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The 24th Alaska State Legislature wrapped up on May 9. **Governor Frank Murkowski** called legislators back into a special session the next day to consider the findings and provisions of a proposed stranded gas contract.

I mention this because our elected officials will be working over the summer on a matter of unparalleled importance to you and I and generations of Alaskan's yet unborn. At stake is literally billions of dollars of revenue from the oil industry over the next 30-50 years. This in turn translates into money that will be available to our department for enhancing all aspects of public safety for Alaska's future.

One of the most significant pieces of legislation that passed this year was *House Bill 149*. Commonly referred to as the Meth/Marijuana bill, it was a high priority of this department and administration to secure changes in state statute. My personal thanks to **Dean Guaneli**, Chief Assistant Attorney General and also **Randy Ruaro**, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Law for their guidance and diligence on this issue.

Early in this session, **Capt. Ed Harrington** and other personnel from the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement (ABADE), made a presentation to legislators and staff as to the insidious nature of meth manufacturing. This presentation, entitled "Meth 101", was well received and contributed to our success.

There were several more pieces of legislation of significance to DPS. *SB 261* gives DPS in conjunction with DOT/PF the ability to designate "traffic safety corridors." Sections of highways that show high rates of fatal or injury crashes can now be posted as "safety corridors" where fines for violations automatically double. These safety corridors will greatly enhance the life safety of our citizens traveling in the future.

SB 210, which has already been signed by the Governor, changes laws related to the manufacture and transportation of alcoholic beverages. This act will be a significant deterrent against the crime of alcohol importation because the individual involved faces the loss of personal property when convicted. These specific changes were suggested by the Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission, of which I was a member. I'm hopeful that more of the Commission's recommendations will come forward next year as proposed legislation.

When you see your particular legislator this summer, please thank him or her for a job well done in the passage of so many bills dealing with crime and public safety!

Two critically important capital projects for DPS were advanced in the Governors' budget and were approved by the Legislature. We were appropriated \$4.8 million for planning and design for a new Crime (Commissioner, continued on page 2)

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Laboratory and we also secured money for the Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN) redesign, migration, and data conversion. Since these two items were of such vital importance in our role of public safety and fighting crime, the Division of Statewide Services produced two dramatic DVDs that told the story of the Crime Lab and APSIN. I received good feedback from legislators – the DVDs increased their awareness of our projects and gave them valuable information as they deliberated specific budget items.

Other Capital budget items approved for our department were:

- Aircraft and vessel repair and maintenance
- Facilities deferred maintenance, repair and improvements
- Equipment replacement
- Marine fisheries patrol improvement
- Network Infrastructure
- Online fire and life safety plan review system
- Civil Air Patrol Hangar Maintenance and Improvements

In addition to ten Court Services Officers (CSO) created over the past two years, the legislature approved five more CSOs in the FY07 budget.

Additionally, three more CSOs were created with the legislation that created new superior court judges in several locations. All told, we have successfully obtained 18 new CSO positions in the past three years.

We secured funding for a pilot program entitled Village Safety Aides (VSA). Since we have such difficulty in recruiting qualified candidates for Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO), this new approach will be implemented in the coming year. The roles and responsibilities of the VSA are still being assessed and a plan is forthcoming.

A new building plans examiner for the Mat-Su Valley was added to the Fire prevention operations.

Substantial general fund (GF) money was allocated to replace the federal Byrnes Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds. The legislature approved GF expenditures for the Narcotics Task Force, Criminal Records and Identification Sec-

tion and to the Crime Lab. We also successfully sought and received general fund dollars to pass through to our municipal Narcotics Task Force partners to make up lost federal dollars. This is a substantial departure from normal practice and showed the support that we have in the legislature for our drug and alcohol enforcement programs.

We also will receive funding for “phase two” of our Trooper housing projects for rural locations. Our success in obtaining housing for our Troopers over the past two years is another example of the support we have from legislators.

In summary, it was another successful legislative session. As always, our success in the legislative arena is a team effort. Special thanks go to Special Assistant/Legislative Liaison **Cliff Stone**, Administrative Services Director **Dan Spencer**, Budget Analyst **Joan Kasson**, and **Lt. Jim Helgoe** for their work on the front line during the session.

The staff of the Commissioner’s Office wishes each of you and your families a safe and warm summer. ■

A Message From Governor Frank H. Murkowski

Dear Department of Public Safety Employees:

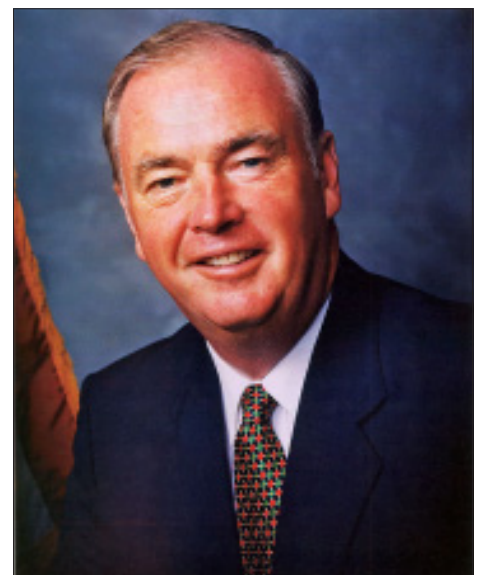
I am very pleased with the results of the 24th legislative session that will better protect our children, families, and communities.

Convicted sex offenders in Alaska now will face the toughest sentencing laws in the nation and periodic polygraph exams. Bootleggers now face stronger laws that enable law enforcement to fight the importation of alcohol into communities that have elected to stay “dry.” Commercial growers and dealers of marijuana are the target of tougher criminalization laws that help keep this harmful drug away from our children.

I am very proud of the hard work you have done throughout this administration. Recently, combating drugs in our communities has made big news. In the joint federal and state investigation, including

the Major Offender Unit, the arrest of the six men in an international marijuana trafficking ring has made Alaska a much safer place. Removing over \$1 million street value of marijuana off of the streets in Alaska is invaluable. Also, after a month long investigation by state law enforcement officials, the arrest of a Bethel man who possessed over 42 pounds of marijuana with an estimated street value of nearly \$1 million has made our villages safer and healthier. And, of course, all of the concentrated efforts of law enforcement to clean Alaska of the scourge of methamphetamine will benefit all Alaskans in the future.

All of this new legislation means more tools for Department of Public Safety employees. We are counting on you. We rely on you to keep Alaska the great state it is, and keep on improving it. Alaska is a better place to live because of the work



you do. On behalf of all Alaskans, thank you.

Sincerely yours, **Frank H. Murkowski**,
Governor ■

Division of Alaska State Troopers

Police Memorial Day, May 2006 The Final Call

In memory of those officers whose lives were lost throughout Alaska's history, we recognize and commemorate your service in Alaska. Fifty-nine officers have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the citizens of Alaska. The first was **U. S. Marshal William C. Watts**, who was shot and killed while serving as a member of a posse that attempted to arrest a gang of men on Admiralty Island, September 1, 1897; to Kenai Police Department **Officer John Patrick Watson**, who was shot and killed by a suspect during a welfare check, December 25, 2003. May we all carry their memory in our hearts and minds as we carry out our duties, and hope we never have to add another name to this list of heroes. May they rest in peace.

The Department of Public Safety Fallen Officers:

Dennis Finbar Cronin
Alaska State Troopers
February 18, 1974

Trp. Cronin was shot and killed during a narcotics investigation. He was the first Alaska State Trooper killed in the line of duty and was 31 years old at the time of his death.

Larry Robert Carr
Alaska State Troopers
December 11, 1974

Trp. Carr died in a commercial aircraft crash just outside of Kodiak while traveling to a drowning investigation. He was 23 years old and had been with the Trooper's Kodiak Island Detachment.

Frank Stuart Rodman
Alaska State Troopers
December 11, 1974

Trp. Rodman died in a commercial aircraft crash just outside of Kodiak while traveling to a drowning investigation. He was 33 years old and had served two years as a city policeman in Kodiak before joining the Troopers.

C. W. "Walt" Zann
Alaska State Troopers
October 26, 1978

F/Sgt. Zahn died of a heart attack while conducting a prisoner transport from Seattle to Fairbanks. He had been a Trooper for 17 years and he was 51 years old when he died.

Roland Edgar Chevalier, Jr.
Alaska State Troopers
April 4, 1982

Trp. Chevalier was shot and killed while responding to a domestic disturbance. He was 33 years old and had been with the Troopers for 6 years.

John David Stimson
Fish & Wildlife Protection
January 14, 1983

Trp. Stimson was killed in a helicopter crash during a rescue mission. He died at the age of 41 and had served the Department of Public Safety for over 11 years.

Troy Lynn Duncan
Alaska State Troopers
May 19, 1984

Trp. Duncan was shot and killed during a manhunt for a serial killer near Manly Hot Springs. He was 34 years old at the time of his death and had been a trooper for almost 3 years.

Robert L. Bittick
Alaska State Troopers
October 11, 1994

Sgt. Bittick died in an aircraft accident north of Haines, Alaska, in the Yukon Territory. He had been with the troopers for 12 years and was 55 years old at the time of his death.

C. E. "Swack" Swackhammer
Alaska State Troopers
October 11, 1994

"Swack" died in an aircraft accident north of Haines, Alaska, in the Yukon Territory. He was appointed Deputy Commissioner in 1992 and was 51 years old at the time of his death.

Bruce Allen Heck
Alaska State Troopers
January 10, 1997

Trp. Heck was killed while struggling with a suspect who had stolen a car. He was a 21-year police veteran of the Alaska State Troopers.

David Calvin Churchill
Fish & Wildlife Protection
September 16, 1998

Sgt. Churchill died of a heart attack while checking a hunting camp on the Alaska Peninsula. He was 51 years old at the time of his death and had been with the Alaska State Troopers for 12 years.

James Arthur Moen
Fish & Wildlife Protection
June 25, 2001

Trp. Moen died in a plane crash while patrolling a remote area southwest of Lake Iliamna. The 18 and a half-year veteran of the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection and was 49 years old at the time of his death.

Hans-Peter Lothar Roelle
Alaska State Troopers
November 24, 2001

Trp. Roelle was shot and killed while attempting to rescue two children during a domestic disturbance in Wasilla. He was a 17-year veteran of the Alaska State Troopers and was 40 years old when he was killed. ■





DPS Academy Commander Appointed

Col. Julia Grimes announced **Lt. James Helgoe** has been appointed as the new Academy Commander for the Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka, effective July 1, 2006.

Lt. Helgoe was promoted to Lieutenant on the Director's Staff on September 1, 2005, and has been assigned as the Division's Legislative Liaison since that time.

In addition, he has acted as oversight for the Field Training and Evaluation Program, as well as accomplishing many

special projects. Lt. Helgoe's enthusiasm for new challenges is admirable and his performance of his assigned duties has been excellent. He has become a very valued member of the Director's staff.

Col. Grimes said, "In recognition of Lt. Helgoe's success at Headquarters, his field experience with AST and other law enforcement agencies in the state, and his 3 years of experience as a Corporal at the DPS Academy, I am confident that he will excel as the Academy Commander. He will be greatly missed here at HQ." ■



Trps. Karl Main And Dean Hall Promoted

Colonel Julia Grimes announced the promotion of **Trp. Karl R. Main**, St. Mary's Post, to Sergeant, C Detachment, Kotzebue Post, effective July 16, 2006; and **Trp. Odean "Dean" F. Hall, III**, D Detachment, Cantwell Post to Sergeant, D Detachment, Fairbanks Post effective August 16, 2006.

Sgt. Main:

Sgt. Main began his law enforcement career in July 2000, as an officer with the Tanana Police Department. He attended Trooper Basic Training #14 and was ultimately promoted to Chief of Police of the Tanana Police Department.

He served in his position as Chief until June 2001, after which he attended ALET #25. As a trooper, he worked in D Detachment, Fairbanks Post, both in the Patrol and the Rural Unit.

He was re-assigned to ABADE in Fairbanks, where he worked in drug enforcement for about two years. He transferred to C Detachment, St. Mary's

Post in January 2004, where he is currently stationed.

Col. Grimes said, "Sgt. Main has prepared himself for his new role as First Line Supervisor by seeking new and different assignments in different parts of the state, giving him a broader understanding of how our division operates. We appreciate his willingness to move and to continue to improve himself by taking on more responsibility.

The Director's Office and the leadership of C Detachment have great confidence in Sgt. Main's ability to take on his new duties, provide leadership and be successful as the Kotzebue Post Supervisor."

Sgt. Hall:

Sgt. Hall began his law enforcement career in Oregon after exiting the Marine Corp in 1999. He joined the Department of Public Safety, Division of Alaska State Troopers March 2001 and attended the 25th ALET Academy. Upon completion of

the Academy, he was assigned to "B" Detachment, Palmer Post. He served as an FTO, an OIC and SERT member, as well as being assigned to the Investigative Unit. In May 2004, Sgt. Hall transferred to the ABWE, Northern Region, Cantwell Post. In February 2006, he was assigned to D Detachment, Cantwell Post.

Sgt. Hall has prepared himself for his new role as a First Line Supervisor; bringing considerable and varied experiences to help him further develop his leadership and supervisory skills. His Marine Corp experience, his previous law enforcement assignments, as well as his various assignments since becoming a Trooper will undoubtedly assist him in successfully meeting the challenges set before him.

The Director's Office and the leadership of D Detachment have great confidence in Sgt. Hall's ability to take on his new duties, provide leadership, and be successful as a Fairbanks Post Shift Supervisor. ■

Successful Bids:

Colonel Julia Grimes announced the following successful bidders:

Trp. Marc Hendrickson, Palmer, B Detachment, is the successful bidder for King Salmon, C Detachment; **Trp. Kenneth Acton**, Glennallen, B Detachment, is the successful bidder for Klawock, A Detach-

ment; **Trp. James Burton**, Fairbanks, ABWE, is the successful bidder for Sitka, ABWE; **Trp. Timothy Lewis**, Palmer, B Detachment, is the successful bidder for Girdwood, E Detachment; **Trp. Glenn Taylor**, Klawock, ABWE, is the successful bidder for Girdwood, ABWE; **Trp. John Groover**, Aniak, C Detachment, is the successful bidder for Iliamna, C Detachment;

Trp. Doug Massie, Palmer, ABWE, is the successful bidder for Talkeetna, ABWE; **Trp. James Pagel**, Aniak, ABWE, is the successful bidder for Palmer, ABWE; **Trp. Nathan Sheets**, Nome, ABADE, is the successful bidder for Palmer, ABWE; **Trp. Chris Hill**, Kodiak, C Detachment, is the successful bidder for Palmer, B Detachment. (Successful Bids, continued on page 7)

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ment; **Trp. Patrick Nelson**, Ketchikan, A Detachment, is the successful bidder for Palmer, B Detachment; **Trp. Josh Heinbaugh**, Palmer, B Detachment, is the successful bidder for Glennallen, B Detachment; **Trp. Daniel Sadloske**, Glennallen, B Detachment, is the successful bidder for, Dillingham, C Detachment; **Trp. Edward Halbert**, Nome, C Detachment, is the successful bidder for, Delta Junction, D Detachment; **Trp. Brad Nelson**, Soldotna, E Detachment, is the successful bidder for Seward, E Detachment; **Trp. Robert Welch**, Juneau, ABWE, is the successful bidder for Anchorage, ABI/WIU; **Trp. Glenn Charles**, Juneau, ABWE, is the successful bidder for Anchorage, ABI/WIU; and **Trp. Rick Pawlak**, Big Lake, B Detachment, is the successful bidder for Anchorage, ABAD/MOU. ■



National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) Acting Administrator Jacqueline Glassman presented PIO Greg Wilkinson with a 2006 NHTSA Public Service Award. The presentation was made on April 10, 2006, during the 2006 Lifesavers Conference in Austin, Texas. The award recognizes Wilkinson's efforts in promoting seat belt use in Alaska.

Salute To Those In The Field

A salute to those who strive and attain success, and thank you to those in the field who have proven they are willing to provide the highest degree of professionalism each and every day.

Trp. James Kimura, Palmer Post, received a memo of appreciation for his willingness to meet not only his obligations but also many other issues or problems to which he has affected a positive outcome. **Lt. Rick Roberts** cited many examples of Trp. Kimura's positive work ethic. Lt. Roberts said, "(Your) efforts to be a problem solver to the detriment of your personal time is consistently evident in you. I have never had occasion to request your assistance by staying long, coming in early, or working your RDOs that you did not immediately agree to do so and fulfill the need." He also received a memo of appreciation from **Debi Langendorfer**, Wasilla Police Depart-

ment, for his hard work, positive rapport with her staff, and his willingness to respond to calls as needed.

Trp. Scott Ide, Palmer Post, and **Trp. Rick Pawlak**, and **K-9 Bolo**, Big Lake Post, received a letter of appreciation from a citizen for their professionalism, courtesy, and compassion in responding to an emergency situation.

Trp. Skip Chadwell, Talkeetna Post, received a letter of appreciation from a citizen for his honorable service toward the citizen and the community of Wasilla, following a routine traffic stop.

A salute and thanks to those who have been mentioned, and to those not described, who continue to provide outstanding public safety services, and strive to maintain a proud and professional image. A salute and thanks from the Divisions and the Office of the Commissioner. ■



PIO Greg Wilkinson stands as the attendees from Alaska are recognized at an awards luncheon held during the 2006 Lifesavers Conference. The annual conference focuses on such safety issues as seat belt use, child safety seats, and preventing drinking and driving.



National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) Acting Administrator Jacqueline Glassman presented Alaska State Senator Con Bunde with a 2006 NHTSA Public Service Award. The presentation was made on April 10, 2006, during the 2006 Lifesavers Conference in Austin, Texas. The award recognizes Senator Bunde's sponsorship of the primary seat belt law in Alaska.

**Click It Or Ticket
Buckle Up. It's the law.**

Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement

March Madness ...In April?

SGT. MATT DOBSON – BETHEL ABWE

While most of America's basketball fans were catching their breath between the end of college basketball's "March Madness" and the start of the NBA's "40 games in 40 nights" to determine the world champion, a different title was being battled for in the YK Delta. The winner of the Bethel Invitational Tournament (BIT) would have bragging rights all summer and fall as the champs of the last basketball tourney of the season. Now the BIT is not quite as well known as it's big brother the NIT (National Invitational Tournament) and the games are not held in Madison Square Garden. However, they are played in Bethel's mythical "Warrior Dome" and due to its small size a meager crowd of 20 or so fans can make it seem like MSG!

A coveted invitation to the BIT is a much sought after prize. Automatic bids are awarded to the winners of the year's previous tournaments and of course league champions get a free pass, but the bubble teams are the ones who really must sell themselves. This usually involves many back room deals that may include such pledges as promising to act as scorers, janitors, or waterboys but if all else fails you can just pay the \$150 entry fee and leave the sweaty towels to someone else!

Bethel's FOAST team which had combined with local business KC Supply was the regular season winner of the over 35 or "experienced players" league. Along with a handful of local players, the team, consisted of myself, **Sgt. Perry "The Shishmareff Shooter" Barr**, **Trooper Teague "The Bald Behemoth" Widmier** and **Inv. Jerry "The PKA Playmaker" Evan** (PKA is the airport designator for Evans home village of Napaskiak and he should not be confused with the PK Killer of more infamous fame). With myself and Widmier playing the inside game, Barr working the 6' – 12' range and Evan



Meet the winners: **Sgt. Matt Dobson**, **Sgt. Perry "The Shishmareff Shooter" Barr**, **Trooper Teague "The Bald Behemoth" Widmier**, **Inv. Jerry "The PKA Playmaker", and friends.**

launching three's we formed a pretty formidable team. As we prepared for the tournament two disturbing facts surfaced. One, Evan's wife **Fredricka** picked a horrible time to have a baby, and two, it was announced that this year's tournament would be open to players of any age! This now meant that the late 30-year-old players on our team were no longer the youngsters and our long-range marksman was gone. As we sat on the sidelines before our opening round game, we all started feeling very tired and old as we watched the 20 something players from the opposing teams RUN up and down the court. It was at this point that someone mentioned our "young gun". **Inv Joseph Hazelaar** was promptly paged and ordered to report to the gym for a suspicious package and to also bring his sneakers. With his arrival our team was set.

Our first opponent was a lower seated team from Kwethluk and we won without much of a struggle. The following night saw us up against a tough team from Akiachak. After trailing by as much as 10 points late in the third quarter, we realized we had to go to our strength, literally. Without Evan's outside shooting avail-



able we had to go to our inside game and play some tough defense. Both involved the big man Teague. We pumped the ball into him on the low post and crashed the boards hard. On the defensive end things started to resemble an Anchorage Aces hockey game and let's just say that Teague got his money's worth out of his five fouls! More than one opposing player changed his mind about driving to the hoop. We tied the game late and eventually won by 4 points in overtime. Phew! The next night saw us up against our long time arch rival Bethel VFW. These long-range shooting specialists were led by former VPSO **Ben Beaver**. Starting with the dreaded box and one defense and later

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switching to a full man to man we built a comfortable 12-point lead late in the game. However, as Yogi once said "it ain't over 'til it's over". A last minute barrage that included a four-point play by Beaver found us leading by only one point with 9 seconds remaining. Unfortunately one of their top players was on the line shooting two. Unbelievably he missed both shots and in what can only be described as a "free for all" we ended up with the ball and the win. Phew, Phew!

The final round of four had us lined up against the AVCP team from Bethel. This run and gun squad was the only other undefeated team still left in the double elimination tournament. The score went

back and forth throughout the game, but we just couldn't pull away. Poor foul shooting down the stretch did not help our cause and again we battled to the last second. When their desperation three at the buzzer went awry we moved onto the championship game with a three-point win. Phew, Phew, Phew! As we rested up and iced our injuries, the three remaining teams battled it out for a chance to challenge us for the title. When it was all said and done our foe was again AVCP. We got off to a slow start and saw them build a small lead. Just before the end of the half, the crafty veteran Barr found his shot (an 8' footer along the baseline over a double screen) and rattled off 12 straight points

to tie the game. Rejuvenated by this, we came out and put it into overdrive. We continued to feed Barr (he ended up with a game high 41), played tough defense, controlled the boards and blew them away. The result was an anticlimactic 25-point victory. Yahoo!

For the next several months anyway, we will have bragging rights on the hardwood. And when the first snow falls and open gym starts up again, we will look back and talk about how good we played and how fast we were and then we'll dig out the sneakers and jerseys and lace them up again. Then we'll dig out the Ibuprofen and the Icy Hot and wonder why we play this game. ■

AST Detachment News

A Detachment

By SHELLY DUNN, AST KETCHIKAN

Comings and goings:

The Ketchikan Communications Center saw quite a turnover in March and April. RDII **Eric Bird** accepted a position with U.S. Customs as a border agent, RDII **John Rymer** transferred to DMV, and RDII **Marianne Thomson** decided it was time to semi-retire and move to Oregon.

The 3 vacant positions were quickly filled with new RDII's, **Tina Wood**, **Jodi Williams** and **Linda Branson**. Wood is a lifelong Ketchikan resident and brings 8 years of experience as a dispatcher with the



Lt. Rodney Dial presented a plaque to RDII Marianne Thomson in appreciation for her years of service at Ketchikan Post.



Jodi Williams is a new Radio Dispatcher II. Is this the look of what have I gotten myself into, or what?

Ketchikan PD. Williams, also a lifelong resident, transferred from the Alaska Marine Highway System. Branson is a 17-year resident and previously worked for the Ketchikan School District. We are all very happy to have them on the team here in Ketchikan.

Klawock Post welcomed new ACII **Amy English** to the Post May 1st. The clerk position was added to assist the six AST and ABWE troopers assigned to Klawock Post. Welcome Amy!

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May 13th will not soon be forgotten by **Sgt. Bernard Chastain**. He and **Trp. Mark Finses** departed Ketchikan in the early morning for a quick day trip to Prince of Wales Island to hunt for black bear. Sgt. Chastain spotted a nice sized bear within a few hours and killed the bear. As he approached the bear, his heart started pumping, when he realized just how big this bear was. Estimated at 7 feet 6 inches, over 400 pounds, and a skull width of 21 10/16 inches, it will easily go into the **Boone and Crockett** record book and possibly will be in the top 50 of largest black bears ever killed. The bear looked like a brown bear with black fur. Congratulations Sgt. Chastain, nice kill.



Ketchikan ABWE Sgt. Bernard Chastain and his record black bear.

Hands Across the Border:

On Saturday May 6th, friendships were made and renewed at the RCMP Ball in Prince Rupert, B.C., where the theme was "Hands Across the Border". **Captain Kurt Ludwig** traveled to Prince Rupert to attend the event. ■



Amy English on the job at Klawock Post is a new Administrative Clerk II.



Capt. Kurt Ludwig and Sgt. "M.C." Dillingham, attended the "Hands Across The Border" RCMP Ball in Prince Rupert, B.C.

Man-Tracking Class in Thorne Bay

Sgt. Bryan Barlow and **Trp. Mark Eldridge** of Ketchikan Post came to Thorne Bay on Prince of Wales Island to attend a tracking class with Search and Rescue volunteers.

The class members were members of local Search and Rescue groups and law

enforcement from Naukati, Thorne Bay, Ketchikan, Klawock, and Craig.

The Alaska Search and Rescue Association (ASARA), the Alaska State Troopers, and the Thorne Bay Ranger District sponsored the three-day Track Aware class. Universal Tracking Services

is a nationally recognized training service for law enforcement and Search and Rescue based in Portland, Oregon. The instructors are tracking experts, and have taught elite tracking teams all over the world.

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Tracking is the most certain method of finding a lost person in a search and rescue, and adds a critical dimension of skill to crime scene investigation. Tracking has been successfully used in thousands of cases to investigate crimes or to find people lost or missing for whatever reason.

Sgt. Barlow and Trp. Eldridge found the training to be some of the best hands-on training of their careers, and strongly recommend that any Trooper who has the opportunity should try to train with ASARA and UTS Systems. They are looking forward to the advanced class in the fall.

Trp. Bob Claus of the Klawock Post organized the training with ASARA as part of an ongoing effort to professionalize the Search and Rescue effort on Prince of Wales Island. Training like this is free to



Sgt. Bryan Barlow with local SAR volunteers in typical Southeast terrain.

ASARA members, and all people interested in Search and Rescue should consider joining the organization to support SAR volunteers. ASARA is an



Trp. Mark Eldridge with local SAR volunteers near Thorne Bay.

invaluable resource for Search and Rescue volunteers and professionals. Write for a membership application to ASARA, PO Box 233276, Anchorage, AK. 99523-3276. ■

B Detachment News

BY HILARY SCHWADERER

Additions and Subtractions:

Trp. Kenneth Acton is leaving Glennallen and moving on to Klawock. Trooper Acton will truly be missed by the people in the Glennallen area; **Trp. Marc Hendrickson** is moving on to King Salmon; **Trp. Tim Lewis** is moving on to Girdwood; **Trp. Josh Heinbaugh** is moving from Palmer to Glennallen; **Trp. Daniel Sadloske** is moving on to Dillingham; **Trp. Skip Chadwell** moved from Talkeetna Post to Palmer Post after being in Talkeetna for five years; **Lynda Horn-Jones RDIII** in Glennallen retired in April; and **Maria**



Trp. Ken Acton is moving on.



Sgt. Walter Blajeski and Trp. David Bower say good bye to Trp. Skip Chadwell as he heads for Palmer Post.

Cramer ACII is leaving the Palmer Judicial Service Unit after nine years of service with the State. We are sorry to see her leaving and she will be missed.

We're looking forward to FTOs **Trp. Chris Hill** from Kodiak and **Trp. Patrick Nelson** from Ketchikan, to arrive in Palmer in the patrol unit, in time to help with the next FTEP.

Talkeetna Post welcomes a new Grandpa to the post. On May 11, 2006 at 12:37 PM. **Trp. John Ostoj** and wife **Lisa** became first time grandparents of a baby girl **Alexis Joy Eichorn**, 9 pounds, 9 ounces, 21 inches, born in Bremerton, Washington. Both John and Lisa are very proud and can't wait to see Alexis. His

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daughter **Rayna** and husband **Jeremy** are both in good health. Congratulations John and Lisa!



Trp. John Ostoj and his wife Lisa, are the proud grandparents of Alexis Joy Eichorn.

Trp. David Bower and Trp. Dan Sadloske have completed phase one of Drug Recognition Expert Training in Monouth, Oregon, and will return in June to complete phase two. Talkeetna and Glennallen Posts are eagerly anticipating Drug Recognition Expert training as an asset to B Detachment outposts as well as their communities.

Click It Or Ticket:

Recently, Monica Bologna, a local teenager who races at Northstar Speedway, visited us at the Palmer Post. Four years ago, Ms. Bologna was behind the wheel of her brother's race car when she slammed her head into the racetrack wall.

Since then, she has been getting the word out about the importance of wearing a seatbelt. For the past three years, Ms. Bologna has been working with Click It Or Ticket. She travels around to schools and speaks about the importance of buckling up. She has also been filmed in a Click It Or Ticket TV commercial.

Missing twelve year old located

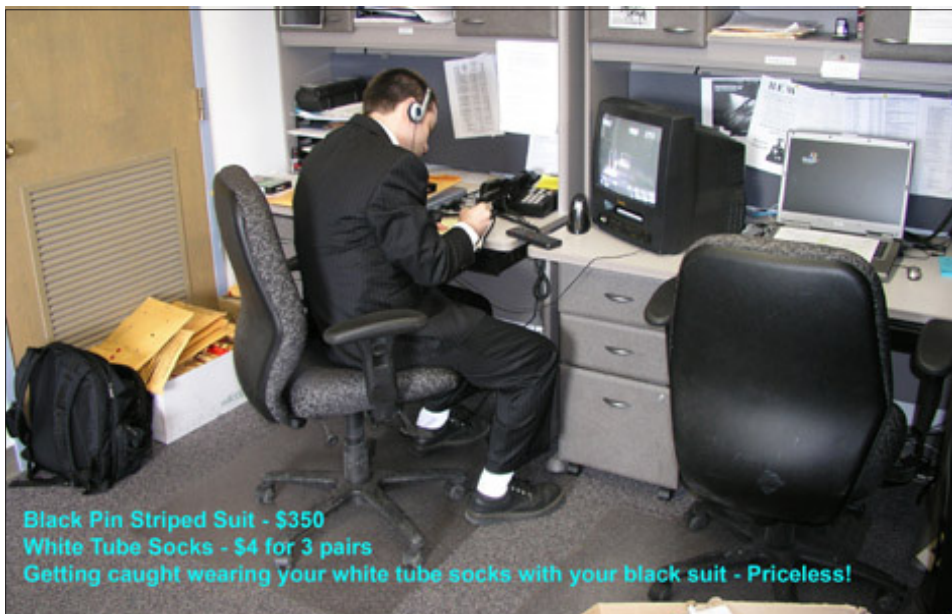
On February 27, 2006, Troopers, Mat-Su EMS, and Helo 1 responded to Snowcrest Drive in Wasilla for a report of a missing 12 year old with Down Syndrome. It was 11:30 pm, below zero, and

dark. **Elena Ilnitsky** of Wasilla contacted the Troopers to report that her son was missing after he didn't return from playing outside. After several hours of searching, Troopers located him around 3:00 a.m., a half mile from his home in the woods. He was cold and tired. He was taken to Mat-Su Regional Medical Center where he was treated and released to his parents.

We are pleased to have **Trp. David Herrell** back to duty. He has had several surgeries, many months of recuperating and physical therapy for his back. But he is as good as ever. ■



Race car driver Monica Bologna is in her third year of taking the Click It Or Ticket message on the track and to the schools in her area.



**Black Pin Striped Suit - \$350
White Tube Socks - \$4 for 3 pairs
Getting caught wearing your white tube socks with your black suit - Priceless!**

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As I walked by the sea today
 I felt the pulsating beat
 The ebb and the flow
 The rhythm common to all things,
 times and places
 The pattern of day and night
 The passage of the seasons
 The pendulum of birth and death
 The heartbeat of God
 Life.....■

Alaska State Troopers Drug Recognition Expert Coordinator

B Detachment is proud to announce **Sgt. Troy Shuey** is the Drug Recognition Expert Coordinator. Sgt. Shuey became a Drug Recognition Expert in March of 2005. The Drug Recognition Expert Program was developed as a way to address impairment issues caused by drivers under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.

Since March of 2005, Sgt. Shuey has been arguably the busiest Drug Recognition Expert in Alaska, completing over 70 evaluations in a little over a year. This number of Drug Recognition Expert evaluations in one year would earn bragging rights in a populous state, in an established program. For one individual in a new Drug Recognition Expert state, performing supervisory duties in addition to other law enforcement duties is simply outstanding.

Sgt. Shuey is able to observe an individual impaired by multiple types of drugs and note the subtle signs and symptoms of each drug class. In one case, the DUI suspect was found to have marijuana, methamphetamine, oxycodone, methadone, plus four different antidepressants

in his system. Sgt. Shuey performed the standard Drug Recognition Expert evaluation and formed the opinion that the individual was impaired by cannabis, depressants, and narcotics - every single class of drug later found in the driver's blood. The ability to form these opinions takes skill and a special kind of talent.

In January 2006, Sgt. Shuey volunteered to become the agency coordinator for the Alaska State Troopers throughout the state. In February 2006, **Colonel Julia Grimes** acknowledged the appreciation of the Department of Public Safety to Sgt. Shuey for volunteering, and appointed him to be the Drug Recognition Expert Coordinator representing the Alaska State Troopers. As the agency Drug Recognition Expert Coordinator, Sgt. Shuey will track all Alaska State Trooper Drug Recognition Expert certifications, sign off progress logs of Drug Recognition Expert candidates, impose agency requirements for certifications and re-certifications, sponsor and work with members of the Alaska State Troopers who are interested and able to become Drug Recognition Ex-



Sgt. Troy Shuey is the Drug Recognition Expert Coordinator.

perts, work closely with the Drug Recognition Expert State Coordinator, and represent the Alaska State Troopers at National Conferences. The Alaska Drug Recognition Expert program and the Alaska State Troopers are fortunate to count Sgt. Shuey among their ranks. Anyone interested in becoming a Drug Recognition Expert should contact Sgt. Shuey at 745-2131. ■

Mat-Su Torch Run

BY GINA WHEELER

The Mat-Su 2006 Law Enforcement Torch Run was a great success with the athletes and participants raising just under \$6,000. Thanks very much to **Debi , Trish , Karna, Becca and Marsha** from Matcom, **Trp. Eric Hinton and Sgt. Remaley, Chief Don Savage, Sgt. Robinson, Mike Rager** and the WPD explorers and anyone I may have missed, for donating your time and efforts to this cause. We had 56 runners in all with eight of them being law enforcement personnel, and over 20 law enforcement volunteers.

Debi Langendorfer got to show up for a bit with her new daughter and was also thankful to all of the volunteers and participants. As most of you know, Debi organized this year's Torch Run but was sidetracked with the arrival of her daughter.

We had donations from several entities around the Valley but we send a special



Fifty-six runners participated in the Mat-Su 2006 Law Enforcement Torch Run, eight of them were law enforcement personnel, and over 20 law enforcement volunteers. The event raised almost \$6000.

thanks to the owners of Tailgaters Bar and Grill for donating food and a couple of employees at the last minute. If you get a

chance to stop by the restaurant there is a Torch Run T-Shirt signed by all of the participants on display. ■

A Letter From Juneau

Dear Capt. Casanovas,

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to the Alaska State Troopers B Detachment for all your support and assistance with helping resolve numerous constituent problems over the past several years. Because of your help, my office has been able to serve my constituents better, in terms of solving problems, answering questions, and providing information.

I especially wish to commend your Detachment for its exceptional efforts and professionalism when working with my constituents under some very difficult circumstances.

I've been told on more than one occasion that the Palmer Troopers B Detachment is one of the more competent and caring detachments in the state.

The Alaska State Troopers are an invaluable and dedicated resource for my

office and the public as a whole. I thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Sincerely, **Vic Kohring**, State Representative

In a follow up note to his detachment, Commander **Capt. Dennis Casanovas** wrote, "Virtually every work day, each one of you have contact with members of the general public. It is a result of your contacts which earns the respect and high regard for this agency. Keep up the outstanding work." ■



PHOTO BY SUSAN MOORE

Meet the Kenny Lake School DARE class graduates and representatives of Alaska State Troopers, including class instructor Trooper Ron Simmons (right).

Kenny Lake Students DARE To Resist Drugs

BY SUSAN MOORE

When do you want to see five Alaska State Troopers at your school? During a DARE graduation!

Kenny Lake Sixth Grade graduated from a ten week DARE program on February 16th. The students learned techniques in resisting the use of illegal drugs, and about the effects of drugs on their bodies.

For the graduation, the Kenny Lake School fourth and fifth graders were guests, along with parents, teachers, and

five state troopers. Guest Speaker **Beth Betts** explained to the assembly that each young person holds a "Bag of Possibilities" for their future, with many choices and opportunities in store. The use of drugs and alcohol severely limits those choices and opportunities.

A special thanks goes to **Trp. Ron Simmons** for coming to Kenny Lake School once a week to teach the DARE class. ■

Just To Be Perfectly Clear

Lt. Randy Hahn, Palmer Post, responded to a request for information on weekly activities from **Greg Wilkinson**, PIO:

I just received a voice mail that you apparently left for me about a week ago. I would like to provide some clarification in regards to our reportable activity for the preceding week, in the event that the current week inadvertently overlaps with the upcoming week that is subsequent to the activity previously reported in the recap.

We are in fact doing different stuff today than the stuff we did yesterday. There is always the possibility that the stuff we did yesterday will precipitate similar, but not identical, stuff today.

The stuff we do tomorrow will be predicated on the stuff that we do today, but will in all likelihood be entirely different stuff than the stuff we did yesterday.

As you are well aware, there is unfortunately no guarantee that the stuff we do today will be so unique as to preclude any correlation with the stuff we do tomorrow.

If you would like a predictor of stuff that we are likely to do in the far future, further than the next day or two, then you can utilize the "Boolean" formula which necessitates that you subtract the stuff that we are not going to do tomorrow from the stuff that we did yesterday, add that to the stuff that we thought we did today and then divide that by the stuff that we shouldn't have done yesterday or today...

Once again, I am simply here to help in any way I can. Randy ■

C Detachment News

What's New In Bristol Bay

Well, it looks as though spring really is on the way this time. We have not had snow now for two weeks, and the temps are climbing. Our **Sgt. Jeff Laughlin** will be returning to Alaska from three months in Kentucky at SPI School. I am sure he will be as happy to leave the college life style and return to life in Dillingham, as we are that he will be back. Once returning, he will work hard for almost a month before leaving for Washington with his wife **Casey** to visit with family and friends and attend his daughters' graduation.

Trp. Dave Bump is also returning from a well-deserved vacation with his wife, **Jennifer**, to Iowa and New York to visit with family and friends. Dave was hoping to get some hunting in while on vacation. Sounds like he got his first turkey. Word has it that he was in the state of Iowa for less than two hours before a tornado struck – hum. We are all hoping he will be well rested and ready to work hard once he gets back.

Trp. "Moose" Sims took a few weeks off work the end of April and with his

fiancé **Jessica**, traveled to Kenai to finalize plans for their wedding; it will take place the 12th of August. If you speak with Moose before the wedding, do not mention flowers or photos, you can however, mention marlin fishing. He will be happy to talk about that. While he was off, Moose also attended In-Service in Sitka.

Trp. John Holm in King Salmon is eagerly awaiting the arrival of his new partner **Trp. Marc Hendrickson**. Also, just announced, **Trp. John Groover** from Aniak will be moving to the Iliamna post. With that region nearly fully staffed, maybe when John goes flying it will be for fun and not just work.

Soon **Trp. Daniel Sadloske** from Glennallen will be making a move to the Dillingham Post. We are looking forward to him joining us out here. A very warm welcome to all three new troopers as they join us in the Bristol Bay Region.

ABWE **Trp. Justin Rodgers** is continuing to amaze everyone including the doctors with his recovery from a plane

crash on March 21. His wife **Ericka** has been by his side since the day after Justin's crash... What a trooper! PSEA is still accepting leave donations for Justin as he will most definitely need it during his recovery. Justin is disappointed that he will miss the Bristol Bay Fisheries in 2006, but will be extra voracious in 2007...Illegal Fisherman - BEWARE!! ■



Trp. "Moose" Sims and his fiancée Jessica will be married in August.

Trooper Rodgers On The Mend

BY SGT. JUSTIN LINDELL
BRISTOL BAY ABWE

I think this is the first official article our corner of the state has sent to the Quarterly, so I hope I don't screw it up too bad. As most of you know **Trp. Justin Rodgers** was involved in a plane wreck this spring and is on his way to a speedy recovery. Justin's absence is felt not only by his fellow troopers, but also by our local communities and folks we deal with on a regular basis. I don't think there is a day that goes by that someone doesn't ask me how Justin is doing and wish him well. For some of you that do not know what happened I will do my best to tell some of the story.

On March 21, 2006, Justin was involved in an airplane accident while out trapping with his father **Chuck**, a retired FWP Trooper. Justin called his father (**Trp. Rodgers**, continued on page 16)



On April 29, Justin and Erika Rodgers, Jen Bump, and Brett Gibbons went for one of Justin's first outings.

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over the radio and said he was about to land at a trap site and would be back to their cabin shortly. Chuck waited at the cabin close to dark, and when Justin didn't show up Chuck decided to go out and look for him.

Chuck spotted Justin's plane on the ground and on fire and feared the worst. Chuck couldn't land and started a climb up to call for help over the radio. Luckily, Chuck was able to get hold of RCC and soon an Air Force UH-60 helicopter was sent out along with our Helo 1. The Air Force Para Rescue folks made it to the crash site first and found Justin sitting in the wreckage of his plane trying to stay warm. Justin was severely hypothermic and had sustained some major injuries. Justin was flown to Providence Hospital in Anchorage where the list of injuries included:

- Many broken bones which include both ankles, tibia/fibula of right leg, hip/pelvic

fractures of the right hip, cracked sternum, shoulder/clavicle/arm fractures of the left shoulder, left cheek/ocular bones of the face, and suspected cervical fracture to the neck.

- Several moderate to severe lacerations over the body, as well as moderate to severe burns (2nd and 3rd degree).

Justin has had many surgeries and I have lost count of the actual number. I won't try to tell Justin's story of events, as I can't really do it justice. Maybe someday we will see Justin's story on that new show "I Shouldn't Be Alive" and hear it from him first hand. All I can say is that Justin is one lucky guy, and that God must have plans for him to catch more poachers in the future to keep him around after such an ordeal. Most folks would not have been able to live through such an event given the same circumstances. Justin is out of the hospital now and is healing up in an apartment in Anchorage. Justin is

able to get into a wheelchair now, and is able to go outside for a "push" around the block once. Justin is one hell of a trooper and a special guy and friend whose absence on the wildlife enforcement front is felt every day. I am looking forward to the day I will hear his voice again over the aircraft radio and see him out in N7054 on patrol.

Justin wanted me to thank everyone that was involved in his rescue and treatment. Without these folks Justin would not be here.

Justin would also like to thank all of the folks that have prayed for him and his family during his time of need, and those that have helped him and his family with leave and gift donations.

(You can check on his daily progress on the Providence Hospital website. Go to: www.thestatus.com. Click on **Visit Patient**, enter **Rodgers** in the name box, and enter **believe-june** in the password box.) ■

The Mushing Millers of Nome

BY JEAN SHAINDLIN, PIO

Talking with **Cari Miller**, wife of **Trp. Brian Miller**, is like talking with the Chamber of Commerce of Nome or St. Mary's or wherever her husband is stationed. She has a vibrant enthusiasm which seems to magically travel along a telephone line.

When the Millers were stationed in their first rural post, Cari wasn't real pleased with her reception. Oh, the community was 'nice enough', but they treated her like "The Trooper's Wife". Feeling a little like her identity was lost to her husband's job, she went looking for ways to become involved on her own. She says she is very proud of her husband and his work, and she is pleased to be a part of the Trooper family, but she wanted to feel more a part of the community too. She said it was hard at first, adding to her "Trooper's Wife" role, but gradually she accomplished it, and she bubbles with energy in her description of her life now.

Trp. Miller's current assignment is Nome. Cari says, "We love it! There is so



Cari and Michael Miller keep sled dog racing in the family.

much for the family to do, and it's just a great post!" After the chores are done, and the 8 children complete their home-school activities, they head for the

outdoors. The list of their activities and involvement in the community seems endless. During the winter months, 4 of the (**Mushing Millers**, continued on page 17)

Mushing Millers, continued from page 16



Michael Miller finished 13th in a field of 23 mushers during the Junior Iditarod.

children complete in local dog mushing races. They have a kennel of 15 dogs. Michael was in the spotlight for his participation in the Junior Iditarod Sled Dog



Michael Miller joined in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Nome.

Race in which he came in 13th in a field of 23 mushers. Cari races for fun.

But wait...there's more! Depending on the season, you'll find the Millers gold panning, beach combing and finding Gold Rush relics, swimming, fishing, berry picking, hunting and skinning the moose, camping, skiing, gardening, working in the greenhouse, and whatever else looks like fun. The family is also involved in community activities, which have included church and social functions, fund raising for Katrina victims, a potlatch now and then, learning native skills including dancing, and the lists go on.

Cari says life in Alaska is a whole lot different from their experiences when they lived in California where Brian began his career in law enforcement. "When we lived in California, I never thought I'd be catching and cleaning fish, let alone all the other things we've done. There is literally something for everyone to do in Nome," Cari said. "Everyone should give bush life a chance."

So if you, or your spouse, are curious about a bush experience, just give Cari a call. She'll give you the how-to's of getting started in a rural area, and, like her, you might begin to say, "we love it" too! ■

Drug Sniffing Dog Now Serving The YK Delta Region

BY KELLY JEAN LINCOLN

In the war against illegal drugs and alcohol in western Alaska, the Alaska State Troopers in Bethel have a new and effective weapon on their side – a drug-sniffing dog.

His name is **Sirius**, a State certified Narcotics Detection K9. He is a 7-year-old Belgian Malinois that is trained to sniff out even the most carefully hidden drugs. His nose is 700 times more sensitive than the human nose, which means bad news for drug dealers.

"Even if you come up with the most ingenious way to try hide narcotics – and I've seen them all – he will still indicate that there are drugs," said **Trp. Joseph Hazelaar** of the Western Alaska Alcohol and Narcotics Team, Sirius' handler and partner.

He is trained to sniff out marijuana, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamines, and Ecstasy.

How well do you think smugglers can hide drugs and think they can get away with it? Consider this: Take a couple grams of marijuana and saran wrap it, Ziploc it, vacuum seal it, pop the top off a paint can filled with paint, put the drugs in, seal it back up and leave it for a week. K9 Sirius can still smell it.

This hardworking Officer, who wears his own badge, has over the past 3 weeks already sniffed out 250 grams of marijuana and in the process, helped seize 15 bottles of illegal alcohol - alcohol that was bound for one of the villages.

In the case involving the alcohol, the odor of narcotics was on the clothing of the person and luggage, which was sniffed. The K9 alerted to that odor and when the container was opened, the alcohol was in plain view. The suspects admitted to smoking marijuana in the past.

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PHOTO BY GREG LINCOLN

Trp. Joseph Hazelaar and K9 Sirius--the newest weapon in the fight against illegal drugs and alcohol in Western Alaska.

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“With only two major possibilities of narcotics coming into Bethel from outside sources (airport and freight/post office) the K9 will primarily be used there,” said Hazelaar. “The benefit of having a detection K9 in Bethel is because Bethel provides a bottleneck effect prior to departing to outside villages.”

K9 Sirius can be called to duty in any scenario imaginable including Post Offices, airports, freight carriers, residential homes, vehicles, correctional facilities and even schools if called upon, said Hazelaar. “All police need is Reasonable Suspicion to request the K9,” he said. “If suspicion is established then the K9 can sniff the exterior of that item and if the odor exists, then the K9 will indicate. Because of that indication Probable Cause has been established which is what is needed for a search warrant. The K9 indication is Probable Cause in itself.”



PHOTO BY GREG LINCOLN

Trp. Joseph Hazelaar and K9 Sirius.

K9 Sirius is recertified 4 times a year.

Drug dealers in western Alaska have become aware of the tactics used by drug investigators in searching for narcotics and because of that they have changed their tactics. The K9 will detour and help locate the hidden sources of narcotics where the human eye was unable to locate them in the past, said Hazelaar.

For example, in a typical residence when it would take multiple investigators

hours to search, the K9 can accomplish the task in minutes. The same is true with other searches involving freight.

“When we see so many packages being sent to certain people we know are drug dealers but would have to let them go because we lacked probable cause, the K9 can tell us in a matter of seconds if the odor of narcotics is present,” he added.

Trp. Hazelaar has been a K9 handler for over three years. Prior to his assignment in Bethel, he worked with K9 Sirius in Fairbanks. Sirius, who just had surgery to remove a tumor from his stomach, lives with Hazelaar and his family.

“He is more than a friend to me,” said Hazelaar. “He has saved my life in the past, made me happy and sad and has made me a better State Trooper which I hope will bring me home to my wife and kids each night.”

Bethel’s drug sniffing dog is named in honor after K9 Sirius that died in the 9/11 bombings. That dog was the only Police K9 killed in the attacks. “Sirius” is a star constellation and was purchased by the Public Safety Employees Association. There are only 5 Alaska State Trooper K9’s currently working in the State of Alaska.

Anyone can request the services of K9 Sirius. Investigator Joseph Hazelaar and K9 Sirius are also available to speak to the youth at schools.

“My passion would be to travel to every school in the YK delta and put on a demonstration as well as talk to parents and youth about the effects of alcohol and narcotics,” said Hazelaar. “The K9 sort of breaks the ice for me to be able to



PHOTO BY GREG LINCOLN

K9 Sirius is a 7 year old Belgian Malinois.

talk about real concerns we are facing in western Alaska and I would love to show what K9 Sirius can do.”

If people or groups would like to see a demonstration of the K9’s ability or if they would like to request the services of K9 Sirius, they can contact the Alaska State Troopers, Investigator Joseph Hazelaar at the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol & Drug Enforcement, Western Alaska Alcohol & Narcotics Team, N Detachment, Bethel Post, phone 543-2294, fax 543-5102 or email joseph_hazelaar@dps.state.ak.us.

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From Whispers in the Wind©

By GEORGE G. RODGERS

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The lances of my campfire keep the night at bay.
That flickering light that marks my presence on this earth,
and gives a name to me.
Soon the embers will fade and the night
will clothe me in its gown of abstraction.
Should the dawn find me gone from this forest and this earth,
Will anyone, aside from the deer and fox, know or remember that
I passed by here once? ■

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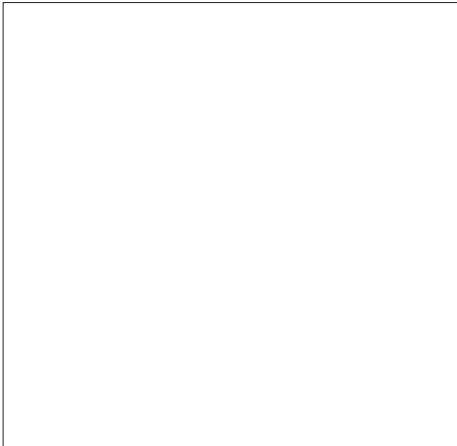
By SUE ROGERS, AST FAIRBANKS

Lt. Lantz Dahlke welcomed his first granddaughter, **Zoe Juliana**, who was born on March 6, 2006, to **Julie** and **Josh Rupe**. She weighed in at 8 pounds 3 ounces, and joins brother, **Merrick**.



Zoe Juliana Rup

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Judicial Services in Fairbanks welcomed new CSOs **Kimo Hollinrake** and **Jerry Dompeling** in January. Joining JS in April is Admin. Clerk **Joyce Stephens**. It was retirement time for **CSO Outi Henry** whose last day was April 28. On May 12, Admin. Clerk **Julie Johnson** left Judicial Services for Department of Corrections.

Hello to **Diane Lindner**, our new evidence clerk. She actually worked for AST back in 1978 when she was a baby. Another new face is **Amanda Muldoon**, Admin Clerk II, who started on May 25.

Recognizing The Trooper of the Quarter



Trp. Kirsten Hansen received her "Trooper of the Quarter" plaque from **Capt. Burke Barrick**.

The first recipient of the D Detachment Trooper of the Quarter program is **Trp. Kirsten Hansen** for her work as a Field Training Officer as well as her outstanding work as the Detachment Domestic Violence follow-up trooper.

In her position as DV follow-up trooper, Trp. Hansen attended meetings with the District Attorney's office and victim rights groups to help coordinate how we as a detachment are responding to reports of domestic violence. Trp. Hansen was also responsible for conducting a number of interviews; recontacting victims, witnesses and defendants; and developing additional evidence to strengthen a number of DV cases initiated by patrol.

As a Field Training Officer, Trp. Hansen has been a valuable asset to the Detachment and earned a well-deserved reputation as an exceptional Field Training Officer.

Even though she has now moved on to ABI, we thank her for her service and recognizing her as the D Detachment Trooper of the Quarter for 2006. ■

Trp. Elondre Johnson left on May 12 after receiving orders to spend 18 months on active duty. He is a member of the Army Reserve and will be training in the lower 48 prior to his tour of duty in Iraq.

Robert Jensen has joined the dispatch team after retiring from the Air Force. He didn't get much time off since he was hired the day he was having his retirement ceremony. ■



Trp. Dennis Roe and R44 helicopter helped with the Sitka Herring Fishery.



Officer Nick Zito is the first new recruit to have completed the lateral hire process. Officer Zito had completed the Public Safety Academy training when employed by a different law enforcement agency in Alaska. He has also achieved his Alaska Police Standards Council certification. He has work experience with the Fairbanks Airport Police and will now, as an Alaska State Trooper Recruit, perform his field training in Fairbanks before he is assigned to his first duty post in Kodiak. Capt. Burke Barrick swore in Trooper Recruit Zito and Lt. Lantz Dahlke handed him his badge during a recent ceremony in Fairbanks.



Trooper Nick Zito has everyone's attention at Bright Beginnings Learning Center.



Spring comes slowly in the Alaska Range south of Fairbanks.

Sgt. David Drvenkar Announced His Retirement

To everyone; whom I've always considered my second Family,

So comes that inevitable and bitter-sweet time for me to give thanks, express appreciation, and say good-bye.

You were all, unbeknownst to you, inspirations that touched my heart and career in a big way. I can't imagine the number of times I was profoundly inspired by the goodness I saw in others and thereby resolved to be more like you. With that, each of you became a part of me because of the stirring examples you set.

I truly regret leaving so many dear friends during these most difficult times, but the time has arrived for me to close this chapter of my life.

This difficult decision comes after carefully reasoned analysis of my life and career, thoughtful assessment of the values I hold dearest, and after carefully weighing all viable options.

Though I have a deep-seated and long-standing devotion to the Alaska State Troopers and all the wonderful people I've been so honored to work with, demands have come to exceed the limits of human endurance, thus causing my fires to burn low from having to spread myself too thin to do my very best at everything worth doing well.

This decision allows me to devote time to my family in late atonement for the many years of neglect they silently endured to support my choices of always placing the Alaska State Troopers above all else.

I will begin my retirement on June 16, 2006, and in so doing; respectfully pass my duties and responsibilities on to highly capable replacements.

I leave with many memories, some good, and some that are a heavy burden for one to carry, and a lifetime of stories, stories of undeniable humor, haunting tragedy, and unforgettable valor. Stories told only in police reports that are locked away and forgotten, except by those

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whose lives were touched by these events.

I'm truly honored for having had the enduring privilege of serving with each and every one of you over the past 32 years of a very eventful career, and sincerely regret this time has so quickly arrived. How time passes when one is in such good company!

All things have a beginning and an end, and all things must come to an end. I will remember you always in pleasant thoughts.

In closing this chapter of my life, please allow me one last expression: "Thank you each and all."

I look forward to visiting with each of you (for perhaps the last time) at my retirement party: date, time, and place to be announced. ■



Trp. James Burton (right) won't be seeing as many moose camps now that he has transferred to Sitka.



Trp. Mike Wilcox recently transferred from ABI Fairbanks to his new post in Delta Junction. He received a farewell plaque from Inv. Jeremy Rupe on March 2, 2006.



Sgt. Freddie Wells received his Alaska Police Standard Council certificate from Capt. Burke Barrick.

Arctic Man 2006

By SGT. BRIAN WASSMANN

Between April 5 to 9, 2006, troopers and DPS support personnel worked at the annual Arctic Man Sno-Go and Ski Competition near Summit Lake. For those of you not familiar with the event, the race takes place in the Hoo Doo Mountains near Summit Lake, which is approximately 170 miles south of Fairbanks on the Richardson Highway. The race is billed as one of the most exciting and inherently dangerous sporting events on the market. Skiers ski down a mountain course to a low-lying area where they meet up with their partner on a snow machine. The skier picks up a tow rope and the snow machine rider tows the skier up the mountain course at speeds ranging from 70 to 90 mph. The team that completes the course with the fastest time wins.

Arctic Man popularity is somewhat of an enigma to folks not engrained in the culture of extreme sports and snow machine riding. But one thing is certain, Arctic Man marks the end of the year blowout for snow machine riding, and it is one heck-of-a party. Recent television coverage from extreme skiing video productions, and word of mouth contribute to wide interest in the event. Generation X-ers to geezers, and motorheads to tree

huggers flock to the event every year to partake in the festivities. Every year approximately 10,000 to 15,000 people converge on the area. Organizers plow snow into rows to set up parking spaces akin to Wal-Mart parking rows on the frozen tundra. The parking spots sell for \$100 each for three days. Vendors set up shop on the frozen tundra selling snow machines, trucks, food, t-shirts- and even frozen ice. A circus-sized tent is set up for a bar tent that is complete with live music, and plenty of alcohol to fuel the fun. Alcohol is also free flowing at most campsites as campers enjoy the spring weather cookouts, and company in the festive atmosphere. The surrounding area is well known as one of the premier snow machine riding venues in the state. The rolling hills and mountain valleys with miles and miles of deep snow offer plenty of territory for riders to burn the carbon out of their machines.

The territory is also unforgiving for the unsafe or unlucky. There is a constant avalanche danger in the hills; there are creeks with soft ice on top, drop-offs and other people, yes-other people- many snow machines (some careless and reckless) (Arctic Man, continued on page 22)

Arctic Man, continued from page 21

less) in a concentrated area. The mass of snow machines zipping around in all directions is a free-for-all. There are no rules of the road in the open country; it is ride at your own risk. Add the alcohol factor and the recipe is complete for mishaps. In past years, Arctic Man madness has claimed several lives, and many serious injuries caused mostly by crashes and avalanches.

The Alaska State Troopers team up with troopers and support personnel throughout the state every year to set up the Arctic Man Post to try to keep some order, and respond to emergencies. AST set up camp with RVs, and a mobile incident command center. There was a fleet of snow machines, ATVs, and SUVs for response and patrol. We had a contingent of 23 troopers, 2 court service officers, and 2 dispatchers assigned to the event. This year AST handled 13 DUIs, 45 MCAs, 3 Drug Offenses, 2 DWROLs, 2 Probation Violations, 2 Disorderly Con-



There was a contingent of 23 troopers, 2 court service officers, and 2 dispatchers assigned to the event.

ducts, 2 Assault on a Police Officer, 1 Warrant Arrest, 1 Violating Conditions of Release, 1 Assault VI (non-DV) and 7 Medical Assists. Additionally there were numerous traffic citations issued. There were no fatalities, and no troopers hurt

this year, which is an unofficial litmus test of success for AST. There was a collective sigh of relief for AST when the Arctic Man weekend was over on Sunday. A big thanks goes out to all the troopers and support personnel who helped out. ■

Delta Junction News

Delta Junction hosted their first annual Relay for Life event, which is an event to raise money for the fight against cancer. It is also an event to honor those who have lost the battle of cancer, and those who have beaten cancer. **Cindy Tuckwood** organized Team FOAST to participate in the event, which was held May 12 and 13, 2006. FOAST generously supported the team by providing the entry fee



RD-1 Deb Heral on her way.

Relay For Life

By SGT. BRIAN WASSMANN



Trp. Mike Wilcox and Jeanne Wilcox take a break.

donation. Team FOAST was comprised of the following DPS employees and family: **Sgt. Tim Tuckwood and Cindy Tuckwood; Trp. Steve Lantz and Amy Lantz; Trp. Mike Wilcox, Jeanne Wilcox, and Michelle Wilcox; RD-1 Deb Heral; retired AST dispatcher Eula Nistler; and (Relay for Life, continued on page 23)**



Sadie Tuckwood making a pit stop after her 25th lap.

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Sgt. Brian Wassmann and children. Each team was required to have walker(s) on the Delta Junction High School track for 24 continuous hours. The event kicked off at 6:00 PM on Friday night and ended at 6:00 PM on Saturday night. The Relay For Life event was a huge success for the 1st year. Everybody had fun and the relay raised nearly \$60,000 for the fight against cancer. ■



Sgt. Brian Wassmann showing the colors of Camp FOAST.



Cindy and Skylar Tuckwood head for the checkered flag!

D Detachment 2006 Torch Run

BY SGT. BRIAN WASSMANN

Communities across the state teamed up with Alaska Law Enforcement recently to raise money for Special Olympics-Alaska. On Saturday, May 20, 2006, at 10:00 AM, runners, joggers, and walkers started a 5K course simultaneously across the state. D Detachment had two communities represented. **Sgt. Tim Tuckwood** in Delta Junction, and **Lt. Lonnie Piscoya** in Fairbanks, coordinated Torch Runs with local volunteers, law enforcement agencies, and Special Olympics-Alaska.

Weather cooperated with sunny and blue skies in Fairbanks and Delta Junction.

Thirty participants in Delta Junction, including 100% participation from local AST, showed up for the event. Forty-five participants completed the Fairbanks Torch Run. Special Olympics athletes, and groups of AARP members also turned out to run in the events. Pledges and entry fees raised a combined total of approximately \$7000 for the two Torch Runs. ■



Lt. Lonny Piscoya and **CSO Cheryl Gilmour** ready to lead the 2006 Torch Run.



CSO Cheryl Gilmour and **Trp. Rachel Foster** setting the pace in the 2006 Torch Run.

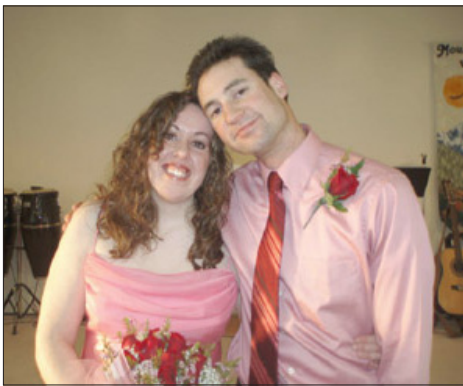


Capt. Burke Barrick and **Mrs. Bao Barrick** at the 2006 Torch Run.

E Detachment News

By SHAE HOLLANDSWORTH, AST SOLDOTNA

When Anchor Point ACII Signe Paulsrud went to the airport to pick up her boyfriend from Ohio, she was greeted with a dozen roses, a proposal, and an engagement ring! On March 23rd, the two lovebirds tied the knot in a private family ceremony, and have been living in wedded bliss ever since. Signe's husband, Daniel Anderson, is the Athletic Director for the Homer Boys and Girls Club. Signe and Daniel plan to honeymoon in Ohio and enjoy a road-trip back to Alaska.



Signe and Daniel Anderson, newlyweds!

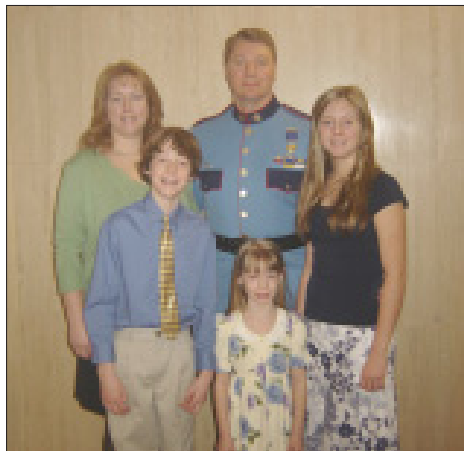
Trp. Mike Henry now reports for duty in Anchor Point instead of Soldotna. Trp. Henry and his wife Molly have had their eye on the Homer area for years, and were thrilled to get the bid. While the Soldotna post was sorry to see Trp. Henry go, we're very happy to still have him in our detachment. We wouldn't want any trooper of Mike Henry's caliber to escape our clutches!



This muskrat owes his life to Trp. Terrence Shanigan. Shanigan assisted the muskrat in getting off of a busy highway (instead of turning him into dinner and a warm hat).



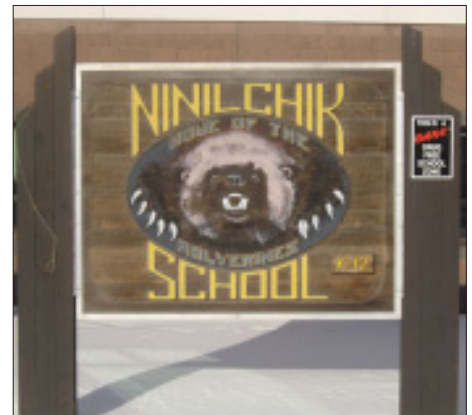
Trp. Larry Erickson started a DARE program in the Ninilchik School (K-12). This is the first DARE program held at the Ninilchik school. Nineteen 5th and 6th grade students in Jennifer Wardes' class graduated.



Trp. Larry Erickson and his family at the American Red Cross Real Heroes Award Ceremony on April 4th.

After months of training in New York, Indiana, and Kuwait, Trp. Liz Haddad has finally landed in Iraq. Haddad is a platoon leader for a platoon of 35 people, and is also Company Executive Officer for the Army Transportation Company. Starting in February, she has put a few miles on...from Alaska to New York City, then to Indiana for training, followed by training in Kuwait, and finally arriving in northern Iraq. We look forward to hearing more from Haddad about her experiences and hope that her year in Iraq will be nice and uneventful.

E Detachment (especially the clerical staff!) would like to welcome Julie Lane



Ninilchik School

to the Records/Front Counter clerical position. The Soldotna HQ front counter is a busy place and Lane's awesome customer service skills have sure come in handy. She treats the public and employees professionally using her calm demeanor and quick sense of humor to defuse any possible problems. Lane and her two children, Brittany (9) and Sean (7), have lived in Alaska for four years. Prior to that they called Louisiana home. Lane enjoys spending time with her kids and all the activities they are involved in. She also enjoys gardening and reality TV shows! If you happen to talk with Julie on the phone, you might think you've reached the Soldotna Public Safety Communications Center - her sister Jennifer Russell is an RDIII and they sound a lot alike! ■

7th Annual Red Cross/ConocoPhillips Real Heroes Breakfast



Trp. Mike Henry (left), and Trp. Larry Erickson received Red Cross Real Heroes Awards during a presentation in April.

During the 7th Annual Red Cross Real Heroes Awards presentations on April 4, 2006, **Trp. Mike Henry** and **Trp. Larry Erickson**, both from Soldotna, were recognized for their lifesaving efforts.

“There’s instant gratification because someone’s alive,” said Trp. Erickson about the rescue for which he and Trp. Henry were nominated. “Now, six to eight months later, to be recognized by the people you serve and protect nightly—that’s nice.” What Trp. Henry first thought would be a routine suicide call quickly escalated into a situation that would test his and Trp. Erickson’s commitment to serve and protect.

The Story: When Trp. Henry heard Trp. Erickson’s call for back up, at first he thought nothing of it. “We get lots of sui-

cide calls, but often times it turns out to be not the case.” Trp. Erickson had been dispatched to a cabin just outside of Sterling, where a young woman had threatened to take her own life by burning down her house around her. As Erickson approached the cabin, he could smell fuel in the air.

Spotting the trooper, the young woman called out, “Don’t light a cigarette or you’re going to die.” The woman locked herself inside the house; moments later, Erickson heard glass shatter and saw that flames had engulfed the windows. Grabbing a pickaxe, he broke through the door and made several attempts to enter the house, only to be forced away by billowing smoke and intense flames. “After trying two times to go in, I had kind of

given up,” Erickson admits. “Then Mike showed up.”

Trp. Henry said, “When I got the call for emergency back up, I couldn’t get there fast enough. I kept thinking, I want to get her out.” When Henry grabbed a small extinguisher and began to force his way through the flames, Erickson recalled, laughing, “I thought I better get going before this young officer steps over me!” The troopers used the extinguisher to create a path toward the female who could be seen lying on the floor under a table on the far side of the residence. A wall of fire was six feet away to the side of the two troopers as they approached the female who was unconscious. They moved the female out of the residence and attempted to revive her, but had to move her further away due to a 100-gallon propane tank located next to the residence, which was now fully engulfed in fire. Outside, they continued trying to revive her, while behind them secondary explosions continued to shatter the night. The troopers’ quick and courageous actions saved the life of the female. She was transported to Central Peninsula General Hospital for treatment of severe smoke inhalation. Both troopers also had to be treated for smoke inhalation.

Regarding their nomination, Erickson, a trooper with 12 and a half years experience, told his younger partner, “This will reiterate to you that this is what you want to do with your life.” He added, “Young police officers need to know it’s our job to put our lives out there, but it’s nice to have it reinforced by the Real Heroes award.” ■

Division of Fire Prevention

BY MAHLON GREENE

The Alaska Division of Fire Prevention has taken delivery of three new vehicles this spring and will be sporting a new look. New graphics and striping will identify the fire prevention vehicles. Other vehicles in the fire prevention fleet will be lettered also.

Training and Education Bureau:

The Training and Education Bureau has been busy with classes statewide. Fire Training Specialist **Todd Kollar** in the Juneau office has been swamped with requests for classes from cruise lines and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Kollar has also moved his office into a larger space along with **Deputy Fire Marshal Bob Plumb** and Administrative Clerk III **Nicole Ackmann**. This move consolidated training and life safety into one office with a shared clerk.

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The Division added three new vehicles to their fleet this spring, with signage designating them as fire prevention vehicles.



Public Education participated in home shows in Fairbanks and the Mat-Su.

Public Education acquired booth space in the Fairbanks and Mat-Su home shows, and supplied material for another home show in Juneau. Over 22,000 people received fire prevention materials and information in these three shows. Deputy Fire Marshal Bob Plumb and Capitol City Fire/Rescue personnel staffed the Juneau show. Central Mat-Su Fire Department personnel staffed the Mat-Su show. Public Education Coordinator **Mahlon Greene**, Fairbanks City **Fire Marshal Ernie Misewicz** and volunteers from several lo-

cal fire departments staffed the Fairbanks show. Fire Prevention is also working to have a presence at all of the fairs in the state this summer.

Fire Training Specialist **Steve Schreck** and **Director Gary Powell** have been working hard to acquire funding to make the Office of Rural Fire Protection a reality. This office would focus on the ever-growing need for fire protection and training in rural Alaska. Fire prevention programs designed for rural Alaska would also be a priority.

Plan Review Bureau:

Hats off to the Plans Review Bureau for expediting the plan review for the new White Mountain School. Last quarter's newsletter had an article on the devastating fire that destroyed the school. Because of the location it was critical to review the plans and get the materials ordered in time for this summer's building season. Several large projects have been coming in for review this year. A new high-speed ferry will soon be in operation between Point McKenzie and Anchorage. Construction has already begun on a ferry terminal at Point McKenzie. The bureau has also received plans for a large expansion project at the Fairbanks International Airport.

The Plans Review Bureau welcomes **Timothy Fisher** to their ranks as a Building Plans Examiner. Fisher was hired as a Deputy Fire Marshal I but has been working in the Plans Review Bureau reviewing plans. Fisher has been promoted to Building Plans Examiner and has transferred to the Plans Review Bureau.

Life Safety Inspection Bureau:

Deputies from the Life Safety Inspection Bureau have been busy traveling to all areas of the state investigating fires and inspecting commercial structures. One of their special projects for this summer is the "Alaska Fair and Exhibition Fire Safety Improvement Project". In an effort to make large exhibitions safer for the public to attend, the Alaska Division of Fire Prevention is working closely with the Alaska Fair Association to implement fire safety codes and guidelines that are achievable by the organizations. A pilot program will be implemented at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer this summer. If the program is successful, it will be adopted for all fairs around the state. One of the key elements of the program is fire training for all food vendors prior to the fair.

LSIB is currently in the process of interviewing for two vacant positions at headquarters. One position is for a Deputy Fire Marshal I, vacated when Tim Fisher moved to the Plans Review Bureau. The other is for an Administrative Clerk III, vacated by **Aaron Kershner**. Kershner moved to Fort Riley Kansas to take a Fire **(Fire Prevention, continued on page 27)**

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A new ferry terminal is now under construction at Point McKenzie.



Tim Fisher joined the Plans Review Bureau as a Building Plans Examiner.



Aaron Kershner to the rescue.

Investigator position. During Aaron's going away luncheon, PRB supervisor **Carol Olson** noticed the "Butt Can" was smoking outside. Aaron sprang into action and took care of the situation like a true fire fighter.

The Juneau office said goodbye to Administrative Clerk III **Amra Custer**. Custer moved on to a position with Health and Social Services. Nicole Ackmann was hired to replace Amra in the Juneau office. ■



Nicole Ackmann is the new Administrative Clerk III in Juneau.

Division of Administrative Services

Administrative Services Updates

Mary Rowland, former Accounting Clerk I with the Anchorage Finance Section, was promoted to Accounting Technician I with C Detachment, VPSO Program effective April 10, 2006. **Grace Brayton** with the Juneau Finance Section was promoted to Accounting Technician II effective March 30, 2006. **Dianne**

Lanuza, Juneau Finance Section's newest member, was hired as an Accounting Clerk I effective May 8, 2006.

Phase I of the Department's participation in the State Travel Office (STO) began on March 13th. On that date, both the Division of Administrative Services and the Division of Statewide Services be-

gan using the STO to arrange all state business travel for their staff. The STO is a centralized travel agency established under the E-Travel Initiative. The State contracted with US Travel Alaska, LLC, to arrange all state business travel for executive branch employees, members of
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boards and commissions and authorized non-state individuals traveling on official state business. The contract is managed by the State Travel Manager, an employee

of the DOA, Finance. The STO is staffed with professional travel agents from US Travel. STO participation for the rest of the Department will occur later this year. ■



Kelly Howell (front row, fourth from left), along with AST Lieutenant Daniel Lowden (back row – third from the left) attended the Project Safe Neighborhoods National Conference in Denver, Colorado May 2 – 4, 2006. United States Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales, the Keynote Speaker, highlighted the significant accomplishments of federal, state and local officials in combating gang violence and reducing gun crime through Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) before more than 1,300 members of PSN task forces from across the nation.

Lou Butler Promoted

BY BOB DEGROOT

Please join the DPS Supply staff in congratulating **Lou Butler** on his promotion to the new Procurement Specialist II position in DPS Supply.

Butler has been a key member of the Supply team since March 2001, where he has capably handled a wide variety of procurement projects in support of the Department's statewide public safety mission. For example, he was instrumental in managing the Glock pistol initial issue project in 2002, which involved detailed planning and coordination to ensure our commissioned officers received their new pistols in a timely manner. More recently, he helped coordinate the activation of our new Trooper housing complex in Bethel by working on-site with the moving contractor and the affected Trooper families to ensure our people were able to move into the new apartments as smoothly as possible.

Butler will be concentrating in his new position on managing the Trooper Housing program as well as handling more

complex procurements with customers throughout the Department. His five years of demonstrated success in DPS Supply as a Procurement Specialist I, coupled with his previous ten years as a Supply Technician with the Department of Administration's Information Technology Group, are clear indicators that he will be just as successful as he takes on this new and more demanding position. Many in the Department also know that Butler is a retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant, where he served as an Administrative Manager.

Butler is well known throughout the Department of Public Safety as the "go to guy" in Supply. He has personally helped numerous DPS folks over the last five years acquire the goods and services they needed to provide public safety support for the citizens of Alaska. We expect he will continue to provide the same level of commitment to the DPS mission and achieve the same level of strong results in his new position. ■

Terry Adlawan Honored

BY BOB DEGROOT, DPS SUPPLY

DPS Supply warehouse technician **Terry Adlawan** will be inducted into the World Organization of Martial Arts Hall of Fame in a ceremony to be conducted in Cleveland, Ohio in August 2006.

Adlawan is a highly skilled practitioner and instructor of Jujitsu, Judo and Kempo Karate who has been involved with these Martial Arts since the early 1970s. He also holds a Ph.D. in Martial Arts Philosophy, which was also conferred on him by the World Organization of Martial Arts in 2004. His Martial Arts rankings include an 8th degree Black Belt in Jujitsu, a 6th degree Black Belt in Judo and a 2nd degree Black Belt in Kempo Karate.

Adlawan, who has been a DPS employee since December 2004, is owner of the Alaska Jujitsu Institute, which he founded in Anchorage in 1989. He currently has over 50 students in classes in Anchorage and on Fort Richardson. He has instructed Martial Arts students in Anchorage of various skill levels ranging in age from 4 to 80.

Please join the DPS Supply staff in congratulating Terry on this significant personal achievement. ■



Terry Adlawan

In Other News

Highway Safety Corridors Bill Signed Into Law

On May 26, 2006, **Governor Frank Murkowski** signed Senate Bill 261 into law, authorizing the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to designate a section of highway as a “traffic safety corridor,” where fines for traffic offenses would be doubled. SB 261 also allows for 50 percent of the fines collected to be used by DOT&PF to further highway safety programs and enforcement.

“We know that driver behavior is the leading cause of accidents on those sections of road with the highest serious/fatal accident rate and we know high risk drivers respond appropriately to the prospect of getting caught and paying the fine,” Murkowski said. “We have seen this idea save lives in other states and I know it will have a dramatic effect in Alaska.” ■



Governor Frank Murkowski (left) signed SB 261 into law authorizing designated sections of highways as "traffic safety corridors". Public Safety Commissioner Bill Tandeske, DOT/PF Commissioner Mike Barton, and Trp. Mike Wooten participated in the ceremony.

What is Operation C.A.R.E.?

By 2LT. PETE NORWOOD, OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL
OPERATION C.A.R.E. PI & E COORDINATOR

Across the country, I hear questions about different enforcement periods and what they mean. We all know that enforcement periods target different times and different offenses. These programs are used across the United States by city, county, and state law enforcement agencies. To the “road dawgs” it means specialized enforcement tactics or a period in which they have to turn in activity reports that end up who knows where.

Well today, ladies and gentlemen, you can call me your instructor. For some of you this will be a review and for others it’s time for you to gain a little more knowledge. I’m going to answer a question about an organization, not just any organization, but the only organization made up of state police in all 50 states, Canadian provinces, and several island nations.

What is Operation C.A.R.E.? The acronym C.A.R.E. stands for “Combined Accident Reduction Effort.” Operation C.A.R.E. concentrates its efforts on the concerns of state police agencies. It is the only organization where we can come together and focus on the statistics that

affect our business of safety on America’s major thoroughfares.

Operation C.A.R.E. began in 1977, when **Sgt. Gary Ernst** of the Michigan State Police and **F/Sgt. Gene Neff** of the Indiana State Police decided to combine efforts along Interstate 94. Both men noticed the tendency for more accidents and hazardous violations on summer holiday weekends between Chicago and Detroit. The program began with a high profile media campaign informing the public that there would be increased patrols on the interstate, strict enforcement, and combined effort in both states.

On July 4, 1977, approximately one mile east of the Indiana-Michigan border, Operation C.A.R.E. began. It was such a success that the U.S. Department of Transportation immediately endorsed the program. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration furnished member states with posters, brochures, cups, and many other PI&E materials.

Today, the membership has certainly changed but the mission remains the same. The overall goal for Operation

C.A.R.E. is the reduction of accidents that cause human suffering.

Operation C.A.R.E. covers six periods including heavily traveled holidays and two special enforcement campaigns. It is the combined effort by state police to deter the three key causes of highway fatalities: speeding, impaired driving, and failure to use occupant restraints.

The success of the program depends directly on the states who report information and share ideas. So “road dawgs” I do need your information and it is used to do what we all have set out to do as law enforcement officials. We save lives, we protect our citizens, and we serve our fellow man.

I hope this lesson educates those who didn’t know and motivates those who do. Keep safe out there and remember, we C.A.R.E.! ■

***Buckle Up.
Drive sober.
Obey posted speed limits.***

Kodiak Crab Festival Parade



(At left) Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement participated in the annual Kodiak Crab Festival Parade over the Memorial Day Weekend. The float's theme was boating safety and personal flotation device use by children, "Kids don't float, Lifejackets do." The parade float was part of the Southwest Region's holiday boating safety enforcement program's public service portion for boating safety education.

Troopers Reward Boaters Who Pass Safety Test

BY AMANDA BOHMAN, STAFF WRITER

As Dennis Roe piloted an 18-foot Alweld boat on the Chena River, he spotted a group of children playing at Graehl Landing as their parents prepared for a canoe run Monday morning. The children wore life jackets, so the Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement trooper had a treat for them, coupons for free ice cream cones at McDonald's. The parents looked concerned as Roe, wearing his Alaska State Trooper uniform, approached.

But then Roe pulled out the baby blue coupons, and the children squealed. One young man threw up his arms, yelled "awesome," and kissed the coupon. The parents called over children from a nearby playground to don their life jackets and collect the vouchers as well.

"The kids love it," said Roe, who was carrying out his role in a statewide boater safety push over the Memorial Day weekend. Safety checks happened at boat launches in Nenana and on Chena Pump Road as well as on Harding and Birch Lakes, Roe said.

Elsewhere in the state, troopers planned to conduct boater safety checks in Bethel, Southeastern Alaska and on Big Lake, among other places. Children seen wearing life jackets were given ice cream vouchers as a reward for their, or more likely their parents', vigilance, Roe said.

Under state law, children under 13 must wear a life jacket while on deck or in an (Troopers Reward, continued on page 32)



Clean Air Challenge—2006

It was a bright sunny Saturday morning, May 13th, when 5 energetic bicycle riders from the Alaska Bureau of Investigation and the State Crime Lab, calling themselves the Alaska CSI On Wheels team, headed out on the Alaska Chapter of the American Lung Association's annual bicycle trek charity ride from the Houston High School parking lot to the Talkeetna Lodge. This year's team members were **Jessica Cohan**, the team's leader, **Juley Schuerman**, **Sgts. Curt Harris** and **Randy McPherron** and **Inv. Eric Burroughs**. After spending the night in Talkeetna, the team rode back to the Houston High School on Sunday to complete the 120 mile round trip.

A total of 371 riders made the 120-mile trek and 68 made the 60-mile one-way trek this year. Collectively, over \$367,705 was raised. The Alaska CSI On Wheels team raised over \$4,100 with many generous donations coming from fellow Troopers and co-workers. A great big thank you to everyone who helped sponsor the team riders. Approximately 85% of all these funds remains right here in Alaska to be used to assist individuals with lung disease, operate the summer asthma camps for children, and other local programs to fight against lung disease.

This was the third year that the Alaska CSI On Wheels team has participated in the Clean Air Challenge and everyone is looking forward to next year when hopefully more DPS and Crime Lab bicycle riders will join the team. ■



The Alaska CSI Team--(left) Jessica Cohan, Curt Harris, Juley Schuerman, Randy McPherron, and Eric Burroughs.



The bicycle "impound lot" at the Talkeetna Lodge on Saturday night. There were approximately 400 bicycles in the lot!



Eric Burroughs and Randy McPherron helped fix a flat tire for an unknown lady on the Ride. Not just once, not twice, but three times!



End of the Ride. The Alaska CSI Team headed for the finish line at Houston High School on Sunday. In front, are Juley Schuerman and Eric Burroughs, followed by Randy McPherron, Curt Harris, and Jessica Cohan.

Jim Grimes Recovering

Retired F/Sgt. **Jim Grimes** was involved in a motorcycle accident on May 15, 2006, in Fairbanks, Alaska. He was riding by himself and encountered a large pothole that caused him to lose control of the bike. He was thrown clear but suffered numerous injuries. He is currently in Providence Hospital in Anchorage. He is continuing to improve each day and is hopeful he might be released within a short time.

You can check on his daily progress on the Providence Hospital website. Go to: www.thestatus.com. Click on **Visit Patient**, enter **Grimes** in the name box, and enter **trooper1** in the password box.

Jim has promised us an article for the newsletter when he's feeling better. ■

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open boat. In addition, every person on board a recreational boat must have a life jacket or personal flotation device on board. The enforcement effort also focused on impaired boat drivers, fishing licenses, boat registration and equipment requirements. If Roe's shift characterizes the entire effort, more people are aware of the law and follow it than not. As of 2 p.m., after approaching a half dozen fishermen and checking a handful of boats, Roe had not written one ticket. "I think there's been an attitude change," he said. "I was in Fairbanks 12 years ago, and it seemed like nobody was wearing life jackets."

Roe piloted the Alweld from Pioneer Park to the Nordale Road boat launch, where about 20 employees of Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. were completing a spill response drill. Occupying the river were mainly canoers, kayakers and rafters lazily snaking their way downriver, though the motor traffic picked up as the day wore on.

1950s-era cars held up the bank on a stretch of river running through North Pole. A sandpiper looked like a daddy-long-legs on the water as it swept down and darted in front of the Alweld. (Reprint by permission from the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.) ■



May 19, 2006, was Ride Your Bike To Work Day in the Municipality of Anchorage so (from left) Inv. Curt Harris, ABI Anchorage; Jeff Spees, an Analyst/Programmer IV with the Commissioner's Office; and Ayla Donalson, Information Services did just that!



Retired Lt. Joanna Roop-Pepin enjoys the good life in Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin with her sons Jared and Cameron.

On September 21, 2005, at 11:35 p.m., a "suspicious" package was discovered in the freezer of the *M/V Matanuska*. The ferry was anchored in Auke Bay and all passengers and crew evacuated from the vessel. The U. S. Coast Guard established a 100-yard security zone around the vessel and Juneau Police Department responded. At 4:25 p.m., Juneau Police Department reported the package to be frozen halibut and shrimp. An employee of the *M/V Matanuska* had written, "Training material, do not touch" on the box, to keep it from being stolen. ■

A Boy Of Just Four

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Alone in my study, one evening I sat
 Just thinking of things that had been,
 When a knock at the door and a whisper I heard
 "Daddy, please may I come in?"
 Then entered my son, a small little boy
 Who recently had only turned four,
 There were tears in his eyes and stains on his cheeks
 Silently he studied the floor.
 I questioned myself, what could it have been
 To tear at the strings of his heart.

He climbed to a chair, but spoke not a word
 As if wondering where he should start.
 "Tell me my man, what's all the tears?"
 I cautiously asked my young lad.
 Silently I studied this boy of just four
 "I need to talk to you dad."
 "The boy down the street said something today,
 In fun, but you know it hurt me a lot.
 His dad is a teacher, important you know,
 But he says you're just simply a cop?"

I knew that someday this problem would rise
 And I wondered why it was now.
 Seeking the truth, why I am what I am...
 I'd answer his question somehow.
 Slowly I searched to find the right word
 To quell the pain in his mind.
 I diligently searched, but all was in vain
 For words I just could not find.

He left the study, his head hanging low,
 Without the answer he sought
 A question so simple, but hard to explain.
 Why is your daddy a cop?
 All through the night I tossed and I turned.
 But answers just simply were not there.
 Tormented was I and the answer I'd find,
 Though exactly I did not know where.

On patrol the next day, I pondered some more
 'Til an ambulance I was dispatched to meet.
 A boy on a bike was hit by a car,
 The call was right on my street.
 I arrived very quickly and there in the road,
 Lay a boy about seven or eight.
 I worked on his chest and with breathing restored,
 I continued to give him first aid.
 I completed the case and closed report,
 And turning I was ready to go.

But then from the crowd came my boy of just four,
 And his friend he had there in tow.
 His face was all smile, a circle aglow,
 And I asked him why he's so glad.
 His answer was simple, "Cause when I grow up,
 I want to be just like my dad". ■

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Why We Attend[©]

BY: KEITH J. BETTINGER

During my career, I have attended many law enforcement funerals. They number more than I wanted to, and less than I should have attended. Many civilians question why so many officers attend another officer's funeral. They do not understand why officers go to pay their respects to someone they did not know. Most know it is to pay respect to a fallen hero. Some might be pessimistic and think it is just to attend a big party following the funeral. Others believe it is just to ob-

tain a day off from work. There are probably many officers as well, who do not know why they have to be there. It is just that somewhere, deep down in their hearts, they know it is the proper thing to do.

Recently I was watching The History Channel on cable television. The program was about Arlington National Cemetery. The documentary took the time to visit and explain many of the special memorials and monuments within the hallowed

grounds. The show gave a list of requirements that must be met in order to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

It also told of the hierarchy of entitlements, as well as the significance, of the many rituals and ceremonies that are performed. The riderless horse and the artillery caisson are reserved for military officers. The survivors of every buried veteran receive an American flag, folded in a triangle.

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Just another unusual but typical day in the beautiful town of Talkeetna!! The pilot of this aircraft was practicing touch-and-go-s in questionable weather. While taking off, the pilot flew into a cross wind and touched back down in the trees about twenty feet above the runway. Luckily the pilot walked away with only a scratch or two.

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This represents the tri-cornered hat of our patriotic Revolutionary War soldiers. It does not matter how big or small the funeral. Nor is it important whether the veteran is being carried in a casket or placed in an urn. Each deceased veteran receives a full honor guard, something to which he is entitled.

There was another special part of the ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery that was explained. It was shown in a rather sad but poignant way. There was a funeral. One man in a suit stood alone at a gravesite. There were four empty chairs behind him. The honor guard member presented him with the folded American Flag and thanked him on behalf of our country. From the corner of the television screen, came another gentleman escorting a woman. He presented her to the survivor. The woman was one of the "Arlington Ladies". Each funeral at Arlington is attended by an Arlington Lady. They pay their respects to the bereaved, and give a handwritten note of condolence to the family. They attend the funeral and pay their respects, even if the veteran has no family or friends in attendance. There are one hundred and fifty of these special women. They are wives, widows and mothers of military personnel.

The organization was started in 1972, at the request of **General Creighton Abrams**. The General was passing a funeral that was in progress. He saw that no one was in attendance but the honor guard. General Abrams was upset. He vowed from that day on, no veteran ever again would go to his grave alone in Arlington. That is why the Arlington Ladies were organized. The Arlington Ladies are special people who should be honored and cherished for what they do — they pay final homage to our fallen veterans.

These special ladies make it easy to see why so many law enforcement officers attend a fallen comrade's funeral. Law enforcement does not have Arlington Ladies. Law enforcement officers have their families and each other. Members of the law enforcement community will not let a fellow officer go alone to his final resting place. Law enforcement officers look after their own until the end.

Maybe if the American public took the time, they could learn how important honor and respect really are, from their law enforcement officers. Maybe if the public had the same sense of courtesy and respect that law enforcement officers do, there no longer would be a need for the Arlington Ladies. ■

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