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The summer session participants and staff pose for a photo at the Fairbanks Community Food Bank before volunteering their time to package and distribute food.

Students build better futures with immersive career training through UAF’s Upward Bound and Teaching Through Technology programs

By Yuri Bult-Ito

You think you know what you want to do after high school. But you may not know how to acquire the education you need to get there.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks’ Upward Bound and Teaching Through Technology Alaska programs have teamed up once again to help high school students from across Alaska prepare for life after graduation. Through a summer session called “Your Future Role in Alaska,” students learned to build a personalized plan to match their career interest to their values.

Over the course of two weeks in June, participating students engaged with faculty and staff in a variety of programs and career paths offered at UAF’s Troth Yeddha’ campus and the UAF Community and Technical College, learned about their personal strengths, navigated the university admissions process and learned from the UB alumni and current UAF students about their experiences.

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(Above) Vivien Ongtawasruk-Pootoogooluk from Shishmaref dons welding gear under the supervision of Rodney Wolcott at the Fairbanks Plumbers & Pipefitters Training Center. PHOTO BY GEORGE REISING/ACEP



(Left) Gauge Christiansen from Haines practices CPR on a dummy at the CTC workshop. PHOTO BY JULIE ENGELHARDT/UPWARD BOUND

Borough updates its 2025 legislative priorities

Alaska Long Trail, a fix to education funding make this year’s list

By Jack Barnwell

The Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly launched its annual legislative priorities list last week in advance of an upcoming meeting with Interior Alaska lawmakers.

During a Thursday work session, the Assembly outlined several priorities they want lawmakers to

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Got an idea for parks, trails or facilities? FNSB wants your CIP nominations

By Jack Barnwell

The nomination process for the Fairbanks North Star Borough Capital Improvement Program is open through Aug. 31. The process is part of the CIP’s two-year update, during which the borough will consider adding new projects or re-nominated projects for improvements.

The CIP nomination process applies to all borough-owned facilities, including parks, trails, the borough libraries public transit, and borough and school district buildings.

“This could be a new indoor track facility, parks in a neighborhood community, pickleball courts or

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Push to create new Alaska Department of Agriculture could cause showdown over executive power

By James Brooks
ALASKA BEACON

Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy’s move to establish a state Department of Agriculture during the ongoing legislative special session appears to be turning into a fight over executive power, and it could be ultimately decided by the courts.

Last week, as the special session opened in Juneau, Dunleavy

signed an executive order intended to establish the Alaska Department of Agriculture by moving parts of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources into a separate agency.

Alaska is one of only two states without a cabinet-level agriculture department, and Dunleavy has said he wants to create one in order to help the growth of farming in the state. Creating a cabinet-level

agriculture department was the top priority of a state “food security” task force in 2022 intended to encourage farming here.

The governor’s order would take effect Jan. 1 and is almost identical to one Dunleavy issued this spring.

Under the Alaska Constitution, lawmakers can stop an executive order if they vote to dismiss it within 60 days. Legislators did just that with the spring order, voting




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Senate President Gary Stevens, R-Kodiak, and Speaker of the House Bryce Edgmon, I-Dillingham, await an address from U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, on March 18.

32-28 in March to deny the governor’s original order. At the time, and since then, legislators have said that they prefer to enact a state department


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GOOD MORNING



The weather
Mostly sunny and pleasant
High today 71
Low tonight 48
Sunrise: 5:28 a.m.
Sunset: 10:21 p.m.
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SOURDOUGH JACK:
“Whoops - I swapped my list of priorities for the legislature with the grocery list. I wonder what isle Fed’s has the Northern Rail Extension stashed.”