

**Galena  
High  
School**

# BULLDOG UNDERGROUND

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## SOMETHING NEW!

The Yearbook and Newspaper Class is trying something new. The newspaper will no longer be in printed form. We will update our newspaper once a month online.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**NO SCHOOL OCT. 5**

**BOARD MEETING OCT. 12**

**PSAT (JUNIORS) OCT. 14**

**END OF 1ST QUARTER OCT.  
22**

**NO SCHOOL OCT. 23**

**ACT OCT. 24**

**PARENT/TEACHER CONF.**

**OCT. 27 & OCT. 29**

**SENIOR MAGAZINE SALES**

**BEGINS OCT. 28**

**NO SCHOOL OCT. 30**

**HALLOWEEN OCT. 31**

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## One Down, Three to go!

The end of the first quarter is coming soon-October 22! Starting off the school year was rough at first, but we're finally getting back into the swing of things. The first quarter included new classes, new teachers, new students, and for some new friends. The fall sports—volleyball, football, and girls' golf have gotten off to a great start. One quarter down, three left to endure. With a little hard work and dedication it'll all be over before we know it! Seniors this is the beginning of your last year of high school and it will definitely fly by. Take things slow and enjoy them while you can!!

By: Mackenzie Buckner

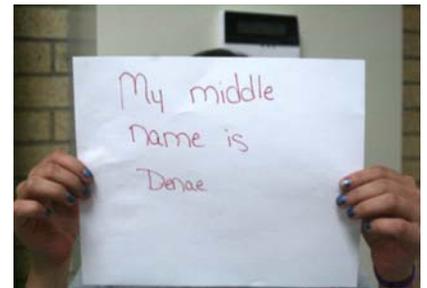
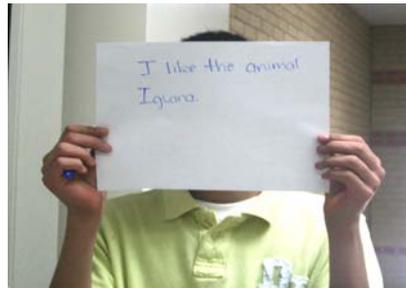
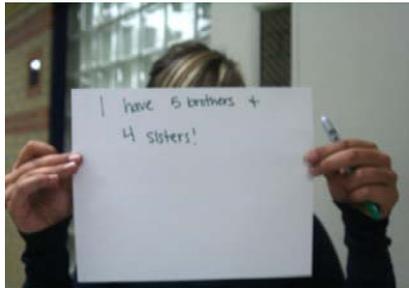
### A word from the Asst. Principal...



We are off to a tremendous start here at Galena High School. Our students are pushing themselves extremely hard in the classroom and we look forward to continued academic success. Our football team has started off the season 4-0 including an incredible, come from behind victory against St. Mary's Colgan. Our volleyball team is making great strides and has a huge win over Frontenac to boast about. Our girls golf team has participated in several meets and even though they are young, they are working extremely hard. They are competing against some of the best golfers in our region. Our students seem genuinely excited about the start of school and our staff members are excited about working with them. We at the high school would like to thank our students and the community for working so hard to help get the school year off to a great start.

Thank You,  
Asst. Principal Bryon Hanson

## You Will Never Believe that.. answers on page 4



## Kansas Schools Avoiding H1N1

In June 2009, the World Health Organization declared that a pandemic—a global epidemic—had begun concerning H1N1, also known as the swine flu. It has been affecting those from six through twenty one years of age. This is not typical of the normal flu which usually affects the very young and the elderly. With more than one fifth of that particular age group attending school, there are more policies and procedures that we have to follow.

The state of Kansas has recommended several things for schools to adopt: Parent and administrator letters, hand washing techniques, ("Elmo Hand Washing" video available) to show students how to wash their hands, sick rooms, the "Dracula" sneeze or cough technique, and no sharing water bottles. The state of Kansas also advise parents to keep children at home twenty four-hours fever free-without the use of fever reducing medication. The H1N1 vaccine will be distributed soon through the Cherokee County Health Department.

The symptoms of H1N1 are similar to the usual flu. This includes: fever, coughing, sneezing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, chills and fatigue. (continued)

## **Kansas Schools Avoiding H1N1 Cont...**

We advise that a child stays home if they have any of these symptoms. Also, if the fever is at least one hundred degrees or higher, we will send them home if they are already at school. Fortunately, most cases have been mild and only last for a few days. However there have been severe cases that either led to hospitalization or death.

Galena Schools have taken the recommendations of the state to help limit the spread of the virus. Several precautions, such as extra sanitizer were placed in high traffic areas. Hand washing techniques were taught to all children at the elementary level. The superintendent, Brian Smith, has attended two state wide meetings about the virus. The school nurse, Amy Price, receives updates daily on new information from the Cherokee County Health Department. Students, parents, and staff have been made aware of the new procedures and are implementing them as part of the school routine.

Limiting the spread of flu in schools during a pandemic requires a new perspective. We need to expect the unexpected. Parents, teachers and administrators need to work hard to keep schools open and be ready if schools suddenly close down. Students and staff shouldn't have to worry about absences or missing out on school. Above all, we need to expect quick change if necessary. Together, we can slow down the spread of H1N1 throughout Kansas.

By: Kelsey New

### **ACT TEST DATES 2009-2010**

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b><i>(Late Fee Required)</i></b>
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	Sept. 19 – October 2, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7 – 20, 2009
February 6, 2010**	January 5, 2010	January 6 – 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6 – 19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8 – 21, 2010

**ACT (With Writing) \$47.00, ACT (NO WRITING) \$32**

## Now you know...



**Tess King**



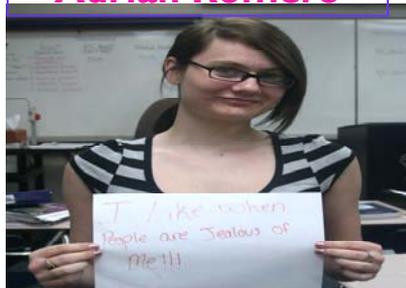
**Adrian Romero**



**David Berry**



**Alisha Tackett**



**Kala Farrell**



**Bailey Judd**

By: Whitney VanCleave

## October Teacher of the Month

Mrs. Lori Simmons was voted October Teacher of the Month by the Yearbook and Newspaper Staff. Mrs. Simmons is the Library Media Specialist for the high school, but that's not all she does. She is Senior Class Head Sponsor, Student Council Advisor, Labette Community College Coordinator, and is involved in lots of things. Mrs. Simmons is married to Tony Simmons and has three children, Kaitlyn, Jarred, and Rachel. Rachel is married to Braden and has one daughter named Bailey. She has worked for GHS for 9 years. She graduated from Columbus High School in 1986. She furthered her education and graduated from PSU with a Bachelors Degree in 1992 with a Major in Physical Education and Minors in English and Business. She went back to PSU and got her Masters Degree in Educational Technology in 2001. In her years of teaching she has been a Physical Education Teacher and an English Teacher. Most people do not realize what all she does. we are so thankful to have her as a part of our school.



By: Beau Hamlin

## **Should cell phones be allowed in school?**

Hopefully by now all of the students have had the schools "no cell phone" policy engraved in their mind. Most, if not all of the students would love to have the restrictions relaxed during school hours. The school this year has loosened the grip on the cell phone policy by allowing students to use them during lunch and during break time. This seems to have had a positive effect. I have seen teachers saying "I haven't had to confiscate any cell phones this year, I think that by allowing the limited use has lessened the students need to use them".

I myself have only heard one cell phone go off in class and that was because an alarm had gone off. I do not think that the statistic of one cell phone going off in four years seems to be very bad.

Some teachers do not have a problem with students using cell phones but they must follow the rules set by the school, and tell the students they cannot use them.

The bigger problem that seems to orbit around the issue not with the students making calls but texting. Texting seems to be the issue that the school is trying to combat by implementing the cell phone policy. I know that in past years the cell phone was just required to be turned off, now you cannot have it on you during the hours that you are in class not allowed to. There are situations that by having a cell phone in school could be useful, for example if you needed to contact a family member and the school didn't have their number. Yes there are both pros and cons. I guess we will see how eventually over time the policy will change.

By: Caybren Marez

## **YEARBOOK! YEARBOOK! YEARBOOK!**

Senior Parents! You may or may not be looking forward to the end of the year, but graduation time is just around the corner. Show your senior how much you really care about them. Send in two baby pictures, a senior picture, and a special word from you and we will place them in the yearbook, to be seen for many years to come. The cost is \$25.00 per slot. Please send payment and pictures to the High School office or to Rory Stadt. If you have any concerns or comments please contact Rory Stadt at (620)783-4499 ex. 1422. Please turn in your baby ads and money by November 24, 2009. Thank you.

Buy Your Yearbooks Today!

## **Pittsburg State University (PSU)**

If you are thinking about attending Pittsburg State University there are some things you need to think about, such as the academic requirements and the cost of attending PSU. Also you need to start thinking about what you want your major to be. Some of the academic requirements to enroll in PSU are: you must have an ACT score of 21 or higher, you must rank in the top 1/3 of your high school graduating class, or you must complete the pre-college curriculum with at least a 2.0 GPA. The pre-college curriculum includes: four units of English, three units of math, three units of Natural Science, and three units of Social Science. You can also have 24 or more transferable college credit hours with at a least a 2.0 to 4.0 GPA grade point average.

The costs for PSU include full fees and tuition, books and supplies, and residence halls. The current cost for one academic year is \$11,236 for students living in the State of Kansas and \$19,760 for students living out of the state. These amounts include the annual cost for a room in the residence halls of \$5,744 which is the same for students living in Kansas and for students that do not live in the state of Kansas. Advantages of residence hall living: less expensive than off-campus housing; within walking distance of classes and on-campus activities; cable T.V. and mini refrigerator, no utilities; no lease; no cooking or grocery shopping.

Pitt State offers a lot of different majors in Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, and Technology. Some of the different majors for the College of Arts and Sciences include: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Communication, English, and Family and Consumer Sciences. They also offer majors in History, Mathematics, Modern Languages and Literatures, Music, Nursing, Physics, and Social Sciences. Some of the majors in College of Business include: Accounting, Computer Science/Information Systems, Economics, Finance, and Banking. Majors offered in Education include Curriculum and Instruction, Psychology and Counseling, and Special Services and Leadership. Pitt State offers majors in Technology which include: Automotive Technology, Construction Management and Construction Engineering Technology, Graphics and Imaging Technologies, and also Technology and Workforce Learning. There are so many majors offered at Pitt State that there is something for almost anybody.

Students that qualify and live in certain Missouri or Oklahoma counties will be able to pay in-state tuition at PSU. Check with the university to see if you qualify. Pitt State offers scholarships and federal financial aid for students that want to attend the University. For a scholarship to attend Pittsburg State you can visit [www.pittstate.edu/scholarships](http://www.pittstate.edu/scholarships) before February first. (continued)

## **Pittsburg State University (PSU) Cont..**

You can also receive private scholarships. To receive federal financial aid you can fill out the free application for federal student aid after January first.

Pittsburg State offers a coffee shop and snack bar called the Axe Grind. Also a dining facility called the Gibson Dining Hall, also a food court called the Gorilla Crossing. Pittsburg State also offers a University Club that offers a variety of foods and beverages, and a KTC Café. Pitt State offers sports that include Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Track and Field, Football, Golf, Volleyball, and Softball. Pittsburg State offers more than one hundred academic programs and more than one hundred fifty clubs and organizations.

By: Shelby Ray

### **Band /Drumline**

Mr. Streeter:

**Are you excited about this year's group of people in drumline and band?**

"Yes. They are a spirited group of kids."

**Do you have any goals for the drumline this year?**

"To improve technical aspects of shows and pay more attention to detail."



Dillon Katzer:

**How do you feel about drumline this year?**

"I think this year will be more rad because everybody's got some experience and we all have a lot of ideas."

**Is there anything you're excited about or waiting to accomplish in drumline?** "I'm pumped for basketball season because it sounds so much sweeter inside the gym and also we get a really good crowd response."



## Band /Drum line Cont...

Sam Reese:

**What's the best thing about being in band?**

"The BAND TRIPS!!"



Ben Williams:

**How do you feel about this year's band group?**

"Great! It's much bigger than last year."

**What's your favorite song to play? Why?**

"Our new cadence "Sloppy Joe" because it's fun and gives me something to do."



## Fire Prevention Week

Imagine you are a young child and you wake up one night to find your bedroom full of smoke. Your house is on fire! What would you do? Well, thanks to the Galena Fire Department, we have Fire Prevention Week activities happening on the fourth of October through the 10<sup>th</sup>. Together, we can make sure that children have the skills that can potentially save his or her life. The Galena Fire Department now has a mobile classroom. This classroom is designed to teach your child or sibling vital burn prevention and fire escape techniques through a fun, safe simulation of common hazards. It is equipped with a kitchen, bedroom, and living room. Before, high school students always had to take a field trip to the fire station. Due to the recent funding cuts in the Kansas school systems, this mobile classroom is a great help. This mobile classroom and system will greatly help our children gain the knowledge needed to keep safe during a fire. Along with this, we can also help prevent fires by following the lessons we will have learned with this mobile classroom during the month of October. So, remember October 4- 10 is Fire Prevention Week!

By: Tina Smith

## “NEW” to GHS!

Chaz Stanley is one of Galena’s newest seniors. Chaz moved to Galena in August. In the past years he attended Quapaw High School in Oklahoma. He likes going to Galena because he thinks it’s a little easier and he also likes having block schedule instead of seven classes a day. Quapaw was stricter with cell phones and dress codes, while Galena seems more laid back. Chaz moved to get away from the drama of Quapaw and to be closer to his fiancée, Nikki Locke, also a senior here at Galena. His favorite class is Chemistry because they get to do experiments and blow things up. In his spare time he likes to go hunting and fishing, and plays video games such as Call of Duty.

One thing you might not know about Chaz...

Chaz likes to work on cars, and he is an amazing artist.

Maddie Bryant, Junior, moved to Galena this year from Winter Haven, Florida. She says Galena is a lot different from her last school. In Winter Haven there was a population of about 3,000 in her high school. She says she doesn’t mind the population difference, the downsize in people is nice. She came to Galena to be closer to family. She spends a lot of her time with her cousin, Hailey Babbitt, and new friends she has made. One of Maddie’s favorite teachers would have to be Mrs. Qualls in her multimedia class. She likes how freely creative she can be in multimedia. She also likes Mr. Castler, the substitute for Mrs. Gunlock, who always keeps her entertained. Maddie use to play softball and volleyball at her last school, and one of her favorite things to do is dance. Also, starting soon, Maddie will be the newest member of the Galena High School Sapphires!

One thing you might not know about Maddie...Maddie likes to listen to old school hip hop, and she loves old cars.

Next up is Colton Keeler, a sophomore here at Galena. Colton attended high school in St. Paul, North Carolina before moving to Galena at the beginning of the year. He says he likes Galena because it is much smaller than his last school and the people are much nicer. Colton was enrolled at Carthage when he was younger, before moving to St. Paul. He said he moved back to be closer to family. Colton plans on playing football, baseball, and possibly basketball for Galena. His favorite teacher is Mr. Outt because he is funny, but also pushes him to do better in school and on the field.

One thing you might not know about Colton...

Colton loves to play guitar.

The last on our list is freshman, Adrian Romero. Unlike the rest of the newcomers, he doesn’t like the small student population of Galena. Adrian moved to Galena from Parsons, KS, to be closer to family. He has made a few friends, but misses his friends from Parsons. He likes to play basketball, golf, and track. His favorite teacher is Mr. Parrish because he is very funny and always makes him laugh.

One thing you might not know about Adrian...Adrian loves to read, and he has been to Germany.