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Farewell Summer, Hello Winter!

As we move closer to farewell for Fairbanks International Airport's (FAI) summer season, we look forward to more continued growth and return of passengers to FAI. FAI's arrivals and departures for May and June were down just 14% from 2019. Despite the lingering effects of the coronavirus, Fairbanks tourism is healthy and strong in 2022. The Alaska Railroad through June is breaking ridership records with their Denali Star service, up 25% over 2019. Visitor Services staff at the Morris Thompson Center and Explore Fairbanks report that free Independent Travel is frequently last-minute booking, arriving in Fairbanks having done little to no advance planning. Cruise travel is strong, and not yet at pre-pandemic levels. International travel is growing, and not yet at average historic levels. Proving that it doesn't matter how you arrive in the golden heart city, there's always a warm welcome, and plenty to see and do, bring on the Northern Lights and our winter visitors!

Proud of our Leadership Fairbanks Graduates!



FAI team members: Amanda Stonecipher, Safety Officer and Christel Burgess, Chief of Leasing both graduated from Leadership Fairbanks!

Leadership Fairbanks is a program facilitated by the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce designed to help emerging and established leaders expand their existing leadership skills through exposure to challenging ideas, insights from community leaders, lively discussion, and personal reflection. Participants in Leadership Fairbanks are inspired, challenged, and develop lifelong relationships with leaders in our community while learning the skills necessary to become a valued leader at both FAI and in our community.



Congratulations Amanda and Christel

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SENTRY Drone First Large Civilian Drone Operating from International Airport in Alaska!

An unmanned aircraft owned and operated by the University of Alaska Fairbanks flew from the general aviation area of Fairbanks International Airport on Sunday, a historic feat in the effort to safely incorporate such aircraft into controlled airspace.

The flight was the first civilian large drone operation from an international airport in Alaska.

Taking off from the airport's general aviation runway, the Sentry aircraft flew in a designated flight pattern used for departures, arrivals, and runway approach practice. It was controlled remotely by the UAF Geophysical Institute's Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration personnel inside the ground control station near the far end of the airport's East Ramp.



FAI's first Annual Clean-up Day!

It was a beautiful May day and the roadside and fields trash was shining for a wonderful cast of volunteers to pick up and dispose of, thank you to SO many who gathered garbage as well as prepared a wonderful barbeque to thank all involved. Loving all the smiles!





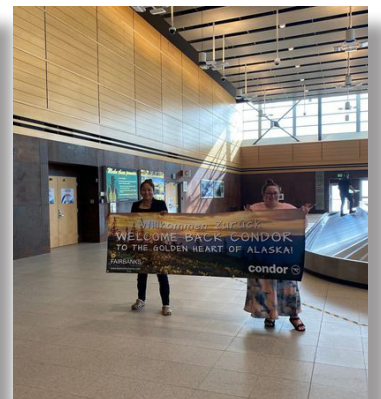
North Pole Coffee Brings Local Flavor to FAI!

Homegrown North Pole coffee is now part of the Fairbanks International Airport concessionaries! Opening in early May, North Pole coffee has been serving locals and visitors alike. Stop by and grab a cup of Joe on your next FAI visit, it will be sure to keep you flying!



Welcome back Condor!

After two years we were so happy to see the return of our FAI to FRA direct to Germany flight on Condor. As we do often, we celebrate our partners and thank them for being part of the FAI family! Special thanks to Explore Fairbanks for always being part of the celebration!





Fairbanks International Airport's Triennial Mass Casualty Exercise

The Fairbanks International Airport's triennial mass casualty exercise was conducted Tuesday, June 28th starting at 7:00pm in the northeast area of the airport, just past the ski strip near UAF Fed-Ex aircraft. There was a minimum of 60 "injured" people with realistic make-up depicted injuries and as many responders with numerous types of equipment and vehicles participating. We relied heavily on volunteers and once again Fairbanks stepped up and we reached our goal of over 70 "injured" for a successful Triennial Mass Casualty Exercise.



Twigs Alaskan gifts wins News-Miner Reader's Choice Award!

Congratulations to Fairbanks International's very own Twigs Alaskan Gifts!

Whether you're arriving or departing from FAI make a stop at Twigs for truly unique Alaskan gifts. Twigs is proud to be a Fairbanks born, raised, and owned business. We couldn't be more proud to share this local Fairbanks Daily News-Miner recognition and appreciation, voted on by our wonderful community!

