MESSAGL FROM THE MAYOR

Shortly after the new year, we were reminded once again that eyes of the Federal and State Governments, resource developers, environmentalists, and even Russia are on our region. The North Slope is a long way from Juneau, which is a long way from Washington D.C. I believe that part of my job is to overcome our distances — both physical and political. So I decided to publish an opinion piece with my friend Rep. Josiah Patkotak in the country’s largest circulated newspaper. The world is watching, I wanted to make sure they were listening too. We must recognize that if Alaska’s economic future continues to lay within OUR region, the decisions governing that future will be made in Washington and international venues.

Our success will depend on new alignments and new approaches to resolving many legitimate issues along the way.

We need to re-imagine the world of North Slope Arctic politics and find our place in it because the climate isn’t the only thing that’s changing north of the Arctic Circle. That is what will guide me in my last term as your mayor. Because my home and my world is here with all of you. Always will be…

Our future must continue to be balanced not a tug of war of extremes because our communities cannot continue to have jobs and public services and modern conveniences if we cut off the source of our revenues, which is responsible oil and gas development. Continue on page 4...
THE NSB COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PID CONTRACT STAKEHOLDER MEETING

In December a youth representative was selected to attend the NSB Comprehensive Planning PID Contract Stakeholder Meeting held in Anchorage. Jayden Lampe, who is the granddaughter of the NSB Assembly Member Doreen Lampe, had an interest. The stakeholders were excited to see a youth representative, as they have been searching for one for some time. The members mentioned we have “high hopes for her to lead by example for youth, in all villages” with direction close by her side. Jayden Lampe says “I learned about the issues in the villages and their needs. My favorite part was getting to hear the solutions, what they came up with.” When asked what do you see yourself doing after the meeting? Jayden said “I see myself continuing to stay with these meetings as I get older. But in order for me to do so, I have to do good in school and get good grades.”

JANUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDES

Health Divisions across Alaska along with the NSB Community Health Aides learned to adjust regarding COVID-19. The inspiration and performance they have shown have ensured our residents receive the highest quality of care available.

Nuiqsut Health Aide Kate Ipalook has been diligently working on-call to enhance her skills and knowledge with patient care. We appreciate all that Kate has done and continues to do, for the people of Nuiqsut. Utqiagvik Community Health Aide Practitioner, Alvina Murphy, has been recognized by most village-based employees for her professionalism and her willingness to help whenever needed. She has been a great asset to our program. Senior Office Specialist, Conchita Anievas loves to tackle the most difficult tasks, does a great job investigating, and never falls behind in any Travel Claims or contracts.

Community Health Representative/Clinic Secretary, Florence Tickett of Point Lay is constantly on her toes keeping the Point Lay Clinic in shape, she is always willing to go above and beyond. Community Health Aide, Jalen Agnasagga has always put his community first. CHAP is thankful for his dedication to serving the people of Wainwright. Community Health Aide, Jeffrey Aveoganna is the only local health aide in Atqasuk, he has assisted in teaching our new employees in the clinic some of their basic job duties.

Without Jeffrey, we’d be more strained for coverage in Atqasuk. These are just a few outstanding efforts this department does.

“In recognition of your outstanding commitment and service, we thank you for going above and beyond as North Slope Borough Community Health Aides during the COVID-19 Pandemic” Quyanaqpak Health aides for your outstanding service to ensure your communities are being taken care of.

Mayor Harry Brower Jr., Revie Taylor, Ronette Panningona, Health Director Brower

Caroline Finney, Jeffrey Aveoganna, and Selene Leavitt

Joseph Mackey, Thomas Gibson, Harriet Shavings, Nolita Madros, Mary Jackson

Michelle Ipalook, Lillian Lampe, Kate Ipalook
Racquel Quirante has worked at CIPM since 2016 as a Project Administrator, where she manages contracts as well as procurement of equipment and parts for the North Slope Borough’s water and sewer infrastructure. Racquel accurately and efficiently processes dozens of procurement requests for NSB communities every month to ensure time-sensitive emergency repairs are possible. Racquel sets an example for others to follow with the initiative in resolving project challenges through ongoing communications with NSB personnel, vendors, and contractors. She shows professionalism and a can-do attitude she brings to the job every day. Quyanaqpak Racquel, for your service!

46% of car seats and booster seats are used incorrectly
325 children under 5 saved by car seats in one year (2017 NHTSA National Center for Statistics and Analysis)
35% of children killed in car crashes in 2018 were unrestrained (NHTSA’s 2018 National Center for Statistics and Analysis 2018 Data)

### RECALL: BABY FORMULA

From North Slope Borough Health & Social Services Department: Similac®, Alimentum®, and EleCare® powder formula. The manufacturer is recalling certain formulas, please see below.

The products under recall have a multidigit number on the bottom of the container starting with the first two digits 22 through 37, contains K8, SH, or Z2 and with an expiration date of April 1, 2022, or after. To find out if the product you have is included in this recall, visit similacrecall.com and type in the code on the bottom of the package, or call +1-800-986-8540 (U.S.) and follow the instructions provided. No action is needed for previously consumed product. Please discard the product identified in the recall. If you are a NSB Women, Infant, and Children’s Program client and have questions, please contact them at 907-852-0410.
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Just like we share our subsistence resources with all of our communities, we share our economic breadbasket with the world. It’s who we are. We are a small population, so it is more important for us to try to speak with a united voice. If we splinter apart, it saps our internal strength and unity, and it muddles our message to the outside world. We can work together or we can pull ourselves apart. I hope to head into our 50th anniversary as an organized Government, which will lead us to some principles of agreement and a commitment to keep searching for a message we can all support. No matter what we face; resource development challenges and opportunities, housing shortages, a changing environment, substance abuse, mental health, physical health, pandemics, and education for our children. In just my lifetime, we have made amazing progress – reduced poverty, expanded services, and increased the well-being of our people. This will continue, but it takes all of us. A department director, a school teacher, a police officer, a store clerk, a waitress, a pilot, construction worker, plumber, whaling captain, pastor, truck driver, and our elders and youth. I work for you all and my door is always open to each of you. Just like the upcoming whaling season that we are blessed to still have, we must overcome cold weather, ice conditions, and large waves; together - paddling in the same direction. Let your knowledge, faith, and family guide you, and may God bless you all.

HEALTHY HARVEST
for a HEALTHY CHOICE

Have a concern or question about your harvest?

Contact the Dept. of Wildlife Management
Call 907-852-0350
Or E-mail DWM’s wildlife veterinarian,
Dr. Raphaela Stimmelmayer
raphaela.stimmelmayer@north-slope.org

The main objective of the NSB-DWM Wildlife Health Program is to work with hunters and community members on the North Slope through harvest monitoring of key subsistence species to better understand the health of these resources and to investigate diseases and parasites for hunter-concern animals. If you find something “abnormal" in your catch contact the NSB DWM subsistence research staff in the villages or reach out directly to the main office (852-0350) to get instructions on how to collect samples and ship them to our office in Utqiagvik.

MARCH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: JACK WILLIAMS

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He has been working day and night during these cold extreme temperatures and is on-call when a house furnace/heating system breaks down. Jack is committed to his job and goes above and beyond making sure the elders are a priority by providing them with portable heaters to keep them warm while fixing their heating system.

Jack has been available to assist the NSB Risk Management Division in addressing NSB claims that pertain to minor housing repairs and continues to improve his knowledge of heating systems. Jack is an excellent leader and leads by example; he gains a lot of respect from his coworkers and the community. Quyanaqpak Jack, for your service.

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To all concerned Nuiqsut residents. As you may have heard, on Friday a dayslong natural gas leak forced a partial evacuation at the Alpine Oil Field owned and operated by ConocoPhillips Alaska (CPAI). This was considered to be a fugitive gas leak on well # 41 on CD-I, meaning it has nothing to do with production. All backup measures for loss of gas to the community were in place.

Fugitive emission is also known as leak or leakage. The term "fugitive" is used because these emissions are not taken into account and calculated during the design of the equipment and components. In addition, these emissions are unanticipated; as such, they are not always detected by typical monitoring and control devices.

Other than Utqiagvik, your village is our only community with natural gas and a road in to town. As of this morning there are no reports of injury or environmental impacts to the tundra or wildlife according to CPAI and they are constantly monitoring air quality at the pad where the leak took place.

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, a state regulatory agency, is monitoring the leak and the companies response. Based on its investigation to date, the Commission is unaware of any threats to public safety and due to the open investigation the commission could not comment further and plans to update the Borough later this week or upon completion of the investigation.

Other than potential noticeable nuisance odors outside of town and near the facility or when shifts in the wind occur, there is no impact or risk to the surrounding community. No evacuation was ever considered or needed. We are actively working to resolve this matter with CPAI and Kuukpik officials including working with our own staff to keep you all advised and NSB services up to task. We apologize for any inconvenience but we do ask that you do not jump to conclusions or talk to media without confirming their credentials.

The NSB was not invited to the meeting organized by Nuiqsut City officials yesterday but we confirmed CPAI will continue to update the public using their social media platforms, email, and via teleconference until the situation/investigation is fully resolved.

This was not equipment owned by the North Slope Borough, nor was it caused by the borough but you are our residents and know we are here to help and assure you that there’s no need to leave the community.

I would like to thank all NSB essential personal that has been working hard to keep Nuiqsut gas flowing, lights on, and folks safe. God bless you all and thank you for your patience. -HB
The North Slope Borough will connect Prudhoe Bay to Utqiagvik, Atqasuk, and Wainwright by a seasonal snow trail that will build upon last year’s program. The North Slope Borough is working with Eskimo’s Inc. to provide scheduled caravan escort services to North Slope Residents.

**Caravan Schedule / Questions:**
Email Eskimo’s Inc. Staff: CWAT@asrc.com
CWAT Hotline: 1 (907) 852-9463
KBRW TALKSHOW:
11:00 AM Thursdays
For Updates and Questions

**General Caravan Requirements for North Slope Residents:**
- Complete Orientation with Eskimo’s Inc.
- Vehicle must have 4-Wheel Drive or all-wheel drive
- Vehicle must have tow connections on both front and rear
- Must have valid vehicle insurance
- Vehicle inspection to determine trail worthiness/presence of contraband
- 2 licensed drivers per vehicle
- COVID TESTING - CWAT Caravan Participants will follow the Industry standards in Deadhorse:
  - Participants will not need a negative test unless showing signs and symptoms
  - If traveling to a village from Deadhorse, follow the community’s COVID mandates.
- Contact Eskimo’s Inc. for an full list of requirements and form.

**Tentative Dates**
- Wainwright: April 11-14
- Point Lay: April 18-21
- Kaktovik: April 25-28
- Anaktuvuk Pass: May 2-5
- Point Hope: TBA
- Nuiqsut: TBA
The North Slope Borough represents roughly 10,000 residents in eight communities. Our jurisdiction also includes the entire National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. On behalf of the people of the North Slope, I want to thank you for hearing HJR 34. Over the years, the Borough, our staff and residents have spent countless hours attending public meetings and commenting on proposals about the NPR-A. We do it because the NPR-A isn’t our “backyard” – it is our living room. It is our ancestral home. Our Borough formed to ensure that we, the Inupiat people of the North Slope had input over the development on the North Slope.

Through the Borough we exercise zoning and other oversight that has – in partnership with the state – led to some of the strictest environmental regulations in our nation and one of the best examples of responsible development in the world.

We make sure that the benefits from North Slope development flow not just to the state and federal government or to corporations and to shareholders – but also to the people of the North Slope.

In just my lifetime, we have made amazing progress – reduced poverty, expanded services and increased the well-being of our people. But now the federal government wants to take us backwards. They have thrown out our input, and are rewriting the plan that was just adopted in 2020 – effectively sanctioning the lands within our Borough and the opportunities for all Alaskans.

Meanwhile they look to reduce sanctions on countries like Venezuela or Iran so they can add more oil to the global market.

Alaskans, especially indigenous Alaskans, have always answered the call to service for our country: World War II, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, or Afghanistan. In the public process we have offered our voice – we have asked for the opportunity to responsibly develop our resources while protecting the subsistence resources we depend upon and we have been ignored. Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee – thank you for showing us – with this resolution - you are actually listening to our people. I urge you to pass HJR-34. Thank you and ataachtchimguka (Let us unite as one)

I want to thank you for presenting at my briefing, “North Slope ANCSA Snapshot: 50 Years of Work Supporting Alaska Native Community” on December 1, 2021.

Your understanding of the history and current excellent work of the North Slope Borough greatly added to the briefing and helped my colleagues understand the collaboration needed to serve Alaska Natives living on the North Slope. I am deeply grateful for your continued leadership and friendship over the years. Your advocacy for the Alaska Natives of your North Borough villages is a large part of why ANCSA works and will continue to work.

Thank you, again, for speaking at the briefing and I look forward to continuing to work with you to benefit all Alaska Natives.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG
Congressman for All Alaska
Name: _________________________

EASTER Word Search Puzzle

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