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State lawmaker checks out campus

By **KIMBERLY GREENWAY**,
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staff writer

State Rep. Mark Neuman came to visit our GILA campus to see how our school taught vocational classes and served Alaska’s young people.

Neuman said in an interview with *The GILA Monster* that he wanted to

“check up on the vocational programs and help promote location and regional learning centers.”

Neuman is a two-term Republican representing Wasilla and the Mat-Su valley.

He is sponsoring House Bill (HB) 2, which will get funding for 10 educational institutions including GILA. The bill is a general fund to help pay

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Alaska State Rep. Mark Neuman talks with *GILA Monster* reporter Haley Brown and associate editor Kimberly Greenway. The Mat-Su Republican was visiting GILA to see a vocational educational school in action. **Staff photo**

Energy conservation conference coming

GILA students face challenges

By **HALEY BROWN**
and **KAITLIN IVANOFF**
Staff writers

Rand Rosecrans, the culinary arts teacher and one of several organizers of this year’s rural energy conservation conference, wants to educate the students in order to help them face the complex and difficult challenges of providing energy to rural Alaska.

“Our students are our bright and shining hope to the future of Alaska. I want them involved because we need to have their vitality, energy and fresh perspective, brought to bear on this immense challenge,” said Mr. Rosecrans. He is also a Galena city council member.

Rosecrans’ interest in conserving energy

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By **RAVEN MUSTAFOSKI**
Staff writer

The Alaska Rural Energy Conference is April 2-4 at the Galena Interior Learning Academy.

The conferences center focus will be a series of educational projects, events, and training activities whose practical outcomes will be applied by our

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The medication generation

Medication is a way of life for many students

By **HALEY BROWN**
Staff writer

The depression got really bad. A recent death in the family, combined with other past trauma, eventually led to the student being put on medication. Then that student came to GILA.

This student, like about 1.6 million other students around the United States, takes medication for emotional and behavioral issues and attends classes everyday. That student may be sitting next to you.

Hyperactivity, lack of concentration, difficulty with memory, nervous condition, or depression are typical reasons for people to be placed on medications.

Can students or

“A good rule of thumb is to always accept and treat others as you would wish to be treated.”

parents reject the medication if they want to?

“Yes, they can,” said Mr. Francis LaBounty, counselor at GILA. “However, state or federal laws may require certain types of medications must be given.”

Mr. LaBounty

added that often after being put on medication, the student often doesn’t mind.

The process that the schools and students have to go through from diagnosis to getting

medication in school has several steps. First, a student must meet with a qualified professional like a psychiatrist or a doctor after an appropriate referral. Second, if the medication is prescribed, the school officials should be notified. Third, qualified school officials are given

approval to dispense the medication.

“Since there is a vast array of behavioral issues and subsequent medications prescribed for such issues, it is difficult to explain one way of dealing with students on medication,” said Mr. LaBounty.

“Each student is an individual with unique problems, emotional and/or chemical. One must also take into account type of medication being taken. Often medications are prescribed and taken in combination with other medications. A good rule of thumb is to always accept and treat others as you would wish to be treated.”

Handbook defines food allowed in classrooms

By **SANDY TEE**
Staff writer

There are many different types of rules that everyone has to follow and live by. There are rules everywhere. When is it that there are too many? When are they considered to be ineffective?

Here at GILA we have a handbook that informs the students as well as teachers what the rules are.

There are many rules in the handbook. One rule that we will be focusing on is food in the classroom. No rule on food allowed in classrooms is mentioned. What do the students do if there is no rule in the handbook?

“What we have decided between the two schools is that all rules are to the minimum and we can increase them,” said Mr. White, principal

at GILA.

If the teacher does not mind food being in the classroom, they can provide it if they want to, although they don’t have to. “There can be food if the teacher brings it,” said Mr. White.

Timing can also play a part in the rules about food in classrooms.

The school board thinks that if students are able to eat food in the classroom then they will ruin their

appetite. They might not want to eat during the regular scheduled times.

“We don’t want people to skip breakfast and come over here to eat candy for health reasons,” said Mr. White.

The students can ask their teacher if they can bring food.

They have to keep in mind that the teacher could say no. On special occasions or celebrations, it’s different.

Winterball dance is Feb. 21

The semiformal Winterball dance is 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Galena Community Hall. Winterball is a semi-formal dance open to all high school students at Galena. The cost for the dance is \$10 for a couple and \$6 for an individual. The dance ends at midnight.

The dance is sponsored by the unified Galena high school government. The tickets are available at the door and by speaking with any member of student government. Transportation from and to the dance for boarding school students will be provided by the dorm staff.

There will be basketball that afternoon against the Delta Junction Huskies the same day. Those games are at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The Delta Junction Huskies will also attend the dance if they want.

How about fries with that?

Chef Rand and students serve up gigantic moose cheeseburger



How to make an enormous moose cheeseburger: Left - Culinary arts teacher Rand Rosecrans puts the cheese and tomatoes on the burger; above - the finished product; below left - Jamie Afcan and Mr. Rosecrans give the moose meat a distinctly burger shape.

By **JORDAN TINDALL**
Staff writer

The world's biggest? Who knows. But that moose cheeseburger made in Galena on December 6, 2008, was certainly a sight to see.

Chef Rand

Rosecrans and his students started off with 12.5 pounds of moose meat to make the humongous mooseburger. This wasn't just any other moose burger - this burger was used to help raise money for the local church Christmas bazaar at St. John Berchman's Catholic

Church.

Chef Rand wondered aloud if it was the biggest mooseburger ever made. There aren't many records out there concerning mooseburgers. It's still small compared to the largest beef burger, though.

The world's

largest hamburger was made in Clinton Station Diner, New Jersey, on October 29, 2006.

The dimensions on that bad boy measured out to be 28 inches in diameter and 11.5 inches in height - and a whopping 105 pounds in total weight.

Editorial

Students need open web access

By TYLER
MARTIN
Editor

No parent wants their children exposed to the inappropriate images that the internet seems to be plump full of or to be preyed upon by some pervert.

Let's face it though, not the entire internet is bad. It is actually a useful tool in our education process, and some of the school website blockers are blocking some material that might be useful. The website blockers hinder, if not stop completely, our connection to the outside world.

If a student had to do a report on the negative affects of marijuana, and they googled it, it would automatically be blocked. If the student googled addiction, they might eventually get to the same place, but it would take longer and be more time consuming.

Galena is isolated enough as it is, and this might give the student a feeling of

hopelessness.

Now, the blockers do help shield our teenage minds from a lot of bad things out there on the internet. I never said that all blockers are bad. I'm merely suggesting that they are too protective with what they block.

What we need is a happy medium, something that will protect us from the inappropriateness of

the web, but also something that won't hinder our learning process or sever our ties with the outside world. Letting us get and receive e-mails from commonly used e-mail providers would be an excellent start. That would take away some feelings of isolation.

Letting in some websites that might be useful information would be helpful too.

I'm not saying we should look at every website out there because that would be impossible. If a student suggests a website should be unblocked, an administrator could look at it on the spot, immediately determine whether it is appropriate, and if it is, unblock it while student works. That is what I think should be done.

GILA poll shows being online is a part of daily life for most students

By ERIKA
TREMBLAY
Staff writer

Practically all of the GILA students recently surveyed about the computer use at school said that all websites should be unblocked, and most have some kind of online presence.

Nineteen students were surveyed. There are 105 students attending the school.

Most of the students surveyed – 11 -

have a Myspace account. A variety of other online sites were also mentioned by the students. Three students have a Facebook account. Four students have Bebo accounts. Two students have a Hi5 account. Six students have multiple accounts.

Only 10 percent – two of the students surveyed – did not have some kind of online presence.

For most students who attend GILA, being online is a normal part of

their daily life.

Four students said they spend as much as three hours a day e-mailing, internet messaging, or using the computer to communicate with friends and family. When asked how much time is spent communicating on the computer, one student responded, "Too much."

Other responses students gave for the amount of time spent using the computer for

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Students are honored at assembly

By WENDY PARENT
Staff writer

Congratulations to the students who have had a perfect 4.0 grade point average, perfect attendance, and to those who were selected to be the new students of the month.

Students with a 4.0 from last semester:

Seniors are John Kavairlook and Adrienne Beans. Juniors are Haley Brown, Katrina Kruger, and Eva Downey. Sophomores are Kaitlin Ivanoff and Kyle Kruger. Last but not least are the freshman, Ahtallah Dillon and Emma Simple.

The students with perfect attendance at GILA last semester are Justin Arrow, Ahtallah Dillon, John Kavairlook Jr., Kyle Kruger, Keith Lestenkoff, Vincent Nickoli, Ernie Peters, Everett Semone, Hugh Swan, and Justin Vasquez.

The students of the month in September were Ahtallah Dillon and Amber Harris. October's students of the month were Emma Simple and Patrick Kamalkoff. November's students of the month were Marie Sheldon and Vincent Nickoli.

The assembly also allowed students to see the

Galena Hawks basketball team as they went off to play during the second semester.

Congratulations to Galena Hawk basketball players of 2008-2009!

The boy's basketball players are Jimmy Walker, William Tritt, Brian Settle, Jarred Burgett, Gordon Davis, Kelly Sweetsir, Jack Green, Richard Sommer, and Trevor Settle.

The girl's basketball players are Kaitlin Ivanoff, Adrienne Beans, Marie Sheldon, Ariel Turner, Darla Gregg, Nikki Fennimore, Danielle Thurmond, Jenna Buchanan, Marilyn Sheldon, Cecily Settle, Kelsey Hensley, Lorena Pitka, Alice Madros, Robin Thurmond, Katherin Huntington, and Emma Simple.

The assembly took place in the GILA auditorium. Assistant principal Gwenn Davies-Guy said that the meeting with students from both campuses would be a monthly event. The seniors also put on a fashion show selling items for their class activities.

The seniors who put on the fashion show were Adrienne Beans and Gordon Davis, who strutted around the stage in pajama pants and coffee mugs as the rest of the students laughed their heads off.

Living online: Poll shows that most GILA students have an Internet presence

communication ranged from 30 minutes to two hours.

Students were also asked how many e-mails were sent out each day from school. The highest number of daily e-mails was three. Most students sent out one or two a day.

There was a mix of computer use in the classes taken by high school uses.

One student said that he or she uses the

internet for projects or assignments in five classes.

Most students however, use the internet for projects or assignments in one or two classes. One student said she doesn't use the internet for any of her classes.

The questions asked for this poll were:

1. Do you have Myspace or Facebook? Which one?

2. Do you have any other e-mail accounts

like Bebo, Hi5? Which one?

3. Do you use messenger(IM)? How often?

4. At school, how many e-mails do you send a day?

5. What computer changes would you

like to make at school?

6. How many teachers use computer or internet as a part of classroom teaching?

7. Do the school rules prevent you from doing your best in those

classes?

The GILA Monster welcomes letters from students and staff about issues of interest. You can bring letters to Mr. A's room or send an e-mail to papfelbeck@galenanet.com. All letters must be signed for verification.

Wrestling champ tells his story

By JOHN KAVAIRLOOK

Staff writer

When I went to Hutchison, I had a feeling that I would win the Region III Conference wrestling meet. This meet was very important because it decides who does and doesn't go to state. The top three of each weight class go, and I took first in my weight class.

My team was very inspiring for me to watch wrestle. As I would watch them wrestle, I would picture myself out on the mat wrestling. When one of my teammates would win I would get pumped up and get the adrenaline flowing. I would feel as if I could fly.

By my first wrestling match, my whole team had already wrestled and I was pumped up and ready to win. There is nothing longer then waiting for your match to come up next. It feels as if time has stopped and your stomach is full of butterflies. The referee blows the whistle and my match is up.

Dressing down, hands sweating, and my body is tingly. Going up to the front desk to check in, breathing heavily. Checked in, on the mat, the whistle blows and everything goes away but my opponent.

First round gone, next round about to start, feeling good, and the whistle blows once again. Everything is gone and all I see is my opponent. I wrap my leg around his and grab his head and arm. I put him on his back and the ref blows the whistle for the last time. I win by a pin.

With one win, I'm going to the championships. The championships are hours away and I am tired. I take a nap and try to pass time by. I wake up to the noise of the crowd cheering on the wrestlers. It is now four o'clock in the afternoon and I can't wait to wrestle.

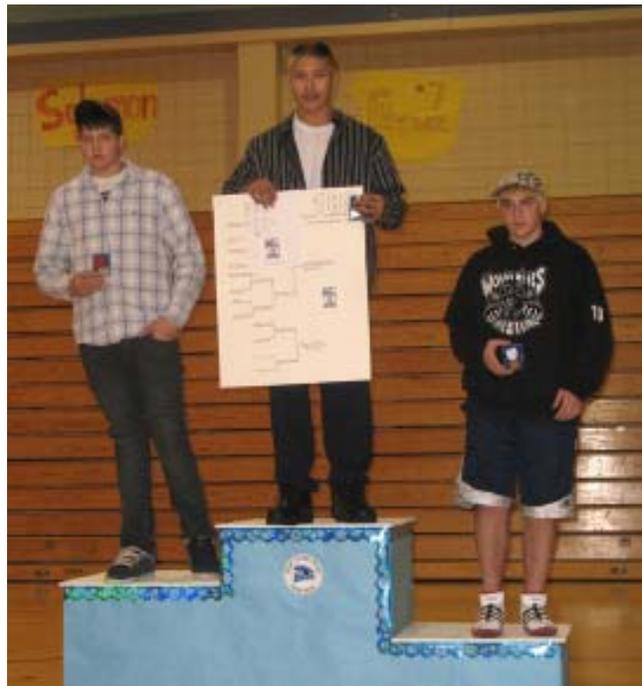
The consolation finals are done and they're now rearranging the mats for the championship round. All the wrestlers line up on the mats with their opponent on the opposite side for a face off. The wrestlers run out to the middle and shake hands and then run off the mats. Waiting anxiously while it is my turn to go and shake my opponent's hand felt like years. Now with minutes left until the first wrestler starts wrestling. I am up and I go shake his cold sweaty hand.

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GILA wrestler John Kavairlook looks at his medal after winning the region championship in his weight class. John is the first GILA student to be so honored.

Photo courtesy Ben Blasco



John at the award ceremony.

Photo courtesy Ben Blasco.

Thanks for reading The GILA Monster, the only newspaper that cares about the Galena Interior Learning Academy.

JV teams at Huslia tourney

By **ARIEL JADE TURNER**

Sports writer

The Galena Junior Varsity Hawks and Lady Hawks basketball teams went to their first tournament this year in Huslia on January 22.

Junior Varsity has been practicing with the varsity girls since December. This is the first year for Tyler Wilson, the girl's JV coach, and Jerry Floyd as the boy's JV coach.

There were four other teams that the JV girls competed against. The teams they played against were Huslia Hustlers, Nulato Wolves, Wainwright Huskies, and Tanana Wolves.

"The girls played well and extremely hard, considering it being their first tournament," said coach

Wilson.

The Galena JV teams had games everyday from Thursday to Saturday. In the JV Lady Hawks' first game on Thursday, they lost against the Wainwright Lady Huskies. They won against the Tanana Lady Wolves on Friday. They won against the Nulato Lady Wolves on Saturday afternoon, but lost against the Huslia Hustlers in the evening.

"All the teams they played against were varsity and we still won a couple games and I'm very pleased about that," says Wilson.

Huslia is a small village with about 300 people. The basketball players stayed at their school in classrooms. There was food provided for them during breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

The boy's results will be reported soon.

Wrestler: adrenaline and excitement

The wrestlers start and all I can do is keep warm and be ready. First weight class is 103 lbs, then 112 lbs, then 119, and so on. I am a long way to the back in 189 lbs weight class.

Finally, 171 lbs weight class is up, the class before me. I can feel the cold sweat running down my back and feel my stomach full of butterflies, excited and the adrenaline flowing through my body. The whistle blows and it is time to wrestle. I dress down and put on my head gear, walk to the desk and check in. I walk to the middle of the mat shake my opponents hand and wait to begin wrestling.

The referee blew

the whistle and there is nobody else to lean on but me to win. My coach can yell out advice to me, but it's only up to me to win. Everything is riding on this moment. All that practice and sweat and tears was all for this moment, to wrestle in the championships at the regional wrestling meet. No reason to lose now. The crowd goes away, my teammates go away, everything is gone but my opponent. I take him down to the mat and get my favorite move in. One minute and 34 seconds into the first round of the championship match, I pinned him.

The first thing that goes through my mind is

that I am the best in my region. The first person I look at is my coaches and my teammates. Everyone is cheering and excited for me. My heart is beating so fast I could feel it beating throughout all of my body. I ran off the mat and give my coach a big hug. All my teammates come up to me and congratulate me.

All the wrestling is over and it is time for awards. Six of my teammates also got third and second place medals. Then it was time for me to go up and get my bracket and medal. There were a lot of flashing cameras. It made me feel famous. I go down and my team checks out my bracket and medal.

The next award was the

most outstanding wrestler. Once again my heart pounding, they called out a tie. First they said the 160 lbs wrestler and then they said my name. I went up and had to do rock, paper, scissors for the plaque. I won the plaque to take home, and then they would send the other wrestler a plaque also.

Awards were over and now there was time for dinner and a movie. The rest of the night was just perfect. I got nice and full and went to relax in a movie theater, waiting to go back to Galena and prepare for state. I was satisfied with how I did that weekend.

Hawks ambush Wolfpack

By **MARILYN SHELDON**
Sports writer

The Galena Lady Hawks ambushed the Unalakleet Lady Wolfpack on Jan. 23-24 in the Sidney C. Huntington High School gym.

Coach Beth Buchanan thought the games were “fun, really close, and exciting.”

The Lady Hawks ended the fourth quarter with 48 points versus Lady Wolfpack’s 46 points in Friday night’s game. On Saturday, the Lady Hawks won again with 36 points versus Lady Wolfpack’s 34 points.

Coach Buchanan said her strategies for beating the Lady Wolf Pack were “defense, defense, defense and really tough defense!”

Jenna Buchanan was the high scorer for the Lady Hawks on Friday night with a whopping score of 29 points. Kaitlin Ivanoff scored 13 points during the second game, being the high scorer for the Lady Hawks on Saturday.

Lady Wolfpack player Kira Eckenweiler was the high scorer for their team during the first game Friday against the

Lady Hawks with 22 points; during the second game on Saturday, Christena Towarak had 10 points.

Coach Buchanan said she respected the ball handling ability of the Unalakleet players.

“They’re really scrappy, no losing, hands all over the ball girls and good shooters,” she said.

Coach Buchanan also said this game prepared her girls for the rest of the season because they are getting better.

“We’re going to be better, better and better and we’re going to state!... You can quote me on that one!” she said.



Some scenes from the Lady Hawks game against the Unalakleet Lady Wolfpack on Jan. 23.



Valdez Bucs come to Galena

Scores for the Jan. 30 games - Boys: Galena 63, Valdez 59... Girls: Galena 56, Valdez 32.... scores for the Jan. 31 games - Girls: Galena 46, Valdez 48... Boys: Galena 42, Valdez 47



Far left: William Tritt makes the basket against the Valdez Buccaneers. Middle: Brian Settle at the net. Above: Brian Settle again driving in for the shot.

Staff photos

Sports opinion

The best player in the NBA? LeBron James

By TYLER WHITLEY
Staff writer

LeBron James is an extraordinary NBA player who has been playing on the Cleveland Cavaliers since he got drafted to the NBA, at the age of 17, in 2003.

LeBron Raymone James was born on December 30, 1984. He is 6'8" and weighs about 265 lbs.

I think that LeBron James is the best NBA player in the NBA right now. Without LeBron James on the Cavs, the

Cavs wouldn't be doing so well this season. If he didn't get drafted or never played ball, then all eyes would be on Kobe Bryant. Since LeBron is in the NBA, then I think he is the best NBA player in the NBA right now. He is a young ball player that made a name for himself during his rookie season, averaging just over 20 ppg (points per game).

LeBron James is one of the greatest highflying players in the NBA. Almost every night that he has a ball game he is going to throw it down

hard. Not that many people who weigh 265 lbs can throw down so hard. LeBron James is also a great passer. He is known as a pass-first person. This means he would rather pass the ball instead of taking it to the rim, or shooting it.

Not too long ago LeBron James was the youngest player, in NBA history, to reach 11,000 career points. He reached 11,000 points on November 18, 2008. He was 23 years and 323 days old. When Kobe Bryant reached 11,000

points he was 25 years and 99 days old. So in my opinion LeBron James is way better than Kobe Bryant. By the time LeBron retires, I think he'll get up to 35,000 points.

The way LeBron is playing right now, it looks like he is going to get his first regular season MVP award. I don't think he will get his first championship ring yet; as long as Boston still has their big three, they are pretty much unbeatable.

The best player, though, plays for Cleveland.

Music review

Killer, hardcore metal band

By JUSTIN
VASQUEZ
Music reviewer

Hatebreed is a killer hardcore metal band that will have you adrenalized from the moment track one starts playing till the last second of the last track!

If you don't believe me then listen to the album "Supremacy."

"Supremacy" is *Hatebreed's* fifth studio album that came out on August 29, 2006. Every song has something to say to you no matter how much you don't want to hear it. When Jamey Jasta

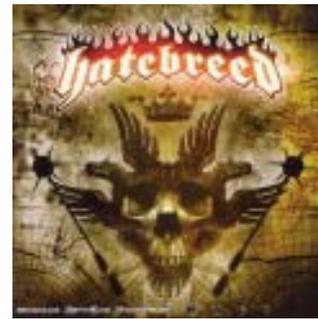
is roaring at you, you can't seem to block his voice out. A few songs that are guaranteed to give any

hardcore metal fan an adrenaline rush would be, *As Diehard As They Come*, *Destroy Everything*, and *Mind Over All*. These songs have a great feel of power and energy, and I think that these songs are the perfect examples of what fully adrenalized, hardcore, insane, headbanging music is supposed to sound like. The riffage of the dropped C tuned guitars are pummeling down on you like an avalanche. I must say, their distortion is

HEAVY, and CRUSHING, and you'll have to hear it to believe it.

There are no solos in this album, and usually that is something that I wish every great band had, but without the solos, the songs can still KILL! Jamie Jasta described "Supremacy" as an "all-out onslaught of completely adrenaline-charged, in-your-face brutality."

A constant touring schedule pushed them beyond the boundaries of the hardcore scene, and tours with national metal bands such as *Slayer*, *Deftones*, *Entombed*, and *Napalm Death*, brought



them to the attention of many more fans.

Hatebreed is a five-piece heavy metal band from Bridgeport and New Haven, Connecticut. The band was founded in November 1994 by Jamey Jasta, Dave Russo, Larry Dwyer, and Chris Beattie. The current lineup is Jamey Jasta (lead vocals), Frank "III Gun" Novinec (guitar), Chris Beattie (bass guitar), Sean Martin (lead guitar/backup vocals), and Matt Byrne (drums).

Ask Bob

Messy roommate forces me to clean up

Dear Bob,

My roommate is a very messy person. He/She always leaves her/his clothes out and I always clean up after her/him so we don't fail our room chore. I'm tired of being his/her personal maid. What should I do?

- Not a Merry Maid

Dear Not a Merry Maid,

Don't pick up your roommates stuff; that's their responsibility. If you're getting tired of it, write a note to Maggie and tell her they're not doing their chore. If you do it for them, you don't get any credit for it so why bother. Talk to your roommate about cleaning up after themselves. If they refuse, write a note to Maggie and let them fail...it works. They will learn from their mistake and hopefully start cleaning up after themselves.

Dear Bob,

People come to me and ask to borrow money. I am a really nice person and it is hard to say no. Now I have more then \$50 loaned out. Should I lend out any more money?

- A Broke Native

Dear a Broke Native,

It's nice that you're giving out money and I understand how hard it is to say no because I have the same issue. Your problem is that you need to learn how to say no, practice saying no to close friends or people you feel comfortable with. When you see someone who owes you money remind them that they have a debt to pay. Have them pay you little amount at a time until their debt is paid. Next time someone asks to borrow money and you don't want to lend anymore out, say you're saving it for something or say you have nothing at all. It's not that hard.

Mr. Hughes: Take conservation ideas home

By RAVEN
MUSTAFOSKI
Staff writer

“I hope this information will be like a virus. The students will have it in their mind and take it home to their villages,” said Mr. Shayne Hughes, student project coordinator for the Energy Conservation Conference planned for April 2-4 at the Galena Interior Learning Academy.

The Energy Conservation Conference was recommended by Cynthia Erickson, a Alaskan Native woman

from Tanana, said Mr. Hughes. She is in charge of gathering communities together to talk about this major energy crisis. She has done conferences in Girdwood which goes over the towns on the road system. She wanted to get rural communities together to bring awareness to everyone about this terrible energy crisis.

“The students are the ones that will change things. They are our future,” said Mr. Hughes.

Many classes are working on different projects as it relates to the Energy Conservation

Conference. Nothing could be possible without the help of the outstanding teachers taking the time to allow their students to organize things for the conference.

The biggest result this conference is looking for is to teach students how to conserve energy.

According to Mr. Hughes, Galena schools Supt. Jim Smith told him if we do not control our energy, our energy will control us.

That means if we do not get a handle on the use of energy, our energy



Mr. Hughes in class.

Photo by Amber Harris

supply will begin to diminish.

The committee in charge wants to teach students how to insulate their homes better and to show them what needs to happen to get a grip on the energy control crisis, Mr. Hughes said.

Energy conference

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students and citizen to the challenges of energy in rural Alaska, said Rand Rosecrans, Alaska Rural Energy Conference co-chair.

Participants in the conference are:

- Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
- Alaska Energy Authority
- Alaska Center for Energy and Power
- Alaska Heat Technologies
- Chena Hot Springs
- City of Galena
- Cold Climate Housing Research Center
- Council of Athabascan Tribal Government
- Denali Commission
- Doyon Ltd.
- Fairbanks Economic Development Corp.
- Freeaire
- Galena City School District
- Gana a Yoo
- KIYU
- Loudon Tribal Council
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center
- Presenter-former student
- Renewable Energy Alaska Project
- Susitna Energy Systems
- UAF Cooperative Extension Service
- Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council

“Our students are a shining hope”

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began when the gas prices rose to \$6 a gallon.

“I believe, as adults, we have the responsibility to try to teach our students and fellow citizens how to live in a more frugal and environmental manner,” said Mr. Rosecrans.

To prepare for the conference, the energy conference committee will have to contact presenters, send invitations out, develop contests, projects, events, plan for logistics, and meet and communicate on regular basis.

Mr. Rosecrans said a former resident of Galena, Cynthia Erickson, came up with the idea of having an energy conference this year. The Alaskan Rural Energy Conference is to be held on April 2 – 4 on the campus of the Galena Interior Learning Academy to bring together students and citizens of the village to explore ways and methods to conserve our valuable resources.

State representative makes third GILA visit

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for classes and programs in schools and educational institutions statewide, according to the Legislature House Majority website.

“The vocational educational account assures that the money will go to vocational education,” Neuman explained during his interview.

This is Neuman’s third time to visit our school.

“This is an interesting regional learning center,” said Rep. Neuman. “You have an

Neuman added that bills such as the one he was sponsoring effects all students equally, not for

dorms. He stayed overnight and stated that he liked to sit down and talk to the kids in their environment. When he asked the kids why they came to GILA, they told him it was “to get a better education and they were at risk to sexual abuse and using alcohol and drugs.”

The thing that Neuman liked most about GILA is the fact that there are students from all around the state and they all bring different cultures and traits to our school.

He liked to sit down and talk to the kids in their own environment.

opportunity as young adults to get into vocational traits like cosmetology, aviation, culinary arts, and automotive.”

GILA specifically. He said he didn’t want to show favoritism.

Neuman came to Galena four years ago to have a visit in the old

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