

Bethel PHS Hosp. Accredited

Bethel PHS Hospital has been accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH) according to Frank C. Estes, Service Unit Director. This accreditation, which covers from August 21, 1974 to August 21, 1976, is a result of an on-site survey made by field representatives of the Joint Commission's Hospital Accreditation Program (HAP).

Accreditation indicates that this facility has chosen to operate according to standards set by JCAH and the facility that the facility, has in the main, met these standards.

The standards, published as the Accreditation Manual for Hospitals, set forth optimal achievable goals of excellence against which a facility can measure itself and be measured by the Joint Commission's survey.

Bethel Hospital is one of approximately 5,300 general hospitals throughout the United States that have earned this recognition. There are approximately

7,400 hospitals in the U. S. The Joint Commission's accreditation surveys are voluntary. It is not legally necessary for a hospital to be accredited, but health care facilities have sought accreditation because it represents a benchmark of quality that is higher than governmental licensure alone.

The chief aim of the Hospital Accreditation Program, one of four such programs under the JCAH umbrella, is to help hospitals in their pursuit of excellence and thereby provide a higher quality of care to patients.

The program also seeks to recognize, and to identify for the public, those facilities which meet its standards.

The Joint Commission began in 1918 under the auspices of the American College of Surgeons. It was incorporated in 1951 with support of its present member organizations: the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Physicians, the American Hospital Association, and the American Medical Association.

Gifted Buffy Sainte-Marie . . .

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Citizen of the Year; BIA Commissioner Morris Thompson; Miss Eskimo-Indian Olympics Marilyn Pete, AFN President Roger Lang, and Miss Sainte-Marie.

Buffy Sainte-Marie says she just "lets songs happen." She claims she doesn't know anything about songwriting.

"To ask me about songwriting is like asking a patient to talk about a disease he was born with.

"Songs are something in and of themselves. They come unbidden. Song stuff writes me, I don't write it. I don't decide, 'Hmmm, I think I'll write a song.' More likely, I discover a song already formed and playing in my head. The feeling is as unbidden as finding out you have to sneeze in a few seconds. It would seem stupid to try if you didn't just plain have to, or to try not to if you must. . . ."

Buffy had her first hit with "Universal Soldier," and the Highwaymen covered it, Glen Campbell recorded it, Donovan

went to the charts with it.

Bobby Darin sang her classic "Until It's Time For You To Go"; Bobby Bare had a country hit with her "Piney Wood Hills."

Buffy's childhood was spent in the woods of New England, and her classmates were the fair-skinned, raw-boned children of Yankee stock. But Buffy was different, small and dark and silent, with eyes that were too dark and a nose that was too big, and she felt uneasy with the other kids.

Her days were spent in the forest shadows, playing with the dogs and goats. Her mind was filled with the music she always played "by heart" on the piano and with the songs that have always come to her so naturally.

She speaks to people in their own language, she gives them herself and her songs, she demands their emotions, and she comes to Alaska with her love.

She has learned that she does not need to be anyone other than herself; she discovered her own

personal glamour. She will be a treat for the banquet guests and an inspiration to young Native Alaskan girls who are lucky enough to come Saturday night to hear her perform.

Buffy should like the banquet's main course, Chicken Hawaiian with sweet and sour sauce. Miss Sainte-Marie will fly into Anchorage from Hawaii where she has a home.

By GUY OKAKOK

A man from Fort Yukon came down and when he arrives Fairbanks, he went over to the Grubsteak and orders a whole fried chicken. He ate it and ordered another one. The white man who sat next to him asked him, "You really are hungry."

Answer from Native was "Yes, I'm full now."

Mr., this Native from Fort Yukon said to him, "White Man, you people stole our land, even our squaws. That is why I came in to fill my appetite."

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballot applications for the November 5 general election must be postmarked no later than midnight, October 29, 1974, Lieutenant Governor H.A. "Red" Boucher reminded voters today. Ballot requests should be mailed early in the day to ensure that the deadline is met.

Any application bearing a later postmark cannot be accepted under Alaska statute as a request for an absentee ballot for the general election.

It is also required that each applicant sign his own request for an absentee ballot. A signed letter to the Lieutenant Governor listing the voter's Alaskan residence and the address to which he wants his ballot mailed is all that is required in the application.

The marked ballot and completed affidavit envelope must be postmarked no later than November 5, 1974, the day of the election.

Humanities . . .

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"and utilizes funds allocated for state based programs like ours."

Three new members, Mrs. Lois Vochoska of Kodiak, Mr. Frank Roth, a historian for Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, and Mr. Daniel R. Kuehn, Superintendent of Mt. McKinley Park, Mt. McKinley, Alaska, were newly elected members who were seated on the State Committee.

In addition to its regular business, the State Committee also elected officers for the coming year. They include: Ellen Lang, Director of Sitka National Monument, Sitka, as Chairman, Ron Inouye of the Center for Northern Education Research, Fairbanks, as Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Mary Hale, Director of Arts Affiliates of Anchorage was elected Secretary.

The State Committee for the Forum was a recipient earlier in the year of a National Endowment for the Humanities grant in the amount of \$256,000 to be used for informal adult education programs in the humanities.

A total of seventeen programs have been funded thus far this year and \$144,799 has been awarded.

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programs that will reduce inflation, get the Japanese off Bristol Bay Salmon on the high seas, provide programs that will help restore our Alaska salmon fishery to the record runs of the past, work on an advanced modern communications system for all of Alaska and honestly face and solve other Alaska issues with enthusiasm and dedication."

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