

Pioneer aviator John Cross dies in Kotzebue

Longtime Kotzebue resident and pioneer Alaska aviator John Cross died last week of heart failure. Services were

held Sunday in Kotzebue and he was buried at the family camp at Cape Espenberg, about 40 miles Southwest of Kotze-

bue.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie, of Kotzebue; sons, Milton of Kotzebue, Harry and

Dallas, both of Anchorage, and Gordon of Seattle; daughters, Sue Anderson, Anchorage, Lettie J. Cross and Emily A. Parks, both of Kansas.

Cross came to Alaska in 1934 to deliver an airplane to Cordova and ended up staying. He worked for a while with Noel Wien who started Wien Airlines and then started his own flight service in Kotzebue.

Cross served for 10 years as commander of the Kotzebue branch of the Civil Air Patrol and was honored by the CAP in July for his valorous efforts when the new CAP hangar in Kotzebue was named after him. The day that the \$300,000 hangar was opened was declared John Cross day.

Nina K. Dahl, deputy health director for the Maniilaq Association in Kotzebue, has been elected vice president of the American Indian/Alaska Native Caucus for the American Public Health Association.

She was elected during the annual APHA meeting in Los Angeles earlier this month.

Goals of the Indian/Alaskan caucus are to increase the visibility and involvement of American Indians and Alaska Natives in APHA by expanding membership, to use the APHA Professional Placement Service as a resource for qualified manpower in recruiting American Indians and Native health care programs; and to involve American Indians and Alaska Natives in planning and implementation of the delivery of health care to tribes and Indian communities.

Mountain Village

First quarter honor roll

lists are being released and 18 students in the Mountain Village school in the Lower Yukon School District have made the high honor roll or the honor roll.

Named to the high honor roll with a grade point average of 3.5 to 4 point (B plus to A grade average) are Rose Mary Lake, tenth grade, and Aaron Rivers, Jr., Carol Smith, and Elvina Smart, all ninth grade.

Named to the honor roll which is a 3 to 3.5 grade point average are twelfth graders Hannah Fisher, William Green, David Gump, Nora Hill, and Steven Stone. Eleventh graders Della Mae Green, Carol Hoelscher, Victor Night, and Jane Smith. Ramona Hill, Feena Nanuk, Leota Smith and Naaman Tomaganuk were the tenth grade representatives on the list and Robert Gump was the ninth grade representative.

In St. Mary's High School, Carol Okitun from Kotlik, was named to the "A" honor roll.

Named to the "B" honor roll were Charlie Beans, Mt. Village; Freddie Mike, St. Mary's; George Oweltuck, Marshall; Debbie Alstrom, St. Mary's; Mary Rose Beans, St. Mary's; Willie Okitkun, Kotlik; Dorena George, St. Mary's; Janine Thomas, Crooked Creek; and Addie Thompson, St. Mary's.

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