

'We had a fine dinner with your children'

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—MT. EDGE CUMBE—

We had a fine dinner with your children March 29. We ate reindeer soup, Sitka deer stew, herring eggs, boiled harbor seal, muktuk, Yupik agootaq, Inupiaq agootook, pilot bread, tea, and Southeast Alaska style mixed fruit.

The invitation came by telephone on Friday, and by mail on Saturday. It said, 'You are invited to the Native Foods Feast at the Mt. Edgecumbe school dining hall.' This once-a-year feast was postponed to March 29 to be a part of Sitka's Native Awareness Week.

For several years, Mabel has been preparing the Yupik style agootaq for the students. Last year, some of the Barrow students told her that they were not used to the sugar and the berries in the agootaq, and could she make some agootook. So this year, she made an extra and smaller batch using only the tallow, seal oil and boiled reindeer.

The preferred main ingredient of this Inupiaq/Yupik dish is reindeer or caribou tallow, which is scarce to non-existent in Southeast Alaska. Beef tallow, generously donated by the butchers at Sea Mart supermarket, is substituted for deer tallow. The school kitchen supplies the other ingredients. Mabel does donate some of her berries to give the agootaq that Alaskan flavor.

Superintendent and Mrs. Lee Demmert joined us and ate at our table, explained some of the Southeast Alaska food, and introduced us to the students who came to our table. We were very pleased as several of the students, including the Student Body President, came by to personally thank Mabel for her contribution and to tell her it was delicious.

These "thank you's" were spoken in different Alaskan dialects. One boy even taught her how to say "you are welcome" in his dialect.

You have nice kids.

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Mt. Edgecumbe High School has just completed its annual "I Care" Week, an event begun two years ago to boost students' school spirit and pride in their school.

Each day had a different theme, such as "twinsy's" day, where pairs of students dressed alike, school colors day, backwards day and dress-up day. To add to the fun was a signature collecting contest and campus clean-up with prizes adding to the excitement. The week concluded with a luncheon for teachers with the students.

The enthusiasm shared by the participants in the events proves that Mt. Edgecumbe students really DO care!

By Becky Gallen

—NORTHWAY—

The 1982 7th annual Family Race was held April 3 and 4 in Northway. This year we had 17 couples competing for a \$2000 purse. The following times were:

Charlie Champaine & Diane Preston, 58:05; Eddie Streeper & Connie Joe, 58:07; Dale & Nellie Probert, 60:50; Dennie Sotrdahl & Rosemarie Maher, 63:33; Terry Streeper & Nettie David, 64:41; Roy Denny & Betty Thomas, 65:09; Lena Charlie & Jerry Charlie Jr., 65:46; Leonard Sanford & Brenda Joe, 66:12; Roy David & Sue Martiniuk, 68:42; Glen Demit & Kathy Mark, 69:37; Bob Nickoli & Evelyn Beeter, 71:55; Bob Jonathan & Cheryl Silas, 77:17; John & Kathy Olding, 78:37; Tom Wilson & Sharon



Mount Edgecumbe 'Twins' Evan Olick of Kwethluk and John Adams of Fairbanks.



'Twins' Annie Gray of Ambler and Eleanor Custer of Kobuk.
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Moore, 82:30; Terry Gibbs & Passenger, 87:20; Raymond Titus & Diane Young, Scratch; Russel Gallen & Elsie Kaase, Scratch.

Terry Gibbs received the Good Sportsmanship Trophy.

This year for the first time we had a one-half mile Snowshoe Relay with a \$100 prize for the best time. Steve James and Rosalyn David won the relay with a time of 2 minutes 37 seconds.

Raffle winners were:

- * Sketch of Walter Northway done by and donated by Bob Marok went to Anna Northway
- * Chainsaw to Darlene John
- * Mukluks made by Lilly Northway went to Priscilla Sinkola of Central, Alaska
- * Gold Pan made and donated by Ruth Ray to Bob Marok
- * .22 calibre rifle donated by Northway Airport Enterprises went to Nettie David
- * Gun Strap made by Marie Frank - Steve Frank
- * \$100 bill donated by Northway Motel & Garage to Mike Larsen

Other activities included second pools, the movie "Million Dollar Dixie Deliverance," bingo and games for everyone.

We would like to thank Northwest Pipeline for their donation of \$500; and everyone who helped, supported and participated in this race. Without them we would not have a race.