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The Galena Fire Department will be sounding the Tornado siren March 15th at 10:00 a.m. for state wide tornado season.

Starting March 21st the Galena Fire Department will sound the tornado siren each Monday at 10:00 a.m. during tornado season, weather permitting.

Galena Little League will be offering Girls Softball through the Little League this year. Any girl ages 5-12 interested in playing should contact Diana Adams at 783-5215 to sign up.

The Galena Little League is looking for volunteer umpires for the up coming 2005 season. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Diana Adams at 783-5215.

The musical group, "Sounds of Brass and Ivory" from Joplin will be in concert at the First Christian Church, 10th and Main, on Sunday evening, March 13 at 6 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend.

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.

Southeast Kansas Youth Corale will have a concert entitled "A Celebration of Spirituals" Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m. at the Tennessee Prairie Friends Church. There is a \$5 admission fee at the door.

Local Deaths

Marie Rogers, Galena, age 87
Minnie Hopkins, Galena, age 59
Katherin Patterson, Joplin, Mo., age 93
Jack Murray, Galena, age 66

Commission shown slides of Nature Center

By V. Hopkins

The Galena City Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2005. Interim City Manager Jim Ray was absent.

Linda Phipps, coordinator of the Nature Center at Schermerhorn Park, presented a computerized slide show to the commissioners and residents. She said that since the official opening of the Center in March, 2004, more than 5000 individuals have visited the facility, many of them being youth groups from schools and organizations over the area.

The Center is staffed completely by volunteers and is presently open on week ends and by appointment during the week. During the summer it is expected to be open seven days a week.

The commission commended Phipps on her foresight in establishing the Nature Center in the first place and for the work and dedication she has shown in bringing it to realization.

Interim Police Chief Troy Newman presented a report to the Commission which included suggestions for reducing some expense for the Police Department. Two of these were the uniform-cleaning cost which presently amounts to about \$2,520 per year and the inmate laundry which accounts for another \$2,100 annually. Newman said the purchase of a washer and dryer can take care of these expenses with police officers being responsible for dry cleaning when necessary. The proposal was welcomed by the commission and Mayor Scott Donaldson told Newman, "Thanks for bringing a breath of fresh air!"

Another suggestion

Poll shows county's support for a gaming facility

by Alan Thompson

As new information comes in and progress is made, Ross Vogel of Kansans for Economic Growth, contacted *The Galena Sentinel-Times* in order to keep readers informed of the matter.

Any approval of expanded gaming would require local support through a county wide election. Kansans for Economic Growth commissioned a poll last week regarding a Cherokee County gaming facility. Vogel and his associations had figured the results would be positive, but the results were even better than they had anticipated. Vogel says it

Newman made was to drop the professionally installed air deodorizers which cost \$1,248 a year, and use aerosol deodorants or other means of air freshening.

The commission accepted all of Newman's proposals with an unanimous vote.

Ben Metcalf, Boy Scout, presented a final presentation and report to the Commission on the Survival Kits he has assembled for his Eagle Scout requirement. He said he has received more than 30 donations for the project (See p. 3 for list of donors) and has been able to assemble several more kits than the original 20 he had planned. A round of applause in appreciation followed his remarks.

Paul Nolan spoke concerning plans for the Spring Fling which will be April 30 and for the Dare Program. The commission agreed to donate a 1977 Chevrolet Suburban to be rebuilt for use in the "Bulldogs Against Drugs", promoted by the Police Department.

The Commission approved the purchase of new tires for the trash truck in the amount of \$2,141.

Approval was given for making repairs to the house at Oak Hill Cemetery up to \$1000. The house is currently empty since Sgt. Deb Brooks' recent marriage.

The proposed new truck route through the city, intended to protect Main Street from heavy vehicles after the renovation project is complete, was approved.

An ordinance prohibiting possession of marijuana was accepted. This was necessary to make the city's law correspond to the state law.

is evident the county supports a facility.

Vogel is not sure when the vote will be held in the legislature. The legislative session will end in mid to early April, and he says we should know the outcome sometime before that date. At this point several different bills are in committee in both the house and the senate.

Vogel says it is difficult to say when a county wide election would be held without seeing all of the provisions set forth in a final bill. The timing of a county wide vote could be

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Galena Days 2005 set for June



Kicking off the 2005 Galena Days Ticket Sales is Miss Galena, Alisha "Ish" Garner, selling the first two tickets to long time Galena residents Mrs. Irene Cole and Mr. John Joseph. Mrs. Cole spent thirty years as a teacher in the Galena School System, had two brothers as members in the Galena Volunteer Fire Department, with one being the resident fire truck driver, and has always supported the volunteers in their endeavors.

John Joseph has spent fifty years in business, now operating Joseph's Quik Trip has always supported the department by providing prizes for the annual celebration and his willingness to provide housing for the Galena Days entertainers. John has always been there for the department. His mother, Martha Joseph, was chosen several years ago to purchase the first ticket.

Both residents have been valuable supporters to the fire department and Galena Days, 2005 Galena Days is scheduled for June 1, 2, 3, 4.

Lucas Gabrielson Benefit raises \$12,000 to set up a scholarship fund in his name



The Masonic Lodge presented the Gabrielsons with the money raised in the January Lucas Gabrielson Benefit. The benefit raised \$12,000. Danny Pence presented the Gabrielsons with the check. The money will be used to set up a scholarship fund in Lucas Gabrielson's name. The Gabrielsons plan on waiting until next year to give the scholarship out. They estimate a total of \$20,000 will be available by next year. At that time they will give one boy and one girl each a \$10,000 scholarship. The Masonic Lodge will be holding the benefit annually in Lucas' name. The Gabrielsons showed much appreciation. Along with the Masonic Lodge the Gabrielson would like to thank everybody who helped make this possible.

6 Girls seek "Miss Galena Days 2005" title



EMILY DERFELT, Sophomore, age 15 of Galena, daughter of Jerry and Peggy Derfelt. Siblings include Matt, Angel, Jenny and Stephen. Emily is involved in show choir, band, volleyball, Scholars Bowl, basketball manager, FCA, and student council. Honors include Excellence Award (4.0 GPA) Activities include SEK Youth Chorale, First Baptist Church and Girl Scouts. Hobbies are scrapbooking, reading and puzzles. Plans after graduation include going to PSU to obtain a Nursing Degree and becoming a registered nurse.



JACLYN M. FERGUSON, 8th Grade, age 14 of Galena, daughter of John and Darlene Ferguson Jr. She has a sister, Amy E. Brannan. Activities: band, choir, track, Quiz bowl team. Awards include State recognition in Reading on the ACT, exemplary performance in the Kansas Math and Social Studies Assessment. Activities are fine arts (church), Sunshine Church, FCA. Jaclyn enjoys playing the clarinet, reading, going to church, listening to music, singing, talking to friends and acting. Plans after graduation include going to Bible college and starting schools in third world countries.



JACEE HALL, 8th Grade, age 13, of Joplin, Mo., daughter of Debbie Hall. She has two brothers, Kohl and Evan. Activities include cheerleading, school play and volleyball. Jacee likes to swim. Plans after graduation includes going to college and becoming a dolphin trainer or cook.



AUDREY LAKE, Sophomore, age 15 of Galena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Galardo and Linda Lake (mom). Her home is with her grandparents, George and Carol Galardo. Siblings include Brandon Lake, Troy Tygart, Cody Williams II, Beth Tygart, Jared Carver, Faith Beehlar and Bryant Beehlar. Activities include choir and FBLA. She attends the Empire Mission, enjoys it and is always there to help. Audrey likes hanging out with friends and talking on the phone. Plans after graduation include college to become an R.N.



KAYLA MARIE MERIT, 8th Grade, age 14, of Baxter Springs, daughter of Jeffery and Christella Kizer and Bryan and Kathy Merit. Siblings are Ryan Merit, Jaelee Kizer, Joshua Merit, Terry Botts, Buddy Botts, Kariann Thorp. Activities include band, choir, volleyball basketball, Faith Factor. Awards are volleyball, basketball, choir, Best Friend and science. Kayla's activities are Galena Assembly of God (youth), mow yards. Interests include swimming, hanging out with friends, church, running. Plans after graduation include college, family and good job, good friends, stay in church.



LESLEY THOMPSON, senior, age 18, Galena, daughter of Glenn and LaDonna Thompson. Lesley has a brother Trevin. Activities include band, National Honor Society, Student Council, FCA, FCCLA. She has received awards from Wichita State University Presidential Scholar, University of Kansas Honor Student, Who's Who, National Honor Roll, Scholastic Achievement Award (GHS). Activities include church youth group, Nursing Home Visit Project, Church Youth Praise Team, Bible Quiz Team, Youth Friends Corps. Hobbies are babysitting, cooking, scrapbooking, soccer, sand volleyball, baseball, music, and

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