academic and career options. Sessions ranged from college degree exploration to high-demand certification and occupational endorsement programs available across Alaska.

The summer experience, titled “Your Future Role in Alaska,” focused on helping students better understand their own skills and strengths while developing the tools needed to become successful leaders in their communities.

Workshops held throughout the two weeks covered topics such as public speaking, time management, resume writing, and critical thinking. Students also participated in a formal etiquette dinner, where they learned conversation skills, table manners, and how to confidently navigate professional social settings.

The heart of the program, however, was the TRIO Works Day of Service, held during the second week. With the theme “Rooted in

Alaska, Powered by Purpose,” students rolled up their sleeves at the USDA Food and Nutrition Service warehouse in Fairbanks, where they helped prepare food boxes for more than 300 families across the state.

“This opportunity provided not only an immediate example of the difference that can be made in a half day,” said Jack Ewers, assistant director of UAF Upward Bound, “but also gave students an opportunity to reflect on those that make a difference in their communities and how they too can bring about positive change.”

For many of the students, the service project was their first time volunteering in a large-scale, organized effort. They worked in teams to inventory supplies, pack boxes and label goods — learning both logistics and collaboration in the process.

“It felt good to do something that helped people beyond just myself,” said Carson Tocktoo, a student from Brevig Mission.

Following the give-back event, students gathered for a workshop focused on community engagement. They were asked to name the “helpers” in their home villages — the individuals who give back through acts of kindness, service, and leadership. Students named elders, teachers, subsistence hunters, and youth mentors as examples of people they admire and hope to emulate.

“Every time we ask students who inspires them, the answers come from home,” said Michelle Spillane, director of Upward Bound. “They already know what leadership looks like, and this program just helps them recognize it in themselves.”

Throughout their time in Fairbanks, the students also visited university departments, met with college students and professors, and learned about financial aid, scholarships and the admissions process. A special session was dedicated to

Alaska’s career-ready certificate and endorsement options, exploring paths that offer high-skill, high-wage employment opportunities across the state in fields like healthcare, construction, information technology and more.

By the end of the program, many of the students reported feeling more confident not only in their college goals but also in their ability to lead and give back in meaningful ways.

As students returned to their home villages, the message they carried with them was clear: leadership starts now, and the future of Alaska is in capable hands.

Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math and Science are part of the federal TRIO family of programs from the U.S. Department of Education. UAF has been home to Alaska’s Upward Bound programs since 1967. Upward Bound operates year-round out of the College of Engineering and Mines at UAF. The Upward Bound programs provide academic advising, tutoring, career exploration, and summer learning opportunities for students across Alaska. The summer session was supported by several UAF departments, Alaska Center for Energy and Power, Teaching Through Technology and College of Engineering and Mines.

For more information about the UAF Upward Bound program or how to support TRIO programs in rural Alaska, contact Michelle Spillane at mjspillane@alaska.edu

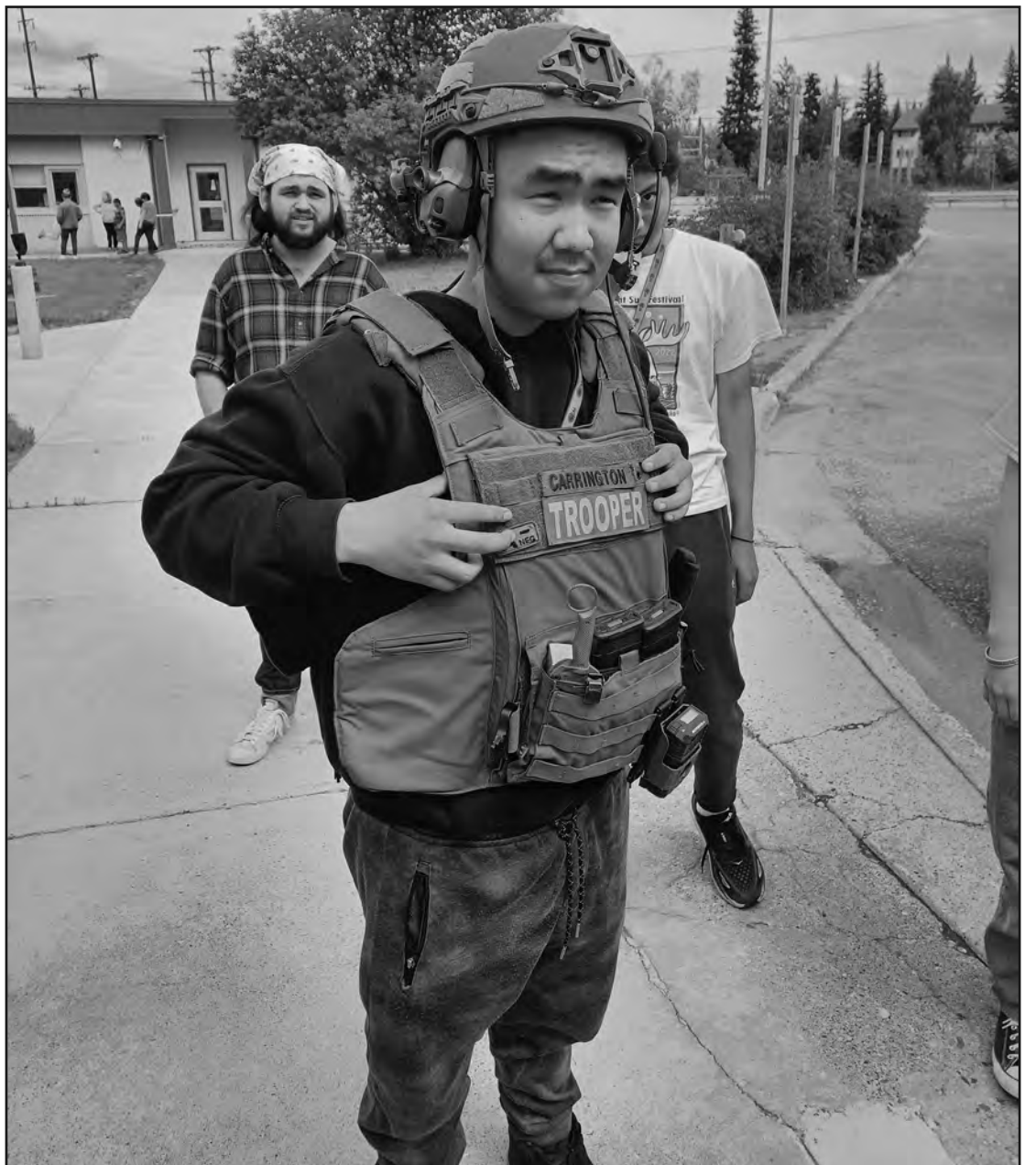


Photos courtesy Upward Bound

HANDS ON EXPERIENCE— Andrew Ningealook of Shishmaref and Devon Odinzoff of Stebbins get hands on experience using splints and tourniquets.



ENJOYING CAMPUS— Tiara Kuzuguk of Brevig Mission and Vivien Ongtawasruk-Pootoogooluk of Shishmaref enjoy some downtime in UAF’s Student Success Center.



EXPLORING CAREERS— Carson Tocktoo of Brevig Mission learns about Law Enforcement careers at UAF.

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Maintenance Worker Relief \$34.25 + DOE;
Clinic Travel Specialist Relief \$26.41 + DOE

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Maintenance Worker Relief \$34.25 + DOE

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Shaktoolik: Clinic Travel Specialist Relief \$26.41 + DOE;
Student Support Specialist U-18 \$25.00;
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Maintenance Worker Relief \$34.25 + DOE

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8.28, 9.4, 9.11

Trooper Beat

Nome
Theft: On August 21, 2025 at approximately 1:05 p.m., Nome based Troopers received a report of Theft at a mining camp. Investigation is on-going pending further leads.

Gambell
Violate Conditions: On August 23, 2025 at the approximately 10:30 a.m., Nome based Troopers received a report of Violation of Conditions of Release. VPOs and Troopers investigated which led to 31-year-old, Geena Koonooka of Gambell being arrested for VCOR.

Unalakleet
Disturbance: On August 23, 2025 at the approximately 5 p.m., Unalakleet based Troopers received a report of a Violation of Conditions. Investigation led to 36-year-old Kyle Ryan being arrested.

Nome
Death Investigation: UPDATE August 28, 2025: The State Medical Examiner's Office has positively identified the remains as 72-year-old Samuel Shavings, who was reported as an overboard boater on May 26, 2025, out of Mekoryuk. (AK25050441) Next of kin has been notified.

On August 22, 2025, at 9:00am, Alaska State Troopers received a report that beachcombers had discovered a deceased individual washed up on the shore of the Bering Sea just outside of the city limits of Nome. The decedent, dressed in winter gear, was in advanced stages of decomposition. At this time the identity of the deceased is unknown. The body is being sent to the State Medical Examiner's Office to determine positive identification. The investigation is ongoing.

Stebbins
Sex Offender Registration: On August 25, 2025 at approximately 4:34 p.m., Nome based Troopers received a report of a Failure to Register Sex offender. Investigation determined that 75-year-old Patrick Henry of Stebbins was not in compliance with SOR registration. Henry was arrested and being charged with Failure to Register.

Nome
Violate Conditions: On August 27, 2025 at approximately 10:39 a.m., Nome based Troopers received a report of a Violation of Conditions of Release. Investigation resulted in the arrest of 34-year-old Eli Apaktiki-Anungazuk.



RECRUITMENT BULLETIN

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Seawall

Nome Police Department
Weekly press releases
Activities reported between
8/25/2025 – 8/31/2025

During this period there were 188 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center; 39 (21%) of these calls involved alcohol. The Nome Police Department dispatched 28 ambulance calls to NSHC. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to no calls during this period. NPD responded to 3 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. One person remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

Non-Arrests
There was one a citation given for a curfew violation.

Arrests
A total of 7 arrests were made, with 7 (100%) alcohol related

Monday, August 25, 2025
Charge: Warrant Arrest. Name: Darrell Takak. Location: Nome.

Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Charge: DUI. Name: V.M. Location: 3rd Ave.

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
Charges: DUI and four counts of Reckless Endangerment. Name: Patrick Okitkon. Lo-

cation: Front St.
Charge: Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Lydia Kuzuguk. Location: Front St.
Charges: Two counts Probation Violation and Harassment in the First Degree. Name: Matthew Foy. Location: E. Kings Pl.
Charge: Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Cyrilene Okitkun. Location: Front St.

Saturday, August 30, 2025
Charges: Disorderly Conduct, Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Loretta Weyanna. Location: Warren Pl.

Traffic
NPD responded to 2 reports of a Motor Vehicle accident during this reporting period.

NPD made 11 traffic stops and issued 6 citations and 5 warnings issued.

Monday, August 25, 2025
Offense: Driving while license revoked or suspended; fail to register a vehicle and fail to carry proof of insurance. Name: Trina Larsen. Location: Seppala Dr.
Offense: Failure to remain at the scene of accident and Violation of provisional license. Name: S.A. Location: Bering St.
Offense: Fail to remain at scene of accident. Name: Christine Aparezuk. Location: Bering St.

Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Offense: Fail to carry proof of insurance. Name: Marie Katchatag. Location: Nome-Teller Hwy.

Offense: Driving while license suspended or revoked; Speeding, Expired registration. Name: Alex Vaughan. Location: Front St.

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
Offense: Fail to register a vehicle and fail to carry proof of insurance. Name: Patrick Okitkon. Location: Front St.

This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party. Officers refer all cases to the DA for action

Legals



NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM

SURPLUS SALE BY SEALED BID

Nome Joint Utility System is accepting sealed bids for surplus vehicles and equipment parts, starting September 2nd.

Bids must be delivered to NJUS Customer Service by 1:00 pm, Monday, September 15th at NJUS’ Customer Service office located at “the Old Federal Bldg”, 112 W Front St. in Nome, OR at the NJUS Admin Office by the "Old Power Plant".

Bids will be opened publicly at the NJUS Admin Offices at 1226 Port Road at 2 pm, September 16th. Subject to review, Notice of Award will be issued to successful bidders on September 18th.

For all items awarded, payment in guaranteed form (cash, cashier's check, or electronic bank transfer) must be received not later than Noon on Friday, September 26th.

A bid package is available outside NJUS Customer Service, the lobby at City Hall and from <http://www.njus.org>. The package includes a listing of items offered, additional terms and a bid form. NJUS makes no warranty as to the accuracy or thoroughness regarding the condition of the items for sale.

The Alaska Division of Community and Regional Affairs is hosting a Public Hearing to share information about the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery process and take public testimony on the Public Review Draft Typhoon Merbok Action Recovery Plan (ARP) on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 between 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. Interested parties may participate or provide comment by connecting via Zoom, <https://agnewbeck.zoom.us/j/86555719843>, or dialing 1-833-548-0282, enter ID, 865 5571 9843#. The ARP will guide the State in deciding how to allocate Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery award funding to unmet needs of Typhoon Merbok impacts. The Public Review Draft of the ARP is available online at: https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/4/pub/CDBG-Merbok/4672-2022-TM_ARP_PubRev-draft_2025.pdf. Public comments may be submitted by email to cdbgdr@alaska.gov by 11:59 PM on September 24, 2025. Written comments on the Action Recovery Plan may be sent to the following address: Brandon McNaughton State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs, 550 W. 7th Ave. Suite 1650, Anchorage, AK 99501-3510, and must be postmarked by September 24, 2025. For more information, please visit the project website: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/GrantsSection/CDBG-DR-Merbok.aspx>.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF DIOMEDE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Kawerak, Inc., (Kawerak) a tribal consortium and non-profit corporation in Nome, Alaska, is seeking qualifications for a consultant to provide Geotechnical Engineering Services.

For a complete Solicitation Notice please contact Kawerak before September 11, 2025, in writing (either by mail, fax or email) at:

Kawerak Transportation Program
Attention: Ben Payenna, Transportation Program Director
P.O. Box 948
Nome, Alaska 99762
Phone: (907) 434-2583 email (preferred): bpayenna@kawerak.org

Kawerak reserves the right to define and waive irregularities, to decline to enter into any contracts based on this solicitation, and to withdraw, cancel or reissue this solicitation for any reason, without liability.

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Court

Week ending 8/29/2025
Civil

Madelyn Anne Lundblad, Old Name; Madelyn Anne Lundblad Moe, New Name
Jean M. Caruso-Pelowook, Old Name; Jean M. Caruso-Pelowook, New Name
Thomas Davis Alex Saccheus, Old Name; Thomas David Alex Saccheus, New Name
Joshua Gologergen v. State of Alaska; Other Superior Court Complaint
William F. Gilpin v. Roger Broadworth, Jr.; Stalking: Short-Term
H.G. v. Jerry D. Giffin, Jr.; Domestic Violence: Short-Term

Small Claims

No current claims filed via CourtView; start 2NO-25-00013SC

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Earl George Louis Washington (5/29/99); 2UT-24-98CR Dismissal; CTN 001: Escape 2; Filed by the DAs Office 8/21/25.

State of Alaska v. Earl George Washington (5/29/99); 2UT-24-101CR Judgment and Order of Commitment; CTN 002: Unlawful Evasion 1 - furlough, fail retrn; C Felony; Offense Date: 9/10/24; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 001: Escape 2- Correctional Facility; Offense Date: 9/10/24; Dismissal Reason: Dismissed by Prosecution; Sentencing Date: 8/20/25 with counsel, Ashley Sutherland, and the DA present; CTN 002: 3 years, 0 years suspended; Unsuspended term of incarceration: 3 Years; Credited for time already served in this case; Surcharges and Costs due; Submit DNA; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Kana M. Howarth (2/21/90); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: Promote Contraband 1- Contrld Substance; C Felony; Offense Date: 6/8/25; Sentencing Date: (not provided) with counsel, Public Defender Agency (2No) and the DA present; CTN 001: 36 months with 33 months suspended; Unsuspended 3 months shall be served immediately; Total unsuspended term: 3 months; Credited for time already served in this case; Surcharges and Costs due; Submit DNA; Probation for 3 years; General and Special Conditions of Probation, set; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Owen Blake Smith (12/10/05); Dismissal; Count I: Missed Probation Or Sis Rev; Filed by the DAs Office 8/21/25.

State of Alaska v. Alfred Reuben Kaakoon (6/30/78); Amended Dismissal of Criminal Charges; CTN 014: PTRP New Charges & Technical Violation - Filed in Nome; Date of Offense: 12/11/24; Dismissal Code: CRPCNFD; Related Case Numbers: 2NO-25-294CR; Other charges in this case are still pending; Defendant to remain in custody or on bail as previously ordered in this case; It is further ordered that Defendant be released from custody in this case only; Applies to Supplemental Petition filed on or about 8/9/25 only; Probation period appears to have ended based on test of Petition; State may re-file with additional information; Previous court date for earlier petition in this case remains as set 8/25/25, 1:30 p.m.

State of Alaska v. Bradley Gene Okpealuk (10/29/89); 2NO-20-706CR Judgment and Order of Commitment; CTN 001: Assault 1- Serious Injury, Weapon; DV; Offense Date: 10/4/20; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: Attempt Murder 1-Intent To Cause Death; Offense Date: 10/4/20; Dismissed by Prosecution; Sentencing Date: 8/22/25 with counsel, Office of Public Advocacy (4BE), and the DA present; CTN 001: 20 years, 0 years suspended; Unsuspended 20 years shall be served immediately; Unsuspended term of

incarceration: 20 years; Credited for time already saved in this case; Surcharges and Costs due; Restitution to be determined as provided in cited Criminal Rules; Restitution judgment due within 90 days; Submit DNA; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; PED Supervision, if any concludes now.

State of Alaska v. Bradley G. Okpealuk (10/29/89); 2NO-25-114CR Dismissal; Count I: Promoting Contraband 1; Filed by the DAs Office 8/22/25.

State of Alaska v. Nicholas Annogiyuk (7/30/92); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 115277508; Violated conditions of probation; The following jail term must now be served: 75 days; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original order remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Timothy Brown (12/22/83); 2NO-20-678CR and 2NO-21-285CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATNs: 116095887, 118137357; Violated conditions of probation; The conditions of defendant's probation is modified as follows: Probation terminated following admission for both cases; Concurrent with the term in Case No. (unspecified); Defendant was taken to jail or is being ordered to serve time in jail in connection with his revocation and therefore must pay the previously suspended \$100 jail surcharge; AS12.55.041(d); Surcharge due now; 2NO-20-678CR Only.

State of Alaska v. John Vincent Martin (8/30/91); 2UT-23-36CR CTN 001: Assault 2 - Injury w/Weapon, Intent; DV; Class B Felony; CTN 008: Assault 3- Cause Fear of Injury w/Weap; DV; C Felony; Offense Dates: 4/14/23; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: Assault 2 - Injury w/Weapon, Intent; CTN 003: Assault 4 - Recklessly Injure; CTN 004: Crim Mischief 4- Prop Dam \$250-\$749; CTN 005: Harassment 1 - Offensive Contact w/Fluids; CTN 006: Resist/Interfere Arrest-By Force; CTN 007: Assault 1- Serious Injury, Weapon; Offense Dates: 3/14/23; Dismissal Reasons: 43a; Sentencing Date: 11/4/24 with counsel, Megan M. Rowe and the DA present; CTN 001: 10 years, 1 year suspended; Unsuspended 9 years shall be served consecutive to count 008; CTN 008: 5 years, 2 years suspended; Unsuspended 3 years shall be served consecutively to count 001; Unsuspended term: 12 years; The defendant to be credited for time already served in this case; Surcharges due; Submit DNA; Probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; Distribution Date: 8/25/25.

State of Alaska v. Dawn Estelle Oozevasuk (8/30/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 118135728; Violated conditions of probation; The following jail term must now be served: 30 days, remanded into custody; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original order remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Grace Tuzroyluke (6/27/85); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: MICS3-Mfr/Deliver Any IIA Or IIAA; Class C Felony; Offense Date: 12/10/21; Sentencing Date 6/25/25 with counsel, Robert J. Campbell and the DA present; CTN 001: 24 months, 24 months suspended; Surcharges and Costs due; Submit DNA; Other: Defendant to forfeit all seized items; Probation for 3 years; General and Special Conditions of Probation set; Other special Conditions of probation: Defendant to complete 80 hours of community work service by 12/25/26; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; Date Signed 8/27/25, Judge Paul A. Roetman.

State of Alaska v. Gerald Sagoonick (10/15/90); 2UT-23-2CR Order to Modify or

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Revoke Probation; ATN: 117120861; Violated conditions of probation; The following fail term must now be served: all remaining suspended days, remanded into custody, credit for time served; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original order are terminated.

State of Alaska v. Gerald C. Sagoonick (10/15/90); 2UT-24-56CR CTN 001: Fail To Reg As Sex Ofndr 1- Repeatedly; Class C Felony; DOV: 5/19/24; Defendant was found and adjudged: Guilty and convicted of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender Misdemeanor; Class: Misdemeanor A; CTNs Dismissed 002; Any appearance or

performance bond in this case is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days must be served immediately with credit for time served.

State of Alaska v. Aloysius Muktoiyuk (5/19/71); 2NO-24-18CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 003: Assault 2- Injury w/Weapon, Intent; Class: B Felony; DV; CTN 004: Assault 3 - Commit Assault 4, 2+ Convictions; Class: C Felony; DV; Offense Dates: 1/20/24; Court Finds: Aggravator C18; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 001and 002: Sex Assault 1- W/Out Consent, By Force; CTN 005: Coercion- Instill Fear Of Injury; Offense Dates: 1/20/24; Dismissal Rea-

sons: DPLEA; Sentencing Date: 8/29/25 with counsel, Moshe C. Zorea and the DA present; CTN 003: 5 years, 3.5 years suspended; Unsuspended 1.5 years shall be served now; CTN 004: No time imposed - Conviction of Record Only; Surcharges and Costs due; Submit DNA; Other: No contact: effectively immediately, and until unconditional discharge, defendant will have no direct or indirect contact with Justina Adams; Probation for 3 years; General and Special Conditions attached to Judgment; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; PED Supervision, if any concludes now.

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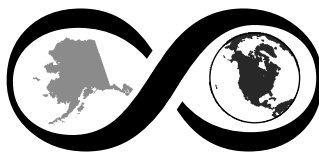
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Nome Berry Festival



EARRINGS AND MORE— Gwendolyn Trigg shows off her homemade products.



NO TIME TO REST— Rochelle Adams of White Mountain kept working on her beadwork while presenting her goods at the Berry Festival.



WALRUS SKULL MOUNT— Dustin Griffin of Brevig Mission shows off a walrus skull mount. The scrimshaw etching was done by Dustin as well as by his girlfriend.



IVORY AND FUR— Edward Barr Sr., Michelle Adams and Matilda Nayokpuk shared a table at the festival. *Photos by Nils Hahn*



DANCING— Members of the Nome St. Lawrence Island dance group performed at the Nome Berry Festival.



FUSED GLASS ART— Leesa Jones of Nome sold glass art made in her own kiln.



PILGRIM PRODUCE— Otto Heuschele and Gabe Smith sold produce grown at Pilgrim Hot Springs.