

Jimmy Huntington to be missed

We mourn the passing of Jimmy Huntington of Galena, who died last week at the age of 69.

Mr. Huntington served the rural Alaska Native community well in a variety of ways. He was a legislator, a member of the Alaska Board of Fisheries and a well known sled dog musher. Mr. Huntington was the first "Huslia Hustler," the nickname now associated with George Attla.

Mr. Huntington was the kind of person who dedicated his life to the betterment not only of the people of his own village and region, but Natives and non-Natives alike throughout Alaska.

He was a quiet man, but very effective and well liked and respected.

Many Alaskans will remember him for his book *On the Edge of Nowhere* and its moving passages about the difficulties of growing up in a remote village after his mother died.

OUR POLICY ON LETTERS

We recently received a very well written letter to the editor, discussing the subject of bingo. Unfortunately, we are unable to print this letter because it was not signed by the author.

Our policy is that we will consider withholding a letter writer's name upon request, but we must have the name. This is a standard policy followed by newspapers in order to protect themselves. We regret that we cannot print anonymous letters.

On that subject, however, we must say that we strongly encourage anyone to write to us on any subject. We are pleased to note that the number of letters we receive has increased dramatically recently, and we believe this offers our readers a forum for their ideas.

The *Tundra Times* strives to be a newspaper for and about Alaska Natives, with particular focus on issues that affect rural Alaskans. Your letters to the editor help make us a better paper.

Our key aim at the newspaper is to present information that is of use to Alaska Natives, with an emphasis on threats to the Native community, as well as educational articles and news stories that feature Alaska Natives and Native organizations.

Our hope is to provide unity, as opposed to division.

OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS

We are still concerned about greatly increasing our number of subscribers and strongly encourage anyone to tell their friends and relatives about the newspaper.

We believe that \$20 a year for 52 issues of the paper is a bargain, but we do understand that this price is a hardship for some people, particularly rural Alaskans.

Those who are financially able might consider purchasing gift subscriptions.