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## GOOD MORNING



### The weather.

Today is expected to be mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers.  
High today ..... 59  
Low tonight ..... 41

Sunrise: 3:07 a.m.  
Sunset: 12:35 a.m.

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### FOOD TRUCK WEATHER

Try a fried green tomato BLT, something paleo, something gluten-free and more at Alaskana Kitchen.

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### ECONOMIC GROWTH

Head of U.S. agency for economic development praises Fairbanks projects.

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### SOURDOUGH JACK:

"That's really somethin' since half the people I know can't even speak English right, includin' me."



# UAF settles in musk oxen death

## School to pay \$127K fine

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The University of Alaska Fairbanks has agreed to a \$127,100 settlement over the 2010 die-off of 12 musk oxen at the school's Large Animal Research Station.

Twelve musk oxen, a third of the herd, died or were euthanized between August 2010 and February 2011 at

the Yankovich Road research station.

Based on the results of a 2011 investigation, in March of this year the U.S. Department of Agriculture formally accused the university of failing to provide the animals with needed nutrients, in violation of the federal Animal Welfare Act. The dead musk oxen were "emaciated," according to the USDA's investigation, and several had deficits of necessary minerals such as copper and cobalt.

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Ingrid, a 20-year old musk ox cow, shows her curiosity at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Large Animal Research Station off Yankovich Road on Tuesday morning. The University of Alaska Fairbanks has agreed to a \$127,100 settlement for the 2010 die-off of 12 musk oxen at the school's Large Animal Research Station.

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# Holy Communion Service to be spoken in Gwich'in



Deacon Percy Henry of Dawson City, Yukon, Canada, left, and Ruth Ridley, of Eagle, look over the program which includes photos from previous communions held in 2000 and 2003 during rehearsal for the upcoming Holy Communion Service in Tukudh on Tuesday afternoon at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. The service in the traditional liturgical language of the Gwich'in people of Alaska and Canada, will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER

## Visitors expected from eight villages, Canada

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A Holy Communion Service spoken entirely in the Gwich'in dialect of Tukudh will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 1029 First Avenue.

Reverends from Alaska and Canada, as well as a deacon, will join to officiate the service. Programs will be available, so people can follow along in English.

Allan Hayton, 45, is a Vestry mem-



ber at St. Matthew's, and helped organize the event. Originally from Arctic Village, Hayton expects about 40 people to participate in Thursday's ceremony. They come from eight Alaska

Copies of The Lord's Prayer in Gwich'in are handed out during rehearsal for the upcoming Holy Communion Service in Tukudh on Tuesday afternoon at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER

and four Canadian towns and villages. "It's a long, proud legacy that our ancestors and forebears have left for us, and I love our language, and to hear a service in our language is amazing," Hayton said.

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Coming Sunday » Read more the communion service in the Sundays section.

# Tanker crashes, spills on Dalton Highway

## Truck loses 2.5K gallons of oil

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A tanker truck spilled about 2,500 gallons of diesel fuel Saturday afternoon on the Dalton Highway north of the Brooks Range, according to a situation report on the clean-up effort distributed Tuesday by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

A NANA Oilfield Services Inc. truck driving north from Fairbanks left the road and rolled over about 3:20 p.m. Saturday some 110 miles south of Deadhorse. The driver was treated and released from Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. About 2,561 gallons of the 9,710 gallons the truck was carrying spilled.

The Department of Environmental Conservation described the spill location as an area of 300 yards across of "gently sloping wet tundra to a small stream about 500 yards downstream."

No fish were observed in the contaminated stream, and there have been no reports of animals affected by the spill, according to the report.

NANA hired Alaska Chadux Corp. and Emerald Alaska Inc. to clean up the spill. Crew are working around the clock on the cleaning up the spilled diesel and cordoning off the area to keep animals out.

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# Alaska GOP Senate hopeful asks Begich to help end attack ads

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In nearly the same breath Tuesday, Republican U.S. Senate hopeful Dan Sullivan put forward a pledge to fight millions in Outside political spending in Alaska while supporting the Supreme Court case that made that spending possible. Sullivan held a confer-



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Sullivan

ence call to propose what he called the "Alaska Agreement" between him and Democratic Sen. Mark Begich that he said

he hopes would discourage attack ads funded by wealthy Outside groups.

The plan, modeled after the People's Pledge of the 2012 Massachusetts senate race, would require both candidates to voluntarily penalize themselves for every ad launched by an Outside group. For every Outside-funded ad, the candidates would donate 50 percent of the cost to charity

of their opponent's choice.

It's a clever way to circumvent federal election law that bars candidates and political action committees from coordinating their efforts. According to the Washington Post's reporting on the announcement, groups backed off the Massachusetts race between Democrat Elizabeth Warren and Republican Scott Brown. "I think one of the reasons

that we have confidence in it is because its actually worked before," Sullivan said during the call. "All it takes for this to work in Alaska is to have Mark Begich's signature on it."

But that's probably not going to happen. Shortly after the announcement, Begich's campaign hit Sullivan hard for supporting

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