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## Take Note!

Notices for Take Note should be turned in to the Sentinel office no later than 10 a.m. Tuesdays. Call: 783-5034 Fax: 783-1388 Email: gstimess@kans.com

**Upcoming Elks Lodge Events** to look forward to: Jan 29th- Silverado! A country wester band with a great following! Feb. 5th- Mardi Gra Ball with a Blues Band from Springfield, Mo., and Rich McCready will be back on Feb. 26th.

**A Galena Little League Board** will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:00 at the community room. All interested persons should attend the meeting. For more information call Diana Adams at 783-5215.

**Galena Little League will** host a basketball tournament for boys and girls grades 3-4-5-6 on February 5 & 6 at Galena High School. Entry is \$75 per team. For more information contact Diana Adams at 783-5215.

**It's a 70's reunion!** The GHS class of 1975 will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> reunion this summer. GHS graduating classes of 1970-1979 are invited to join together for what is sure to be the largest, most exciting reunion ever held.

A 70's reunion committee is now being formed and needs members from each GHS class 1970-79. If you would like to be on the 70's reunion committee please contact Tina LaTurner, 783-1890 or send an email to laturnertina70sreunion05@yahoo.com.

**The Cherokee County Health Department** has flu vaccine available for folks of all ages. If you would like to get a flu shot call us at 620-429-3087.

**Basketball Tournament** for boys and girls in grades 3 through 6 at Galena on February 18th-20th. Entry fee is \$50(3game guarantee). Entry deadline is Feb 5th. Late fee \$65. Contact Christy House @ 620-783-2582 for enrollment.

**The Galena High School Class of '47** will hold a luncheon meeting at 11:30 Thursday, Feb. 3 at Ryan's Steakhouse in Joplin. All members and friends are invited to attend.

## Local Deaths

Joy Lynn Fields, Eugene, Ore., age 50  
Sonny Mattison, Galena, age 74  
Helen Rhoades, Galena, age 81

## Area citizens crack MoArk egg plant plans

By V. Hopkins

Residents of the Galena, Riverton, and Baxter Springs areas breathed a collective and unexpected sign of relief with the announcement late Friday afternoon, January 21, that the egg producer, MoArk, had abandoned plans to build a 13-barn egg production plant on the old Jayhawk land northwest of Galena.

Don Hudgens, Midwest Regional Manager for MoArk, made the announcement but added no details at the time. Reasons for the action still are not entirely clear, but it is definite that the proposed facility will not be coming to Cherokee County.

More than one of those actively involved to the project pointed to what can be done when "there is a good cause and a coordinated effort" by the people.

The meeting concerning the plant, which had been scheduled for Saturday afternoon at

Riverton, was held, but the atmosphere was changed to a mood of celebration instead of opposition and "What else can we do?"

One item that did arise is the question of county zoning to prevent possible future environmental threats. The idea has been strongly opposed in the past, but with the MoArk incident fresh in their minds, some residents are reconsidering their position on the matter.

The premise that the creation of some form of planning and zoning in the county is the only way to control unwanted and unsafe construction in the future was suggested by several speakers including State Rep. Doug Gatewood.

The *Joplin Globe* reported today (Tuesday) that MoArk is still seeking land for the operation, preferably in a grain producing region, but has no specific place in mind at present.

## Meals on Wheels checkoff

Look for "Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels Contribution Program" on line 37 of Form K-40

Last year, Kansas taxpayers, for the first time, had the opportunity when filing their taxes to help provide meals for elderly Kansans served by nutrition programs across the state. The Kansas Legislature passed the Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels Contribution Program in 2002. The first year, the Meals on Wheels checkoff produced nearly \$170,000 for congregate and home delivered meals around the state. The anticipated collection this year is approximately \$174,000. for congregate and home delivered meals around the state. The anticipated collection this year is approximately \$174,000.

The checkoff is available again this year. It's the "Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels Contribution Program" on line 37 of Form K-40.

\* If they are getting a refund, they can designate all or part of that refund to be contributed to the Meals on Wheels Contribution Program.

\* If they have a balance due,

they can indicate an additional amount they want to add to their payment to go to Meals on Wheels.

\* If their tax overpayment is less than \$5, they can designate this for Meals on Wheels, since this will not be refunded to the taxpayer.

Last year, about 3.5 million meals were provided to eligible participants in their homes and at congregate meal sites throughout the state. Of those receiving home delivered meals, 74 percent were 75 or older and 70 percent were women. Nearly 60 percent lived alone.

The checkoff funds help supplement client donations and local, state and private funds that are leveraged by the federal Older Americans Act as well as voluntary support. Funds collected through the checkoff are distributed to the local meal sites according to a formula based on the number of meals served.

## Sale of Route 66 bricks to go eBay

A special account will be set up at the Community Bank and Trust for the sale of Main Street/Route 66 bricks when they go on sale on eBay.

The bricks will be rough cleaned of sand and debris,

boxed, a certificate of authenticity and a picture of Main Street in years past will be included in each sale.

A sketch of the certificate included in the sale is on p.7.

## Surveying has begun on Main St.



Surveying has already begun to put the \$400,000 grant to use. The surveying is being done by Metropolitan Engineering and Surveying. The grant will be used to resurface Main St., install vintage lighting, and new concrete sidewalks and gutters.

## Disaster preparedness project of Eagle Scout

Ben Metcalf, age 15 and a sophomore in Galena High School, has been active in scouting since he was eight years old and currently is a Life Scout from Troop 24 in Joplin. He is working on his Eagle Scout project and has made it a plan to help the city of Galena become a bit more prepared for any disaster or emergency which might hit the town.

He says, "You know we live in tornado alley and tornadoes as well as other natural disasters, can occur at any time."

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Ben Metcalf has been active in scouting since he was eight years old. (right)



## Sticking with numbers paid off big for Galena woman

Kathleen "Kat" Kent of Galena has an extra \$20,000. Kent matched all four numbers in the Kansas 2by2 game to win \$20,000 in the January 14, 2005 drawing. Kent said that 2by2 is her favorite game and she has been playing the same numbers since the game first started in 2002.

"Kansas 2by2 is absolutely my favorite game," Kent said, "I really like the odds on the game and I've won several \$100 prizes in the past, but winning \$20,000 is the largest prize that I've ever won on any game. Kent's claim form was received at Lottery headquarters last Thursday.

According to Kent, she was very surprised when she discovered that she won.

"I came to work and checked my ticket on the Lottery's Web site," Kent said, "I saw that I had the winning numbers and I was so excited that I didn't know what to do."

Kent, 48, is a real estate agent for Century 21 in Joplin, Mo. She and her husband, Butch live in Galena. The couple has one son and one daughter. They also have three grandchildren.

Kent said that she has some plans for her prize money.

"I'm going to buy some new tires for my truck, pay some bills, save some money, and donate some of it to charities," Kent said.

Other Lottery players.

"If you have a set of num-



bers that you like to play, keep playing them because you might win." Kent said.

The winning ticket was purchased at Joseph's Quick Shop, 202 W. 7th Street in Galena.

## Silver Haired Legislature Election set for March 16

Individuals interested in becoming candidates for Silver Haired Legislators (SHL) from their respective county for the 2005/2006 session must file for office by February 9, 2005. The SHL election will be held on March 16, 2005 in Senior Centers and in congregate meal sites in each county fielding more than one candidate.

An individual may file for the SHL election by securing 50 signatures on a petition or paying a \$15.00 filing fee to the Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (SEK-AAA). Candidates must be a registered voter in the county they choose to run in and age 60 and over on or before January 1, 2005.

SHL's purpose is to inform, education and involve Kansans in the issues and concerns of senior citizens, the needy elderly and the public. Also, SHL is to make these issues and concerns known to the Kansas Legislature, the Governor and all Kansans.

The responsibilities of the SHL are to meet and maintain

contact with seniors in their areas, develop and draft proposals for the annual SHL session, develop a program of local advocacy, and testify at hearings and activate campaigns.

According to John Green, SEK-AAA Executive Director, "The SHL has been involved in landmark legislation with the Kansas Legislature in recent years such as the Division of Assets, funds for special transportation needs and the Senior Care Act." The Senior Care Act is a program which provides support services to assist older individuals to stay in their own homes and out of nursing homes. "This act will serve to guide services for the elderly in the next few years as the state of Kansas attempts to curb the amount of Medicaid dollars being spent on nursing home stays for older Kansans," Green said.

Individuals interested in additional information about SHL may contact SEK-AAA by calling toll free 1-800-794-2440 or 431-2980.

## GHS Basketball Homecoming Court



This years basketball homecoming queen candidates are (left to right): Karessa New, daughter of Marty and Susan New, Candice Hamlin, daughter of Michelle and Bill Hamlin, Stephanie Charles, daughter of Renee Charles, and Whitney Wade, daughter of Dianna and Troy Wade.