



# The Galena Sentinel-Times

No. 26 Wednesday, March 30, 2005

Copyright 2005

50¢

124th Year

Serving Galena Since Oct. 16, 1880

Official City Newspaper

## 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: gstimes@kans.com

**Dog and Cat Clinic, Baxter Animal Hospital** will be giving dog & cat shots, Saturday, April 2nd - 1:00pm to 4:00pm - at the Galena Fire Department. Rabies shot \$6/city license \$1.00.

**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 GHS Class of 1985** will be having a reunion planning meeting on Sunday April 3, at 3:00 pm at the Community Room. All interested in helping please come. Any questions call Faith Holt 783-5911.

**Blue Crush 12 & Under softball team** is selling pork ribs 30 lbs. For information contact: Eric & Sarah Lindsey at 783-5477 All proceeds benefit Blue crush softball for purchase of uniforms, equipment, and tournament fees.

**Galena Girls Softball Association** is having a work day on April 2nd and April 3rd at 9am. In the event of rain, it will be rescheduled for the next weekend at 9am. All players, parents and others interested in volunteering would be greatly appreciated to help prepare the fields for the upcoming season as there is a lot of work to be completed. For more information, please call Eric or Sarah Lindsey at 783-5477.

**The Galena High School Class Of '47** will have a luncheon at 11:30, on Thursday, April 7 at Van's Steakhouse in Baxter Springs. All members and friends are invited to attend.

**The Southeast Kansas Nature Center** is sponsoring "Spring Ozarkian Wildflowers of SE Kansas" presentation by Dr. Stephen Timme, Pittsburg State University on April 16th. The program will feature slides of early spring wildflowers of this area (Ozark/hickory forests). Date time and place: April 16th, 10:30am, at the SE Kansas Nature Center, Schermerhorn Park, Galena. No Charge or registration for this program is required.

**The Elks Lodge Upcoming Events:** Saturday April 2nd, 8:00pm TORN will be playing. Saturday April 9th, 8:00pm Smokin' Toads will be playing. Pool Tournament is scheduled for Friday April 15th at 7:30pm. A Drug Awareness Teen Dance is scheduled for Friday, April 22nd 8:00-11pm Rob and Sandy Elledge will be providing the entertainment. New Officers Dance with Silverado is scheduled for Saturday April 30th 8:00pm

### Local Deaths

John H. Shultz, Galena, age 60  
Jason Clemmens, Oklahoma City, Ok., age 29  
Betty Kinnamon, Baxter Springs, age 79  
Libbie Shannon, Ormond Beach, Fl., age 71

## Senate GOP Delivers School Finance Overhaul

TOPEKA — (March 25, 2005) — The Senate today gave final approval to a Republican plan for overhauling the Kansas system of financing public education without a tax increase.

The measure, contained in House Bill 2247, passed 23 to 12. It now goes to the House of Representatives and, if approved there, on to the governor.

"This is a historic moment," said Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, R-Independence. "The Kansas Supreme Court ordered an overhaul of school finance. The governor decided not to provide the leadership to get the job done, so Republicans in the legislature are doing the hard work of governing."

The legislation is a compromise among competing education interests throughout the state. It provides additional state aid to every public school district in Kansas, and it targets much of the aid at areas identified by the Supreme Court as deficient — at-risk students, special education students, and bilingual students.

"There is something here for everybody to criticize," Schmidt said. "But the bottom line is that everybody is better off with this bill than without it. It's a good-faith effort to meet the requirements the court has set out, and it will make a real and positive difference for schoolkids in Kansas."

## Galena High School student athletes receive All-Conference status



From left to right: Matt Glades received All Conference Honorable Mention, Kellen Ryan received 2nd Team All-Conference, and Jeremiah David received 1st Team All-Conference and All-State Honorable Mention.



Candice Hamlin received All Conference Honorable Mention.

## Krouse receives Coach of the Year



Galena High School Basketball Coach Brad Krouse received Coach of the Year Honors. He shares this award with Wayne Chichon of Colgan and Ben Practor of Southeast.

## Marriage Constitutional Admendment on April 5 ballot for voters

By V. Hopkins

When voters go to the polls on Tuesday, April 5, to vote for City Commission members and School Board, there will be a proposed amendment to the state constitution regarding marriage between homosexuals to be considered.

The question is this: Shall the following be adopted?

**MARRIAGE (a) The marriage contract is to be considered in law as a civil contract. Marriage shall be constituted by one man and one woman only. All other marriages are declared to be contrary to the public policy of this state and are void.**

(b) No relationship, other

than a marriage, shall be recognized by the state as entitling the parties to the rights or incidents of marriage.

An explanatory statement says there is currently no constitutional provision regarding marriage in Kansas. There is a statute enacted by the legislature that defines marriage as a civil contract between two persons who are of opposite sex and declares all other marriages to be contrary to public policy and void.

A vote for the proposition offered on the ballot would amend the Kansas constitution to incorporate into it the definition of marriage as a civil

contract between one man and one woman.

A vote against it would not amend the constitution in which case the current statute would remain unchanged, but could be amended or modified by future acts of the legislature or by judicial interpretation.

The wording of the (b) section has been questioned by some, who otherwise are in favor of the constitutional amendment prohibiting homosexual marriages, because of the possible effect on unmarried heterosexual households. The state of Ohio currently has an admendment very similar to the one proposed for Kansas.

### DON'T FORGET...



### NOTICE . . .

The Galena Sentinel has extended our closing time from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for the convenience of our customers.

#### HOURS

Mon. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Tues. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Fri. 9: a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We will be closed for lunch each day, except Tuesday, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

## SEK-CAP slates Week of the Young Child

SEK-CAP, Inc. Head Start, along with hundreds of local organizations around the country, will celebrate rate Week of the Young Child, April 3-9, 2005. Week of the Young Child honors the more than 35 million children from birth through age eight in America, and the families, teachers and other adults who help children make the most of the opportunities of their early years.

"Research and experience clearly show that children's earliest years are crucial learning years," said Linda Broyles, Director of Early Childhood Services at SEK-CAP. "Week of the Young Child is a chance to celebrate the learning opportunities of young children, and to recognize the responsibilities we share for helping them make the most of those opportunities."

Week of the Young Child celebrations around the coun-

try will promote high quality child care, preschool and other early education opportunities for young children, and honor the teachers and administrators who work to improve those programs. Hundreds of early education programs around the country-including child care and Head Start program, preschools and elementary schools-will be celebrating Week of the Young Child in different ways, such as community fairs, open houses, and political rallies.

SEK-CAP, Inc. advocates for a comprehensive effort to improve the quality of early childhood education, including:

- \* Providing professional development opportunities and adequate compensation for teachers and staff;
- \* Improving the health and safety of programs;
- \* Using developmentally

appropriate practices to encourage literacy and learning from birth; and

\* Supporting the family's crucial role in early education. SEK-CAP, Inc. has 175 early child professionals working together to improve professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education, and to build public support for high-quality early childhood education programs.

SEK-CAP, Inc. is an affiliate of NAAEYC, the largest organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to improving the quality of early education programs for children birth through age eight. For more information regarding activities in your community please call the Head Start Center in Galea at 620/783-2154, Scammon at 620/479-3391 or Riverton at 620/848-3679.

Remember to get out and cast your ballot on April 5, 2005



Your vote does make a difference

## Beta Sigma Phi Sorority seeking contestants for Annual Baby Contest

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will sponsor their Annual Baby Contest in conjunction with the Galena Days celebration. Parents of babies entering the contest will sell tickets on a TV, DVD/VCR combo, which will be purchased by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Parents will not be responsible for purchasing any prizes to raise funds. The tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each and may be checked out at the time you register your baby in the contest.

Registration will be held on Saturday, April 2, 10 a.m. to 12 noon; and on Saturday, April

9, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Dale's Apple Market.

All area babies through three years of age are eligible to enter. The winners of the contest will be announced during Galena Days on Saturday night, June 4, 2005.

Contestants are asked to bring a picture, no larger than 8x10 for display, and a bill-fold size picture for announcement in The Galena Sentinel-Times. Deadline for pictures is May 1.

For more information, call Judy Hall, 783-5404, Sheryll Vogel, 783-1948, or Patty McCorkle. 783-2500.

## Spring Time is here again

