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## Dogged determination

After back and forth with Brown Bears, Ice Dogs win in overtime. **Sports, C1**



# FAA furloughs expected to cause delays

## Alaska Airlines warns travelers to check flight status

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Alaska Airlines on Saturday advised travelers to check the sta-

tus of their flights before leaving for airports because the Federal Aviation Administration plans to begin furloughing air traffic controllers today as part of the automatic federal budget cuts known as sequestration.

Alaska Airlines says the FAA is anticipating "extensive ground delays" of 50 minutes to two hours at some airports. A news release from the airline stated that the

FAA is predicting the furloughs could cause a reduction in flight arrivals of 30 to 40 percent at some airports.

"Alaska Airlines does not intend to pre-cancel any flights," a notice from the company states. "The carrier is recommending that customers arrive at the airport two hours before departure for domestic flights and three hours before departure for international

flights."

Alaska Airlines specifically is recommending that people allow the additional check-in time when traveling to or from Chicago, Fort Lauderdale, Los Angeles, Newark, San Diego and San Francisco.

The airline notice offers that people can "share your concerns with the FAA and Congress" at a special website: [dontgroundamerica.com](http://dontgroundamerica.com).

Alaska Airlines is the main carrier operating out of Fairbanks International Airport, which also is served by major carriers Delta Airlines and Frontier Airlines, which is scheduled to resume its seasonal service May 17.

On Friday, the group Airlines for America, the trade organization of major airlines, filed suit in

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## Blaze at apartment displaces 10 people

2 sent to hospital with minor injuries

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A fire in an apartment building in South Fairbanks late Friday night displaced 10 occupants and sent two people to the hospital with minor injuries.

The fire was reported at 10:45 p.m. in a basement apartment of a 12-plex at 302 16th Ave.

Firefighters arrived about three minutes later to find flames coming from the basement window and heavy smoke coming out the upstairs doors.

"Firefighters found extreme heat and dense smoke conditions in the basement," a news release from the Fairbanks Fire Department stated.

Fire was found in one apartment and the common area of the basement and was quickly extinguished.

All occupants of the apartment building escaped the fire.

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## THE OUTDOORS INDOORS



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A set of caribou antlers is strapped to the front of a raft on display at the Pristine Ventures Wilderness Adventure Company booth at the Fairbanks Outdoors Show on Saturday morning at the Carlson Center. The annual event, which features more than 100 vendors, daily seminars and the Interior Alaska Gun Show, continues from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.



## Grow time

Connie's Boutique expands. **Page D1**



Sourdough Jack sez:

"I expand every year. It's called Thanksgiving."

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## Group to launch Catholic radio station this summer

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A long-held dream of a small band of lay Catholics is nearing fruition.

Little Flower Ministries expects to launch KQHE 92.7FM, a Catholic radio station with continuous Catholic programming via a full-power FM signal in August.

Aug. 22 was chosen for the inaugural broadcast since it is the feast day of Our Lady Queen of Heaven which matches the station's call letters, KQHE, said Jason Sagers, a member of the seven-member LFM board.

There is still much to do before the station signs on, and the station founders, who quietly and patiently developed the radio station, throughout almost eight years, wish

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From left, Steve Mullins, Jason Sagers and Christine Kluka pose with their banner in front of the radio tower that will broadcast the signal of the new Fairbanks Catholic Radio station KQHE 92.7FM.

## Army to host meeting on possible change to personnel levels

By ROD BOYCE  
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Army officials will hold a public meeting Monday in Fairbanks to hear what community members have to say about possible force changes that could drastically reduce or significantly enlarge the number of personnel on Fort Wainwright.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Last Frontier Community Center on Fort Wainwright.

"The listening sessions are designed to enable community leaders to provide their concerns and unique perspectives on topics regarding the communities they represent," a Wednesday news release from the Army states. "The Army will use community input to help mitigate, as much as possible, the impact on local communities."

### IF YOU GO

**What:** Army public meeting about force size  
**Where:** Last Frontier Community Center, Fort Wainwright  
**When:** 7 p.m.

Fort Wainwright is not the only installation that could see changes.

The federal Budget Control Act of 2011 and national defense strategy are causing the Army to reduce its size by 80,000 soldiers by fiscal 2017 from the 2010 level of 570,000. Wednesday's notice about the Fairbanks meeting said that no decisions have been made but that, given the size of the coming reductions, "many Army installations will be impacted."

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