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## GOOD MORNING



### The weather.

Patchy fog in the morning, partly sunny with showers in the afternoon.

High today ..... 61  
Low tonight ..... 45

Sunrise: 5:27 a.m.  
Sunset: 10:22 p.m.

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SOURDOUGH JACK:

"I can't jump rope, cuz that'd make me a Jumpin' Jack. Sittin's more my speed."



# Local schools feel teacher shortage

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A teacher shortage affecting much of the country appears to have found root in Alaska as well.

During the recession in 2008 and 2009, many states cut teaching positions. Now, as many of those same states rebound they're looking to

refill those positions, but they're discovering there may not be enough teachers looking for work to fill them.

While school districts in Alaska aren't adding teaching positions at nearly the rate of their counterparts in the Lower 48, they don't appear to have been spared the effects of a national teacher shortage. In Fairbanks, at least, schools are

looking to fill dozens of positions.

With school in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District starting Aug. 19, school officials say they have an unusually high number of positions left to fill.

Last week, with 14 days before the start of school, the district was still looking to fill 21 certified teach-

ing positions. By Tuesday, the district had winnowed their needs down to seven teaching positions, but their search in other areas remained critical.

The district is still seeking to fill 52 positions for support staff, according to school district spokeswoman Sharice Walker. Unfilled support staff positions range from school

nurses to central kitchen workers, though one of the greatest areas of need is classroom aides.

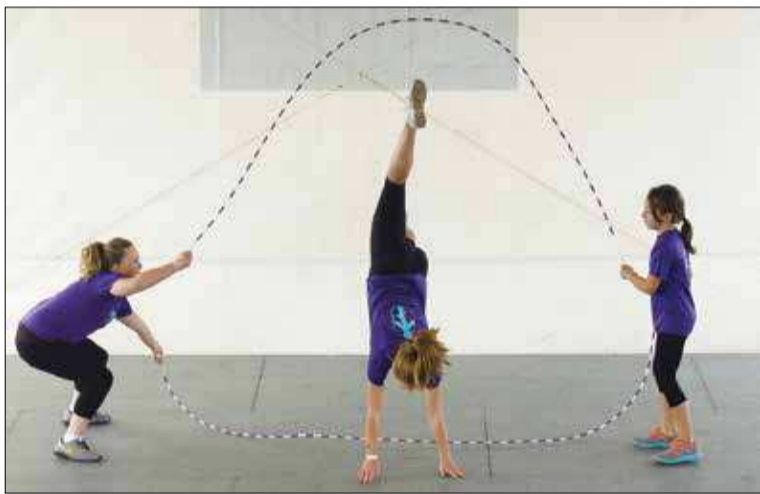
Walker said the number of openings is unusual for this time of year, according to her discussions with administrators who have been involved with hiring in past years.

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## FAR NORTH JUMPERS



The Far North Jumpers Jump Rope Team puts on a show in the Usibelli Pavilion Tuesday afternoon at the Tanana Valley State Fair. Front row, from left: Alexis Clemente, Natalie Clemente, Sophia Berg, Yisrael Griswold. Back row, from left: Kelty Lougee, Olivia Berg, Makelah Simmons, Caitlyn Yancey and Dallas Paul. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER



Olivia Berg, center, does a hand stand as she, Kelty Lougee, left, and Makelah Simmons, right, perform their double-Dutch routine. The Far North Jumpers are a competition and performance-focused team for children ages 4 years old through adult and of all ability levels. The group currently has 35 jumpers and competes regionally and nationally. Registration for the upcoming season is in September. For more information, visit [www.farnorthjumpers.com](http://www.farnorthjumpers.com). ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER

# ATM taken in thefts at Farmers Market

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Cash, office equipment and an ATM were stolen during an early morning burglary at the Tanana Valley Farmers Market on Monday.

A post on the market's Facebook page said the building and the office were broken into between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. Vendor booths also were disturbed, but it is unknown at this time what, if anything, was taken from them.

The thieves also stole part of a security system and the market's "entire Quest card system," according to the post.

The Quest Card is used to issue food stamp benefits in Alaska.

The market is the oldest running farmers market in Alaska and is open on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays during the summer season.

Market management plans to open as usual this morning "a little sadder, a little wiser, and hopeful that whoever did this will be caught," according to the Facebook post.

Troopers confirmed the market break-in and said they are also investigating the theft of an ATM from a Two Rivers laundromat on July 27.

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# Mayor loses campaign finance appeal

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A Fairbanks judge upheld a campaign finance violation fine Monday in a case that originates from the 2013 Fairbanks City mayoral election.

In the largest of three fines levied after a contentious mayoral election, Alaska's campaign finance regulatory agency fined City Mayor John Eberhart \$2,884 in February 2014 for Eberhart's use of corporate campaign contributions

in the 2013 local elections. Specifically the fine was for Eberhart's use of an office phone and copy machine and his acceptance, and later return, of a \$500 check from a local catering company.

Alaska law allows people to contribute to political campaigns, but bars corporations from donating money, goods or services. Before this case,

APOC fined Eberhart's mayoral opponent Vivian Stiver for a similar violation, accepting campaign money collected by on-the-clock employees at a corporately-owned Fairbanks motel.

On appeal, Eberhart sought to reverse the Alaska Public Office's Commission ruling and fine.

In his 20-page decision, Superior Court Judge Michael McConahy upheld APOC's ruling in each of the 16 points that Eberhart



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# First of Fort Wainwright's new Apaches to arrive Thursday

Staff Report  
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The largest plane in the Air Force inventory will land in Fairbanks on Thursday to deliver the first two of 24 helicopters that will be stationed at Fort Wainwright starting this year.

Alaska's congressional delegation confirmed in May that a new battalion of Apache helicopters will be stationed at Fort Wainwright, replacing a unit that flew the out-dated Kiowa Warrior helicopters.

The first two Apaches will arrive at Fort Wainwright's Ladd Airfield inside a U.S. Air Force C-5 Galaxy cargo

plane, according to an Army news release.

The remaining helicopters will arrive by April 2016. Together they will constitute a soon-to-be-activated unit, the 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Infantry Division.

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An AH-64 Apache helicopter is seen. PHOTO COURTESY U.S. ARMY

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