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Fifth-grader Erica Yarde, 10, cuts moose nose Wednesday for moosehead soup as fifth- and sixth-grade students at Woodriver Elementary School learn about and experience Alaska Native culture.

Keeping culture alive

Woodriver students spend a week learning traditional ways

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Students took turns preparing a moosehead soup Wednesday afternoon outside the front door of Woodriver Elementary School.

Working on cardboard, the students sliced away at meat from a donated moose's head under the direction of Brian Charlie and teacher Karen Dullen. Charlie came from Nenana to show the kids the correct way to use every part of a moose head.

The soup was one part of a week-long emphasis on cultural learning at Woodriver. Fifth- and sixth-grade students learned Alaska Native games, listened to storytellers and made moosehead soup and fry bread.

"Can I cut something?" Erica Yarde, 10, asked Charlie. This wasn't the first time Yarde and the other fifth-graders crowded around the table had learned about moosehead soup. They had watched its preparation before at Twin Bears Camp off Chena Hot Springs Road, but they still were excited about its process.

"We just watched somebody cut the meat last time," said Brandon Ray, 11.



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Sixth-grade teacher Karen Dullen, foreground, sharpens a knife as fifth-graders Brandon Ray, 11, back left, and Mason Thumma, 10, back right, cut moose meat for moosehead soup Wednesday at Woodriver Elementary School.

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Borough weighs funding gas plan

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Local officials will decide tonight whether to pay for a study of a plan to truck liquefied natural gas to Fairbanks.

The Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly will vote on appropriating \$300,000 to study the viability of the Alaska Gasline Port Authority's natural gas trucking project. The study, one of the final steps of financing the project, would help potential lenders determine whether the trucking plan is a good investment.

But some Borough Assembly members say they want to know more about the port authority's finances, risks and returns before appropriating the money.

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Ex-soldier gets 11 years for child porn

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A former Fort Wainwright soldier was sentenced Friday to 11 years and 8 months in federal prison followed by 25 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to possessing and distributing child pornography.

Joseph E. Brannock, 22, had hundreds of child pornography images and videos on his computer, according to information presented by U.S. Assistant Attorney Kyle French.

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Pipeline problems a factor in oil debate

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Amid all the discussions about the conditions needed to increase future oil development in Alaska, one of the most important factors may be the 800-mile pipeline that transports the product across Alaska.

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Miller's new gig



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Sourdough Jack sez:



"Moosehead soup? Yep, that's what's for dinner all right."

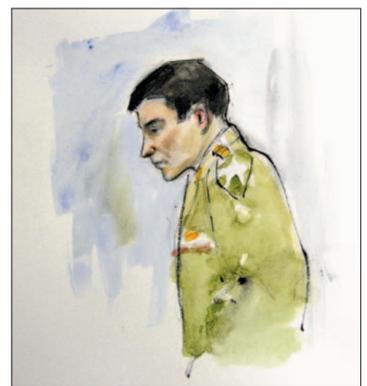
Alaska soldier gets 24 years for murders of Afghan civilians

By ROBIN HINDERY
Associated Press

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — A U.S. soldier who pleaded guilty Wednesday to the murders of three Afghan civilians was sentenced to 24 years in prison after saying "the plan was to kill people" in a conspiracy with four fellow soldiers.

Military judge Lt. Col. Kwasi Hawks said he initially intended to sentence Spc.

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The Associated Press

In this courtroom sketch made Wednesday, Spc. Jeremy Morlock, of Wasilla, is shown during a court martial hearing at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state.