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The weather.

Mostly cloudy today with patchy smoke and isolated rain showers.

High today 67
Low tonight 54

Sunrise: 4:53 a.m.
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SOURDOUGH JACK:
'Haven't decided which one I'm gonna run for yet ...'



Filing opens Monday for local elections

Here's how you can get on the ballot

By Amanda Bohman
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The filing period opens Monday for people interested in running for local office.

A variety of opportunities exist, including mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, mayor of

North Pole, school board and borough assembly.

The cities of Fairbanks and North Pole have council seats up for election this year, as does the Interior Alaska Natural Gas Utility Board.

Borough Clerk Nanci Ashford-Bingham said almost anyone can

run for local office so long as they are an Alaska voter with a year of residency in the borough. To run for the school board, the residency requirement is 30 days.

'Running for municipal office is one of the best ways someone can contribute to their community,' Ashford-Bingham said. 'Decisions are made that impact our daily lives. The voters get to choose who will be at the table to make those

decisions.'

The term of office for all of the locally-elected positions is three years. Filing fees are \$25, and financial disclosure statements are required.

Local offices are non-partisan, and the municipal election is Oct. 6. Filing paperwork is available on the respective municipal websites.

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21 mushers sign up for Quest on day one

By Matt Buxton
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The Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race office in downtown Fairbanks had the feeling of a family reunion on Saturday, with the first day of signups for the 2016 race.

Mushers — both veterans and rookies — from throughout Alaska caught up, traded stories and wished each other luck as they signed up for either the 1,000 mile or 300 mile races.

By early afternoon, the Yukon Quest announced that a total of 21 mushers had signed up for the 1,000-mile race, including nine rookies. The race is slated to start in Fairbanks on Feb. 6, 2016, and finish in Whitehorse, Yukon.

The top three Yukon Quest finishers from the 2015 race are set to return. Those include champion Brent Sass, of Eureka, second-place finisher Allen Moore, of Two Rivers, and third-place finisher Ed Hopkins, of 10 Mile, Yukon.

Between the Fairbanks office and the Whitehorse offices, Sass was the fifth musher to join the race and will be the fifth to draw his bib in February 2016. Sass' defending champion status only added to his popularity, and the musher was swarmed by fans and fellow mushers when he arrived at the office shortly after noon.

'I'm stoked, I want to defend,' he said. 'I think my dog team is more than capable. This is the 10th time I've ran this race. I've seen both directions and I'm confident with both directions.'

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2015 Yukon Quest Champion Brent Sass talks with Neil Gabbart as he signs up for the 2016 Yukon Quest at the Fairbanks Yukon Quest office on Saturday. ERIN CORNELIUSSEN/NEWS-MINER



Yukon Quest veteran Kristin Knight Pace, left, takes a photo of her husband, Andy Pace, as he signs up for the Yukon Quest for the first time at the Fairbanks Yukon Quest office on Saturday. ERIN CORNELIUSSEN/NEWS-MINER



Quest veteran Mike Ellis holds his dog, Eliza, as he signs up for the 2016 Yukon Quest, a 1,000-mile international sled dog race from Fairbanks to Whitehorse, Yukon, at the Fairbanks Yukon Quest office on Saturday. ERIN CORNELIUSSEN/NEWS-MINER



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