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The weather.

Today will be mostly cloudy with a chance of snow.

High today.....0 Low tonight-19

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Aurora forecast.

Auroral activity will be quiet. This information is provided by aurora forecasters at the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.



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Restaurant brings German cuisine to Fairbanks.

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SOURDOUGH JACK:

"Way to go Hutch. That's makin' us proud."



A ROUGH RIDE AHEAD

Iron Doggers face dismal trail conditions

By Tim Mowry TMOWRY@NEWSMINER.COM

When the Fairbanks team of Kyle Malamute and Tim Jauhola leave the starting line of the Iron Dog snowmachine race today, they will have all the survival gear that Iron Doggers are required to carry in the world's longest, toughest snowmachine — cold-weather sleeping bag, bivy sack, first-aid

extra food, and map and compass. They also will be carrying something else that could be crucial to surviving what could be one of the roughest Iron Dog trails in race history — a bottle of Dawn dish-

kit, fire starter, flashlight, stove,

washing soap. The two racers plan to use the dishwashing soap as lubricant for the slide rails in the suspension systems of their 600cc Ski-Doos. The slide rails are held in slides on the rails, which are made from a low friction material called Hifax, a form of Teflon.

The slide rails usually are lubricated by snow that is thrown up into the suspension, but snow could be in short supply on this year's Iron Dog trail, which is where the Dawn will come in handy, Malamute said.

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Above: Tim Jauhola, left, and Kyle Malamute adjust the suspension of Malamute's Ski-Doo 600 E-TEC Wednesday as they prepare for the 2014 Iron Dog in Jauhola's shop. Below: Malamute and Jauhola look over tools and spare parts they plan to carry. SAM HARREL/NEWS-MINER



Huntington and Palin an intriguing team

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After sitting out last year's Iron Dog snowmachine race with a shattered pelvis, two-time champion Tyler Huntington, of Fairbanks, is eager to get back on

"I've got a lot more drive this year," Huntington said by cellphone from Wasilla as he made last-minute preparations a few days before the 2,000-mile

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Board of Game meeting testimony runs the gamut

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More than 50 people signed up to testify in front of the Alaska Board of Game on Saturday in Fairbanks to support or oppose proposals the board is considering to change hunting and trapping regulations in the Interior.

The seven-person game board, which sets bag limits and seasons for hunting

and trapping in Alaska, is meeting for 10 days at the Alpine Lodge in Fairbanks to examine nearly 90 proposals submitted by members of the public, local advisory committees and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to get rid of, change, or create new hunting and trapping regulations.

Members of the public who wanted to testify in favor or against a certain proposal or

proposals had to sign up in advance to do so and were given five minutes to make their cases before the board. Representatives from local advisory committees were allotted 15 minutes of testi-

Saturday's testimony ran the gamut, ranging from whether airboats should be allowed on Minto Flats

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Hall earns awards at Yukon Quest banquet

By Marcel Vander Wier WHITEHORSE STAR

whitehorse — The Yukon Quest fixed

its eyes on the future Saturday night, as rookie musher Matt Hall swept up the lion's share of

awards at the Hall annual postrace banquet in Whitehorse.

The 22-year-old from Two Rivers took home top rookie honors, the vet's choice award and was named the musher who best exemplifies the spirit of the 1,000-mile race.

Hall, who finished the race in third place, humbly took his place in the spotlight.

"It was absolutely amazing out there," he said of the historic trail from Fairbanks to Whitehorse. "It was a blast.

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