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Recycling center costs over budget

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The pending recycling startup by the Fairbanks North Star Borough is facing a \$150,000 cost overrun, and the assembly is being asked to pay the bill. The borough recycling program has been in the works for years. An informal survey of people who bring their trash to transfer sites suggested there was high demand.

A formal recycling survey was conducted by Information Insights in 2012, and 60 percent of respondents said they would pay to recycle. The borough's goal is to open a comprehensive community recycling center in Fairbanks by July 1 when the Fairbanks Rescue Mission is scheduled to end its recycling program. A special assistant to Borough Mayor Karl Kas-

sel said the pieces slowly are falling into place. The borough has hired a recycling manager, lined up the Rescue Mission to be the recycling contractor, providing labor and officials are negotiating a lease with the University of Alaska Fairbanks for a warehouse in the industrial part of the Aurora Subdivision. In addition, money has been appropriated for recycling equipment. Hundreds of thousands

of taxpayer dollars have gone toward the effort in recent months. The hope is to consolidate the recycling programs in the borough so residents can do all of their recycling at one place. Currently, recycling in Fairbanks is fragmented, with multiple placetracts accepting particular items. The assembly appropriated about a quarter million dollars in January for startup costs, but

the borough has come up short because the cost to retrofit the warehouse for a recycling center is more than what initially was anticipated. To bring the warehouse into compliance with building codes and the Americans with Disabilities act, borough officials said the building needs additional lighting, ventilation and exits and improvements. The municipality is negotiating a three-year

lease on the Marika Road facility with a possibility for a two-year extension, the mayor said. Kassel told the assembly Thursday the borough is only leasing a portion of the building, but he hopes the program eventually expands. "We are hoping that the program grows, and we are going to need a larger facility," he said.

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GOOD MORNING



The weather. Another beautiful spring day: Sunny with highs in the mid-50s and northeast winds to 10 mph. High today54 Low tonight26 WEATHER » A5

Aurora forecast. Auroral activity will be low. Weather permitting, displays will be visible overhead from Utqiagvik 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

SOURDOUGH JACK: "I'm willing to give away my dead batteries. Free of charge."



March for Science



Above and below: Hundreds of people turned out for the March for Science Fairbanks on Saturday morning at Ryan Middle School to show support for science and research on Earth Day. Similar marches were held across the country and around the world. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER PHOTOS

More than 1,000 gather for local edition of rally

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More than 1,000 people gathered Saturday to participate in the March for Science Fairbanks, one of 620 satellite marches held in conjunction with March for Science in Washington, D.C. The goal of the events was to raise awareness for the need for science funding and to demonstrate public support for science. According to the March for Science webpage, "People who value science have remained silent for far too long in the face of policies that ignore scientific evidence and endanger both human life and the future of our world. New policies threaten to further restrict scientists' ability to research and communicate

their findings. We face a possible future where people not only ignore scientific evidence, but seek to eliminate it entirely. Staying silent is a luxury that we can no longer afford. We must stand together and support science." Fairbanks participants met at 10 a.m. at Ryan Middle School for a half hour of speeches before heading out in the brisk morning air. Many carried signs proclaiming their particular interests, such as "Respect science, education, our planet"; "Save the nerds"; "Facts are not alternative"; "Science, not silence"; "Science improves lives"; and "Keep your tiny hands off our scientific data." University of Alaska marine



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Troopers add five people to Most Wanted

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Alaska State Troopers have added five new names to their list of criminals wanted on active arrest warrants. Trooper Barry Cebulski said the list focuses on "those who prey upon our community" and specifically targets people believed to be actively participating in property crimes.

Nickolas Trent Lowery, 31, is wanted on a \$20,000 warrant for scheming to defraud, first-degree theft and falsifying business records.



Lowery

Nicholas Michael Chapman, 23, is wanted on a \$20,000 warrant related to a May 2016 conviction for heroin possession.



Chapman

Shad Warren Wood, 23, is wanted on a \$750 warrant for failing to appear at a court hearing

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