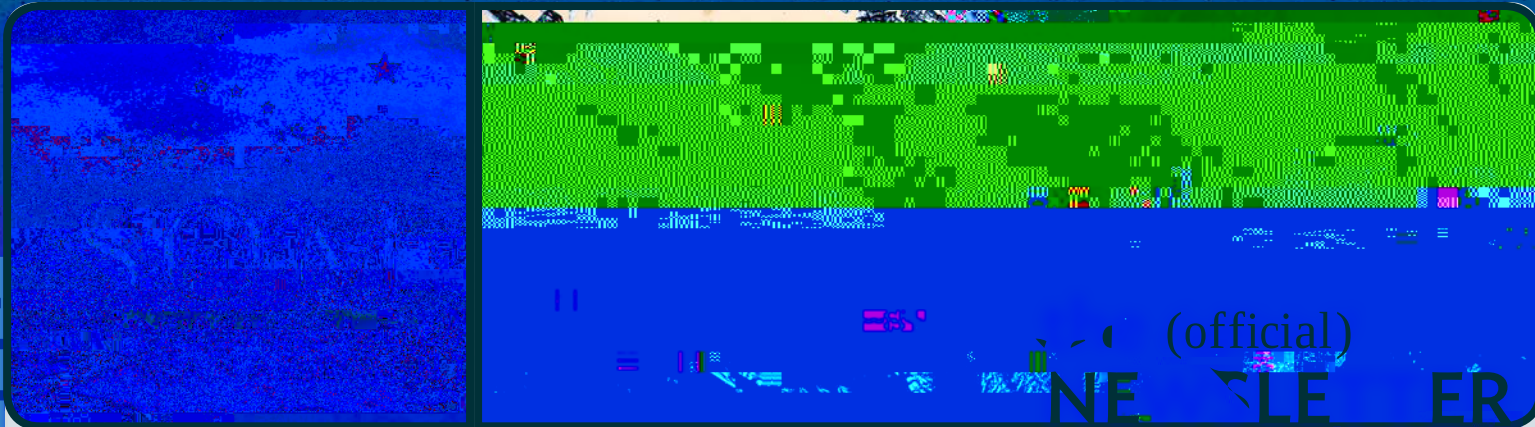




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FEATURED STORY Business Leader of the Year

In 1984, Bob Hajdukovich was one of 12 employees at Frontier Flying, the company owned by his father, John Hajdukovich. Today, he is CEO of Ravn Air Group, Inc., the parent company for Frontier Flying Service, Corvus Airlines (previously known as Era Aviation), and Hageland Aviation Services. As a business leader, Bob demonstrates a commitment to his employees and the success of his company, but above all else a deep commitment to service for the people of the great state of Alaska.

Bob has vast experience in numerous aviation jobs working his way up from ramp agent, operations agent, computer programmer, office manager, general manager, first officer, pilot in command, director of operations, vice president, and finally to the current CEO of Ravn Alaska. Ravn has been flying for about as long as Alaska has been a state. Bob took the family commuter and freight airline business from a small airport to a regional airline with nearly 1,000 employees serving 100 communities across Alaska.



Bob Hajdukovich is the 40th Business Leader of the Year

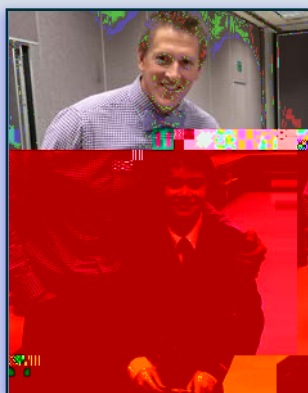
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Arctic Innovation Competition

SOM awarded more than \$25,000 in cash prizes in October after the final round of presentations in the 2015 Arctic Innovation Competition (AIC). The competition, now in its seventh year, invites innovators to propose new, feasible, and potentially profitable ideas for solving real-life problems and challenges.

Cameron Gackstetter took home the \$10,000 first prize in this year's AIC. His award-winning idea is *The ThawHead*, a portable machine that quickly and safely thaws the metal canisters that house airport runway light transformers and wiring.

New this year was the addition of the "Fan Favorite" award. Members of the audience voted for their favorite idea in each division and the winners received a \$100 prize and special Lego trophy. Other activities included a comedian, a robotics presentation, balloon art, and guest speaker Wylie Rogers, the 2014 AIC Alaska Student Kicker winner for his idea to build a better goal post for ice hockey, called The Wylie Post.



Wylie Rogers with Cub Fan Favorite and 2nd Place Winner Corbin Becker

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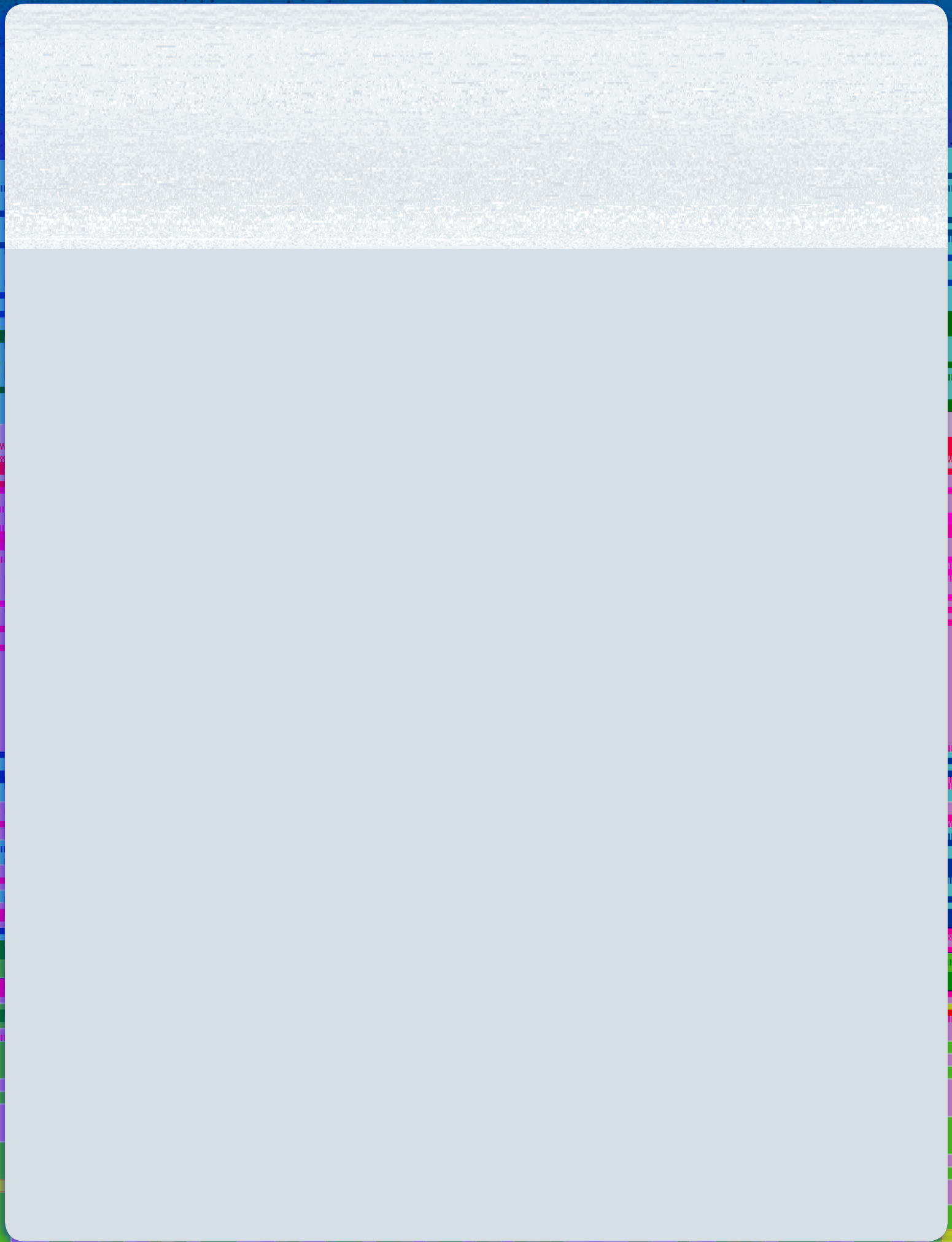
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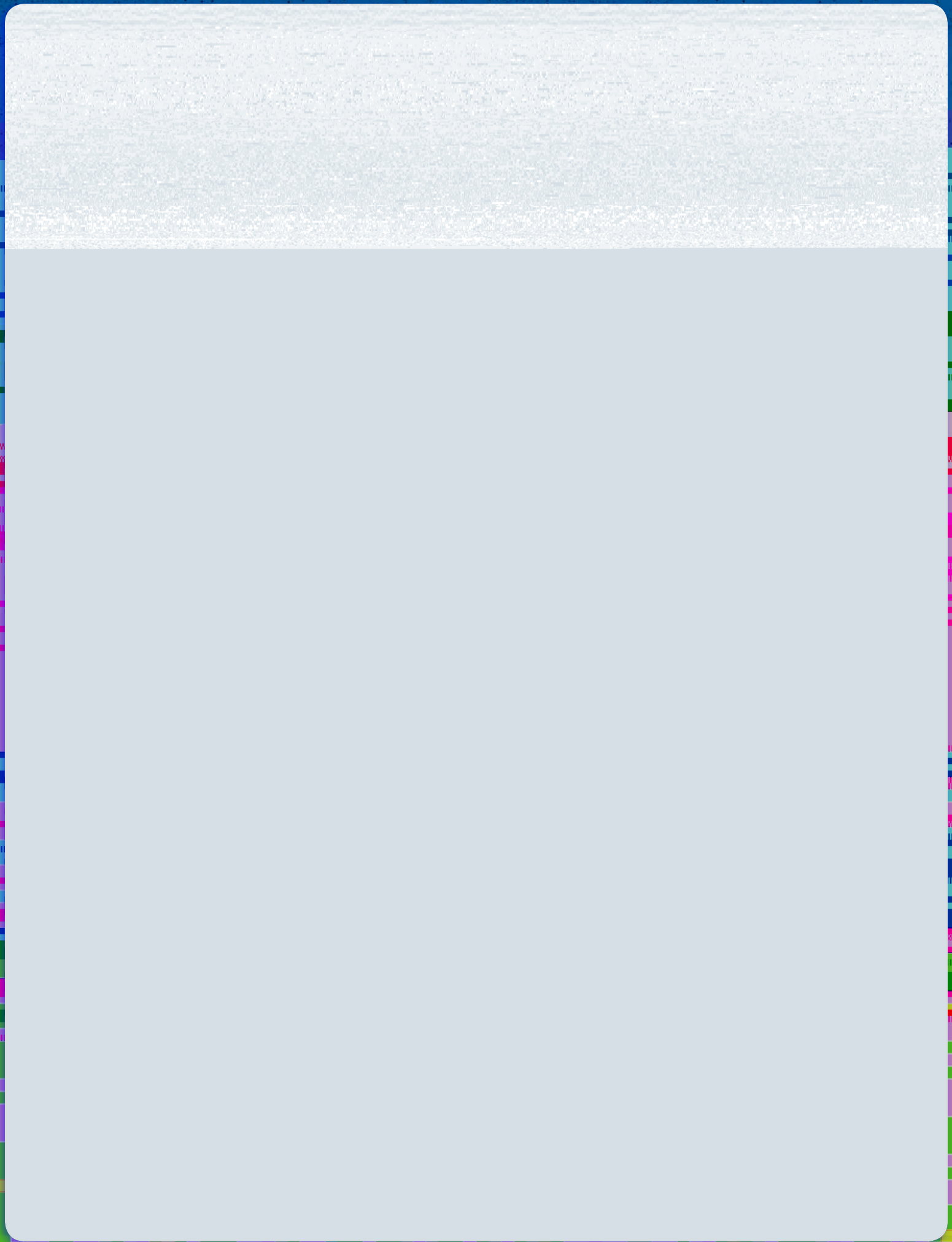
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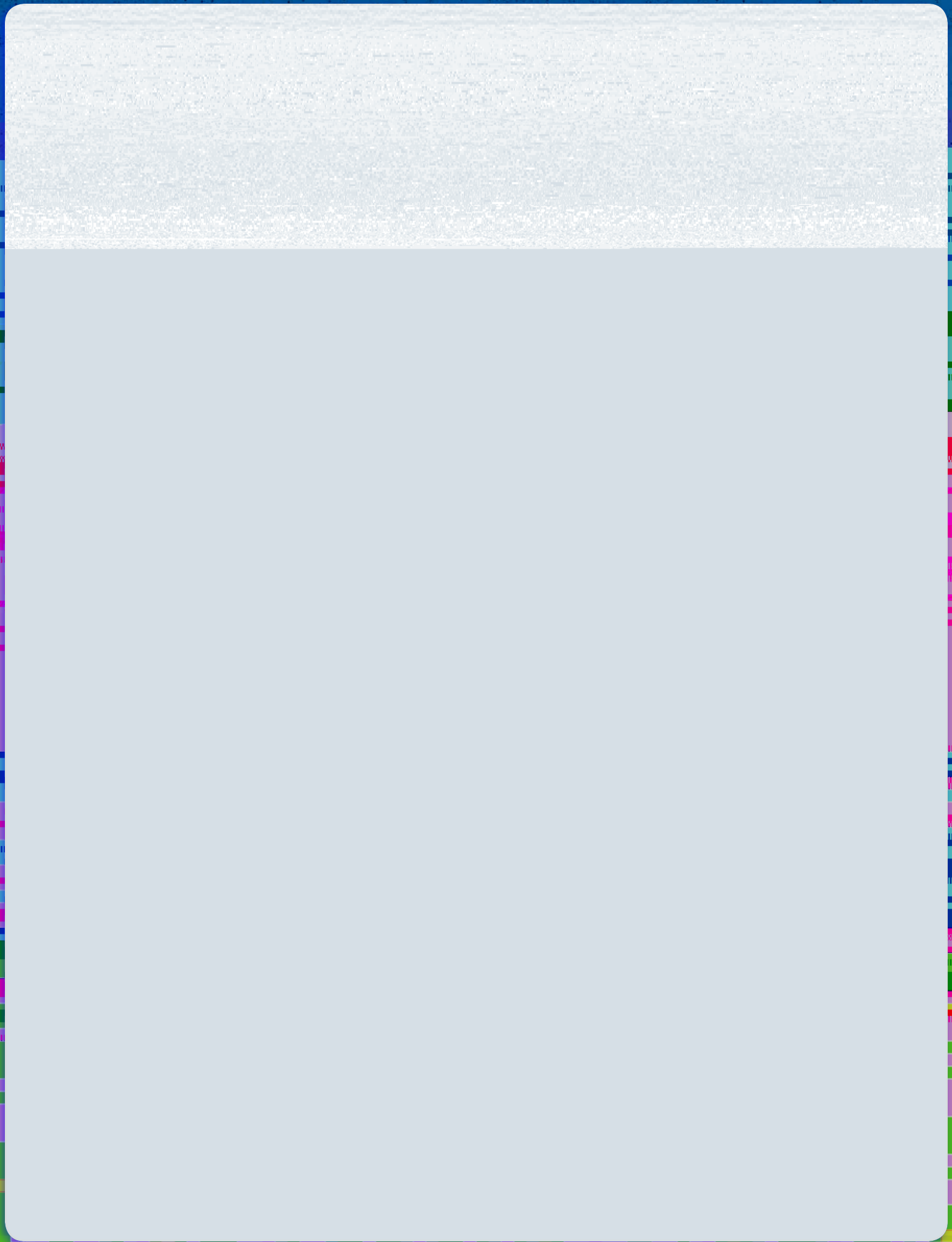
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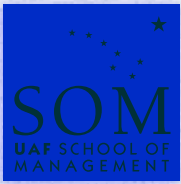






Roast & Boast Showcases Local Businesses

Local coffee roasters and cafés showcased their specialty items at the 2015 Roast and Boast in November. For the fourth year, the School of Management partnered with Northrim Bank to host this community event. Over 150 people ventured out to enjoy the music, food, door prizes, and prizes.



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