



# Biweekly Newsletter

FACILITIES FORUM

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## Past Progress, Future Prospects: A Recap and Look Ahead!

Dear Members of Facilities Services,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Facilities Forum! Within these digital pages, we're excited to dive into the heartbeat of our Purpose: the constant care and enhancement of UAF and all its facets. From the people who bring life to our community to the very structures that house our ambitions, this newsletter serves as a conduit for sharing the stories, updates, and achievements that shape our collective journey.

Join us as we explore the latest developments, celebrate milestones, and highlight the tireless efforts of those who work non-stop to uphold the standards of excellence that define our institution.

Thank you for being a part of Facilities Services. Together, we propel UAF forward.

*Facilities team x*

In this newsletter you can expect:

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# Classroom Furniture Glowup

The Labor Shop just replaced the old classroom furniture in Duckering 354, Brooks 103, and Bunnell 313 with snazzy new desks and chairs. They look great!

PHOTOS BY NATHAN PLATT



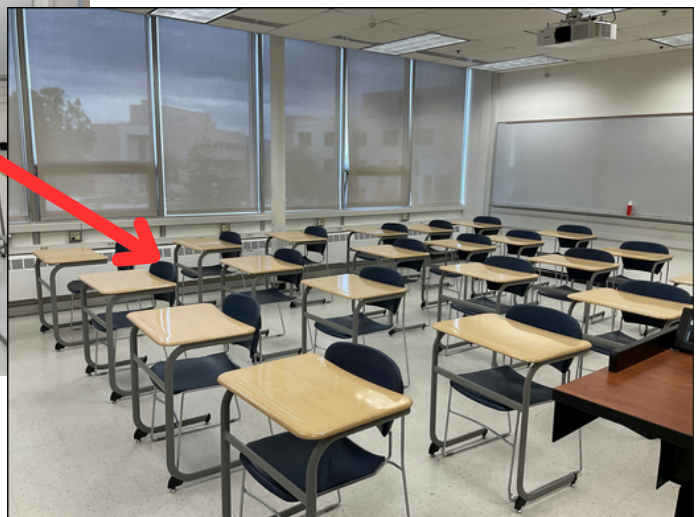
Duckering 354



Brooks 103



Bunnell 313



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## Boiler Cleanup



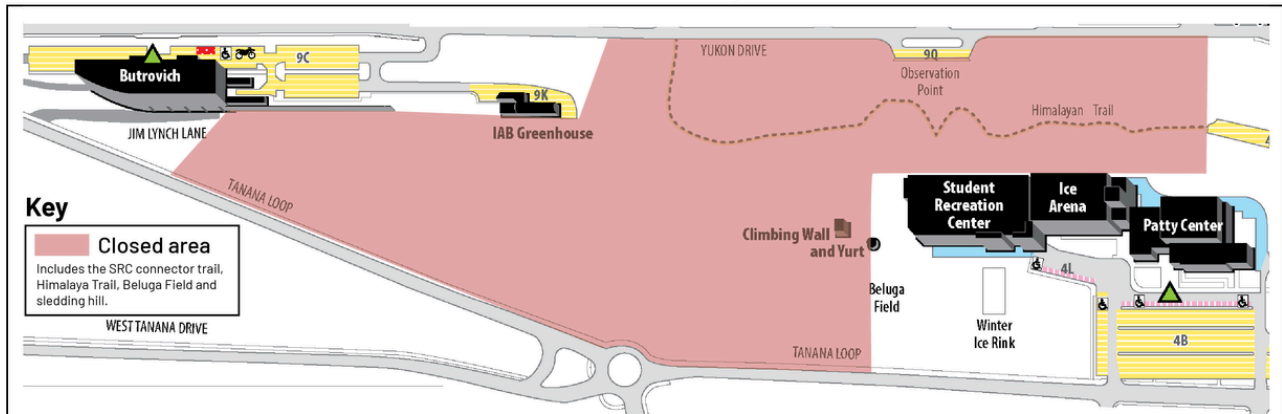
### by Leo Faro

Connie Deats and Carl Hedman cleaning out Boiler 4 in the BIRD building. This is a yearly cleaning that requires a week long outage to complete for compliance with State codes. They will remove the sides of the Boiler to access the Steam tubes themselves. Then clean the buildup of soot from each row of tubes. They also disassemble the boiler burner which is a 2 stage burner. The boiler provides sterilization steam for the State Virology building as well as humidification for the BIRD building, chambers, and cage washer/tunnel washer.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Closure for ski trail construction - June 10-July 15



### Reminder - End of **FY24**

- Close out Work Orders
- Performance Evaluations due
- Redo Driver Authorizations in July

### Congratulations to the June Employee of the Month

- Larry Anderson

### **VCAS Summer Picnic** - Please RSVP

- Join Vice Chancellor Queen on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 from 11:30am - 1:30pm in the field next to the Nenana parking lot for our division-wide Summer Picnic.
- Link to RSVP: <https://forms.gle/uS4F6zw6R3wUbutCA>
- Please sign up to bring a dish to share (side dish, salad, chips, beverages, or dessert). We will provide hamburgers (with a veggie option), hot dogs, brats, and chicken for the grill along with coleslaw, baked beans, corn bread, condiments and the stuff to make it a picnic (plates, forks, cups and napkins).
- **Facilities Services group photo!**

**First Aid/AED/CPR** classes will be offered each month by Thadd Williamson, Facilities Services trusted Safety Officer, to ensure we are all prepared for any emergencies that may happen while on the job.

Upcoming classes:

- July 9-10, 8 am -12 pm both days
- July 18-19, 12 pm - 5 pm both days
- August 6, 8 am - 5 pm
- August 7, 8am - 5 pm

Classes are limited in size to 12 participants.

Please contact Stacy Boone-Grant at [sboonegrant@alaska.edu](mailto:sboonegrant@alaska.edu) to reserve a place in one of these classes.

## Current Recruitments

Senior Mechanical Engineer

Facilities Inspector

FS Pool Tech

Painter/Maint Mechanic

CT3 Electrician -Utilities

HVAC Technician

Locksmith

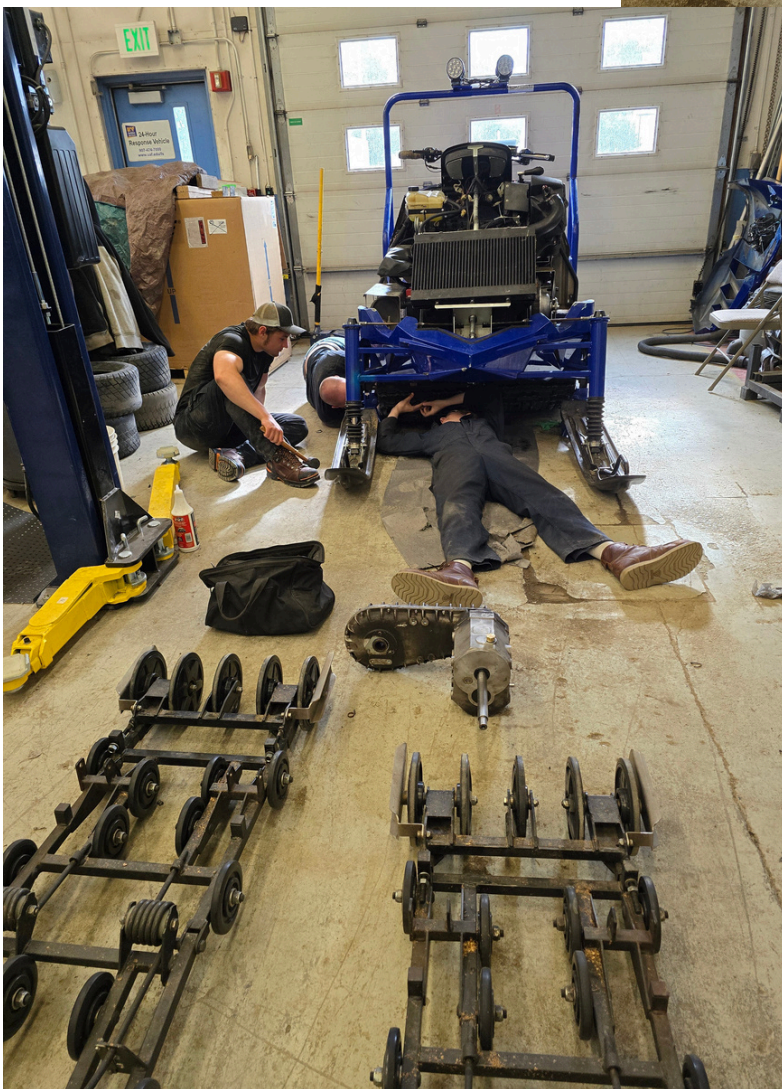
Plumbing Maint Tech

## Transmission Replacement Keeps Sherpa Ready for Winter

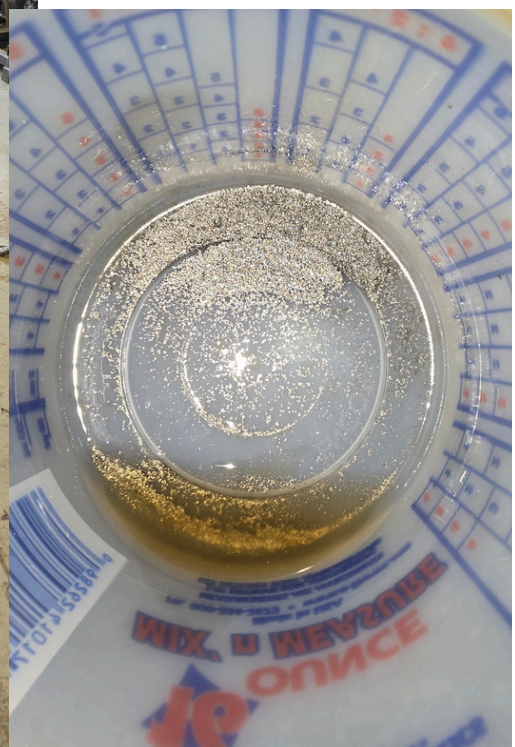
by Stacy Boone-Grant

Thousands of Fairbanks residents enjoy the UAF Trail system annually. UAF Trail system is comprised of several trails and has a combined length of over 25 miles long. More than 23 of those snowy miles are maintained every winter by a 2013 Alpina Sherpa, a compact car-sized snow machine.

The Sherpa is a dual track snow machine with a 1.4 liter engine from Italy. These beasts are built to haul heavy loads in deep snow and groom trails through the Italian Alps with ease. The arctic interior definitely puts the Sherpa through its paces between our inconsistent snowfall and cold winters. However, this snow machine has kept up with our demands over the last 10 years in service, needing minimal maintenance and service. After 33,250 miles, Vehicle Repair Shop found lots of metal in the transmission reservoir. The recommendation was to replace the transmission in whole. A new transmission was sourced from Italy, and installed into the machine.

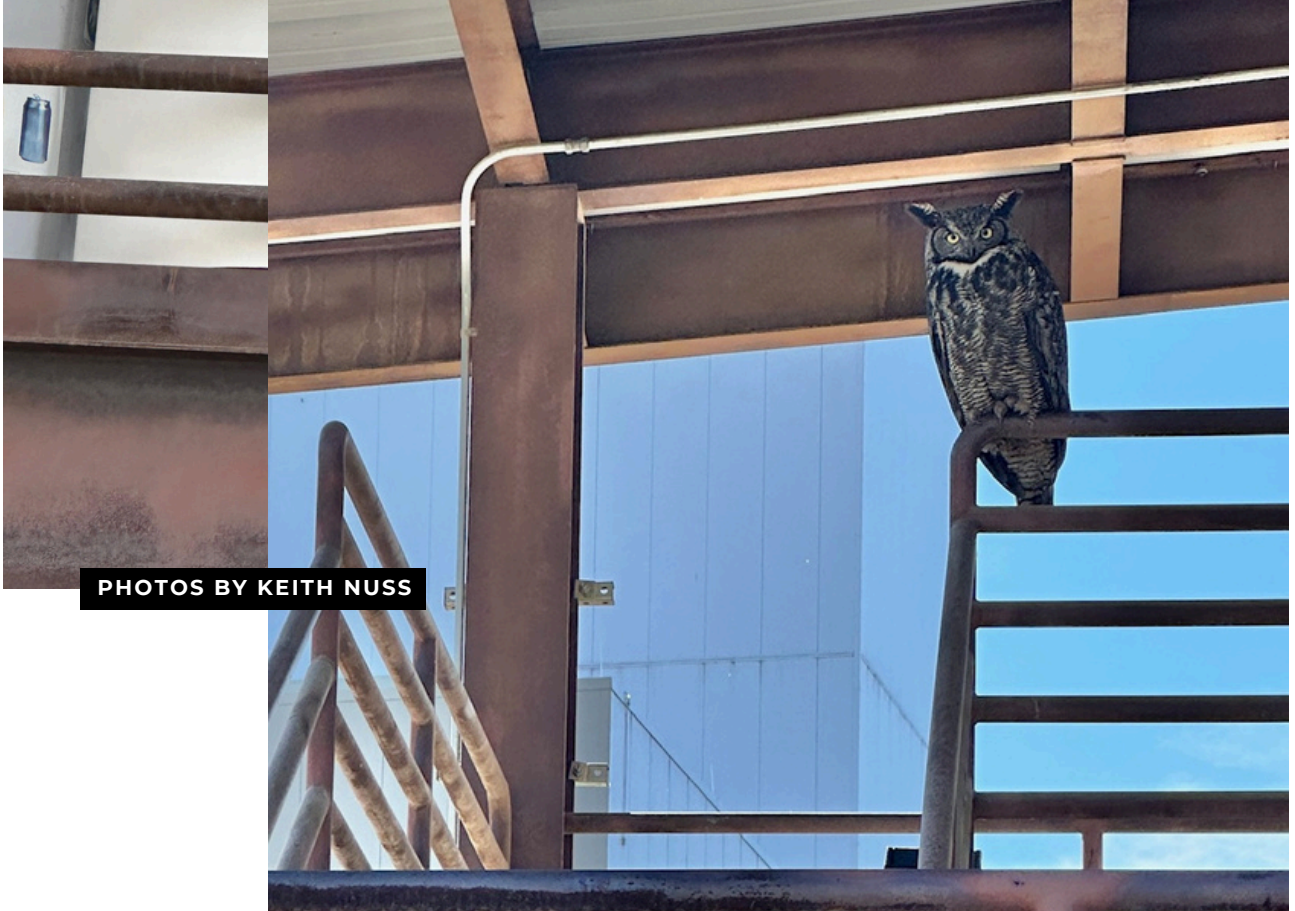


After completing some additional minor maintenance to the track assemblies, this brilliant piece of equipment will be back in business for this winter. The Vehicle Shop has enjoyed working on this and is excited to see it in service.

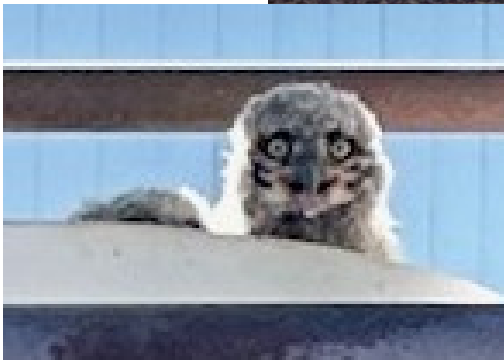


Owl Update!

*Two little babies!!*



PHOTOS BY KEITH NUSS



*Thank you for reading!*



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