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Applications for Eielson housing roll in

'The F-35s are coming, and so are the people,' Air Force colonel says Tuesday at housing summit

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More than 200 residential subdivision applications have been submitted to the Fairbanks North Star Borough in anticipation of two squadrons of F-35 fighter jets arriving at Eielson Air Force Base in 2020. The arrival of the squadrons is expected to bring about 3,500 people — including 1,244 additional Air Force personnel — to the Interior by 2021.

Shelly Wade, a project manager at Agnew Beck Consulting, made the announcement on behalf of the borough Tuesday during an Eielson Air Force Base Expansion Housing Summit at the Pipeline Training Center. Wade is a co-project manager working on the Eielson Air Force Base Growth Management Plan.

Daniel Welch, a borough platting officer, said the borough has received 21 applications to create about 229 lots — give or take 25 lots — because a couple of applications have not finalized details.

Wade said some of the larger subdivision applications include the "Ford Subdivision," which is for 64 lots within North Pole city limits. Another called "Ashley Acres" is for 30 lots off Badger Road.

Now that the subdivision applications have been submitted, Welch said two things must happen before the applications can be approved and contractors can break ground. The preliminary process is to make sure the application would comply with the borough's code. The second would be for surveyors to split the lots.

Welch said it could take between five months and two years for contractors to break ground on these subdivisions depending on a number of factors.

Air Force Col. Richard Cole also spoke at the summit.

"The F-35s are coming, and so are the people," he said.

Growth Management Plan

The borough has contracted five independent consultants to finish the Eielson Air Force Base Growth Management Plan by March 2018.

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GOOD MORNING

The weather.

Partly sunny. Isolated rain showers in the afternoon. Highs in the mid- to upper 70s. Isolated rain showers in the evening.

High today.....76
Low tonight.....54
Sunrise: 3:11 a.m.
Sunset: 12:28 a.m.

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ROUGH START

Goldpanners begin season with loss to Seattle Studs.

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READY TO RE-ENLIST?

Uncle Sam needs troops, and he's offering big bonuses.

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SOURDOUGH JACK:

"If I'd known I was going to be so close to the mountains, I would have wore my coat."

LONE DRONE

Ptarmigan hovers over the Elvey Building's new satellite dish during an Unmanned Aircraft System flight demonstration Tuesday morning by the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The event was part of a nationwide media day highlighting a new NASA technology, UAS Traffic Management, developed in close collaboration with the Federal Aviation Administration. ERIC ENGMAN/ NEWS-MINER

Armed man stops 'violent assault'

Fairbanks police laud bystander who intervened Saturday night

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A violent assault in the Wal-Mart parking lot late Saturday night ended after a bystander pointed a gun at the alleged assailant and ordered him to stop, Fairbanks police said.

The alleged victim told police he and his girlfriend were driving on the Steese Highway just after 11 p.m. when a white truck occupied by Cedric Davon Davis sped past them and several of the truck's occupants made rude gestures at them. The couple followed the truck to the Wal-Mart parking lot, and Davis got out and approached the man in the passenger seat, according to a criminal complaint filed in Fairbanks court.

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Brice

Otis

Witness: No sound of engine failure in Salcha River plane crash that killed 2

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The federal agency investigating the airplane crash that killed Sam Richard Brice and and Howard A. "Buzz" Otis released its preliminary report Tuesday.

A witness reported the plane's engine was running as the aircraft suddenly dropped into an area of

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Rescuers lift fallen climber off Mt. Denali

Man flown to Fairbanks hospital

By Dan Joling
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Above Kahiltna Glacier near Denali are the peaks in the Alaska Range, as seen April 24, 2016, from a Chinook helicopter. Rangers rescued two climbers Monday from the glacier in Denali National Park. AP FILE PHOTO/MARK THIESSEN

ANCHORAGE — Denali National Park mountaineering ranger Frank Preston was gearing up to rescue a mountain climber sick on North America's tallest mountain when a second call for help arrived.

A man descending Denali on Monday had slipped into a crevasse on Kahlitna Glacier. The man was conscious but badly hurt. Fellow climbers lowered a rope, but the force of his fall pushed him through constricted spaces just inches wide.

"The walls of the crevasse were pretty smooth ice, so not a lot of friction," Preston said. "When he fell, in there, he had enough speed and force that he was able to slide down through skinnier places than we could squeeze people down there."

It was a rescue scenario Preston had not

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