

# *Galas celebrate inauguration of Cowper*

Inaugural Balls to celebrate the swearing in of Alaska's sixth governor, Steve Cowper, will be held throughout the state this month.

Acting as honorary chairpersons are First Lady Michael Cowper and former First Lady Neva Egan. The executive director is Cathy Allen, former

campaign manager of Alaskans for Cowper/McAlpine.

The first ball was in Fairbanks Saturday. The Anchorage receptions and ball will be Friday, preceded on Thursday by a Senior's Tea at the Anchorage Senior Center, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free to the tea.

Tickets for the Anchorage ball are \$40 each, which includes receptions at the Hotel Captain Cook, the Anchorage Hilton Hotel and the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The receptions are followed by

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*The Cowper family — Gov. Steve Cowper his wife Michael and son Wade — is preparing for the inaugural activities.*  
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## ***Five inaugural balls planned for Cowper***

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the ball at the Egan Convention Center from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Those who want tickets for the Anchorage events may call Carolyn Robinson at 276-1150.

Tickets for the ball in Bethel Saturday are \$25 each. The number to call for Bethel tickets is 543-3521.

The ball in Nome will be Jan. 15, and tickets are \$25 each. Those who want information about the Nome festivities may call the inaugural office in Anchorage, 276-1150.

Tickets for the Jan. 17 ball in Juneau are \$35. The number to call for reservations in Juneau is 586-8071.

Michael Cowper said the balls in rural Alaska are particularly important to her.

"This is the first time there have been as many as five inaugural balls, and that's because Steve wanted to have one in Nome and especially in Bethel," she said.

Regional co-chairpersons for the events include April Crosby and Darrellene Myers, Fairbanks; Colleen Faulkner, Charity Kadow, Andonia Harrison, Hilary Hilscher and Kay Linton, Anchorage; Vicki Malone, Diane Carpenter and Lucy Crow, Bethel; Paul Sterling, Nome; and Judith A. Holden, Richard Listowski,

Martha Johnson and Dianne Lindback, Juneau.

Other activities in the Anchorage area on Friday include:

- Eagle River Inaugural Breakfast, North Slope Restaurant, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

- Public celebration with activities for children at the Loussac Library in Anchorage, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Fireworks display in mid-town Anchorage at A Street and Benson Boulevard at 6 p.m.

- An inaugural cocktail party at the Tower Club at a cost of \$250 for each ticket. Those who want tickets may call Jan Ackerman at 276-1150.