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Fred Meyer stores to stop selling guns, ammunition

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PORTLAND, ORE. — Superstore company Fred Meyer will stop selling guns and ammunition.

The Portland, Oregon-based chain in a statement Friday said it made the decision after evaluating customer preferences. The company sells guns at nearly 45

of its 132 stores in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, including two in Fairbanks.

“Fred Meyer has made a business decision to exit the firearms category,” the company said. “We are currently working on plans to responsibly phase out sales of firearms and ammunition.”

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A Fred Meyer store is shown March 1 in Portland, Oregon. The company said Friday it will stop selling guns and ammunition. It has more than 130 stores in Alaska — including two in Fairbanks — Oregon, Washington and Idaho. AP PHOTO/DON RYAN



The Masonic Temple, built in 1906 and one of Fairbanks’ oldest buildings, was irreparably damaged Saturday afternoon when the roof collapsed. No one was injured, but people had been inside only minutes earlier. On Thursday, the roof of F & H Fitness Studio in south Fairbanks also collapsed. Nobody was injured. ROBIN WOOD/NEWS-MINER PHOTOS

Historic Masonic Temple total loss after roof caves in

President Harding stood on its steps when he visited Fairbanks in 1923

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After standing for 112 years — surviving fire, floods, earthquakes and snowloads — Fairbanks’ historic Masonic Temple on First Avenue was undone by the winter of 2018.

Half of the roof collapsed to the second-story floor Saturday afternoon. By 10 p.m., the building was demolished. Demolition crews managed to save the “1906” and “Masonic Tem-



ple” signs. City of Fairbanks Communications Director Teal Soden said the city’s chief engineer and building inspector jointly decided the temple was a danger to the public. First and Second avenues between Wickersham and Cowles streets were closed all day.

Asbestos was not thought to be a concern, but staff was ready with water in case dust became a problem, Soden said.

No one was injured in the collapse, but employees from an adjacent restaurant had been inside the building about 30 minutes before the inci-

The remnants of Fairbanks’ historic Masonic Temple remained Saturday night. The temple’s roof caved in Saturday afternoon, prompting the city to tear it down. Crews saved the “1906” and “Masonic Temple” signs from the facade.

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GOOD MORNING



The weather.

Snow in the morning. Areas of freezing fog. Snow accumulation about 1 inch. Tonight: Snow, freezing rain.

High today35

Low tonight26

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Aurora forecast.

Auroral activity will be active. Weather permitting, active auroral displays will be visible overhead from Utqiagvik to Anchorage and Juneau.

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: “That was cutting it close.”



Goal of nonprofit group to unite voices of Inupiat

By Ravenna Koenig
ALASKA’S ENERGY DESK

In a place such as the Alaska Arctic, local issues often unfold on a national, or even international scale. Oil companies, the state, the federal government, environmental groups — they all have something

that they want to see happen there.

So, how do the wants of local people get heard? And who speaks for them?

A new organization said the Inupiat of the North Slope will be stronger if they speak as one.

The group is called Voice of the Arctic Inupiat, or

VOICE. The nonprofit group gets its funding from the North Slope Borough and the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, as well as donations from its other member entities and public contributions through its website.

Its goal is to bring together the leaders of the

region to weigh in on policies that affect their communities.

“Whether it’s development, whether it’s subsistence rights, we want to be heard in our fashion, in our manner,” said John Hopson Jr., mayor of the village

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