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***** It's a 70's reunion! The

GHS class of 1975 will celebrate its 30th 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.

Rich McCready will be back on Feb. 26th at the Elks Lodge.

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 Nursing Center will be having a Rock-a-thon Feb. 18. Residents will be rocking in rocking chairs 1 hr in the morning and 1 hr in the afternoon. All proceeds go to American Heart Association. To make a pledge call Sue Robinson at 783-1383.

Girl Scout Troop #249 in hosting a Winter Fun Night for grades 4th -6th on Saturday Feb. 19 at the Galena Elks Lodge. The hours will be from 7:00pm to 9:30pm and no child will be allowed to leave unless an adult picks them up. The cost is \$3.00. They will have a concession open with lots of good things to eat. Karaoke, face painting, scooter races, and a hula hoop contest will be held. Please come out, have a good time and support the girls.

The Galena United Methodist Church will begin observing the Lenten season with a special service Ash Wednesday, February 9th at 6:30 PM. This will be a service of repentance and commitment, including the imposition of ashes.

We extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us for this time of worship and reflection. We welcome anyone who has a desire to grow and develop in their relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Local Deaths

George Sherrad, Columbus, age 1 day old

Police Chief to be hired after election

By V. Hopkins

The Galena City Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 7. Mayor Scott Donaldson presided.

A moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting honored the memory of Police Chief Ken Horn who died suddenly of a heart attack on January 28.

Police Chief Horn's badge was retired and will be presented to his father.

The commission accepted Interim Manager Jim Ray's suggestion that the office of police chief not be filled until the new mayor/council form of government takes over after the April 1 election. Commissioner Lynne Hardman dissented, saying that she thinks the two months, or more, is too long for the city to be without a chief.

Sgt. Deb Webb is interim police chief and the commission approved Jared Fielding to be in charge when Webb is absent from the office on other duties.

Commissioner Darrell Shoemaker presented a suggestion to the commission to enforce the \$300.00 spending limit, to freeze salary increases, prohibit creating new city positions and to institute a hiring freeze until the new city government is seated in April. The spending limit requires commission approval before any city expenditure of \$300.00 or more is made. The motion was approved.

Shoemaker noted that the city's liability insurance had been canceled by the insurance company after the city paid its worker's compensation insurance premium.

Ben Metcalf, who is working on his Eagle Scout project, addressed the commission and showed them an emergency kit he has put together as a sample of at least 20 that he plans to present to the Galena Fire Department for use when needed in any type of disaster that might hit the town. The kit is a large plastic container with a tight lid and contains, among other items, a flashlight with batteries, a radio, a blanket, a pocket knife, matches, soap, a Bible, and one gallon of water. Residents present honored his presentation with a round of applause.

The commission approved a plan for the Kansas Department of Transportation to paint left-turn lanes for northbound and southbound traffic at 7th and Main Streets and to install a split-phase traffic light for eastbound and westbound traffic there. The split-phase lights will stop eastbound traffic

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Services held for Galena Police Chief

Courtesy of Simpson Funeral Home.

Over 650 mourners filled the Joplin Family Worship Center as the funeral service for Galena Police Chief, Kenneth M. (Ken) Horn, 30 years old, was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 2, 2005. Ken passed away Friday, January 28, 2005. Law enforcement agencies from Cherokee County provided a 24 hour honor guard as Mr. Horn lay in state at the Simpson Funeral Home in Columbus, Kan.

Law enforcement agencies, firemen, and emergency agencies from the Four States attended the services, along with numerous friends and family.

Jason Mickey, Stacy Ellsworth, Jeff Adams and Carlos Haley provided eulogies.

A picture slide show, accompanied by Ken's favorite songs, was played. Honor guards of the Four States provided honors as the family entered the Worship Center.

Jeff Adams, Chaplain of the Baxter Springs Fire Department, officiated at the service. Music was provided by Diane York.

Casket bearers were Gene Franklin, Carlos Haley, Dave Edmondson, Gunnar Wixon, Tim Wilson and Jason Mickey.

As the funeral procession left the building, they proceeded under an arch of ladders provided by the Joplin Fire Department. A full escort accompanied the procession, which was 4 1/2 miles long, to the Baxter Springs Cemetery where Police Chief Horn was laid to rest.

As hundreds of mourners filled the cemetery, Jeff Adams delivered the committal message. Taps was played and Officers Joe Henry and Dwayne Porterfield of the Pipes of Kansas City, Kansas Police Honor Guard, played the bagpipes. The Pittsburg,

Kansas, Fire Department provided the flag which extended from the ladder of a fire truck at the entrance of the cemetery. All law enforcement agencies, firemen and emergency personnel tuned their radios to the Cherokee County frequency as the last 10-7 call was made.

Memorial donations to the Cherokee County Emergency Response Agencies in care of the funeral home can be made in Ken Horn's name. Simpson Funeral Home, 323 S. Kansas, Columbus, Kansas was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Empire Announces Generation Addition at Riverton

JOPLIN, MO - February 7, 2005 - The Empire District Electric Company has announced the addition of a natural gas-fired, combustion turbine at its Riverton Power Plant, located at Riverton, Kansas. The unit to be installed is a Siemens Westinghouse V84.3A2 Econopac which is rated at a nominal 168 megawatts. Featuring high efficiency, economical operation, and low emissions, the unit will provide peaking energy that is both cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

Amy Bass, Director of Corporate Communications, told the Sentinel today (Tuesday) that the new plant will be housed in a new facility, a stand-alone type structure and that there will be some portions of the existing plant torn down to make room for the new facility. Continued on page 2

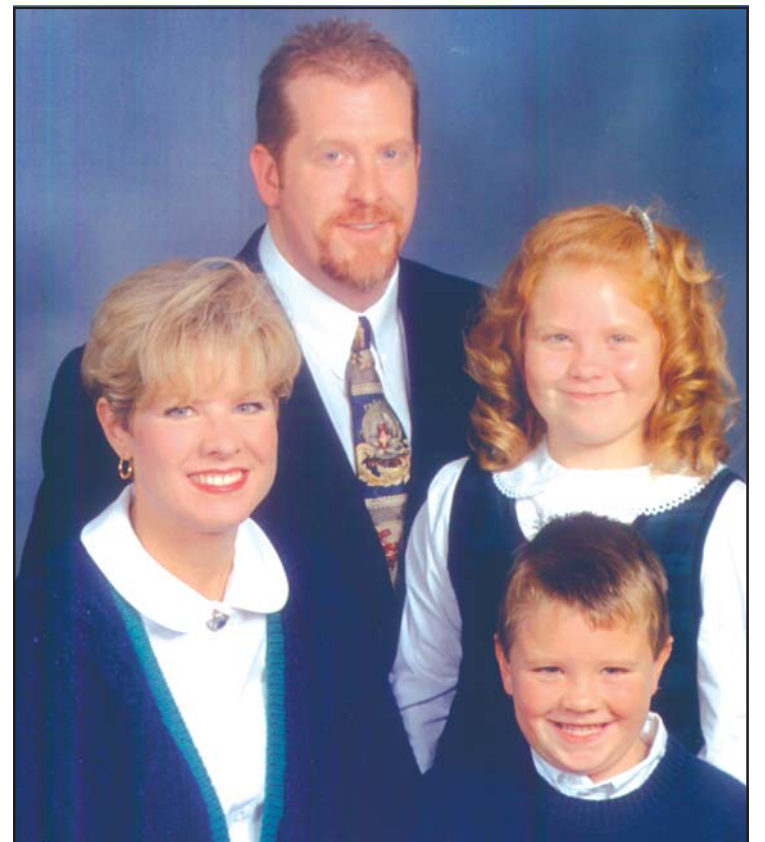
6th Street Baptist welcomes Pastor Easton

The Sixth Street Baptist Church welcomes pastor Jim Easton. Jim is joined by his wife, Liz, a daughter Jimmi, age 10 and a son, Walker, age 7.

Jim is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Bob Easton of Webb City, Mo., who have served in the ministry for over 50 years. He is a graduate of Kansas City Community College, conjointly majored in mortuary science and family bereavement.

He served as minister of youth at First Baptist Church of Webb City for over two and a half years, instituted children's church with his wife, directed the youth Sunday School department, taught Sunday School and has been preaching youth evangelism and contributing to area churches' children's ministries for over five years. He started serving as pastor of Sixth Street Baptist Church on February 2, 2005.

His wife, Liz, works full time outside of the home, and helps in the ministry where she is needed. She looks forward to being involved with chil-



Jim, Liz, Jimmi and Walker Easton

dren and youth as the Lord leads her. She and their children look forward to ministering to their new church family. Rev. Easton strives to be a Continued on page 2

RHS Announces 2005 Basketball Homecoming Court



The RHS Homecoming Queen Candidates are (Left to right): Amy Williams, Sr., daughter of Skip and Lisa Williams, Rachel Adler, Jr., daughter of Ron and Traci Adler, Rebekah Cupp, Soph., Alex and Rebecca Cupp, and Brittany Perry, Fresh., daughter of Jason and Jennifer Rowland.

New county jail receives first inmates

By V. Hopkins

Sheriff Steve Norman announced late last week that 24 inmates had been transferred on Thursday, Feb. 3, from the old county jail atop the Cherokee County Courthouse to the new facility just south of town. The move was ahead of schedule and proceeded with out incident, Norman said.

The sheriff said that some of the inmates had begun to become uncooperative and were showing behavior problems at the old jail. No specific reason was given for the situation.

The move to the new building was made without informing the prisoners as to their destination and caused some apprehension among them. The

safe and quiet arrival at the new jail was a relief for all concerned.

Inmates are presently divided into two pods. Unruly inmates can be segregated from these two groups, something that was not possible at the old jail.

The new facility has 108 beds. It is expected that individuals from other jails in the area, where overcrowding is a problem, will become paying inmates in Cherokee County, thus allaying some of the cost of the new building.

Bill Charles of Galena is the jail administrator. He formerly worked as an official at the Labette Correctional Conservation Camp in Oswego.