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Students film campus

By **AMBER HARRIS**
Staff writer

The city of Galena asked the GILA journalism class to document the buildings on base now that the city owns the old Air Force base.



This aerial view of the GILA campus was taken courtesy Noel Frisbie, the school's aviation teacher. Staff photo

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Foul odor clears out classroom

By **JORDAN TINDALL**
Staff writer

The smell was so bad that it cleared out Mr. Paul Apfelbeck's world history class on Nov. 10.

The reason? A rotting wolverine carcass in Mr. Apfelbeck's closet.

There are two closets in Mr. Apfelbeck's classroom. One of them



GILA Monster editor Tyler Martin literally sniffs out the news when a wolverine carcass cleared out a class recently. Staff photo

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Students mirror national results

By **KIMBERLY GREENWAY and TYLER MARTIN**
Editors, *The GILA Monster*

Democrat Sen. Barack Obama won by a landslide over Republican Sen. John McCain in a mock election of Galena high school students taken before the national election.

The election was at the Galena Interior Learning Academy and Sidney Huntington High School on October 27

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This article was published in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner before the election. Congratulations Kimberly and Tyler!

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New music program is created at Ptarmigan Hall

By TYLER MARTIN and KIMBERLY GREENWAY
Editors, *The GILA Monster*

Karrie Pavish-Anderson is the new music and arts program director at Ptarmigan Hall.

Pavish-Anderson graduated from the University of Alaska Anchorage with a bachelor's degree in music. Since then she has been a private piano and guitar teacher, a singer for hire, a conductor for an elementary and teen's choir, a singer/songwriter in various bands, and a resident advisor at GILA. Her emphasis is on vocal performance and kindergarten-12th grade music education.

"It gives me a lot of joy to help students gain new skills in music and find something to be good at," Pavish-Anderson said.

Her goal is to build opportunities for the residents at GILA and to help them learn an instrument.

"There is no music education program here at all," she said, "and I want to change that."

In her previous years as a resident advisor at GILA, she started the music room and gave lessons on various instruments. She also designed and directed the RIFF@N*HOOK Music Festival in 2007, and gave concerts with partial proceeds going to the hall music program.

For this school year, she wants to do RIFF@N*HOOK yet again, a visual arts festival, a monthly open mic, a

Headbanger's Ball, a creative writing expo called Northern Echoes, film shorts, hip hop dance classes, music classes and recitals, and fabric arts.

"When I hear student musicians nailing a phrase in a song they've struggled in, a big smile comes across my face," Pavish-Anderson said. "I beam at their success, even in the middle of a song. This kind of joy is a huge drive for me in my new job."



Karrie Pavish-Anderson, the new music and arts program director at GILA.

Galena kids reflect national opinion

The Galena High Schools mock election matched the results from *My Weekly Reader's* mock election. On October 27, 2008 students from both the GILA and SHS were involved in voting for who they would like to see as president. Barack Obama and John McCain were the two candidates who received most of the schools votes.

One hundred seventeen students voted between the two schools. As said on *My Weekly Reader's* website, more than 125,000 students

across the United States participated in their mock election.

According to a quote from *My Weekly Reader*, President Neal Goff said "Historically, our poll has been an amazing indicator of the presidential race's outcome."

Fifty-four percent of the *Weekly Reader*

students voted for Democrat Obama. According to our mock elections, Obama won with an outstanding 58% of the votes.

McCain received 42% of the votes from the *Weekly Reader*. Our mock election showed that McCain only received 26% of all the votes.

Advice column starting!

The GILA Monster is starting our own advice column! Ask for learned knowledge by sending questions (you can be anonymous) to Mr. A or placing them in the box on the office counter. We'll answer the best questions in the next issue.

Campuses combine governments

The student governments at both GILA and SHS have decided to work as a unified student government.

“In the near future, students will be at one place. You will have the boarding school kids and the day scholars to unify the two together, is part of moving in this direction,” said Mr. Apfelbeck, student government advisor.

As these students come together as one, they are working very well together, he said. Adrienne Beans and Felicia Kayotuk are the two schools

presidents, and they alternate leading the meetings of the student government.

Student government has their first meeting of every month at GILA. Their second meeting is held at SHS. “Next year, we will have a student government that will include both boarding school students and the day scholars elected during one election,” said Mr. Apfelbeck.

Mr. Apfelbeck said a reason for doing this is because although we are at two different campuses, we are one student body. Therefore, he said, we need to combine together.

Tolerance the official GILA policy

By **JORDAN TINDALL**
Staff writer

The official policy at Galena Interior Learning Academy is tolerance towards all students, including gay students.

There is no policy in the Galena school district specifically about gay students. The policy is that students should have tolerance towards everyone, said assistant principal Gwenn Davies-Guy.

“I don’t make any distinctions against any gay students,” said Mrs. Davies-Guy. “I just see [intolerance towards gay students] as harassment,” said Mrs. Davies-Guy.

The school does not have a specific policy towards gay students.

Any intolerant actions towards gay students are seen as bullying, sexual harassment and or hazing.

“Bullying is just a lack of tolerance towards other students,” said Mrs. Davies-Guy.

Students in the past have been disciplined in the past for homophobic harassment. Mrs. Davies-Guy doesn’t label it as gay harassment or anything like that. The

only thing she sees it as is bully or sexual harassment.

Students are expected to express tolerance as being accepting towards other student.

“Look for the best in other people, not the flaws,” said Mrs. Davies-Guy.

Our counselor Mr. Francis Labounty has worked with gay or

lesbian students in the past. He said all staff is supposed to treat all of the students the same. No matter race, sexuality, looks, everyone is equal.

“All teachers are expected to treat every student the same no matter sexuality, race, religion, etc,” said Mr. Labounty. “Ethically, teachers are supposed to treat every student equally.”

Galena City School District board policy

The official policy of the Galena City School District concerning nondiscrimination in district programs and activities:

The School Board is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination based on sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ethnic group, marital status, physical or mental disability or any other unlawful consideration. The Board shall promote programs which ensure that discriminatory practices are eliminated in all district activities.

First-person hunting story

'Nobody expected us to catch anything'

By **KYLE SAGOONICK**
Features writer

About five years back, John and I decided to go out caribou hunting. We were maybe 11 or 12 years old at the time and nobody expected us to catch anything. It was a cold, crisp morning. I ate breakfast, got everything ready and went to John's place. I had a Polaris Touring 550 and John had a Indy Trail 488. I had to tow the sled because his junk couldn't.

After going about eight miles out of town, John found a herd of caribou. He took off after the caribou. At the time, they were just caribou and we didn't really care. The herd split so I went after my own and John went after his. The herd I was following went over the tundra which was rough but it had a few nice caribou. They would trot for a while, look back at me, then keep going.

I followed them for a while until they finally stopped and started eating. I got confused because they just started digging for moss like I wasn't there. I got my .22 caliber rifle off the sled and picked a big bull. He



had one antler but he was fat. I shot a couple times until he dropped and the others just looked around then continued eating. This confused me more.

I picked out another one and shot three times and she fell. The others got spooked and took off running for the hills. I thought John would get enough so I left them alone and went to look for John because I couldn't put them in the sled myself.

I found one of John's that he killed and followed his trail to a lake where he killed another one. This one had its head split open. He told me he shot it and had ran out of bullets but it kept running. He grabbed a big block of ice and hit the

caribou. It slipped and fell so John grabbed his hatchet and broke one of the legs so it wouldn't run away. He chopped the head with his hatchet until it died. The head was split open and there was blood everywhere. It looked like something out of a movie.

Loading the caribou wasn't so easy. John got the back end in and tried to help me get the front in, but when the front got in the sled the back end would fall out.

We thought and thought about a way to get it in. John tipped the sled over and we pushed the caribou in and tipped it back over. All the caribou were gathered and we had to figure out a way how to butcher them.

Both John and I watched our parents butcher but we never did it before. I did what I knew and he did what he knew. So we got the skin off all of them, but we were hesitant to take the guts out. John cut the stomach open but punctured the guts and a lot of green mushy stuff came out. "Was that supposed to happen?" he asked. "I guess so." I replied.

There was a lot of "Do we cut this?" and "what does this do?" but we got them all butchered and in the sled before it got dark. Again our parents didn't expect us to come back with anything, but we did.

Volleyball wrap-up

Hawks vs. Hawks at Delta tourney

By **MARILYN SHELDON** and **KAITLIN IVANOFF**
Sports writers

The Galena Lady Hawks volleyball team finished their season by traveling one last time to the regional tournament held in Delta on November 6-8. Coach Carrie Given took the whole team, which consisted of only twelve players this time because some of them got dropped from the team or withdrew themselves.

The Galena girls won against the Hutchison Hawks, but lost their matches with Glennallen and Eielson.

Coach Given said that the season was really good and that the team grew together really well, but also overcame a lot of challenges. She named the outstanding players of the tournament to be Adrienne Beans and Jenna Buchanan but also said, "Kaitlin Ivanoff had some very good hits and a killer serve."

She looks forward to coaching next year and is excited for the young players coming up.



The Galena Hawks volleyball team in Kotzebue this fall.

Staff photo

The first regional game was against Glennallen, which was a fight to win, but unfortunately the Lady Hawks lost. The loss put the team in the losers bracket, leaving them to face the mighty Hutchison Hawks the next day. With a good nights rest the girls put all their effort into the Hawks vs. Hawks game because they knew if they lost it would be the end of their season. It was all or nothing.

In the first match, the Galena Hawks pulled away with a score of 25 to 17. It wasn't the end though because the Hutchison Hawks came back to win the second match by four points. The loss of that match disappointed the Galena team so they fought even harder to get the third one,

which they did. The fourth one was also close, but the Hutchison Hawks managed to keep up and win.

The final match was only to 15, so both teams knew what they had to do in order to win and move on. The Galena Hawks struggled to begin with but soon caught up

and stayed with it. It was match point about three or four times before the Galena Lady Hawks conquered the Hutchison Hawks.

The team played again the same day against the Eielson Ravens but unluckily lost in all three matches. Sad to say, that ended their season.

NBA opener exciting

Players gave it all they got during the NBA opener as the Celtics defensive game crushed the Cavs 90-85 at Boston.

The game had excitement right after the tip-off until the buzzer ended the game. The defending champions showed that they were still a strong team by defeating the Cavs.

The finals MVP Paul Pierce scored 27 points in the NBA's first game of the season, which is a 5 point differential between the "King" LeBron James with 22 points. "22 points isn't good enough to be the 'Most Valuable Player' of the NBA," says Ernie Peters, a student who dislikes LeBron James.

Galena wrestlers head to Nome

By **HIRAM WALKER**
Sports writer

GILA senior John Kavairlook came in third place against wrestlers from Kotzebue and Bethel in the 189-pound weight class at the Nome Wrestling Tournament earlier this fall.

Both of John's opponents went to the state championship in 2007 - Aaron Phillips from Kotzebue and Nicholas Wasierski from Bethel.

The tournament was at Nome Beltz High School on Oct. 10-11.

Other Galena wrestlers who placed at the invitational were Greg Cholok, a freshman at GILA, and Vance Gregory, an eighth-grade student from Sidney C. Huntington School. Greg placed third in the 103-pound weight class.

Galena Hawks Wrestling team competed in the Nome Wrestling Invitation on October 10.

"Everyone wrestled really tough," said coach Ben Blasco.

"For some wrestlers this was the first time ever stepping on the mat and everyone did well," said GILA wrestler John Kavairlook.



Leonard Ewan, a freshmen wrestler in the 171 pound weight class, faces off against a Bethel wrestler at the Nome tournament. **Staff photo**

Coach Blasco said up and coming wrestlers of the 2008 school year are sophomore Julia Cox and freshman Greg Cholok - good things come in small packages. He said that he had high hopes for Julia and Greg for future wrestling. Having only ten days of practice before the Nome Invitational, Clayton Rodriguez had improved the most.

When asked how we doing compared to last year, coach Blasco said, "Young team compared to last year experience-wise. They are strong and they are growing."

Wrestlers who competed in the Nome Invitational were:

- Vance Gregory at 145 pounds for middle school.

- High school: Greg Cholok at 103 pounds, Kristen Kruger at 112 pounds, Julia Cox at 119 pounds, Jack Green at 140 pounds, Claton Rodriguez at 140 pounds, Tyler Martin at 145 pounds, Thomas Wilson at 152 pounds, Vincent Nickoli at 160 pounds, Leonard Ewan at 171 pounds, John Kavairlook at 189 pounds, and Jesse Turner at 215 pounds.

Coaches Ben Blasco and assistant coach Karrie Pavish-Anderson, along with manager Jordan Tindall, also went to the invitational.

The results for the Galena wrestlers are:

- Third place- Vance Gregory, Clayton Rodriguez, John Kavairlook, and Greg Cholok.

- Fourth place- Tyler Martin, Julia Cox, and Thomas Wilson.

The teams who competed were Kotzebue, Nome, Bethel, Unalakleet, and Elim.

The Galena Hawks wrestling team had a scrimmage on November 14, 2008 at the Galena City School.

The reason for this home scrimmage was to prepare the wrestlers for there first ever dual meet that came up the weekend after this home scrimmage against Hutchison and West Valley. We will have that story in the next issue.

Seven qualify for state

Seven Galena Hawks wrestlers are heading for the state tournament Dec. 12-13 at Bartlett High School in Anchorage. The wrestlers are Greg Cholok, Julia Cox, Tyler Martin, Nelson Howarth, Thomas Wilson, Francis Katongan, and "Big John" Kavairlook. John also placed first in his weight class. Galena placed third overall at regional meet to qualify.



Wrestling scrimmage



From left to right starting from the back: assistant coach Karrie Pavish-Anderson, Jacob Askoak, Chasity Kameroff, Anthony Jones, Vincent Nickoli, Jesse Turner, Nelson Howarth, captain Francis Katongan, Jordan Tindall (manager), head coach Ben Blasco, Zoey Niksik, Adrienne Beans, Geogianne Hanson, Charles Richards, Tyler Martin, Leonard Ewan, Kaleb Sanford, Marvin Mountain, Derrick Ambrose, Julia Cox, Jamie Afcan, Greg Cholok, Kristen Kruger, Otto Okpealuk, Marvin Mountain, captain John Kavairlook, captain Thomas Wilson.

Music review

By **JUSTIN VASQUEZ**

Music reviewer

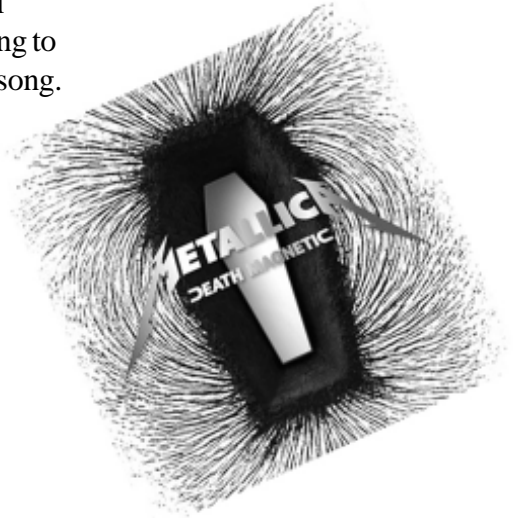
Metallica has finally come out with another album since “St. Anger” in ‘03. The new album is called *Death Magnetic*. This is Metallica’s ninth studio album.

Death Magnetic is like *St. Anger* on steroids, or a cross between *St. Anger* and *And Justice For All* with *Kill Em’ All* solos. On March 10, 2006, the band was planning to use the following six months to write material for the album, in addition

heavier than that. These songs are much longer too. The majority of the songs are from seven to nine minutes long. The songs might seem long, but they are well written and keep you wanting to hear more and more of the song. After hearing it, you will be glad that they made their songs so long. There’s nothing worse than finding a great song that is too short.

I am extremely happy that Kirk Hammet decided to put solos back into this album, and I’m sure the rest of the

good thing that they got a new producer because everything from *The Black Album* till *St. Anger* was produced by Bob Rock, and



DEATH *Magnetic*

to the previous two months they had already been spending writing music. Metallica recorded 11 songs for *Death Magnetic*, although only 10 appeared on the album because of the constraints of the physical medium. The eleventh song, titled “Shine”, was a song Hetfield “based around a Layne Staley type, a rock & roll victim magnetized by death.”

This album has a lot more speed to it than *St. Anger*. This album still has the raw tone that *St. Anger* had, but with a little more distortion. I am super happy that they added more aggressiveness to their sound, but I was hoping they would make it

world is too. Like I said before, the solos are very *Kill Em’ All*. It also must be



great for Robert Trujillo (bass player) to be included in the writing process for this album. I know he wasn’t included in *St. Anger* because they didn’t find a bass player till all the songs were written.

Another thing that is done different on this album is that Rick Rubin was the producer. It’s a

he made their music sound less Insane and Heavy. You could just say he “watered down” the “Hardcoreness” of Metallica. I’m not saying that they were making bad albums with Bob Rock, but they definitely didn’t amount to *Kill Em’ All*, *And Justice For All*, *Ride The Lightning*, and of course, *Master Of Puppets*.

This album is very good, and you won’t be sorry if you buy it, unless you expect *Master Of Puppets*, but my instincts tell me that Metallica will never be as insane as their previously destructive albums. That is just a matter of opinion, and their new albums are just as great as their old ones. I recommend all Metallica fans to listen to this album, even if you weren’t feeling how *St. Anger* went.

Gaming review

GTA-IV enjoyable and violent

By **ERNIE PETERS Jr.**
Gaming reviewer

Of all the other *Grand Theft Auto* (*GTA*) games, I think this one is the best so far.

I like the new graphics, actions, and dialogue. The characters that walk around the streets seem to always have something new to say to you or each other, and they also seem to have individual personalities.

You almost never hear them repeat the same phrases, so you really don't feel like the game is just repeating itself, like *GTA: Vice City*, and *GTA: San Andreas*.

One of the funnest things to do on *GTA* is to get into a car and put the camera view in first person and run people over. If you own this game, you should try it out!

"I think it's the greatest *Grand Theft Auto* game that ever came out," said Justin Vasquez, a belligerent gamer and *GTA* fan. "You can stab people in the face."

Niko Bellic is the person you play as in the game. Niko's dialogue is different than former *GTA*

games. Niko's phrases are better than CJ's from *GTA: San Andreas*.

The new graphics are phenomenal. When you are going really fast and hit something that has enough hardness to bring the car to a dead stop you will fly out of the front windshield. When you fly out of the windshield, the glass shatters as you go, making it look real, too.

When you shoot up a car, every individual bullet hole is dented into the car, not like the previous *GTA* games where it is preset to dent the same way every time.



A screen shot from the game *Grand Theft Auto IV*.

Another thing that is also realistic is when it rains it is harder to drive fast and turn good at the same time.

Finally, the best parts about *GTA's* graphics are the explosions! They look so

real. The fire and the car blowing to pieces is just like the movies. You can see every little part of the car flying through the air, and these are the reasons why *Grand Theft Auto IV* is the greatest *GTA* game of all time.

Call of Duty 4 a 'game for action'

By **ERNIE PETERS Jr.**
Gaming reviewer

Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare is the game for action and to see how maybe some of our U.S troops may experience fighting.

The magnificent game *Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare* was released for Mac OS X, Playstation 3, Windows, and the Xbox 360. It is the first *Call of Duty* game that is rated "Mature" in our country.

The factor that impressed me so much was the weapons that you can use while you are playing on multiplayer. "The weapons are much more realistic than it is to *Halo 3*," said Tyler Whitley, a junior here at GILA. "Maybe because *Halo* isn't a reality."

The rifle I like the best is the unstoppable P-90, and for the pistol I like the Desert eagle, the pistol I think is the strongest in the world. Not that I ever shot one, it's the game that gives me that impression.

When I first saw this game being played by my friends I thought it was boring. I thought it was boring because I was too used to *Halo 2*. Although when I played for the first time I was very much overwhelmed with the weapons that were being fired at me and the weapon that I fired at my opponents because the graphics were so good that it seemed like real life especially with a surround sound system.

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RA brings Chicago experience to GILA

By **SANDY TEE**
Staff writer

Curtis Britton is one of the new resident advisors here at GILA for the 2008-2009 school year.

Britton, 28, from the south side of Chicago, Illinois, was born on May 12, 1980. After living in Chicago all his life, he has now relocated to Galena, Alaska.

"I want to change some at-risk kids around," he said.

Being a "troubled" kid until age 16, Britton feels as though he can be an advocate for the youth of Alaska.

His parents are Curtis Griffin and Martha Britton. He is one of five children. He has a twin sister named Colisha. His other siblings are Darlacha, 33, Joshua, 23, and Quincy, 26.

While in Chicago, he attended a Catholic high school (Bishop Mac) and Gage Park High School. There he played baseball, basketball, football, and ran track, which he enjoyed.

"I was an athletic nerd," Britton said. After high school, he attended

Western Illinois University then transferred to Huron University in South Dakota.

For Britton, coming to Alaska was a great opportunity and experience, and he heard good things about the place.

"It is a unique experience. Very different," he said.

Britton said Galena was much smaller than what he is used to and more confined. However, he said the people were nice.

"I just miss my cell phones," he said.

Britton enjoys working with the students here at Ptarmigan Hall. He and the students crack jokes on each other, talk about their favorite sports team, and of course play basketball.

Like the other RA's on the boy's floor at Ptarmigan Hall, which include Ted Roach, Trapper Mclean, and John Lesciejewski, Britton finds himself being quite busy all the time.

On his downtime, he enjoys playing sports, going to the gym to lift weights, and playing basketball.

The world's flavor should be...

By **WENDY PARENT**
Staff writer

If the world had a flavor what would it be?

The flavor would be berry blast. The reasons why is: it's my favorite flavor, it's how I always thought of the world, it's colorful, to me it's a happy flavor, and it sounds exciting because of the blast.

Would the world be different because of the flavor?

Using my imagination I would think so. The world would be in shape of a berry. Everything would change - the looks, the color, the texture, the shape, and the smell.

The world would look and smell of berries, it would be like a purple-bluish color, it would be smooth but with a grip, and it would smell like berries.

Would the people be different?

I would say so, for example everyone would be short and round, and everyone would either be colored purple, blue, red, green, or orange. Plus they would be very fragile.

Instead of everyone having blood they would have berry juice, and their insides would be the insides of berries. Oh and some people would be a blueberry, raspberry, cranberry, salmon berry, black berry, etc.

Would the flavor change?

Yes, over time the flavor would change because people would still pollute. The pollution will change the berry blast flavor, like it could change to sour apple, green apple, or whatever other flavor.

I would say it would change to a sour apple because of all the pollution would make it sour.

I think if the world was flavored berry blast, then the other plants and the things in space would want to eat us.

They would fight to see who gets to eat us, and then it would end up that the berry flavored world is the only thing in the universe and the other galaxies would come over and would do the same thing as our galaxy.

Student voters go for Obama

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during the first period classes. About 90 percent of the students took part. There are 140 high school students.

Obama received 69 votes compared to McCain's 31 votes.

The mock election was sponsored by the high school journalism classes. Paul Apfelbeck has been teaching journalism at the Galena Interior Learning Academy for the past seven years.

"I think it's important for students to experience what it is like to vote as a citizen," Mr. Apfelbeck said.

Mr. Apfelbeck was not surprised by the outcome of the mock election. He thinks young people like change and that Obama represents that because he's new and young. McCain is older and represents more of the same according to the students.

Mr. Apfelbeck said he was surprised Governor Sarah Palin didn't boost the votes for McCain. He thought since Palin was born and raised here and has connections to the Alaska Native community she would boost the vote for McCain.

The community of Galena also sponsors mock voting for underage voters on Election Day. Any child in Galena can participate and the results are announced afterwards.

Like all elections, there were some problems with voting. One class was accidentally left out, Mr. Apfelbeck said, and teachers had to track down the students and get their votes. Another class turned votes in late Monday evening. "I can understand how tough it is to run an election," he said.

Mr. Apfelbeck wants to do more mock elections in the future. "I would love to do this again. This was very successful," he said.

Of the potential 140 students that were able to vote, 117 ballots were turned in. The voting results were: Barack Obama and Joseph Biden – 69 votes; John McCain and Sarah Palin – 31 votes; Chuck Baldwin and Darrell Castle – 7 votes; Ralph Nader and Matt Gonzalez – 2 votes.

Two ballots were incorrectly marked. Write-ins were for Kaitlin Ivanoff and Richard Sommer (2 votes), Mr. and Mrs. Hugs (2 votes), Jack Green (1 vote) and Dillon Pitka (1 vote).

Students film GILA campus for the city

From the front page

I spent five class periods filming the outside of the buildings and the property along with journalism class student Georgianne Hanson.

"As of October 1st we own them and we're documenting the condition they're in. This creates a record of what we have here; it's a really valuable tool," said Walt Wilcox, Galena city manager.

On September 23, the old Air force base site, which has been here for 65 years, was handed over to the city of Galena. Mr. Wilcox asked if a student from one of our journalism classes at GILA to document the buildings of which we now own. While filming the documentary it was cold outside, so we had to bundle up a whole bunch. At first when Mr. Apfelbeck told me about it I thought I wouldn't do it right and I thought I

wouldn't like it, but I did. I didn't want to do it alone so I had Georgianne come with me and help me and it became a team project.

"It was fun doing all the filming with Amber, and being outside in the cold and it was interesting working on it and I hope to do something similar to this again," said Georgianne.

Mr. Wilcox said they can use the film in case someone vandalizes a building, and they can go back, watch the film, and

see what it looked like before. Mr. Wilcox was thankful for our help "We appreciate this project," he said "it was a big help."

Call of Duty..

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You may get down to the ground and blend in with the dirt. You can hear your suit when you are running. This game is just really fun to play.

Mr. A's classroom raises a big stink

From the front page
is used for English supplies such as books and what not. The other closet contains materials for science teacher Shayne Hughes, who used to occupy Mr. Apfelbeck's room up until two years ago. The science stuff is still there.

The day began first period when a student walked into Mr. Apfelbeck's senior English class and told him that the room smelled like fish.

Mr. Apfelbeck said that student was only student to notice the odor.

The next two classes were in the computer lab, but when the fourth period world history class came into the room, everyone agreed something smelled horrible. Mr. Apfelbeck then opened the closet door and discovered the source of the smell.

"I almost puked when I opened the door," said Mr. Apfelbeck. The world history class then

moved to the GILA computer lab. Some of the students also stuck their nose into the science supply closet.

"Smelt like a dead animal," said Justin Vasquez, a senior in the class. "Do you want more detail?"

Mr. Apfelbeck lets Mr. Hughes use that closet for his science stuff, which includes pickled dead animals, science fair stuff, test tubes, and a freezer in the back. In the freezer, Mr. Hughes

keeps animals he has recently trapped. Mr. Hughes took the wolverine out of the freezer the previous Thursday and forgot to put it back in.

Mr. Hughes came over to the classroom fourth period and cleaned and disinfected the mess.

Mr. Apfelbeck noted that there are some advantages to teaching language arts. "None of it [supplies in closet] will rot and stink," he said.

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