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## America is DOOMED!

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According to six protesters from the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, KS, America is doomed. Rev. Fred Phelps, who is also a lawyer, and his congregation are against homosexuals and the soldiers who fight for our country. They have groups who travel to military funerals and gay-pride gatherings. Their goal is to get the word out that most natural disasters and terrorist attacks are God's punishments for us ruining the society we live in. Before November 29, 2009, I had never heard of the Phelps group. On that day there was a funeral service for a local hero, John Cleaver, who was killed in Afghanistan fighting for our country. Friends and family joined together to say their good-byes to their loved one as the Phelps group lined the sidewalk on 7<sup>th</sup> and Cornwall. They held up signs that read "God is your Enemy", "Thank God for Dead Soldiers", and "Obama killed them." That is when we came together, with help from the Patriot Guard Riders, to show support for our troops and helped block out the protesting so the Cleaver family could have peace for the memorial service.

The protesters stated that they are protected by the First Amendment. However, soldiers are fighting to protect that right. Therefore, they are protesting the very people that protect their right to protest! No one is to be blamed for the deaths of the soldiers - not God, not Obama, not anyone. The U.S. does not draft soldiers anymore. These soldiers know what they're getting into and are willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice in protecting the freedoms we have enjoyed ever since America became a country. In America not everyone sees eye to eye, we all have our own opinions. However, there is a difference between right and wrong, and there is no reason to protest at a military funeral.

By: Beau Hamlin and Mackenzie Buckner

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# ACT

The ACT test will be on February 16, 2010. The registration deadline is January 5, 2010 for the ACT and the late registration is January 7-20, 2010. If you register late you will be required to pay a late fee. The basic registration fee is \$32, but this fee includes a report for you, for your high school, and up to four colleges. If you want to take the writing part of the test it will be \$47. The subjects that are tested in the ACT test are English, math, science, and reading. You can also take the writing part of the ACT but it is optional.

The ACT test takes just over four hours including administration, instructions, and breaks. The actual ACT test takes two hours and fifty-five minutes to complete without the writing test. The test is broken down into four parts: English, reading, math, and science. The English test is forty-five minutes, the reading test is thirty-five minutes, the math is sixty minutes, and the science is thirty-five minutes. The ACT writing test is an extra thirty minutes.

The ACT test is not only held in the month of February, it is also held in September, October, December, April, and June. You can retake the ACT test up to twelve times but you can only take the test once per national test date. The questions on the ACT test are related to what students have learned in high school courses in English, mathematics, and science. The ACT stands for American College Testing. In 1996 the name was shortened to simply ACT.

To register for the ACT test you can either register online or register by mail by filling out the paper form. Whether you register online or through the mail both cost the same but registering online is faster because you find out immediately if the testing center has enough room for you. The way you register for the ACT test is totally up to you. Some tips for taking the ACT test are to make sure and read every question carefully. Also make sure to read each passage carefully and read and consider all of the answer choices before you answer a question. You should also answer the easiest questions first and then come back to the other questions later. Make sure you don't spend more than one to two minutes on any question. Practice tests are available online.

By: Shelby Ray

# Death of a Doornail

By: Caybren Marez

This year the Galena High School will be performing the murder mystery “Death of a Doornail” written by Lee Mueller. The high school cast has been practicing for the last few weeks and have been really getting into their characters.

The following is a list of characters: Narrators: Hosts of the Murder Mystery - Sam Ferguson and Brittney Wells. Audience Guy: a man who just wants to sing karaoke but ended up at the Murder Mystery, played by Ben Williams. Audience Guy's Wife: The wife of Audience Guy that tries to keep her husband under control, but most likely tricked him into coming to the murder mystery, played by Carli Holt. Edward: the "Poindexter" of the cast, played by Caybren Marez. Pricilla: The shallow daughter of Albert Doornale, played by Shelbi Hussong. Candace Bambay: The current girlfriend of Albert Doornale, played by Natasha Stringer. Mortimer: The Butler, played by Landon Link. Mrs. Morganford: The bored and bitter cook, played by Randi Cantrell. Salvatore Carbone: Albert's childhood friend from back east, played by Bazil Hudson. Abigail Doornale: Ex-wife of Albert, played by Faith Woodward. Inspector Bukowski: a police inspector who eagerly wants a big case to fall in his lap, played by Brittany Allen. Albert Doornale: Eccentric Millionaire who has invited guests to his mansion, played by Bria Lamica.

The play is being directed by Ray Streeter and Mary Ferguson. The performances will be on Thursday, December 10, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 13, at 3 p.m. in the Galena High School Performing Arts Center. Please come and enjoy the show.



# CHRISTMAS FACTS!!!

- Each year, 30-35 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States alone. There are 21,000 Christmas tree growers in the United States, and trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold.
- Today, in the Greek and Russian orthodox churches, Christmas is celebrated 13 days after the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, which is also referred to as the Epiphany or Three Kings Day. This is the day it is believed that the three wise men finally found Jesus in the manger.
- Christmas was declared a federal holiday on June 26, 1870.
- Rudolph, "the most famous reindeer of all," was the product of Robert L. May's imagination in 1939. The copywriter wrote a poem about the reindeer to help lure customers into the Montgomery Ward department store.
- The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree came from the idea of construction workers.
- Since the 1890s, the Salvation Army has been putting "Santa Clause" workers out on the street collecting donations.
- The common abbreviation for Christmas to Xmas is derived from the Greek alphabet. X is letter Chi, which is the first letter of Christ's name in the Greek alphabet.

- Silent Night was written in 1818, by an Austrian priest Joseph Mohr. He was told the day before Christmas that the church organ was broken and would not be repaired in time for Christmas Eve. He was saddened by this and could not think of Christmas without music, so he wanted to write a carol that could be sung by choir to guitar music. He sat down and wrote three stanzas. Later that night the people in the little Austrian Church sang "Stille Nacht" for the first time.
- President Franklin Pierce was the first to decorate the first White House Christmas tree in the year of 1856.
- Mistletoe is green in the winter and is considered to bring good luck. Its berries are thought to induce love and fertility. Kissing may have begun with the Romans. If there are no berries, you are not supposed to kiss anymore. You are supposed to remove a berry when you kiss. Be careful as mistletoe is poisonous.

By: Kasidi Huffman



# Galena Takes 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sub-State!

Our boys did an amazing job this year with a 12 and 1 season. They were undefeated all season and went on to win league, district, bi-districts, regionals, sectionals, and were sub-state runner ups! The team did fantastic this year and broke the school record. Our guys got a plethora of awards starting with Coach Beau Sarwinski being elected CNC Coach of the Year.

Some other awards include Dillon Katzer- All CNC 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offensive line, Colton Leet- All CNC 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense-Receiver, Jacoby Martin- All CNC 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense-Quarterback, Troy Albright- All CNC 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense-Running Back, Cody Goodman - All CNC 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defensive line, Troy Albright and Cody Clark- All CNC 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense-Linebacker, Jacoby Martin and Colton Leet- All CNC 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defensive Backs, Josh Bryant and Zach Gougler- All CNC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offensive Line, Cody Clark- All CNC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offense-Running Back, and Codie Perry and Scott Anderson- Honorable Mention.

By: Tina Smith



There are so many different kinds of feet in the world.

There are...

Slow feet  
Quick feet  
Trick feet  
Sick feet

Feet in the morning

Feet at night  
Left foot  
Left foot  
Left foot  
Right

Light feet  
Dark feet  
Small feet  
Big feet

In the house,  
and on the street,  
how many, many  
feet you meet.

Dr. Seuss

Pictures by: Kelsey  
New

Now the question is whose feet are whose?



WHOSE FEET ARE WHOSE.....

Zach Snider, Tess King, Troy Albright,

Caressa Jensen, Trenton Little, and Kayla McGinnis

# Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is a day we celebrate once a year. It comes around on November 11th. We celebrate this day to honor the military men and women that have served our country and those currently serving in the military. However, we should thank them more than once a year. If it weren't for them, our country wouldn't be where it is today! Everyone wouldn't have the freedoms that we all take for granted.

At Galena High School, Mr. Hunt's junior class set up a special Veteran's Day program. In the morning, each junior was assigned a veteran. As their veteran arrived, the escort ate breakfast with the veteran. While everyone was waiting for the rest of the veterans, it gave the students and the veterans time to share and talk about things. When it was time for the assembly everyone headed to the PAC. During this time the choir sang, and the band played songs. There was a slide show about Veteran's Day and the meaning behind it. After the assembly was over, the students escorted the veterans to the gym where they sat down and ate lunch. The program was over after lunch., but the stories and memories will always stay with the students. From the Galena High School junior class, I would like to say thanks to all the veterans that came, and we hope to see you again next year!



By: Mackenzie Bucker



# Christmas Gifts!

Thanksgiving has passed, and Christmas is quickly approaching. To prevent you from getting that special someone a gift that will wind up in their next yard sale, here are a few suggestions. Get some ideas for yourself, or print this off and give your sweetheart a copy. Merry Christmas!!

## Girls

Perfume  
Jewelry  
Lotion  
Purse  
Mall Gift Card

## BOTH

Gas Cards  
Burned CD of your  
favorite songs  
Framed photo of  
each other  
Hoodie  
Concert Tickets

## Guys

Video Games  
Cologne  
Scrapbook of his sports  
Hunting Equipment  
Sports Tickets  
Hat

By:Whittney VanCleave

# December Teacher of the Month!



Jessica Shank was born on October 5, 1983. While growing up in Weir, KS she attended Southeast High School in Cherokee, KS. Ms. Shank graduated from high school in 2002 and decided to further her education at Pittsburg State University, majoring in English Education. She graduated from PSU in 2007 and agreed to teach sophomore and senior English at Galena High School. She is currently in her third year of teaching at GHS. One

thing many people do not know about Ms. Shank is her hatred of pumpkin pie. Ms. Shank's favorite thing about Galena is how eager the staff and students are to learn. Her English classes have learned more about African Culture and slaves among other things, than they had ever imagined. She is one of the many teachers at GHS who knows how to teach us and make learning fun.

By: Beau Hamlin

## **XEROX IS DOING IT AGAIN!!!**

If you visit [www.LetsSayThanks.com](http://www.LetsSayThanks.com), you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will send it to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq . You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to a member of the armed services. It's fast, simple and will mean a lot to any soldier who receives it.

# GHS Toy Box Drive

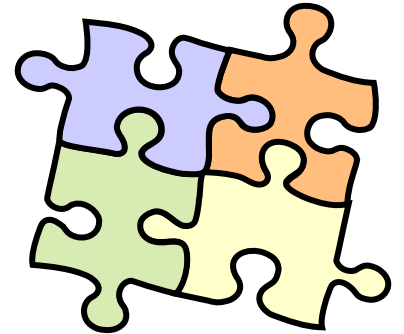
The Galena High School will be collecting toys this year for local Galena families. Please feel free to help by bringing in new, unwrapped toys to any of our local boxes. Boxes will be placed at the following locations:

## Local Businesses

- Community Bank & Trust
- Sunflower Company
- American Bank
- Williams Machinery
- Oasis Car Wash Systems

## USD 499 Schools

- Galena High School
- Galena Middle School
- Liberty
- Spring Grove
- USD 499 Board Office



Collections will start December 2nd and will end on Wednesday, December 16th. Toys will be given out on Friday, December 18th to deserving families.

By: Sam Ferguson

SEASONS  
GREETINGS!