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The weather.

Mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers.

High today 61
Low tonight 45

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Aurora forecast.

Auroral activity will be low. Weather permitting, low displays will be visible overhead from Barrow to Fairbanks.

This information is provided by aurora forecasters at the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. For more information about the aurora, visit <http://www.gi.alaska.edu/AuroraForecast>

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"What's not expensive in Fairbanks? Not countin' snow ..."



Raising a kid? Prepare to pay up

Fairbanks, other Alaska cities rank in country's 25 most expensive places to raise children

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ANCHORAGE — Alaska cities are projected to be among the most expensive places in the United States to raise a child born in 2013. That includes Fairbanks, which ranked 10th out of nearly 300 U.S. cities in a recent study.

Middle-income Fairbanks families can expect to pay \$334,562 to raise a

child from birth to age 18, according to NerdWallet, a San Francisco-based financial analysis company that took nationwide figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and adjusted them for the cost of living in 288 indexed cities. The USDA also factors in inflation in the average.

Juneau ranked 16th on the list with a child raised there expected to cost a middle-income fami-

ly \$321,205. Anchorage ranked 22nd with a cost of \$311,524. Other Alaska cities were not included, because the Council for Community and Economic Research's cost of living index, which NerdWallet used to make the adjustment, did not include them.

Raising a child in Manhattan is projected to cost

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PRICEY PARENTING

Costliest U.S. cities to raise a child from birth to age 18

1	New York (Manhattan)	\$540,514
2	Honolulu	\$429,635
3	San Francisco	\$402,112
4	New York (Brooklyn)	\$400,951
5	Hilo, Hawaii	\$369,559
6	San Jose, California	\$363,807
7	Orange County, California	\$353,081
8	Washington, D.C.	\$342,552
9	Oakland, California	\$337,477
10	Fairbanks	\$334,562

Read the study online: www.nerdwallet.com/blog/cities/economics/cost-raising-child

SUNFLOWERS IN THE SHADE



Sunflowers are still vibrant with color as they bloom in the parking lot of Denali Chiropractic Clinic on College Road on Monday morning. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER

Eielson housing company sues over borough tax policy

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After a year of negotiating over property taxes, the company managing some 900 Eielson Air Force Base homes now says it can't be taxed at all.

Corvias Air Force Living, in a federal lawsuit filed in Alaska last week, argues the Fairbanks North Star Borough doesn't have the right to tax it and that, unless Congress says differently, its tax bill should be zero.

"State and local governments have no power to tax property within a federal military reservation or enclave unless Congress has granted the authority by federal statute," the lawsuit says, explaining the base's non-taxable status should extend to the company.

The Rhode Island-based Corvias leased the land from the Air Force for 50 years last fall in a multi-base deal to manage military housing. Corvias' parent company, Corvias Military Living, handles 14 other Air Force and Army housing complexes.

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Exiled Tanana man argues for return

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One of the men banished by the Tanana tribal government this spring is suing in federal court for the right to return.

Following the fatal shooting of two Alaska State Troopers May 1 in the Yukon River community, the tribal government took the unusual, although not unprecedented, move of exiling two alleged troublemakers from the community of about 250 people. The

two men are William "Bill" Walsh and Arvin Kangas.

In a civil lawsuit on his own behalf filed Thursday, Walsh, 61, calls the tribe's rationale for exiling him "libelous statements" and asks the federal district court to stop the tribal government from enforcing his banishment.

He argued the tribe's rationale for banishing him amounts to criminal charges which he has a constitutional right to defend himself against.

Both Walsh and Kangas are part of a small group

called the Athabascan Nation that doesn't recognize the authority of the state government or the elected Native Village of Tanana tribal council.

The civil suit names the Native Village of Tanana, the tribal council members and Curtis Sommer, the tribal council chairman, as respondents. The tribal council hasn't responded to the lawsuit and didn't immediately return a phone call from the Daily News-Miner on Monday.

The Tanana Tribal

Council passed a resolution banishing Walsh and Kangas a few days after Fairbanks-based troopers Sgt. Scott Johnson and Gabe Rich were shot dead in the village.

The troopers were in Tanana that day to arrest Arvin Kangas on a misdemeanor assault charge for allegedly threatening a village public safety officer. Kangas' 20-year-old son Nathaniel "Satch" Kangas is accused of killing the troopers when they came to his

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Officials piecing together Atigun Pass crash details

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Federal investigators are still trying to piece together details from a Sunday afternoon airplane crash near Atigun Pass that badly injured the pilot and three cruise passengers.

The Fairbanks-based Kirst Aviation Navion-A was flying to Bettles when the crash occurred at about 1:45 p.m., said National Transportation Safety Board investigator Clint Johnson. The plane crashed on a hillside about 400 feet from the summit of the Brooks Range pass, coming to rest near both the

trans-Alaska oil pipeline and the Dalton Highway.

The pilot, Forest Kirst, was transported to Anchorage for treatment. The three patients, who were traveling with an unidentified cruise company, were all hospitalized and listed in conditions ranging from serious to critical. Johnson said two passengers had been flown to the Lower 48 for treatment, while the third was transported to Fairbanks.

The events leading up to the crash are still unclear, Johnson said. Witnesses from nearby Pump Station 4 responded to the crash, but NTSB investigators still haven't been able to speak with them. Two Federal Aviation Administration

employees from Fairbanks are headed north to examine the wreckage.

Johnson said the most important evidence will likely come from Kirst, but NTSB officials still haven't been able to schedule an interview.

"His injuries are probably not going to allow us to do that for at least a couple of days," he said.

Johnson said a Visual Flight Rules plan had been filed before the single-engine Navion left Fairbanks, with a route that included stops in Bettles, Deadhorse and Barter Island before returning to Fairbanks.

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A Kirst Aviation aircraft is seen on a rocky slope Sunday after a crash near Atigun Pass. Four people, including the pilot, were hospitalized with significant injuries after the accident.

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