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#### JUNEAU

##### **Tlingit and Haida Annual Meeting**

The Alaska Native Brotherhood in Juneau is this years host for the Tlingit & Haida Annual Meeting. April 16th. Governor Sheffield welcomed in his opening address at the ANB Hall. Following his opening a dinner was prepared for over 95 delegates. Family, friends and special speakers attended. Special speakers were: Dr. Robert Codo, Haida; Reggie Dangel, Tsimshian; and keynote speaker Cryus E. Peck on Tlingit Heritage.

Delegates came from 18 Southeast Alaska communities, Anchorage, Seattle and California communities.

This years theme is, "Understanding Our Heritage In Preparation Of The Future." Topics covered were BIA budget cuts, Federal and State shortfalls, and the Election of a new President. The meeting began on the 16th and lasted until April 19th. Dancers from the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian Nations performed during a potlatch.

#### ANCHORAGE

##### **16th Native Youth Olympics**

The 16th annual statewide Native youth Olympics began. Teams from all over Alaska participated at the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

#### GOODNEWS BAY

##### **Easter observance**

Residents will observe Easter and host a Easter party April 24th in Good News Bay.

#### EMMONAK

##### **It's potlatch time**

As many as five villages near Emmonak participated in a potlatch April 4-5. **Tammy M. Levi** sent a story and told the Tundra Times, Beating Around the Bush; "The potlatch was almost held in Alakanuk but Emmonak elders got up early Friday morning and invited Alakanuk first. Tradition is that the first village to cross the mid point between two villages will host the potlatch. Participating villages were; Alakanuk, Kotlik, St. Mary's Scammon Bay, and Mountain Village." The potlatch lasted from Friday until Saturday. Friday night and Saturday day Emmonak danced first. Then Saturday night all the other villages danced. Levi said, "It was fun for the old folks to see the young people dance. It was fun for the elders to dance, and some dancers made the audience laugh so everyone had a real good time."

#### NENANA

##### **Ice classic brings in \$115,000**

The Nenana Ice Classic had a gross sale of \$288,000. The lucky person or persons to guess the exact time the ice will move dropping the tripod and sounding the whistle will have won, \$115,000 in prize money.

#### NORTHWAY

##### **Northways first college graduate**

Who this year is happy to hear their own **Googie Glazier** graduate from the University of Alaska in Fairbanks? A letter was sent to the Tundra Times, Beating Around the Bush, saying, "She will be the first person from Northway to graduate from college. Googie will also be the first Northway High School graduate to complete college." Googie has set a good example for other Northway students and held the Miss World Eskimo Indian Olympics title. Many residents of Northway have reason to be proud.



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Emmonak's Tillie Ann Oktoyuk, Dawn Ann Carden and Humfrey Keyes perform during a potlatch in Emmonak.

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