

Ft. Yukon's oldest citizen dies at age 94

Jacob Flitt, the oldest person in Ft. Yukon, died recently at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital in Fairbanks.

Flitt, an Athabaskan Indian, was 94 at the time of his death. He is survived by three children, Daniel and Solomon Flitt, and Agnes James, and many grandchildren. His wife, Sarah, is deceased.

Mr. Flitt was born in Fort McPherson in Canada on Nov. 21, 1886 and moved to Ft. Yukon in 1905.

He was a wood cutter during the summer and a trapper during the winter. He trapped fox, mink, wolf, wolverine, and when he was younger, moose, bear and other animals.

At the time of Mr. Flitt's death, the village of Ft. Yukon was forming plans to present him with an honorarium for being the oldest resident. The award will be presented posthumously to his son, Daniel.

ANCHORAGE

The Anchorage Native Caucus and the Anchorage Chapter of the Alaska Statewide Native Women's Organization last week presented five needy families with all the food necessary for a Thanksgiving dinner.

The dinners included the traditional turkey dinner with potatoes, fruit, vegetables and condiments.

The groups donated the food to five Anchorage families who had been suggested to them by the Cook Inlet Native Association. CINA had in the past donated dinners to families in need but this year was strapped for funds.

According to Mary Jane Peterson, president of the ASNWO, the goods were either donated by members of the caucus or the woman's organization or money was donated and food was purchased.

Peterson said the groups plan to present needy families with food was purchased.

Peterson said the groups plan to present needy families with food for Christmas also.

She said that the groups

were able to provide goods to only five families because they had only two weeks to collect goods. She is hoping for a greater donation for Christmas.

Anyone interested in contributing food for the Christmas effort should call Peterson at 688-3761 or leave a message for her at 278-4641. Food also can be contributed by calling Bea Hallicut at the Alaska Native Foundation, 274-2541.

BARROW

Barrow residents said a silent good-bye to the sun on Nov. 18. The country's northernmost community will be in first twilight then darkness for the next 68 days.

Because the long dark winters are a way of life for the residents of Barrow, no special event marked the day but, according to one resident, the Barrow radio station throughout the day played every song that contained any reference to the sun.

The process of setting for the winter also led to some spectacular sunsets, according to one person.

The sun will return to the sky, however briefly, at first on Jan. 24.

KOTZEBUE

The Alaska Visitors Association has given a posthumous award for assisting the visitors' industry, to Chester Seveck, a Kotzebue tour promoter "one of the state's great Eskimo hosts."

The award was among several given by the Association to individuals, communities, businesses or groups for assisting the Alaska visitor industry.

The awards were voted upon by the association's 500 members.

Also receiving awards was the Greater Anchorage Fur Rendezvous Committee, AVA Board member Jim Binkley, owner and operator of the riverboat Discovery in Fairbanks. Receiving posthumous awards along with Seveck were Robert C. Reeve, founder of Reeve Aleutian Airlines, and

Merle K. "Mudhole" Smith, a pioneer Alaska aviator.

Two Oosik awards for errors, bloopers, oversights and funny circumstances, were presented to the state Department of Transportation and Public

ward his job, his co-workers and his patients." AANHNS said that he always "goes out of his way to respond to questions on results or procedures that patients may not

understand and takes the time to be certain of the accuracy of tests and charts.

He and his wife, a nurse at Providence Hospital in Anchorage, live in Eagle River.

YUKON-KUSKOKWIM

Julia Cook, a nursing assistant at the Yukon-Kuskokwim According to the AANHNS, of tests and charts."

Alaska Area Native Health Service woman of the month. Richard Moran, a medical technologist at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, was named AANHNS man of the month.

Cook was chosen for her work in keeping the pediatric clinic running smoothly for the past three years. She was termed a "hard worker who is dedicated to her job and who works tirelessly." According to the ANNHS, she translates for patients, and fills in where nursing shortages exist. She is from Kwigillingok at the mouth of the Kuskokwim River.

Moran was chosen for his "cheerful, considerate, caring and professional attitude to-