

POTLATCH

Story telling, dancing and a lot of food are on the agenda for the Fairbanks Native Association's Potlatch Saturday at Lathrop High School, beginning at 6 p.m.

Steve Matthew, chairman of the event, is expecting a large turnout for this year's annual affair. "I think people are in a celebrating mood," he said. "It's going to be a ball."

Muktuk, moose, caribou, salmon, beaver, rabbit and Indian and Eskimo ice cream are among foods featured on the menu. Matthew anticipates a greater amount of meat than in previous years.

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The story telling may be done over a public address system this year so that people can enjoy the stories while dining. Three dance teams have been confirmed.

"We'll have chicken and ham for the people who come in from the villages," said Matthew. "Sometimes they like to try that city food."

Plans are also being made for a Miss FNA contest.

Tickets, available in a limited number, can be picked up for \$4 per person at the Fairbanks Native Community Center, Perdue's Jewelry and the Wood Center on the University of Alaska campus.

Traditionally held during the North American Sled Dog Championships, this year the potlatch is also being held on the same day as the Doyon Native Corporation's first annual stockholders meeting in Fairbanks.

Additional plans for the event were being concluded this week by Matthew, assisted by Mabel Peterson and others.