

# Barrow's new multi-million dollar store opens July 10

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Barrow has a new multi-million dollar store. Owned by Shontz Inc., a subsidiary of Ukepeavik Inupiat Corporation (UIC), the store opened on July 10th and sells everything from groceries to hardware to furniture.

Designed by Kelly, Pittelko, Fritz and Forssen of Anchorage, the \$4.5 million structure was constructed as a joint venture by Smith, Kaelber and Wheeler (SKW) Construction of Anchorage and Eskimo Inc. of

Barrow.

Lucille Adams, Treasurer of UIC, Barrow's village corporation, reports that the store had been in the planning stages for several years and that it is phase one of a \$10 million development venture which will include future recreational facilities and open-restaurant shopping mall in Barrow.

Instrumental in the planning and building which took about one year, were James Matumeak, President of UIC and James Stotts, Village Manager. Larry Buddy is managing the new store.



SHONTZ INC.'s new general store in Barrow has two levels. Pictured here is the lower level grocery section, with an office and sales area above.

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GEOMETRIC DESIGN dominates the entrance to Barrow's new store shown here in final stages of completion.

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## HUD working to expedite housing

The Dept. of Housing and Urban Development will make an all-out effort to complete 500 units of native housing now under construction during this construction season, HUD Secretary Carla Hills has told U.S. Sen Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, in a meeting recently.

In addition, HUD expects to complete contracts for another authorized 400 units by Sept. 30, so construction can begin on them in the next construction season.

Completion of the 500 units has been delayed because of cost overruns, but Hills told the senator that HUD will be flexible in approving funds to meet the overruns and to complete the project.

The senator earlier this year

had written Hills regarding the housing programs and requested the recent meeting to get an update on HUD's plans for those projects.

"HUD appears to be working to expedite completion of the 500 units and construction of the 400 units," Stevens said.

"Your village must have fuel in some form to heat your homes, run your boats and snowmachines, and fly your airplanes. But the need comes hand in hand with severe problems of transportation, lack of bulk storage, and the rising cost of fuel..." So begins a new helpful brochure prepared by the Alaska Energy Office and intended to help rural communities prepare for and meet their fuel needs.

For anyone who has ever lived in rural Alaska, the severity of the problems in supplying fuel and enough of it are well known. "Fuel Management in Rural Alaska" is an attempt to minimize these problems.

It offers information on average fuel needs of rural families, an Energy Planning Calendar for keeping track of fuel use and projected needs during the year, and an extensive listing of people and organizations to contact when help is needed.

A short description of agencies from RDA and RurAL CAP to

Union Oil and BIA includes addresses and telephone numbers as well as an explanation of the ways each organization can be the most helpful.

For instance, the Alaska Energy Office can help you obtain bulk fuel storage tanks, HUD can supply you with a Community Development and Block Grant to pay for the construction of a bulk storage system, and CETA can fund the training of persons who will operate the facilities. And if a real emergency comes up, RurAL CAP is probably the

place to call.

It's all in the new brochure, "Fuel Management in Rural Alaska" which can be obtained from the Alaska Energy Office, 338 Denali St., Anchorage, Alaska 99501 or by calling 272-0527.

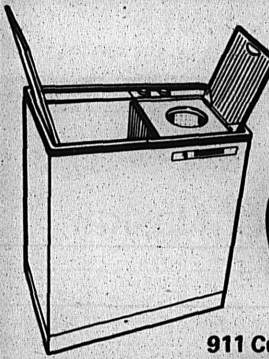
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