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**Inside Today** Monroe Catholic High School graduation was Saturday. Graduates listed inside. » A6

## Police ask for public's help in shooting

### Victim's wife recounts events that led to husband's death

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City and police officials held a press conference Tuesday at City Hall to ask for the public's help in identifying the person responsible for shooting and killing a North Pole man while he was out on a date with his wife at a local bar early Sunday morning.

John Kavairlook Jr, 23, of North Pole, was shot in the parking area of the Rock 'N' Rodeo bar and Walgreens at about 2:30 a.m. after he and an unidentified man got into a fight inside the bar. The fight

moved outdoors and Kavairlook's assailant was joined by three other men. One of these men fired multiple shots at Kavairlook, who died at the scene.

Fairbanks Mayor John Eberhart called the shooting a tragedy and asked the public to help.

"Any information out there might prove very useful. Even the smallest little tidbit in the chain of evidence. I want to see this crime solved," Eberhart said.

Eberhart said he has directed police to dedicate all of their resources to solving the crime.

"Unfortunately, our Golden

Heart City lost a little luster this weekend," Mayor John Eberhart said. "This sort of thing is not going to be tolerated. When it does happen, the perpetrators need to be brought to justice. Plain and simple," Eberhart said.

Fairbanks Police Chief Randall Aragon asked people to "please open your hearts and minds to provide information — any bit of information — on this case. We're urging those to come forward that are actually involved in this horrendous, heinous incident."

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Fairbanks Mayor John Eberhart speaks Tuesday during a press conference on this weekend's fatal shooting that happened outside the Rock 'N' Rodeo bar. Fairbanks Police Chief Randall Aragon listens at left. DOROTHY CHOMICZ/NEWS-MINER

### GOOD MORNING



**The weather.**

Mostly sunny skies.  
High today ..... 76  
Low tonight ..... 45

Sunrise: 4:11 a.m.  
Sunset: 11:26 p.m.

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### GETTING YOUR FIX

Copycat recipes as good as Chipotle's.

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### EARLY START

Lathrop freshman participates in USA under-16 women's basketball national trials.

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SOURDOUGH JACK: "I don't know what no Chipotle is, but that food sure does look good!"



## GRADUATION DAY IN NORTH POLE



Matthew Bell and Mavis Berrellez make a grand entrance during North Pole High School commencement ceremony on Tuesday evening at the Carlson Center. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER

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## Flawed Takata air bags in 34 million vehicles lead to biggest recall in history

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WASHINGTON — Nearly 34 million cars and trucks nationwide were declared defective Tuesday because of deadly air bags made by auto-parts giant Takata in what is expected to be the biggest recall of any consumer product in U.S. history.

The expanded recall doubled the number of vehicles believed to have the air bags, which can blast out sharp metal shrapnel when deployed, a flaw that has been linked to six deaths and more than 100 injuries.

The nationwide recall effort is expected to be a logistical nightmare for the auto industry, costing billions of dollars and potentially overwhelming automakers, parts suppliers and dealerships already struggling to find enough safe replacement parts.

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It could be days before vehicle owners hear from automakers about whether their models are covered by the recall, officials said, and analysts expect that it could take years for all the defective cars to get the needed repairs.

In the meantime, millions who drive some of the most popular models from BMW, Ford, Honda, Toyota and other carmakers could remain behind the wheel with a defect that lawmakers have deemed a "public safety threat."

"How long is this going to take [to resolve]? Nobody knows that yet," National Highway Traffic Safety Administration head Mark Rosekind said Tuesday.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx added that it was

"probably the most complex consumer safety recall in U.S. history."

The Takata recall outpaced that of General Motors, which last year recalled 30 million vehicles for faulty ignition switches and other problems. It also surpassed the biggest previous consumer recall, in 1982, of 31 million bottles of Tylenol amid a poison scare.

Federal officials said years of humid weather, along with other factors, could cause the propellant in driver- and passenger-side air-bag inflators to burn hotter than it should, leading to shard-blasting ruptures that Takata blamed on "over-aggressive combustion."

But an investigation by Takata, automakers and independent researchers has yet to point to a definitive cause behind the ruptures, leading safety advocates to worry that replacement parts could have the same fatal flaw.

## Borough to weigh spending more on air plan

By Amanda Bohman  
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The assembly is putting the finishing touches on an enhanced air quality program, while a ballot measure is in the works to dial it back.

An ordinance before the assembly on Thursday would pay for training, a vehicle and office space to expand the Fairbanks North Star Borough's air quality division.

It's the last step before a new program approved by the Borough Assembly earlier this year goes into full force this winter.

One of the big changes is that the borough will respond to complaints when people call about excessive smoke in their neighborhood.

"It's not just going out there and fining people," Assemblyman Christopher Quist said.

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## Doyon asks FCC to reject complaints against Dish partnership

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Doyon, Limited is asking federal regulators to reject complaints that it improperly used a partnership with Dish Network to win a \$7.8 billion wireless spectrum auction earlier this year.

A company owned by the Fairbanks-based Alaska Native corporation filed a 132-page brief on Monday with the Federal Communications Commission, arguing that Doyon and Dish "complied with all FCC rules, procedures and past precedents" when they formed Northstar Wireless to pursue the spectrum.

In a news release on Monday, Doyon General Counsel Allen Todd stated that complaints against the partnership should be dismissed.

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