

# PERS Speaks Out

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## *Up, up and away!*

*Students  
get up  
close to  
fighter jets*

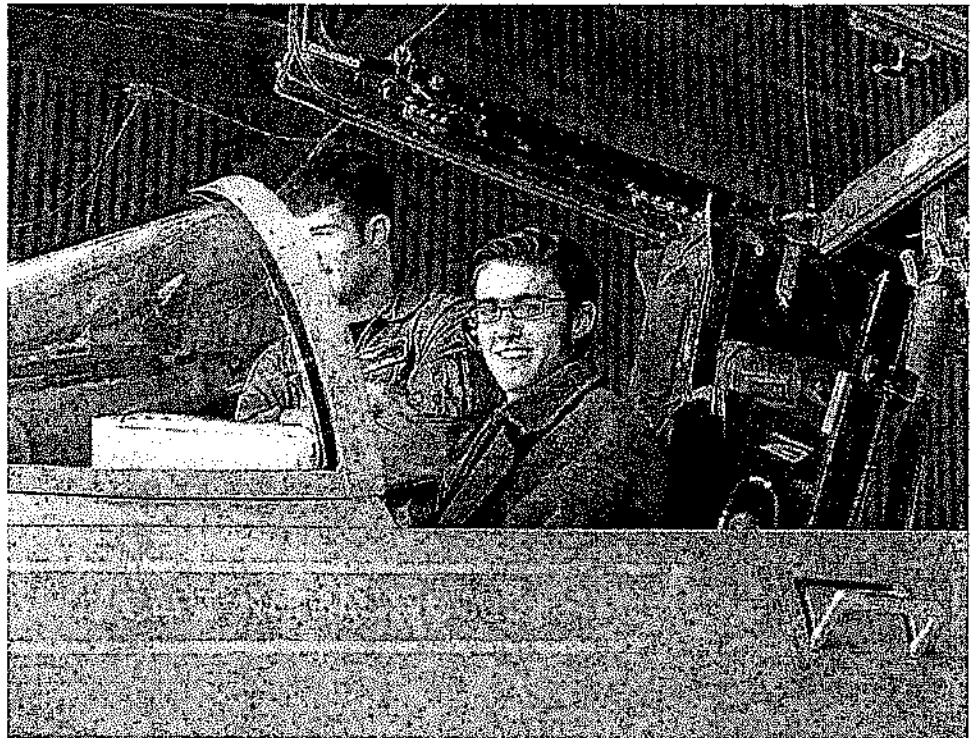
By TIFFANI  
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PERS reporter

High school students found out what it feels like in the cockpit of an F-15 fighter jet last week.

On Thursday, August 28, the Intro to Aviation class was led by Capt. Felicia Mohr to see an F-15 fighter jet.

The students and aviation teacher Russ Miller were really excited to touch a

Anyone who won't be here on Friday during lunch needs to see Mr. O'Dell for an absentee ballot.



Senior Ben Pedersen, a student in the aviation class, gets a feel for the Air Force last week.

fighter jet.

The Air Force personnel that were helping out showed students many interesting objects on the jet.

### **Student gov't election is Friday**

The election for student government officers is going to be at lunchtime on Friday in the dining hall, said Dean O'Dell, student

Students were extremely excited about getting to sit in the cockpit and look at many buttons that control the jet. Miller, the aviation

government advisor.

Students will be asked to first sign a registry before picking up a ballot. Each student is asked to vote immedi-

Photo by Isabella Apfelbeck

instructor, always wanted to be in the cockpit of an F-15 fighter jet, but never had the opportunity until last week.

ately and place their ballot in a designated box.

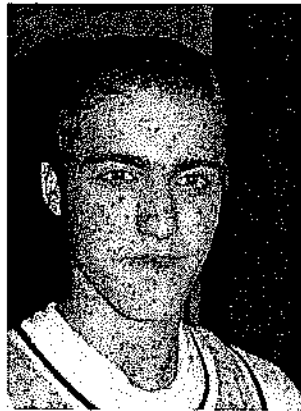
The results of the election will be announced on Friday afternoon.

# The candidates speak



Name: Crescentia Lestenkof  
 Grade: 12  
 Age: 17  
 Hometown: St. George  
 Office sought: President

"I know what I'm doing. I have awesome leadership."



Name: Benjamin Pedersen  
 Grade: 12  
 Age: 17  
 Hometown: Ft Collins Colorado  
 Office sought: President

"I'm smart, I behave well, and I believe that I can make changes for the benefit of the student's interests... I will be the student's president."



Name: Eliza Coyle  
 Grade: 12  
 Age: 17  
 Hometown: Mountain Village  
 Office: Vice President

"I want to make a difference."



Name: James Gilila  
 Grade: 12  
 Age: 17  
 Hometown: Akiak  
 Office: Vice President

"It's my last year here and I want to have fun, I want to hook the students up to the fun stuff, too."



Name: Sarah Reagin  
 Grade: 9  
 Age: 15  
 Hometown: Fairbanks  
 Office: Secretary-Treasurer

"I never ran before and I thought it might be fun."

Name: Tiffany Woods  
 Grade: 10  
 Age: 15  
 Hometown: Anchorage  
 Office: Secretary-Treasurer

"They should vote for me because I was the former secretary-treasurer for last year and I worked hard. I would like to be the secretary-treasurer again this year."



The election of PERS student government officers is Friday. Come out and vote!

# Air Force captain visits students

By TIFFANI SOUHRADA  
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Capt. Felicia Mohr and other Air Force personnel came to Galena to test out their F-15 fighter jets. They were here for about two weeks in August.

Capt. Mohr spoke with students during the Friday morning assembly and helped set up a meeting between the aviation class and F-15 fighter jet pilots.

Students had the rare opportunity to inspect and sit in the cockpit of a fighter jet.

Mohr, 27, is the program manager for forward operations, overseeing deployments and making sure everything goes smoothly.

She's been in the Air Force for nine years and enjoys her career in human factors engineering.

"It's a good way to pay for school," said Mohr, "but I didn't know what I really wanted to do."

She didn't choose the Army, Navy, or National Guard because the "Air Force treats its people better."

Being in the Air



Capt. Felicia Mohr talks with PERS reporter Tiffani Souhrada during an interview last month.

Force brought Mohr many places: Boston, Colorado, and Alaska.

In February, she is going to go to Tunisia and learn how to speak French. The Air Force

is "a way to get away," she said.

If you would like to contact Felicia, you can write to her at [feliciamohr@elmenor.af.mil](mailto:feliciamohr@elmenor.af.mil).

## Cross-country runners at PERS



Runners from the high school cross country team gathered for a meet on Aug. 30 on the trails next to the school at the end of the runway. Steve Erickson (above), the district's technology director, took part along with many other adults from the community.



# Galena Ag Fair



Jeremiah Stepetin (left corner); Jofina and Renee Avugiak look over ribbons (above); Eliza Coyle has her face painted (left).

The Galena Agricultural Fair was Aug. 30 at the community center. Isabella Apfelbeck won a grand prize for her flower display (far left).



Joleen Jones and James Gilila (left); language arts teacher (and part-time farmer) Paul Apfelbeck won a prize for his corn (below).

