

Hawk Highlights

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A garden grows at GILA

Spud patch gets ready for planting next summer

By KAYLIN KOPP
Editor

University of Alaska Fairbanks professor Jodie Anderson recently visited Galena to firm up plans made by Galena residents and Galena Interior Learning Academy (GILA) to produce locally grown food for students at the boarding school.

Ms. Anderson specializes in potato research, which is why she was contacted to help with a potato garden for GILA's residential students. She has been involved with Galena's agricultural

potential for a number of years, conducting experiments and working with local gardeners. The potatoes will be grown in a half-acre plot next to the community baseball field at the east end of the airport runway.

While visiting Galena in September, Ms. Anderson gave several presentations to Mr. Ross Tulloch's high school environmental science classes. In these presentations, she explained that potatoes can produce a large crop without extensive attention, and can also withstand Alaska's weather without requiring a greenhouse. This makes them the prime choice for sustaining the estimated

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Destin and Payten and Sandy's arm doing cool things blah blah and Sandy explain that this is the first and second grade class helping Sandy harvest did they plant this themselves?

Photo courtesy Debbie Koontz

New principal ready for challenges

By CARL ROSE
Staff writer

One day John Hurley and a friend of his attempted to climb a mountain called Mt. Henry - 8,500 feet tall in Montana's Glacier National Park. They hiked up until they got to a big snowfield that reached the rest of the way to the summit.

He looked at it and thought, if you start to slip, you'll fall 1,000 to 2000 feet and die. But they started to walk across it and got a quarter of the way across when they decided they didn't have the right equipment to do it. They turned back.

A week later they decided to go for try a second try. They took the same trail and eventually

arrived at the huge snowfield again, but this time they decided to go all the way to the top. When they got to the top they were happy and relieved their persistence paid off.

Mr. Hurley is facing another challenge this year as the new principal at the Galena Interior Learning



Mr. John Hurley

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Welcome to GILA!

New year brings many new faces to the boarding school

Residence hall director takes helm

By **CARL ROSE**
Staff writer

"I am a complicated individual."

Ken Essex, the new director of residence life at GILA, tells the story of the time he was participating in a motorcycle road race in Memphis, Tenn., in 1990. He had separated his shoulder just before the race.

The morning of the race, he awoke and could barely get out of bed. His friends unloaded his motorcycle for him, helped him get into his leathers, and watching him go out for one

practice run. He finally decided that he could race even with a separated shoulder.

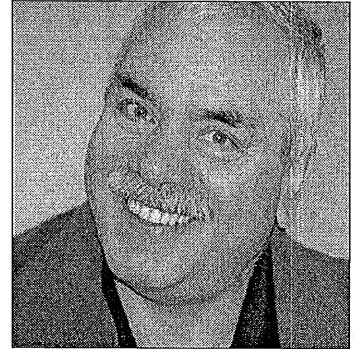
Mr. Essex said he knew if he finished in the top three he would win the regional championships. So even though he was in considerable pain, he still he decided to give it his very best effort. He was leading the first three laps of the race, but as the pain got bad, he slowed down – and still came in third place for a win in the championship circle.

"No matter what it takes physically or mentally, I will do what I have to in order to get the job done," said Mr. Essex.

"The most surprising thing about GILA is the high level of ability of our students."

Mr. Essex was born in Philadelphia, Penn., on October 29, 1956. His parents were Philip and Effie Essex; his three siblings are Marilyn, Charles, and David. His wife is Clarice Essex. He has no children of his own; he has three step children.

Before Mr. Essex came to GILA, he got his bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisc., and a bachelor of education and masters of education from



Mr. Ken Essex

Staff photo

the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Mr. Essex said his reason for coming to GILA was because the job is what he likes to do best - making life better for all students at the Galena Interior Learning Academy.

New counselor serves students at the dorms

By **JESSICA PEPPER**
Staff writer

On April 3, 1997, Clarice Essex, the new residence hall counselor at GILA, joined a group of high school kids as a chaperone on a trip from Nunam Iqua to Chevak for cultural heritage week. After their arrival, Clarice and the kids went a snow machine trip to the sod houses outside Chevak to hear Yup'ik stories told by the elders.

As they traveled to Chevak on the snowmachines, the weather was awful - almost a blizzard. The group consisted of five machines, all pulling sleds full of kids.

After listening to the stories from the elders, they all started to head back. Along the way, they got lost in whiteout conditions

without any gas, food, blankets, or even a radio. To protect everyone from the elements, the elders in the group dug a hole in the hole for everyone to sit in and put the snow machines up around it to create a barrier. People started complaining of cold and hunger.

Luckily, she has excellent instincts and support skills. She pulled out a space blanket she had handy with her and covered everyone the best she could giving calming advice and reassuring words, managing to maintain a level of calm relatively well. After ten hours of huddling in their makeshift shelter, they finally heard snowmachines in the distance. They were being rescued. A Black Hawk helicopter from Bethel was sent using infrared cameras to find the group



Mr. Clarice Essex

Staff photo

after they were reported missing. Mrs. Essex says in times of terror such as this, "Put aside your own fear and focus on how everyone else is doing."

Mrs. Essex, 54, was born on June 26, 1957. She is the new counselor in the dorms this year. She is the daughter of Gerd and Clair Whitmore of Tacoma, Washington; her parents later moved and now reside in Norway. Clarice has one brother

named Thor Whitmore.

She and her husband Ken Essex, also new in the dorms, have three children and two grandkids. Their sons are Aaron, 34, a police officer, Scott, 30, a welder, and Kevin, 26, a sergeant in the Marine Corps. Aaron has a 5-year-old son named Brady and Scott has a 9-month-old named Reed.

Mrs. Essex has

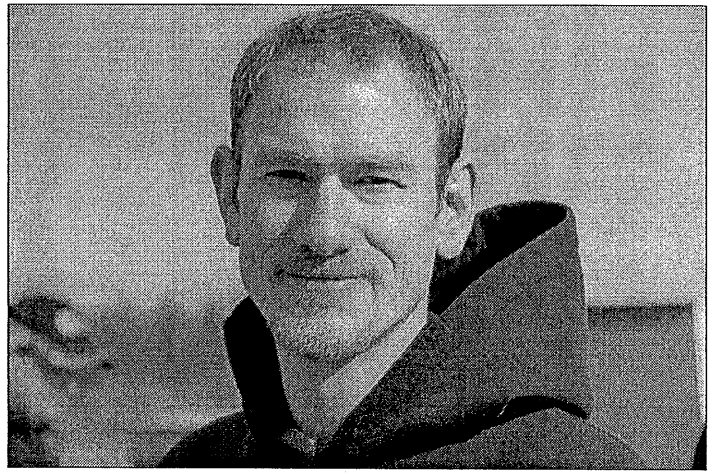
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Alaskan teacher loves science

By DENAEUH DAVIS
Staff writer

While Ross Tulloch was busy doing construction and commercial fishing, he decided he would much rather be opening doors for high school students rather than building them on homes. That's when he chose to become a teacher at the Galena Interior Learning Academy. Ross Tulloch was born Sept. 10, 1976, in Tacoma, Wash. His parents are Bruce and Lawlee Tulloch. Mr. Tulloch was raised in Petersburg. He

has three siblings; Cami, Ian, and Reid. He is married to Wendy Tulloch. They have three children; Aubrey, 6, Mackenzie, 4, and Marina, 2. His education started when he attended Rae. C. Stedman Elementary, Petersburg High School, and Montana State University and University of South East Alaska where he received a bachelor's degree in biology and master's degree in art and technology. During his teaching career, he has taught at Petersburg High School as a student teacher for a year and then in



Mr. Ross Tulloch at the annual orientation field day in August.

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Metlakatla for five years.

He decided to come to G.I.L.A because of the people and the school, but while he has been here, he said he has begun to love the diversity

and friendliness of the students as well. While teaching in Galena, he hopes to give students the opportunity to love science as much as he does.

Long-time Galena teacher welcomed at GILA

By LYNNETTE STRICKLAND
Staff writer

Marylee Kauffman came to Alaska to stay for one year. Thirty-three years later, she is still teaching here in Galena. This year she's moved to the Galena Interior Learning Academy. When she moved from Sidney C. Huntington School to GILA, she said that the worst part was the physically packing her furniture and then unpacking her things. To make her classroom more welcoming, she put up a map to mark and see where students come from. Ms. Kauffman also plays

music and has a window in her room overlooking the campus. Her goal is to help as many students pass the high school qualifying test.

She was born July 30 in Pittsburgh, Penn. Her parents are Jim and Jean Brown; her siblings

are Rick, Audrey, and Jeff.

Ms. Kauffman graduated from Moon High School and Slippery Rock University. She previously taught at Philadelphia and before coming to Galena 33 years ago. She said she came to Galena because

it's in Alaska and it's a refreshing change from a major city. Ms. Kauffman hopes to help raise contented children who give back to the community. Her children are Carlee (who teaches social studies at GILA), Julissa, Kyana, and Dana.

Boy's hall manager arrives in the dorms

By GABE SIMPLE
Staff writer

When Justin Lowenthal was around three years old, he walked into the bathroom and saw his dad shaving. Justin asked his dad what he was doing. His dad said that he was taking off his beard.

After his dad finished shaving, Justin told him to put his beard back on.

Mr. Lowenthal is the son of Larry Lowenthal and Judy Moody. As a child, he spent part of his time with this father at his house just south of San Francisco and his mom in Redding, Calif.

He spent most of his life in California.

Working here in Galena would make this the longest time he spent outside of California. He is the boy's hall manager at Ptarmigan Hall. He enforces the discipline rules around the campus.

Mrs. Essex: 'Cool' to work at a boarding school

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attended Stout and Eau Claire Universities of Wisconsin, receiving her bachelor's degree in child development, family life and community resources along with her master's degree in K-12 guidance and counseling.

For many years she has been a counselor for various schools including Hooper Bay, Pilot Station, Alukanuk, as well as working at Sparta High School in Wisconsin and as an online counselor for the state of Minnesota.

Mrs. Essex

decided to come here because she has always thought it would be cool working in a boarding school environment and has been interested in it since first hearing of it in 1997. Working here, she hopes to teach the students better ways to cope with stress and live

healthier lives.

The kid's ability to adapt to their new surroundings stands out most to her. "How quickly the students get to know the staff and feel comfortable in their new surroundings. It's awesome!" she said.

Ms. Redman new SHS gym teacher

By **CARL ROSE**
Staff writer

Keilah Redman has been helping in the classroom for the past 10 years and coaching for the past 12 years. She has coached volleyball, track, football, and basketball. She loves to ride bikes. And most of all she loves to teach.

“My reason for coming to Galena was because it’s a great school district and a good job opportunity,” Ms. Redman said.

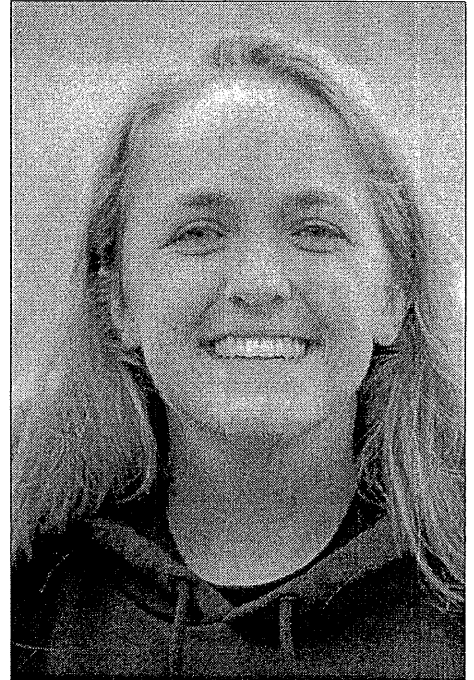
“The most suprising thing I’ve seen here is teachers and students are on a first name basis.”

Ms. Redman said she wants to help raise math scores and to

get others interested in getting physically active.

Ms. Redman was born in Lancey, Mich., on June 23, 1982. Her dad is Allen Redman and her mom is Shirley Redman. She has a brother named Elijah and a sister named Dominique. Ms. Redman is not married and does not have any children.

Before Ms. Redman had come to Galena, she earned a secondary education degree in math and physical education, and a master’s degree in elementary reading and math. She has also worked for school districts in Iowa for three years and a school district in Michigan for one year.



Keilah Redman.

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Students come to Galena from all over

By **LYNNETTE STRICKLAND**
Staff writer

Ninety new students arrived this year at the Galena Interior Learning Academy.

The goal of the school is to have 220 students by the end of the year.

Most of the new students were recruited by word of mouth, said John Hurley, principal at GILA. There are currently about

185 students at the school.

David Walker, 14, from Holy Cross, said he came here for a better education. His surprise after being here for three weeks is how strict the rules of the dorms are.

He also said the difference between schooling here compared to his home town is the teachers at GILA teach new things.

Dawn Sims, 15, from Grayling, came to school here because it sounded fun. Her surprise

after being here for three weeks was she didn’t miss home so much. She said the difference between schooling here and schooling in her home town is there are a lot of new people here in Galena.

Fifteen year old Dwight Anowlic from Nome started school here because his mom wanted him to. Dwight was surprised that it was a lot smaller than he though, he also said it is kind of similar to his hometown.

Communities where the students come from:		
Fort Yukon (5 students)	North Pole (2 studnets)	Grayling (2 Student)
Fairbanks (9 students)	Koyuk (2 students)	Twin Hills (1 student)
Tanacross (2 students)	Anchorage (13 students)	Juneau (5 students)
Kwethluk (2 students)	St. Mary's (4 studnets)	Kipnuk (2 studnets)
Emmonak (13 students)	Stevens Village (3 students)	Kotlik (1 student)
Nenana (1 student)	Tanana (1 student)	Hooper Bay (3 students)
Nunapitchuk (5 students)	Pilot Station (3 students)	Wasilla (1 student)
Nome (2 students)	Copper Center (3 student)	Nunam Iqua (1 student)
Unalakleet (1 student)	Anvik (9 students)	Holly Cross (3 students)
Stebbins (2 students)	Chugiak (1 student)	Chuathbaluk (1 student)
Kotzebue (9 students)	Kobuk (3 students)	St. George (1 student)
Point Hope (3 students)	Allakaket (2 students)	Tok (3 students)
Selawik (2 students)	Galena (2 students)	Venetie (2 students)
Shageluk (1 student)	Koyukuk (1 student)	Manokotak (1 student)
Circle (1 student)	Sutton (1 student)	Beaver (1 student)
Eek (1 student)	Kodiak (2 students)	Aniak (1 student)
Bethel (5 students)	Marshall (1 student)	Akiachak (2 students)
Minto (1 student)	St. Paul Island (3 students)	Nikolski (1 student)
Chevak (1 student)	Pedro Bay (1 student)	Akiak (1 student)
	Toksook Bay (2 studnets)	Stony River (1 student)
	Ambler (4 studnets)	

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Former All-American joins NBA player teaching ball skills to Galena students

By CARL ROSE
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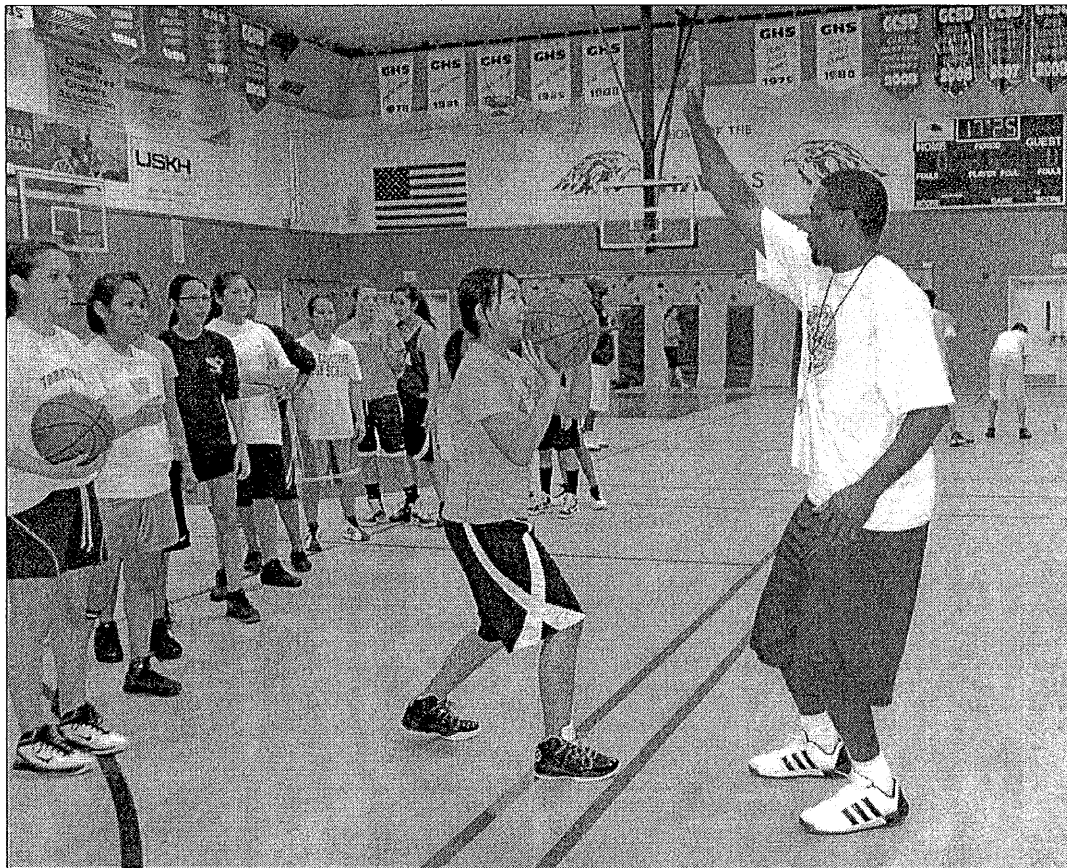
Former All-American basketball star Cornelius Williams was here in Galena teaching basketball skills to students with Young Life, a Christian organization which serves middle school and high school students.

He said he likes the closeness of the community and the students and adults all have been exceptionally nice. "People deserve to be listened to, and that's one of the best things we can do if we love someone," he said. Mr. Williams also said that he is pleased with the sincerity of the people here in Galena. His traveling companion and former NBA player Frankie King told him that he would also love to come back.

"All I want is to give back what was given to me when I was young," said Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams has only been to Alaska twice. His first time was to Anchorage when he was in college. He has never been to Galena until now.

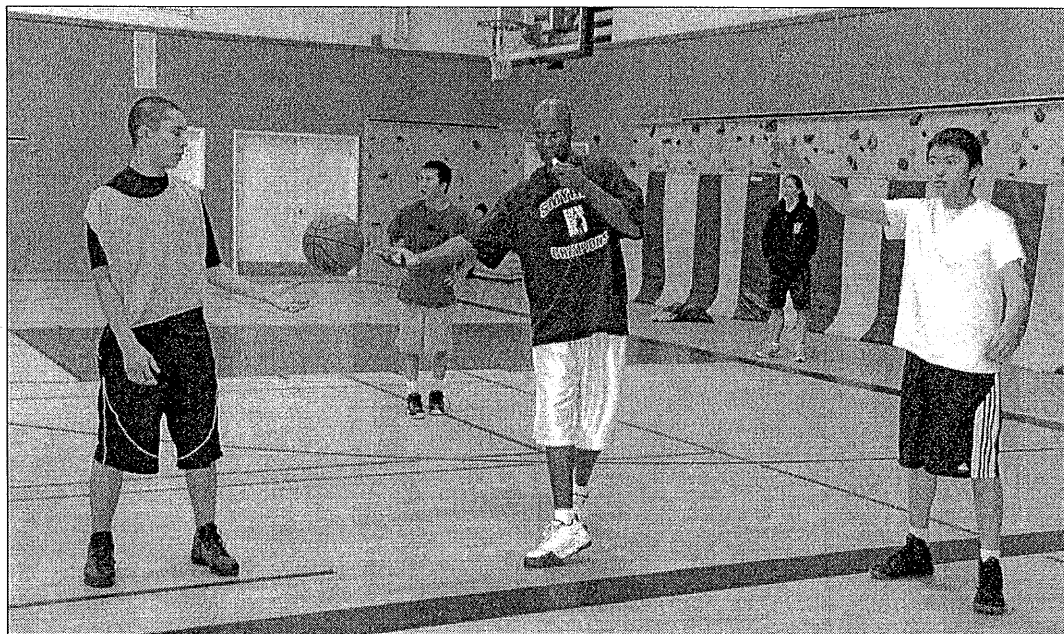
Mr. Williams said that his first impression

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Former NBA player Frankie King shows xxx xxxxxxxx how to get around the defensive player on the way to the basket during the recent Galena basketball clinic.

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All-American Cornelius Williams teaches ball handling skills to GILA student Mike Andrews (left) and Rodney Hildebrand.

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Former NBA player has a real passion for basketball

By CHELSEA STEVENS
Staff writer

Former NBA player Frankie King said his goals for the recent Galena basketball camp was to introduce the fundamentals of

basketball, practice new drills, and develop upcoming skills.

After many years playing professional ball, Mr. King is now interning at the Metro Atlanta Leadership Foundation. He was in Galena along with former All-American

Cornelius Williams earlier this month.

Mr. King's Galena visit was sponsored by the Young Life program. He said that on his way to Galena all he could see was mountains and water, adding that Alaska was a beautiful place.

He also mentioned that since he was coming from Georgia, the coldness was very new experience.

Born in Baxley, Ga., on July 6, 1972, Mr. King said he's always had a passion about

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GILA students see rule changes this year

By **JESSICA PEPPER**
Staff writer

New privileges for students and rules changes in the dorms have been noticed by many students returning to the Galena Interior Learning Academy this year.

One privilege students are taking advantage of most is the ability to walk off base. This is the first year that level two and three students are allowed to do this.

Being a level three student means you

have special privileges, which includes having a microwave, coffee maker, or television in your room and a later room time curfew, along with the privilege of walking off base.

All students attending GILA begin as level two students but may become level three later on by earning the extra privileges. Level two students don't have as many privileges as the level three but, are still able to walk off base.

Level one students face the greatest restrictions.

To walk off base

students must be in groups of at least two, visit only non-restricted areas, and be back by curfew at 9:15 p.m. on weekdays and 10:30 p.m. on weekends, said Mr. Blasco.

If these rules are violated, consequences are given to the students based on the rules broken or the severity of their actions, he said. Past restrictions such as out-of-school suspension and room restriction have been lifted and will no longer be given as a punishment.

Mr. Blasco

said an outside consultant, working in collaboration with the new superintendent, Chris Reitan, and GILA dorm management staff took part in making these changes happen this year.

Both Mr. Blasco and Maria Wieczorek, program coordinator and hall manager for the dorms, said they have no regrets about the changes, although Blasco said he should have made a community announcement letting Galena residents know about the changes ahead of time.

GILA dorms can be 'one large family'

By **CARL ROSE**
Staff writer

The dorm life at Galena Interior Learning Academy (GILA) is very different from your average life at your own home. There are many things to do at the dorms, including; homework, sports practice, activities, like walk of base, the gym, the sub, sewing room, swimming, joy rides, and there's always snack time.

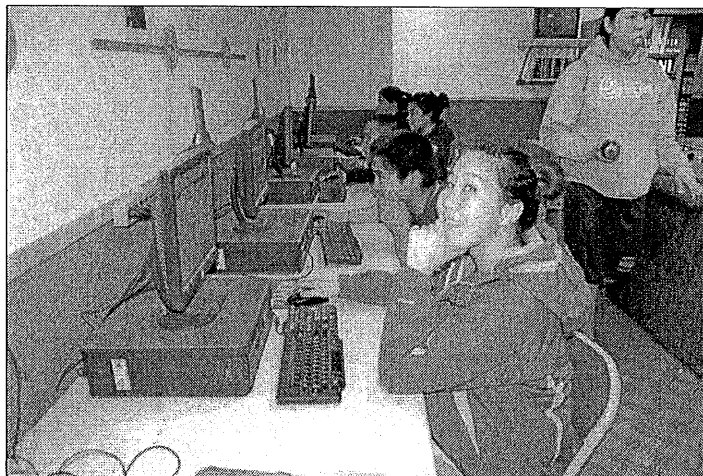
Foods at the dorms are delicious. It's always homemade and the food is never put together halfheartedly. Rand Rosecrans, the culinary arts teacher, is the mastermind behind all the delicious food we eat at the dining hall.

Dinner varies from pizza to Asian food to moose meat in tortillas to sub sandwiches that you can make yourself. Lunch can be pizza on garlic bread, sloppy Joes, or chicken nuggets and uncrustables. Breakfast includes food like eggs

with beacon, French toast sticks, or breakfast burritos with salsa and sour cream.

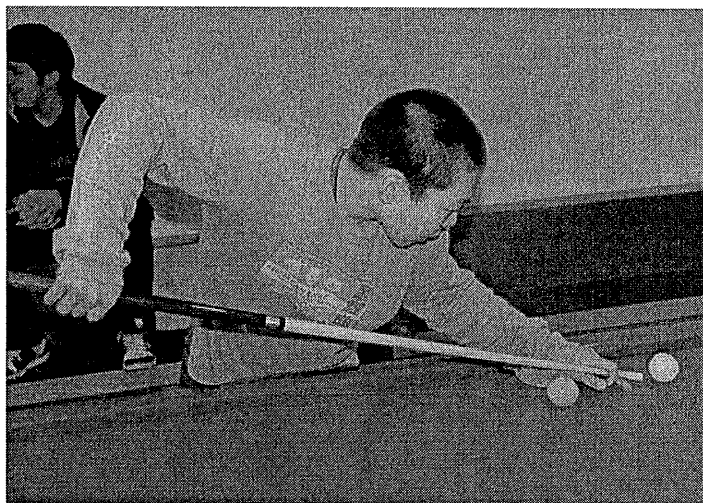
When you're bored at the dorms there are many things you can go and do. You could go and walk off base and go to the store. You could always go to the gym and play ball or lift weights. You could go and chill out in the sub with your friends and buy food and drinks from the student store. You could go hang out with Maggie and fix your clothing by sewing them back together. You could sign up for going on a joy ride with one of the dorms staff members. And when all else fails you could wait till eight pm to go munch out at snack time.

The students here at the dorms are a very cool bunch of kids and just like any other school we have different social institutions; we have the sports kids, the video game kids, we have the slackers and the easy "A" students, the gossip



GILA sophomore Ariana Swan joins the rest of the students keeping their Facebook account up to date in the game room.

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GILA freshman Tim Snowball lines up a shot on the community pool table.

Staff photo

group, and the music kids. And no matter what group you're in everyone connects in some way shape or form. Not

everyone gets along but we do manage here at the dorms. You could almost call us one big family.

Portrait of a high school



Students stood for a group portrait on the quad at the GILA campus during orientation week the first week of school. Other photos from the orientation day are shown below. Photo by Mr. A



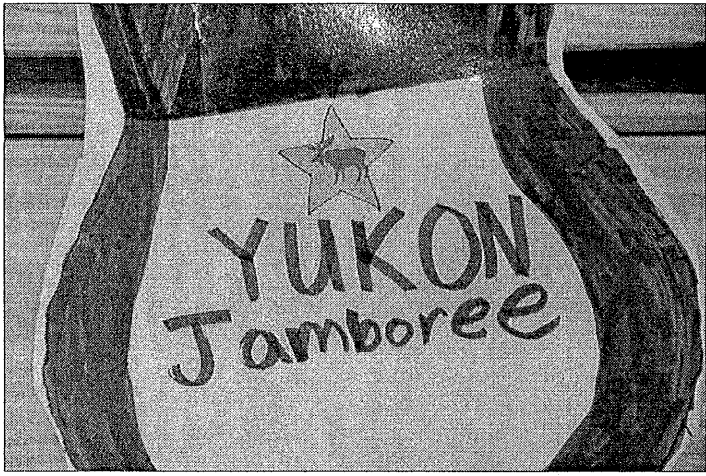
Dorms sponsor Teacher Appreciation Day

The dorm staff sponsored an open house and snacks for Galena teachers on Oct. 14. Each teacher received a carrying bag and thanks from the students at the dorms.

GILA junior Wendy Kameroff shows off one of the teacher gifts.

Staff photo





By **LYNNETTE STRICKLAND and JESSICA PEPPER**
Staff writers

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Everyone had fun at this year's Yukon Jamboree, celebrated at the Sidney C. Huntington School gym from September 30 to October 1.

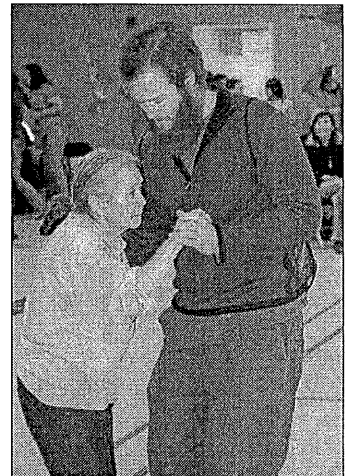
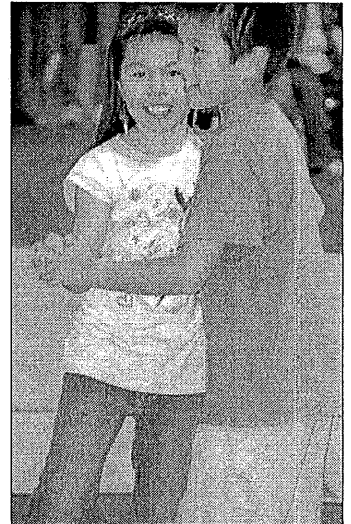
The Yukon Jamboree celebrates sobriety and people also come to dance, have potlatches and give announce raffle tickets and sell crafts. The Jamboree is something traditional and it gives people the opportunity to do something without drinking, said Karrie Pavish Anderson, the Ptarmigan Hall music and arts program director. She organized a group of students called The Musician's Union who performed at the jamboree.

New GILA student Yvonne Norton of Selawik, attending the jamboree for the first time, said the event was exciting.

Attending her first Jamboree, Katrina Mailloux, working with TCC, said, "It's like a family get together and it also brings the community closer and it was really fun."

Musicians played from communities up and the down the Yukon River from Nulato, Ruby, Koyukuk, and Huslia. Some of the musicians who performed are Al Stevens from Stevens Village, Gary Simple from Venatie, and The Forget Me Nots, who are GILA students. Also performing were Josh Koyukuk's band and the Black Burn band.

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Galena setter wins spot on tourney team

By KAYLIN KOPP
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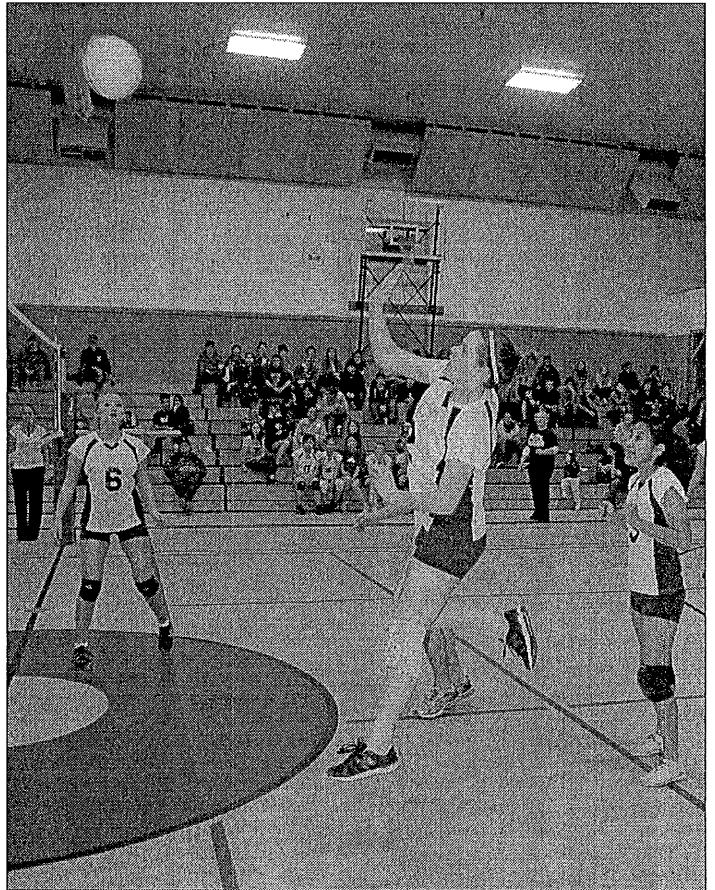
Tiffany George, 14, a freshman on the Galena Lady Hawks volleyball team, was awarded a place on the Silver Division all-tournament team at the Valdez volleyball Invitational in September.

Galena volleyball coach Carrie Given said she nominated Tiffany because she worked hard, did her best, and had a good overall tournament. "Tiffany was on the ball, all the time, and improved [dramatically] over the course of the tournament."

Ms. Given also said that the Valdez Invitational was the first time Tiffany had played in a game, as well as her first time as setter.

When asked her perspective on the Hawks' trip to Valdez, Tiffany said that even though they lost every game, she still thinks it was a success. "We're better players now...and learned to play together as a team."

Congratulations, Lady Hawks!



Galena Hawks volleyballer Deneauh Davis goes to the net during the home match against Nome at the SHS gym.

Staff photo

Wrestlers takes two first places at Nome tourney

By JOE APFELBECK
Special to the *Hawk Highlights*

The intense sport of wrestling started its season on September 26.

The first meet was in Nome. It was a three day trip and the wrestlers left on Oct. 7 at 10:30

a.m. The teams that were there were Nome, Galena, Bethel, Unalakleet, and Kotzebue. The tournament was held in the Nome high school gym.

There were two mats out at a time. Wrestlers competed in both junior high and

high school tournaments. The junior high weight classes were 97 lbs., 113, 120, 126, 132, and 140. The high school weight classes were 106 lbs., 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, and 195. There were about from 5 to 10 people in every weight class.

Three wrestlers made it to the finals for Galena and two of them got first place - senior Gabe Simple and eighth-grade junior higher Kaleb Korta.

"The best thing on the trip was beating Robert Pate in the finals, who had beaten me in a 7 minute match earlier in the tournament," said Kaleb.

The wrestlers recently came back from the Bush Brawl in Kotzebue last weekend.

This sport involves take downs, pins, and three 2-minute periods. Practice is at the Galena Interior Learning Academy gym with the coach Ben Blasco, a former All-American wrestler. The assistant coaches are Megan Blasco, Karrie Pavish-Anderson, and Ross Tulloch, the science teacher at GILA.

All-American: 'It's about sharing'

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of Galena was that it is very cold - even though it was still fall and above freezing during the day - because he comes from Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Williams has

been a part of Young Life since 1983. His favorite part of serving with Young Life is building relationships with students and helping them to grow in their relationship with God and helping them to be better

people. He said he loves to work with youth, and his motivation for life is that God really wants him to spread that love. "No matter what I do it's all about sharing," he said. "Basketball is just a platform to serve others."

NBA player: Small town didn't stop him

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basketball. Growing up in a small town of Georgia didn't stop him. With his motivation and the help from his friends and family, he played

college ball at Brunswick College and Western Carolina University. He was drafted by the NBA in 1995.

He was selected as the number 37 overall pick by the Los Angeles

Lakers; he played for them from 1995-1996, and then went to the Philadelphia 76ers from 1996-1997. For years now he has been traveling all around the world.

What do we think about banning some books?

By KAITLYN MOOS

Special to the *Hawk Highlights*

Banning books is when someone complains to local libraries about the book they despise and list why they don't like it. Then they decide to ban it or keep it. Do we want to ban books because we do not agree with their morals, their statements, their context, and what they represent?

Last week our seventh grade class discussed the banning of books in our language arts class with Mr. Harms, and whether or not we

agree with banning books. I believe people should not be able to deprive others of the right to read what they enjoy. Just because you don't agree with what it states, doesn't mean that other people can't read what you don't enjoy.

Everyone has different opinions and that shouldn't effect what other people read even if it has swearing, vulgar comments, inappropriate situations, use of witchcraft, varying religions, racial comments, inaccurate information, too harshly depicted information, or

contains sexuality. Some particularly well known books were challenged. A few of them are *Twilight*, *Harry Potter*, *The Giver*, and *The Lord of the Rings*. If you enjoyed these books, like I have, then you wouldn't want to not be able to access them at your local library. Opinions should not control what the world reads.

If we ban books, what will be next - movies, newspapers, magazines? I personally think that we should not choose to ban books, but to suck it up and just avoid the book we don't

agree with. Banning books is going too far. The world does not have to abide by only one measly person's opinion. In the First Amendment it clearly states: "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or the press..."

If we truly agree with the First Amendment, banning books is an infraction of our rights and freedom. As an American I don't want my rights to be treated in a way that doesn't even act like we have rights.

By KALEB KORTA

Special to the *Hawk Highlights*

Is this still the "land of the free" where we value the importance of the First Amendment and the freedom of speech? I sure think so, but many people are showing that they disagree by challenging or successfully banning books from public libraries and schools.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, a book I was reading the other day, was banned for the use of the "N" word throughout the book.

People should understand that back during this time the "N" word was a term used to describe an African-American person and was commonly used by all ages and races.

According to an unknown citizen who has passionate feeling about this topic, "Censorship cannot eliminate evil. It can only kill freedom. We believe Americans have the right to buy, stores have the right to sell, authors have the right to write and publishers have the right to publish Constitutionally-protected material. Period."

I totally agree

with this quote because the Constitution clearly states in the First Amendment that "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech or of the press..." therefore allowing Americans to print, publish, and say whatever they want or believe. Banning books in America, if we follow the Constitution, is wrong.

Furthermore, if parents have a problem about the type of books their children are reading then they should play a more important role in choosing their child's books, instead

of attempting to a ban them from all the other children. Clair Booth Luce explains her views about this idea with an analogy to charity. "Censorship, like charity, should begin at home; but unlike charity, it should end there." If parents want to filter the type of books their child is reading, then go ahead, but don't take away other children's freedom.

If this is still the land of the free then we should act that way and stop the banning of books.

By KAMERON REITAN

Special to the *Hawk Highlights*

In Ryan Harms' Social Studies class, the seventh and eighth graders discussed the "Banned Books" of the world. This concept is where libraries or

communities forbid books so people can't read them.

Many of the books that have been banished from libraries, states, and communities are very popular books. You will be surprised by what books that people think should not be read: *Harry Potter*, *Hunger Games*, the *Twilight* saga,

James and the Giant Peach, *Where's Wally*, and many others. I'm sure you have heard of or read one of these books, but do you think they should be banned?

It appears to the seventh and eighth grade that most books should be open for everyone to read. Yes, young readers

should not be exposed to some inappropriate Controversial topics, such as violence and vulgar language. Although, it seems that the people who want these books to disappear are just afraid of reality, because everything

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Gardens: Galena, UAF prepare plots

From the front page

200 hungry high school students throughout the winter.

Ms. Anderson, along with Galena resident and program manager Sandy Scotten, accompanied Mr. Tulloch's science classes to the proposed GILA garden site adjacent to Galena's community garden, and instructed the students in taking soil samples. These samples will be sent to a lab to ensure adequate nutrients are present, confirming that the plot is ready to be planted in the spring.

A local gardening enthusiast, Ms. Scotten is responsible for heading up this project, writing grants, organizing a team to assist in research and foodservice management, and helping ready the garden plot. She sees this garden as an important development, not only



Javier, Payton, Sable Scotten and Hawken Scotten. And they're holding carrots!

Photo courtesy Debbie Koontz

for the school, but also for Galena as a rural community.

She said the garden will teach the

next generation the importance of subsistence and environmental responsibility, and may be a pilot example for other

rural communities.

"If we can do it here, there's no reason it can't be done [elsewhere]," she said.

Junior high opinion: Issue of banning books debated

From the previous page

they don't want kids to read about happens almost everywhere on this planet. They are so terrified of the terrible thing that happen to people or what they believe in. For example, some people may not believe in Christianity and think only they're religion is the right way

to go, so they won't accept it to be in a book. Another section of books that are often banned are fantasies, and I believe they should not be taken away because they help young readers to grow imagination and think outside the box.

Judy Blume the famous author who has several books on the bad books list said,"... (Parents) want to believe

that if their children don't read about it, they won't know about it. And if they don't know about it, it won't happen." In my opinion she is completely right, because some day they will come to a point where they will hear or see violence, sexuality, religion, vulgar language and racism. The kids will be completely unaware, and not understand what's happening. Books

are a very good thing, because they have lots of education and books that exercise your brain. If parents don't want their kids to read certain types of books then they can pick books out together, but leave other books open for everyone else to read. Parent should monitor their kinds and not the communities.

The Hawk Highlights welcomes letters to the editor and articles from students attending Galena schools. Please send letters or submissions to Mr. Apfelbeck at the GILA campus, or write to Mr. A at paul.apfelbeck@galenanet.com.

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New principal: GILA students 'courageous'

From the front page Academy.

"GILA is the most interesting school I have ever heard about," said Mr. Hurley.

"The caliber of kids that have a plan and are working towards something, and how courageous you all are for leaving your comfort zone back home is the most surprising thing I have seen about the GILA school students," he said.

John Hurley was born in Edison, New Jersey, on Aug. 27, 1956. His dad's name is James Hurley. He joked that his mom was just "Mom Hurley." He has two older brothers, Jim and Tom Hurley. He is not currently married and has a son named Tom, 22, who works and lives in Metlakatla for

the Metlakatla Indian Community in the fishing industry working in cold storage.

Before coming to GILA, he worked as a principal at West Homer Elementary School in

Homer for a year and at Metlakatla for eight years. He was also principal in Durango, Colo., at the Durango School District for two years. Prior to his administrative experience, he was a

teacher-principal in Ekwok in the Southwest Region School district and in Dillingham for three years. Mr. Hurley said he wants to make a positive impact in everybody's life at GILA.

It'll hurt just a little bit



GILA student Dallas Alexander gets his insulin level checked by a TCC nurse at the Yukon Jamboree earlier this month.

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