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Galena High School Classes of 1950-1953 are planning a gathering for the Fall of 2005. This gathering is in addition to and does not replace any individual class reunions. Events planned are as follows: **Friday night:** Attend GHS Homecoming Football Game - Hosted by Class of 1952. **Saturday night:** Dinner Party - Hosted by Class of 1953. **Sunday Afternoon:** Picnic at Schermerhorn Park - Hosted by the Classes of 1950 & 1951. If you are a member of one of these classes, and have not yet received an invitation, please contact Carolyn Miller Small at 972-394-9864.

The Galena High School Class of 1955 will be observing their 50th year reunion the weekend of 16-17-18 of September. The classes of 1954 through 1959 are invited to join all classes from the 1950s decade for the Friday Night Homecoming, Sept. 16, and a picnic at Schermerhorn Park on Sunday, Sept. 18.

Independence Day Celebration at Galena Nursing Center 1220 E. 8th Street on Friday July 1st starting at 6:00pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and sodas will be served at 6:00pm. There will be a variety of music played by a D.J. We will also have games for the children. A Firework display will begin at dusk. Don't forget your lawn chairs.

The Class of '47 will not have a luncheon meeting during the month of June. Everyone is encouraged to attend the all-school reunion at the school on Saturday. The next luncheon will be in August with the time and place to be announced later.

Local Deaths

Zora O'Banion, Galena, age 67
Lloyd Underhill Sr., Riverton, age 57

GFD receives Fire Department Grant

The Galena Fire Department has received State approval for a Volunteer Fire Assistant (VFA) Grant this year, according to Kansas Forest Service Dire Management Coordinator Ross Hauck.

The grants, made available through the Federal Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act, will total \$240,000 statewide year. GFD will receive \$3469.00 of the total. Funding for the VFA comes from the ISDA Forest Service. The Forest Service then awards a grant to the Kansas Forest Service, which administers the program and approves the grants to lo

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Search begins in rural Galena for two teenagers' bodies

By V. Hopkins

Two girls, both sixteen, or Welch, Oklahoma have been missing since December 30, 1999. Lauria Bible and Ashley Freeman disappeared when Freeman's parents were killed and their trailer home was set on fire on that date. A suspect, Jeremy Jones, formerly of Miami, Okla., has reportedly told investigators that he killed the girls, after killing the Freeman couple, and disposed of their bodies in an old mining area near Galena.

On Tuesday, June 28, officers from the Cherokee County Sheriff's Dept., the Craig County, Okla., Sheriff's Dept., the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and an FBI agent will be searching the area, with the assistance of the Galena Police Department. The KBI has also hired a Colorado nonprofit organization, Necro Search International, which is expected to be working the area. This organization specializes in searches for hidden graves.

The targeted area is reportedly just out of the city limits southwest of downtown Galena.

Jeremy Jones is charged with murdering three women in Alabama, Louisiana and Georgia and has been identified as a suspect or "person of interest" in several other murders.

The Joplin Globe recently reported that Jones had told one of their reporters that he hadn't "murdered anyone" and that an investigation of this area would be a waste of time. However, his statements have often been contradictory and officials believe that information he has given concerning the fate of the missing teens is consistent with other known facts in the case and warrants a full scale investigation.

The search is expected to begin about noon on Tuesday and be completed by Wednesday early afternoon unless leads are discovered warranting continuance.

Special session tackles money for education

By V. Hopkins

The Kansas Legislature met in a highly unusual special session on June 22 to attempt to iron out a Supreme Court mandate to find an additional \$143 million for schools by July 1, the start of the new budget year.

In March the legislature increased the annual education budget by \$142 million making the total nearly \$2.9 billion. However, the Kansas Supreme Court ruled on June 3 that the Legislature must add \$143 million to the package, so Governor Kathleen Sebelius called the lawmakers back into session to comply with the court's orders.

The action angered a number of legislators, some of whom contend that the court has exceeded its constitutional authority. Certain members of the House of Representa-

tives went so far as to propose defying the court order and doing nothing. However, members of the Senate, while unhappy with the situation, mostly agreed that the best course is to comply.

The "how" remains the sticking point. Expanded gambling proposals have not been accepted and increased taxes are frowned on by virtually all concerned. Trimming back spending in other parts of the budget seems to remain the only viable option, but an agreement as to where and how much will not be easy to achieve.

Meanwhile, the last ditch consequence of a stalemate could be that public schools would not open this August - and all agree that would be unthinkable.

For more facts and opinion on this issue see p. 5

Pawprints van will be in Galena Tuesday, July 5

The Pawprints on the Heartland Frank & Isabelle Rinehart low-cost spay/neuter van will be operating in **GALENA on Tuesday, July 5.**

The regular fee for the spay/neuter surgery plus a rabies shot is \$35.00.

Free service for cats and small dogs are available for low-income, elderly and disabled. Applications can be picked up at the Galena Sentinel-Times office.

All pets must be at least three months old and on a leash or in a carrier. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling **1-877-887-7729 after 2 p.m.**

To date, nearly 13,000 pets have been spay/neutered in the

van preventing the birth of over 50,000 homeless pets this season.

Pawprints is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping control the overpopulation of animals. Each year thousands of pets in Southeast Kansas must be put to death simply because there are not enough homes for them. Pawprints/motto is "Prevention, Not Destruction."

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help promote this program by serving as a board member, perform clerical duties, or help with fund raisers can call 231-2233. Donations can be made to Pawprints, PO Box 644, Pittsburg, Kan. 66762.

Americans prepare to celebrate Independence Day



Fireworks Stands are popping up all over



With the Fourth of July quickly approaching, many fireworks stands are beginning to pop up. As of early Monday morning you can pick up fireworks on 7th Street in Galena near the fire station or all the way out by State Line Road. The Friends Church in Riverton has a stand open. In Baxter Springs you can find stands at 2330 and 1744 Military, 2700 South Military, and across from Pizza Hut. More will be opening as they receive their permits. You can find out what stands have opened up by calling the City Clerk's office.

Juggling! Comedy! Energy! at Galena Library

Juggling! Comedy! Energy! will all be featured in the performance of National Team Juggling Champion, Brian Wendling, this Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Municipal Building.

Brian Wendling has performed his solo stage shows at countless corporate, school, library and festival events over the past 27 years. Recent sponsors include the Kansas City Renaissance Festival (per-

formed over 20 years), Autumn Festival Arts and Crafts Shows (Des Moines, Minneapolis, Omaha, Chicago), Dickens On the Strand (Galveston, Tex.) and the Hospice of North Iowa. In 2001 (December), Brian was a featured solo performer with the Kansas City Symphony during their Magic of Christmas holiday production with five performances at the Music Hall.

Awards include: Best Stage Performer at the 2001 Kansas City Renaissance Festival and Team Champion at the International Jugglers' Association Convention.

This week's performance is sponsored by the Galena Public Library and is included as part of the Summer Reading Program. The performance is free and open to the public as well as Summer Readers.



Galena Flowers