

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Division facilities will be open the day after Thanksgiving, but *Friday Bulletin* staff will be on leave that day. So we thought we'd bring you this week's Bulletin today.

ALASKA OWL PROJECT NOW ON FACEBOOK

The Alaska Online With Libraries (OWL) project now has a Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alaska-OWL-Project/286626654693376>. This page is intended for project participants to gather and share success stories, project ideas and any other information they please about the project. The public is welcome to drop in and see what's going on.

As of this writing, the OWL page has stories about how OWL bandwidth and equipment are empowering research and homeschooling in places like Lake Minchumina and Hollis. Pictures of people receiving OWL equipment and training sessions are also available.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

PACIFIC FEAST PODCAST WITH JENNIFER HAHN

The Juneau Public Libraries has posted an audio recording of *Pacific Feast* author Jennifer Hahn from when she recently spoke at the Douglas Public Library. Pacific Feast focuses on wild harvesting and includes recipes. The two part recording can be found at <http://juneabookblog.wordpress.com/2011/11/11/pacific-feast-podcast/>.

SHI SOBOLEFF COLLECTION SHEDS LIGHT ON CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES

In a post titled “Civil Rights Actions of Alaska Native Brotherhood & Sisterhood Camp 2 in 1940” Sealaska Heritage Institute Special Collections archivist Zach Jones highlighted the importance of the materials that the late Dr. Walter A. Soboleff chose to save and donate to SHI:

The detailed history of racial discrimination against Southeast Alaska Natives remains to be written. Fortunately the late Dr. Walter A. Soboleff (1908-2011), an advocate for the advancement for Tlingit culture, saved his correspondence, meeting minutes, and other records while an active and leading member of the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB), which served to document the historic civil rights actions of ANB and ANB’s counterpart, the Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS). The materials he saved, amounting to 37 boxes of historic documents stored at Sealaska Heritage Institute, detail this effort on many levels, and are available to the public for educational research.

The post includes images of two pages from a ledger from the 1939-1945 ANB/ANS Camp 2 meeting minutes ledger that in Jones’ words: “These two short pages (provided below), from this old ledger, speak a great deal about the history of civil rights and the reasons ANB and ANS fought for the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945 and additional efforts.”

The full post can be read at <http://shispecialcollections.blogspot.com/2011/11/civil-rights-actions-of-alaska-native.html>.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNCLE SAM OFFERS THANKSGIVING TIDBITS INCLUDING COOKING TIPS

USA.gov, official internet portal of the US Government has a page on Thanksgiving at <http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Thanksgiving.shtml>. In addition to providing a brief history of Thanksgiving along with Thanksgiving facts and statistics, the page links to recipes and food safety tips.

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