

Iditarod e-Runner

2012 December Fan Edition

The Official e-Publication of the Iditarod Trail Committee



A HOLIDAY TRIBUTE TO OUR IDITAROD FANS!



The Iditarod Fans are just simply amazing and come from all parts of the world! We ran a “contest” on the [Iditarod Trail Committee Facebook Page](#) to see which Fan(s) lived the furthest from the Iditarod Trail Committee’s Headquarters in Wasilla, Alaska.

With over 500 responses from the east coast to the west coast of the United States, from Canada, Norway, United Kingdom, Sweden, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, Poland, Belgium, Austria, the Netherlands, Finland, Scotland, Switzerland, Germany, Ukraine, Hungary, Colombia, Serbia, and even Saudi Arabia we had four Fans that lived over 10,000 miles from Wasilla, Alaska! Those die hard Iditarod Fans, Annemie Wessels, Christa MacLennan, Razia Meer, and Tarryn Matthews live in South Africa!

Who would have known that the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race could reach all corners of the globe! Simply amazing and thank you!

IN MEMORY

Longtime Takotna Iditarod Volunteer & Fan

Jan Newton (aka *Queen of Takotna*), a 40-year Iditarod Volunteer & Fan who was famous for her cooking, especially her pies & warm hospitality to all passed away this past summer. We dedicate this edition of the **e-Runner** to Jan and ALL our dedicated Fans across the globe!

You will be reading more about Jan in our 2013 Official Race Guide, available February 2013. Jan, the *Queen of Takotna* is the 2013 Iditarod Honorary Musher!

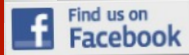


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Stories From Our Facebook Fans

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In September 2008, my family and I were on a two week land and cruise in Alaska, the most meaningful and best vacation I ever had. One of our events was the riverboat tour. A highlight was to cruise by this kennel. I didn't know at first it was a highlight. I knew about the race, I knew about mushers, but this is where I LEARNED. The photo above is of David Monson, Susan Butcher's husband and kennel.

The story of Susan Butcher touched my heart, and to see him carry on with the kennel amazed me. I listened to him and watched him with the dogs. When I met him it was like meeting a rock star. Of course I have an autographed copy of Granite. We did visit other kennels and I met a couple of mushers. From there my love for this grew and grew. When I got back home, I immediately signed up for the Iditarod Insider. I have followed every race since. I've rooted for Lance, cried for Jeff, cheered on DeeDee. I was so happy to see Dallas win this year, and I am following him on FB. It is on my bucket list to volunteer for the Iditarod one day if they would have me (I have to retire first). I tell all my friends I can shovel frozen doggie doo for two weeks, if that's what they need. I live in Texas, so I think I would have to acclimate myself to the freezing weather. :) I can do that!

Deanna Perkins
Lewisville TX



PHOTOS ON THE COVER.

Left Photo: Wednesday March 7, 2007 ---- One of Iditarod's best checkpoint volunteers, the late Jan Newton (right) is presented with a quilt made by her daughter Debbie Hogan (left) made from Iditarod volunteer t-shirts. © Jeff Schultz www.iditarodphotos.com

Right Photo: The Curtis Family from Durham, NC with their pet dog named DeeDee. The Curtis' 10 year old son, Graham is a huge fan of the race and even insisted on naming their new dog, DeeDee. Brent Curtis (dad) said, "When someone heard we had named our dog after a woman, they thought the woman would be insulted. I am sure Ms. Jonrowe would consider it the highest honor."



IditaRider Musher Auction

Want a Christmas Kiss From Your Loved One?
Here's Your Chance!



Get your Christmas kiss under the mistletoe when your honey finds out you have placed a guaranteed bid on a dog sled ride at the 2013 Iditarod Race Ceremonial Start.

From a pizza lunch with the musher, to a VIP pass which allows the IditaRider to wander through the staging area to see behind the scene of race preparations.

Being an IditaRider is the thrill of a lifetime for Iditarod Race enthusiasts! Don't miss this chance for front row seats to The Last Great Race on Earth! Place your bid for a ride in an Iditarod sled from the Start Line before the auction closes, **January 18th**.

Visit www.iditaroduction.com to place your bid.





JR. IDITAROD

February 23-24, 2013

WWW.JRIDITAROD.COM



The 2013 Jr. Iditarod begins on February 23, 2013 at Knik Lake, on Knik Goose Bay Road, Wasilla. The young mushers will race from Knik Lake to The Eagle Song Lodge at Trail Lakes and on to the Yentna Station Roadhouse. They are hosted during their short time at Eagle Song Lodge by Mike and Paula Williams. The mushers take their mandatory 10 hour layover at the Yentna Station Roadhouse, where Dan and Jean Gabryszak and their family members host the mushers and all the race volunteers for the night.

After the layover, the mushers leave the Roadhouse to return to the finish of the Race at the Willow Community Center in Willow, Alaska. Finishers usually start coming in around mid-morning and come in throughout the day. Their banquet, open to the public, will be at the Community Center that evening at 6 p.m.

The five top finishers will be awarded scholarships to whatever school they wish to attend after their high school graduation, whether it is a college or university or some kind of trade school. Those scholarships are sponsored by Lynden, the major

sponsor of the Jr. Iditarod. All the mushers will receive numerous prizes, awarded by the local community business.

The winner of the Jr. Iditarod will also lead the Iditarod mushers out of Anchorage on Iditarod Start Day and take the Iditarod's Honorary Musher the first 11 miles of the Iditarod. The winner and a guardian will also be flown to Nome by the Iditarod for the Awards banquet there.

Nine early entries for the 2013 race are: Veteran Ben Harper from Wasilla, AK; Rookie Jimmy Lanier from Chugiak, AK; Veteran Annika Olesen from NWT, Canada; 2012 Champion Conway Seavey from Sterling, AK; Rookie Taylor Steele from Hopewell, PA; Rookie Malinda Tjelta from Sheyenne, ND; Rookie Abigail Brooks from Fairbanks, AK; Rookie Noah Pereira from Clarkson, NY; and Veteran Jonathan Biggerstaff from Talkeetna, AK. Early entry ended December 15 and the deadline for any entry (\$250) is February 9, 2013.

For more information about the Jr. Iditarod see www.jriditarod.com or contact the Iditarod office at 907-352-2203.

2013 ENTRANTS

AS OF DECEMBER 17, 2012



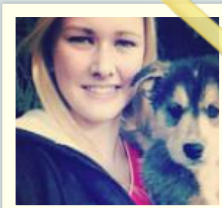
BEN HARPER
WASILLA, ALASKA



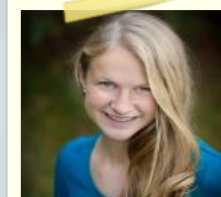
ANNIKA OLESEN
YELLOWKNIFE, NWT CANADA



2012 CHAMP
CONWAY SEAVEY
STERLING, ALASKA



TAYLOR STEELE
HOPEWELL, PENNSYLVANIA



MALINDA TJELTA
SHEYENNE, NORTH DAKOTA



ABIGAIL BROOKS
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



NOAH PEREIRA
CLARKSON, NEW YORK

NOT PICTURED:

JIMMY LANIER
CHUGIAK ALASKA

JONATHAN BIGGERSTAFF
TALKEETNA, ALASKA



Background Photo: Conway Seavey runs behind his sled, being followed closely by Ben Lyon as the cross Willow Lake in a white-out snow-storm just yards from the finish line, 2012 Jr. Iditarod. ©Jeff Schultz / www.iditarodphotos.com

Making Sense of Problems & Persevering to Solve Them



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Jessica Holmes - Maine

I was brought up in the south, and as a child my all time favorite movie was Balto. I dreamed of doing what I saw on the movie but had no idea that people still mush to this day.

I did research papers on the Iditarod and always loved reading about it. After my mom moved us to northern Maine I found out about mushing right here! Even though I was afraid of dogs I volunteered every year for six years, while making friends in the mushing community. During my seventh year a few of my new friends told me to run my own team. So I did it! Jumped both feet right into this amazing sport!!

I have over come my fear of dogs, and thank my friends for encouraging me to run! I'm a fourth year nursing student at UMFK and at 21 have my own team of three years. One day I dream of being able to run the amazing Iditarod! I love the historic background of the Iditarod, and the amazing athletes that run the race!

One musher that touched me was DeeDee Jonrowe that ran in all pink for breast cancer awareness, as I am a huge supporter of breast cancer awareness! Sadly we just lost our leader to breast cancer. I loved watching her on the show on Discovery that followed the Iditarod! I one day hope to be able to find a pink parka so I can also spread awareness.

I have always loved the Iditarod, and honestly I am praying that one day I can run and finish. That has been a child hood dream!

Thank you!
Jessica M. Holmes
Maine



What do a musher, a teacher, and a student have in common? Each faces a set of challenges on their own personal level. While training and racing, a musher and team face a multitude of challenges, physical, mental, and natural challenges that often become even more challenging because of what Mother Nature has designed specifically for that particular race. An educator faces the challenges of igniting the minds of youth along a trail of learning that is lined with educational standards to teach, new technologies teaching tools to use, test scores to improve, and youth to prepare for future employment. Students must excel in academics scoring acceptable levels on national achievement tests, develop skills in a long list of areas, develop a strong mind, healthy body, and ready oneself for the future job market.

All three face challenges and to be successful, each must be "Making Sense of Problems and Persevering to Solve Them."

The 2013 Winter Conference will be held in Anchorage February 26 – March 1. During these four days, the sessions will provide a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) as well as literacy. The 2013 Winter Conference for Educators is a

professional development conference that is designed to train the trainer and focus on using 21st century tools to integrate Iditarod based lessons into the curriculum. Speakers, sessions, and field trips are carefully designed to provide the educator with the ultimate experience, opportunity, and knowledge base to lead students along the trail to academic success in math, science, and other content areas. .

The conference sponsor, ExxonMobil, is a partner in helping to ensure that through Iditarod Educational training, tools, and curriculum, today's teachers are well qualified instructors who meet the challenges of providing best instructional methods in the classroom. The result: students striving to increase our nation's tests scores and become young adults who are the problem solvers of the future.

The conference is offered for continuing education credits through the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Iditarod is the perfect trail to success for musher, the teacher, and the student. Join us at this conference. Learn more at this link: <http://www.iditarod.com/teachers> or contact djohnson@iditarod.com

IDITAROD TRAIL

RAFFLE



4 GRAND PRIZES: 2013 Dodge Ram 4x4 Pickup Trucks or any similarly priced New Dodge, Jeep or Chrysler vehicle

PRIZE	VALUE	DONATED BY
1. 2013 Dodge Ram 4x4 Quad Cab, you pick color & options, or a NEW similarly priced Dodge, Jeep or Chrysler vehicle	\$39,000	Anchorage Chrysler Dodge Jeep
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7. 2013 Dodge Ram 4x4 Quad Cab, you pick color & options, or a NEW similarly priced Dodge, Jeep or Chrysler vehicle	\$39,000	Anchorage Chrysler Dodge Jeep
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11. Five Day Motorhome Rental within Alaska	\$1,250	ABC Motorhome Rentals
12. Lake George 1/2 day Guided Flightsee, Hiking & Lunch for 2	\$750	Skytrekking Alaska
13. One Way Car Shipment between Tacoma, WA & Anchorage, AK	\$1,250	Horizon Lines
14. 2013 Dodge Ram 4x4 Quad Cab, you pick color & options, or a NEW similarly priced Dodge, Jeep or Chrysler vehicle	\$39,000	Anchorage Chrysler Dodge Jeep
15. Base Camp McKinley Tour for 2 w/ Glacier Landing	\$550	Talkeetna Air Taxi
16. #1 Official Iditarod Race Bib signed by 2013 Champion	\$1,500	Iditarod Trail Committee
17. Spenard Builders Shopping Spree	\$500	Spenard Builders Supply
18. Deluxe Weekend for 2 at Millennium Hotel Anchorage	\$599	Millennium Alaskan Hotel
19. Stihl Chain Saw, Model MS-29120	\$500	Jackovich Industrial Supply
20. 2013 Dodge Ram 4x4 Quad Cab, you pick color & options, or a NEW similarly priced Dodge, Jeep or Chrysler vehicle	\$39,000	Anchorage Chrysler Dodge Jeep

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Drawing held at The Great Alaska Sportsman Show in Anchorage (March 31, 2013) NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.



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\$191,725 IN PRIZES

Iditarod Chief Veterinarian, Stu Nelson Talks About Pre-Race Vet Education and Protocols.....

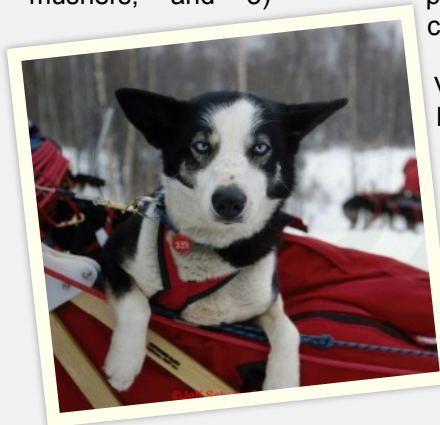


The racing season is just around the corner, and the pace is picking up. Preparations for Iditarod 2013 are in full swing. Excitement is in the air, and there is much yet to be done!

Dog care is an extremely important aspect of the race, and two very important concepts are vital to accomplishing the highest level. It begins with education. Valuable knowledge has been gained through shared years of experience and many proactive research studies. Education of mushers and trail veterinarians provides necessary information with which to make the best decisions in regard to canine health.

Once a common level of knowledge has been established, mushers and veterinarians can apply that to their work as a team on behalf of the dogs. Mushers have the unique knowledge about their individual dogs and are with them on the trail. Knowing each dog, including their behavioral and physical characteristics, then observing them closely, is vital for recognizing early signs of abnormalities. Communicating with checkpoint veterinarians about any such observed abnormalities enables the latter to utilize their professional expertise in an optimal fashion.

In pursuing the team approach, I have for many years offered voluntary kennel visits during December, January and February, which are designed to accomplish the following: 1) develop a good rapport between race veterinarians and mushers in a non-race and more relaxed atmosphere; 2) discuss the direction, goals, projects, research studies, etc., of the Iditarod veterinary program; 3) more fully explain the examination protocols, health criteria and reasoning of race veterinarians working at checkpoints; 4) address kennel management issues of concern to mushers; and 5) perform health care consultation.



Visits are limited to kennels with road access in Alaska and the Yukon Territory, for logistical and financial reasons. The knowledge that I've personally gained has been very rewarding, and I'm looking

forward to this new season!

For many years, the Iditarod Rookie Musher Meeting has been hosted at the Millennium Hotel (Anchorage) during the first weekend in December. In preparation for Iditarod 2013, this year's meeting is scheduled for December 1-2. All rookie mushers must attend, regardless of the distance that they may have to travel. The intent of that meeting is to provide them with as much practical knowledge as possible, well in advance of the race start. The information gained can then be used throughout the training and racing season for the maximum benefit.

Many topics are covered at that meeting, including equipment



selection, food drop preparation, race strategy, race rules, and of course, dog care. During the first day, I spend several hours discussing important aspects of veterinary care. Subjects will include nutrition, foot care, orthopedics, pre-race screening (ECGs and laboratory testing), race protocols, research topics and drug testing. The program wraps up with a visit to Happy Trails Kennel for a practical review of race preparation and participation. Another undertaking of relevance to dog care will be accomplished soon.

As most of you know, a couple of years ago the ITC implemented an outreach program to remote villages along the Iditarod Trail. For this year, the Race Marshal, Mark Nordman, and I will be traveling to Shageluk to conduct a vaccination clinic for the dogs of local villagers. Shageluk is far from access to routine veterinary care, and the cost for transportation is high. With the support of the Iditarod Air Force, we will be flying there to vaccinate dogs for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parvo, Parainfluenza and Rabies. In addition, we will be prescribing and dispensing Drontal Plus, a broad spectrum anthelmintic (dewormer), which is effective against hookworms, roundworms, whipworms and tapeworms. This product ...continued on page 11



From Anchorage to Nome ...

A Poem by Iditarod Fan Natalie Rompella of Elgin, Illinois

Photo © Camillo Photo



A sled led by dogs running, in pairs pulling, the athlete mushing,

up the hill, around the trees, through the snow, through the night.

stop to feed, stop to rest, stop to check tired paws.

And off again. Hike, hike! Passing teams. On by! On by!

Feet in motion, running, running. Lead dog leading, pulling, pulling. Team is following, faster, faster down the trail to Nome.



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SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Millennium Alaskan Hotel



OFFICIAL ANCHORAGE RACE HEADQUARTERS

Iditarod, "The Last Great Race on Earth." The phrase evokes images of the greatest sled dog race in the world with some of North America's most spectacular scenic landscape as its backdrop. It's hard to believe that Ian Wooldridge of "The London Daily Mail" coined that phrase almost 35 years ago, yet it stirs the imagination even more today than it did back then.

So what does that have to do with sponsorship? Simply that certain things continue to improve with age, and that certainly applies to the true partners of the Iditarod, the ones we refer to as "The Iditarod Family," our loyal and very dedicated Sponsors.

Ever since the early years of the Iditarod, Sponsors have been the backbone of the financial success of this organization. Over the past 40 years Iditarod has depended on funding from businesses both large and small to help Iditarod meet the ever increasing costs of staging "The Last Great Race on Earth." Many of our Sponsors have been with us for over 25 years, and one of the special ones is the Millennium Alaskan Hotel.

In 1986, the Millennium Hotel, which back then was known as the Clarion, and some years later as the Regal, became not only the "Official Hotel of the Iditarod," but more

importantly the "Official Anchorage Race Headquarters." An Anchorage venue during the race is an absolute must for "The Last Great Race on Earth," and the Millennium has become our home away from home during the latter part of February and most of March. With an appealing rustic lodge atmosphere, the Millennium not only provides an Alaskan backdrop, but more importantly an easily accessible location for the worldwide media and race fans alike to congregate.

And for 2013, the management of the Millennium Alaskan Hotel has taken another step up to strengthen their Partnership with the Iditarod, and to reach out to accommodate not only our Anchorage Race Headquarters and housing for full time race staff, but have generously agreed to make it extremely affordable for our official volunteers and media to stay close to the action as well. See **TAKE NOTE** below.

Introducing: The Iditarod Education Portal!



This portal is the place for educators to connect the classroom to the race. Discover lessons, activities, and important information to help students find academic success the Iditarod way!

Check It Out!!

www.iditarod.com/teachers

TAKE NOTE.....



SPECIAL Room Rate at Millennium for Credentialed Volunteers & Media!

The special room rate for credentialed volunteers and media will be just **\$69 (plus tax)**, **PLUS** you will receive a **20% discount** on your restaurant charges, with the exception of alcoholic beverages, **PLUS** free Internet.

Why would you want to stay anywhere else besides the Millennium, the "Official Hotel of the Iditarod." Go to the Iditarod Volunteer Registration Desk upon your arrival and get your ID badge. Then show your official Iditarod volunteer badge, upon checking in to receive your special rate. And be sure to tell the Millennium management **THANKS** for their support.

Katie & Edie Kunze
Clawson, Michigan

Photos of
Victoria in 2003



BORN TO MUSH....

Victoria Tenney, Washington

I have been a fan of the Iditarod since before I could remember. My parents say that I've been talking about mushing and the Iditarod since I was little. With that, in 2003 we drove from my home in Atlanta, Georgia to Anchorage, Alaska. We had booked a week at the Brooks Camp in Katmai National Park. While staying at the RV park in Anchorage, we went to the Iditarod Headquarters. For me it was like a candy store. I got to hold puppies, visit the store, pet sled dogs, and even go for a ride.

It has to be my favorite memories. With that, my dream is to run the Iditarod with my own team. I am nineteen years old, and I've wanted this for a long time. I even got a dog sled for my 15th birthday. I am currently going through college for vet school, and my plan is to move to Canada and start building a team with dogs from Alaska. I watch the race every year and love every second of it.



GO ED!



Two years ago, my mom and I began our adventure as fans of the Iditarod. We had both read about the race and had seen movies but had never been on a real dogsled. So we made our reservations and headed up to

Boyne Highlands Resort in northern Michigan. The trip there was an adventure to begin with. It started snowing the night before and was still snowing hard when we drove up to the resort. It was very exciting when we pulled in and saw the two teams sitting there waiting to go. The dogs were incredible. They were so gentle and loveable. Then came the biggest surprise of the day. Usually a guide would take us on our trip but because of the amount of snow that had fallen and the fact that the trail was getting hard to find, we would be heading out with Iditarod veteran Ed Stielstra running our team. It was so exciting! We took off with our 10 dog team on an hour run and we were both amazed at how fast and strong the dogs were. We stopped halfway for pictures and to officially meet the team. **Continued on page 13**

WELCOME TO NOME!!

One night in 2010 (Thursday March 18, 2010) I had the great opportunity to serve as the "spotter" for mushers coming into town.

The spotter sits outside of Nome along the trail and calls the headquarters to let them know when mushers are about 4 or 5 miles out.

This gives headquarters time to sound the alarm in Nome so people can make it to the finish line to cheer the musher on at their arrival. While I was out there that night, rookie musher Kristi Berington made her appearance for the first time at the finish in Nome.

I got out of my vehicle and went down onto the sea ice along the trail and awaited her as I could see her approach. I was out there by myself and as she approached we had one of those great moments... When she got into earshot, I called out "Welcome to Nome!" she began to grin from ear to ear and said "You're the first

person to say that to me!" as she mushed on by to the finish line.

It is a great memory I've treasured and I hope was something great for her too.

Here are two photos from that moment. In the second, you can see the grin on her face even though I know she was dog tired (no pun intended).

Scott Jenkins
Iditarod Outreach Project Coordinator
Vice Chairman, Board of Directors
Alaska Missions and Retreat, Inc.



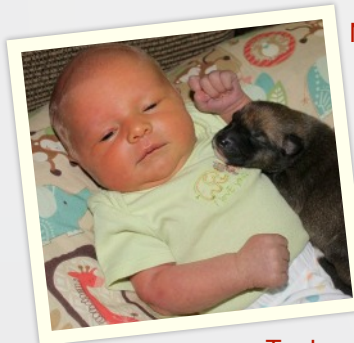
TRAIL TALK

Happenings In and Around the World of Iditarod

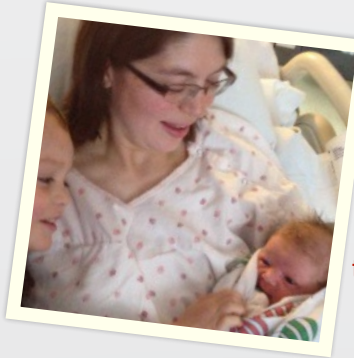
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WELCOME TO THE PACK ...



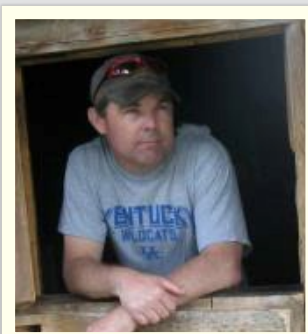
Nate Stielstra, 2, is now a big brother to sister **Fern Marie Stielstra**, born July 18th in McMillan, MI. She weighed in at 7 lb. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long. She was also welcomed by a litter of 7 puppies, born on July 19. Nate is very interested in his sister, insisting that she play monster trucks and learn to dig ditches right away. He's also pretty sure he can teach her the ABC song as he knows all the words and she turns her head to listen to him. Proud parents are Tasha and Ed Stielstra.



Kiana Rose Burmeister entered the world on October 9 in Fairbanks. She weighed in at 6 lb. 2 oz. and was 19.25 inches long. Proud parents, Aaron and Mandy, and 4 year old brother, Hunter, welcomed Kiana to their family. It didn't take Grandpa Richard long to make the trip to Fairbanks to see his new granddaughter.



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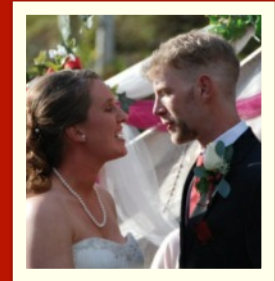


Rich Allen, 48, passed away peacefully in Anchorage on October 4 with family and friends by his side. He was born in Kentucky and moved to Alaska in 1986 where he met and married Iditarod veteran, Sue Allen, in 1989. Rich was a telecommunications engineer for MetaSwitch. He loved hiking, snow machining, biking, and throwing a stick for his beloved, Canon. Family said Rich was truly at home in Alaska. An outdoor memorial celebration was held at Happy Trails Kennels. Memorial donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association. Kim Kittredge will ride in the Anchorage Tour de Cure in Rich's honor.

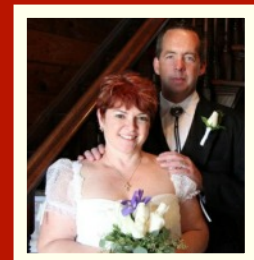
Who Got Snow "hooked" this summer?



Jake Berkowitz and Robin Simms were married at the Crow Creek Mine on September 1. John Baker officiated at the ceremony.



Jaimee Kinzer and Justin High were married at the home of Martin Buser and Kathy Chapoton on September 6. Jaimee completed her Iditarod rookie year in 2012.



Mark Chapoton and Karen Grimes were married at Lebanon Church in Frisco, Texas on September 13. Chapoton completed the Iditarod in '93 & '94.

Iditarod Chief Veterinarian

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contains the only approved treatment (praziquantel) for a tapeworm known as *Echinococcus multilocularis*, which can potentially also cause serious illness or even death, in humans.

The tempo will continue to escalate as the race approaches. In addition to letters of communication with the veterinary staff and mushers, screening of all dogs (ECGs and blood work) preparing to enter the race will commence in early February, under the direction of my Head Veterinary Technician, Jan Bullock. Also, in February, attendance in the three day ISDVMA (International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Association) Sled Dog Veterinarian Training Seminar will be mandatory for my rookie trail veterinarians. The General Musher Meeting will take place on Thursday, February 28, and soon after that (March 2) Iditarod 2013 will officially be underway.

The following months will go by like weeks, so now is the time to prepare yourself for another great race, whether in person or online!

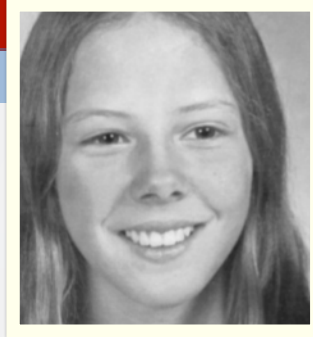
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160 Acres Near Ruby, Alaska

160 acre native allotment for sale, 7 miles from Ruby, Alaska on Poorman Road with cleared area for home.

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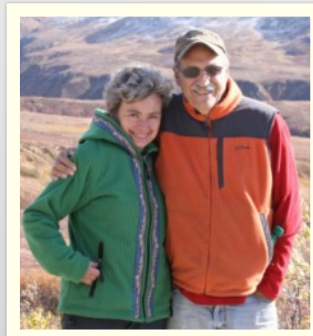
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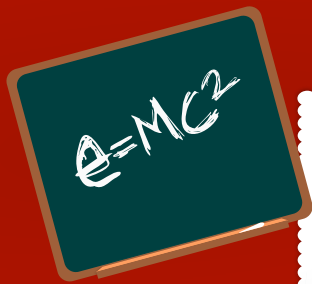
Patricia Lynn "Scooter" Newman Crafton, 50, died August 11, in Lakewood, Colorado of heart failure. She lived with her mother in Missouri and in 1975, as a young teen she and her brother, Michael, moved to Alaska to live with their father in Knik. She and her brother then became active in sled dog racing. She, along with her brother, participated in the first Jr. Iditarod in 1978 and she finished second in the junior edition of the race. She ran two more Jr. Iditarod's and placed fifth and fourth in 1979 and 1980. She graduated from Wasilla High School in 1980 and received a scholarship to study at Anchorage Community College. She and friends moved to Colorado in 1980 where she has lived since. She leaves her father, Howie Newman of Knik, her husband, Sherman, two daughters, two grandchildren.



Gene Gilman, 88, died at the Mat-Su Regional Medical Center on November 15, 2012, after a short illness. Gene formed and managed the first Iditarod gift shop in 1978 as to sell Iditarod memorabilia during the Race. From 1983 to 1986 she ran Iditarod's year round gift shop in the Northway Mall in Anchorage. In 1986, she opened her own business in Anchorage, The Sled Dog Shop, which she operated until 1996 when her husband became ill and she had to stay home and care for him. She also sold Jr. Iditarod memorabilia during the Jr. Iditarod Race for many years. Her son, Rome, completed both the Iditarod and the Jr. Iditarod. Gene's interests were in making the world a better place for everyone. She worked tirelessly to these ends in myriad organizations, too many to name.



Dennis Lozano, 64, died on November 30, 2012, at home, surrounded by family. He has been fighting a blood cancer for many years which recently morphed into acute leukemia. Three years ago, he was given only two months but survived and has been doing very well up until about a month and a half ago. He finished the Iditarod in 1987.



EDUCATION.



MEET THE 2013 TEACHER ON THE TRAIL™ ...LINDA FENTON

Linda Fenton teaches 3rd grade at the Waupaca Learning Center in Waupaca, Wisconsin. Linda is on an educational adventure of a life time as the 2013 Iditarod Teacher on the Trail™. Having used Iditarod in the classroom as a teaching tool for the past 11 years, Linda says "I have kept the Iditarod as part of my curriculum because students use research skills, technology skills, math, science, reading, map skills, writing and drawing. Over the next year, I hope to reach as many teachers and students as possible through the Iditarod website and use of Skype. The Internet is a window to the world."

Linda's lessons and journal are online at the website and sparking the interest of students around the world. During the race, Linda will be flying from checkpoint to checkpoint, sharing her experiences via the online journal. As classrooms complete curriculum projects and activities, Linda's journal will serve as yet one more real time resource of information to bring the race to within the walls of the classroom.

Follow Linda at <http://itcteacheronthetrail.com/>



Nine Days in June



Summer camp is not just for kids! It's for educators, too! Join us in June for a nine day Iditarod summer camp event that is designed to provide an experiential opportunity for educators.

Campers build their knowledge base of the Iditarod and discover unique ways to develop curriculum for their classroom. Each speaker, field trip, and camp session has been carefully lined out to include maximum learning opportunities. Campers overnight at the Dream a Dream Dog Farm for 3 nights and experience first-hand what it takes to raise, train, and race a sled team. Early morning walks with puppies and trips to the puppy pen during the day provide a glimpse of how puppies develop into the K-9 athlete. While taking Vern Halter's Iditarod 101 session, campers recognize that training begins in during those puppy months. Teachers also discover the connections between the race and the concepts in math, science, technology, language arts, and other areas of the curriculum. Iditarod is a real-life event that is applicable to what students need to know.

Key to summer camp's success is the opportunity for collaboration with other teachers who meet similar challenges in teaching students. It is this spirit of collaboration that leads the educators on a journey of personal learning, growth, and reflection. From the reflection comes a renewed continued on page 13.

RUNNER PUPS.

Where O' Where Have You Been?



Brake with Logan in Bixby, OK



Sled Basket on set of Millionaire in NYC!



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insight, new teaching methods, and a philosophy of teaching and learning that positively impacts education.

No matter the grade level or curriculum area that is taught, if you're using the race in your curriculum, then joining us for summer camp is an opportunity worth taking. Make this the summer you join us. Make plans now and then pack your bags for Iditarod Summer Camp for Teachers.

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Learn more about Iditarod Summer Camp for Teachers at this link: <http://www.iditarod.com> or contact Diane Johnson for further details. djohnson@iditarod.com

GO ED!...

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On the way back, we made a second stop and Ed gave me the chance to get out of the sled and ride the runners with him back to the lodge. It was such an incredible experience. When we got back, we immediately joined Nature's Kennel's Mighty Mutt club and sponsored Banjo who was on our team that day and went on to finish the Iditarod with Ed in 2011. This past year we sponsored Rhu in the Mighty Mutt club and she went on to be Ed's leader in the 2012 Iditarod. We have greatly enjoyed the friendship that we have developed and cheer loudly every March for Ed and the team from Nature's Kennel. GO ED!

**Katie & Edie Kunze
Clawson, Michigan**

There is a litter of "Runner" Pups travelling the world spreading word about the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

The sled parts litter: Runner 1, Runner 2, Brake, Footboard, Snowhook, Spike, Gangline, and Sled Basket have been travelling since September 2012 and to date have visited MANY families and classrooms across the country.

We've had pups in Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Iowa, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Hawaii, Bermuda, the 2012 Olympics in London, Sweden, and even Japan!

If you are interested in hosting a "Runner" pup, drop an email to: emclarnon@iditarod.com or you can follow their adventures on the [Runner N. Friends Facebook Page](#)

2013 IDITAROD BUTTON CONTEST

The Winner Is ... Drum roll please!



Iditarod held their Annual Button Design contest from schools along the trail of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

Winner was Ellie Martinson from Nome Elementary, 2nd Place was Jessica Hackett from Iditarod Elementary in Wasilla, and 3rd Place was Roderick Huntington from Shaktoolik School.

All received a plaque with their name engraved and a bag of buttons to share with classmates, friends and family. Congratulations to all three and thanks to all who participated! To order, [CLICK HERE](#).

2013 MUSHIER LISTING.



#	Musher Name	Residence	Country	Status
1	Roalofs, Christine	Anchorage, Alaska	USA	Rookie
2	Marshall, Newton	St. Anne	JAMAICA	Veteran
3	Anderson, Ken	Fairbanks, Alaska	USA	Veteran
4	Phillips, Michelle	Tagish, YT	CANADA	Veteran
5	Jonrowe, DeeDee	Willow, Alaska	USA	Veteran
6	Willomitzer, Gerry	Whitehorse, YT	CANADA	Veteran
7	Janssen, Scott	Anchorage, Alaska	USA	Veteran
8	Kaiser, Peter	Bethel, Alaska	USA	Veteran
9	Sousa, Gerald	Talkeetna, Alaska	USA	Veteran
10	Royer, Jessie	Darby, Montana	USA	Veteran
11	Suprenant, Michael	Chugiak, Alaska	USA	Veteran
12	Maixner, Kelly	Big Lake, Alaska	USA	Veteran
13	Bundtzen, Robert	Anchorage, Alaska	USA	Veteran
14	Marques, Luan Ramos	Macae	BRAZIL	Rookie
15	Gebhardt, Paul	Kasilof, Alaska	USA	Veteran
16	Williams, Sr., Mike	Akiak, Alaska	USA	Veteran
17	Seavey, Mitch	Seward, Alaska	USA	Veteran
18	Chlupach, Bob	Willow, Alaska	USA	Veteran
19	Redington, Jr. Ray	Wasilla, Alaska	USA	Veteran
20	Buser, Martin	Big Lake, Alaska	USA	Veteran
21	Demoski, Sr. Rudy	Wasilla, Alaska	USA	Veteran
22	Mackey, Jason	Wasilla, Alaska	USA	Veteran
23	Smyth, Cim	Big Lake, Alaska	USA	Veteran
24	Drobny, Paige	Fairbanks, Alaska	USA	Rookie
25	Leifseth Ulsom, Joar	Roros	NORWAY	Rookie
26	Perano, Curt	Queenstown	NEW ZEALAND	Veteran
27	Taggart, Angie	Ketchikan, Alaska	USA	Veteran
28	Stielstra, Ed	McMillan, Michigan	USA	Veteran
29	Steves, Jan	Edmonds, Washington	USA	Veteran
30	Berington, Kristy	Kasilof, Alaska	USA	Veteran
31	Bailey, Jodi	Chatanika, Alaska	USA	Veteran
32	Gallea, Cindy	Wykoff, Minnesota	USA	Veteran
33	King, Jeff	Denali, Alaska	USA	Veteran
34	Zirkle, Aliy	Two Rivers, Alaska	USA	Veteran
35	Beals, Travis	Seward, Alaska	USA	Rookie
36	Moore, Allen	Two Rivers, Alaska	USA	Veteran
37	Hendrickson, Karin	Wasilla, Alaska	USA	Veteran
38	Ellis, Mike	Two Rivers, Alaska	USA	Rookie
39	Petit, Nicolas	Girdwood, Alaska	USA	Veteran
40	Fiedler, Linwood	Willow, Alaska	USA	Veteran
41	Williams, Jr., Michael	Akiak, Alaska	USA	Veteran
42	Buser, Rohn	Big Lake, Alaska	USA	Veteran
43	Smyth, Ramey	Willow, Alaska	USA	Veteran
44	Mackey, Lance	Fairbanks, Alaska	USA	Veteran
45	Burmeister, Aaron	Nome, Alaska	USA	Veteran
46	Berkowitz, Jake	Big Lake, Alaska	USA	Veteran
47	Bejna, Charley	Addison, IL	USA	Rookie
48	Savidis, Justin	Willow, Alaska	USA	Veteran
49	Seavey, Dallas	Willow, Alaska	USA	Veteran
50	Berington, Anna	Kasilof, Alaska	USA	Veteran
51	Griffin, Kelley	Wasilla, Alaska	USA	Veteran
52	Baker, John	Kotzebue, Alaska	USA	Veteran
53	Diehl, Richie	Aniak, Alaska	USA	Rookie
54	DeNure, Zoya	Delta Junction, Alaska	USA	Veteran
55	Volek, James	Big Lake, Alaska	USA	Rookie
56	Sass, Brent	Manley Hot Springs, Alaska	USA	Veteran
57	Failor, Matt	Big Lake, Alaska	USA	Veteran
58	Hendricks, Jessica	Two Rivers, Alaska	USA	Veteran
59	Peck, Aaron	Bezanson, AB	CANADA	Veteran
60	Lanier, Jim	Chugiak, Alaska	USA	Veteran
61	Cadzow, Josh	Fort Yukon, Alaska	USA	Rookie
62	Sawatzky, David	Healy, Alaska	USA	Veteran
63	Linder, Sonny	Two Rivers, Alaska	USA	Veteran
64	Telpin, Mikhail	Yanrakkynot, Chukota	RUSSIA	Rookie
65	Marrs, Wade	Wasilla, Alaska	USA	Veteran
66	Swenson, Rick	Two Rivers, Alaska	USA	Veteran
67	Ambrose, Louie	St. Michael, Alaska	USA	Rookie
68	Giblin, Matt	Sterling, Alaska	USA	Veteran

FAN FOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.



Joan Farré Photos from Spain!



Past Teacher on the Trail, Martha Dobson Christmas Display in North Carolina



Snowhook at the 2012 London Olympics



Terry Wright Christmas Display



Bennett Spelce and his Texas "sled Dogs," Tigger & Sydney!



Snowhook at the Beach! Amazing Sand Sculpture!!



Another Facebook Christmas Display



Frosty ITC Communications Director, Erin after a dog race. Photo Barb Redington



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