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Search for Sawyer stretches into Day 4



A crowd gathers at Bayside Fire Station Sunday to search for Sawyer Cipolla, a 7-year-old autistic boy missing since Saturday.

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State agencies and local residents continued to search for 7-year-old Sawyer Cipolla on Tuesday. Cipolla, who has autism and does not speak, went missing from his home on Forest Drive on Saturday afternoon.

Since Saturday, more than 1,000 people have looked for him on the ground and in the air, including more than 400 ground searchers on Monday alone, according to numbers from the Alaska State Trooper Daily Dispatch Reports.

"The large scale of the search, and tremendous efforts by volunteers and search agencies continues to be outstanding," Monday's dispatch report stated.

U.S. Coast Guard helicopters flew along the coastline and over search areas with thermal goggles on Monday, and K9 units were deployed in



SAWYER CIPOLLA

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multiple areas on Tuesday. Hundreds of people showed up to continue the search for

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GCI donates \$3,400 to Alutiiq Museum

Staff report

The Alutiiq Museum will soon launch a three-part video series teaching introductory Alutiiq stitching skills that will aid in preserving and passing on traditional Alaska Native culture. The project will be funded through a \$3,400 donation from GCI.

During the pandemic, the Alutiiq Museum searched for ways to continue its programming and found success through the creation of video tutorials teaching traditional skills. By working with culture bearers to develop online resources, the organization was able to help families connect to culture from the safety of their homes.

"Hands-on cultural activities are very popular and help our audience experience Alutiiq traditions, train developing artists, and assist the Alutiiq in living their culture," said April Laktonen Counciller, the museum's executive director. "With support from GCI, we'll now be able to document and teach introductory sewing skills, like basic stitching and embroidery techniques, which will represent a first step in reawakening traditional skin sewing and create a foundation for teaching more complex sewing techniques in the future."

The museum is working with master skin sewer Susan Malutin to create three short video tutorials that teach sewing techniques through the

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THANK YOU, SCHOOL NURSES



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TOP: Kodiak Island Borough School District nurses at the State School Nurse Conference. **LEFT:** Peterson Elementary School nurse Hayley Yawn.

KIBSD recognizes School Nurse Appreciation Day

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The Kodiak school district is looking for ways, small and large, to recognize the district's nurses for National School Nurse Appreciation Day on May 11.

This recognition has come in many forms, such as sending out letters introducing district nurses to families, handwritten cards for school nurses and a free spa-day for Nurse Coordinator Michelle Odlin.

"It's especially important right now, as we're coming out of COVID, that we take a moment to thank our nurses," KIBSD Director of Federal Programs Damon Hargraves said. "These last couple of years, frankly,

have been a blur, but we've survived it and largely that is due to our nurses. They're the ones that helped us implement the mandates that we had to implement, and they were often the frontline workers that were working with students and families when they were sick."

There are eight nurses in the Kodiak Island Borough School District: Odlin, North Star Elementary nurse Amy Cowley, East Elementary nurse Lisa Cooper, Main Elementary nurse Kim Martin, Peterson Elementary nurse Hayley Yawn, Middle School nurse Chloe Nelson, Kodiak High School nurse and Certified Nursing Assistant teacher



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North Star Elementary school nurse Amy Cowley.

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