

ANS donates bingo proceeds to several Wrangell organizations

The The Alaska Native sisterhood recently donated \$2,500 of proceeds earned from the ANS-sponsored bingo games to several Wrangell civic organizations.

ANS donated \$500 each to the Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department, Wrangell Cultural Heritage Committee, Assembly of God church for a new church building, and the Church of God for a roller skating rink and recreation center.

ANS also donated \$100 each to the Salvation Army, St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, and the Wrangell hospital long-term care facility.

A \$200 donation was given to the "Tender Loving Care" program at the Alaska Native Hospital at Mt. Edgecumbe.

That program provides craft materials, magazines and other items to patients.

ANS also made its annual \$200 contribution to buy candy for Wrangell Elementary School children.

LOWER YUKON

Willie W. Kamkoff, head maintenance man at Kotlik School, has been named employee of the month by the Lower Yukon School District. This honor goes monthly to those employees in the district who have contributed an extra amount of time and effort, and have shown a dedication toward their job and the role they play in the district's overall educational program.

Willie transferred over to the Lower Yukon REAA from the B.I.A. in the summer of 1979. At this time, the former B.I.A. school in Kotlik, which had covered grades K-8, became part of the Lower Yukon School District. A new high school was also begun at that time. Prior to this transfer, he had worked for 10 years as school maintenance man under the B.I.A. system.

Willie and his family moved to Kotlik in 1965 from Hamilton, Ak. where Willie was born in 1923. He and his wife Anna have four children and four grandchildren, all now in Kotlik.

Prior to his work for the schools, Willie worked at a variety of jobs ranging from carpenter to boat pilot in the Delta area. All along, Willie has maintained his skills as a fisherman, both commercial and subsistence, a hunter and a trapper. He still manages to find time for his nets, his blackfish traps, and his lush-fish hooks, along with weekend and summer hunting and trapping trips. Other talents include boat-building, sled-building — both basketsled and bobsled, and expertise in small engine and general mechanical repair.

Perhaps the most widely known talent that Willie possesses, however, is his Eskimo dancing and singing. The Kotlik Dancers have developed a well-deserved reputation for their dancing, and are regu-

larly invited to participate and perform throughout the Delta region. This reputation in part is due to Willie's efforts and contributions in maintaining this valuable Eskimo tradition.

Willie also serves on the Kotlik Traditional Council and City Council, and in the past has been a member of various regional boards concerned with fish, game, resources, and the environment. It is for this total involvement in his community, his culture, and his family, along with his dedication to his job, that the Lower Yukon School District likes to honor its employees. In Willie Kamkoff, they have picked a well-deserving recipient.

ST. MARYS

St. Mary's High School has announced the names of students who received honors for the second quarter and first semester of classes.

For Outstanding Application, reflecting the student's attitude, participation, and effort, the following students attained the "E" Honor Roll:

Margo Francis, St. Mary's; Carol Okitkun, Kotlik; Ignatius John Charlie, Alakanuk; George Owletuck, Marshall.

For Scholastic Achievement, "A" Honor Roll students were: Sylvester Alick, Pilot Station; Carol Okitkun, Kotlik; Marci Paukan, St. Mary's.

Those students earning the "B" Honor Roll were: Charlie Beans, Mt. Village; Margo Francis, St. Mary's; Leo Kelly, Pilot Station; Wendy Marlin, Stebbins; Freddie Mike, St. Mary's; Harley Sundown, Scammon Bay; Bernadette Williams, Kotlik; Morris Alstrom, St. Mary's; I. John Charlie, Alakanuk; Mary Ann Matthias, Stebbins; George Owletuck, Marshall; Debbie Alstrom, St. Mary's; Mary Rose Beans, St. Mary's; Rudy Beans, Mt. Village; Willie Okitkun, Kotlik; Mike Paukan, St. Mary's; Jerry Borromeo, Pilot Station; Theresa Moses, Hooper Bay; Darlene Otten, Stebbins; Kim Peratrovich, Bethel; Cynthia Sipary, St. Mary's; Rosemary Snowball, Stebbins; Janine Thomas, Crooked Creek; Addie Thompson, St. Mary's.

Sister Dianne Baumunk, St. Mary's principal, stated that the school was particularly proud of these students and also of the fact that the majority of students showed real improvement in their grades since the first quarter. This is attributed to an increased effort in class attention and in studying.

She said that the staff and students are looking forward to a continued improvement during the coming semester.

PILOT STATION

Ann Ventrello was selected "Teacher of the Month" by the Lower Yukon School District. Ann teaches business classes and is the Title I teacher in the Pilot Station Schools.

In addition, she is the sponsor of the Student Coun-

cil, cross-country skiing, high school Olympics and a student-operated business. All these activities leave little time for her husband, Jim, but she says that she enjoys keeping busy working with students.

Ann was raised in a suburb near Denver, Colo. She graduated from Western State College located in Gunnison, Colo. where she received degrees in elementary and secondary education.

Ann and her husband spent their first year teaching in Atka, a small village in the Aleutian Islands. The next couple of years were spent teaching in Paxson, a school in the Copper River School District. This is Ann's second year with the LYSD and the students hope she will spend many more.

She likes living and teaching in Pilot Station because of the friendly people and pretty scenery. Her future plans include raising a family and going back to college for more education.

ANIAK

Phyllis J. Kruszka of Mountain Village and Thomas B. Charles of Aniak have announced that they will be married April 24 in the Mission Church in Aniak.

Miss Kruszka is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kruszka of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Charles of Napaimute.

Charles is a graduate of Aniak High School and attended the L.H. Bates Vocational Institute of Tacoma, Wash.

Miss Kruszka is a graduate of Kenowa Hills High School in Grand Rapids, Mich., and



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of the Grand Rapids Junior College. She attended Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

MT. FOSTER

Mount Foster, a name selection to commemorate the late Neal Winston Foster of Nome, was approved at the Dec. 3 meeting of the Alaska State Geographic Names Board.

A former miner and bush pilot, Foster was elected in 1955 to the territorial senate

and later served as a state senator.

Mount Foster (elevation 1,329) is about 25 miles southwest of Deering, on the Seward Peninsula.