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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.

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.

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 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

Jr. Bulldog Cheerleading Sign ups will be Friday, April 15th at the High School Commons 5:30-6:30. If you have a uniform you would like to sell, please bring it to the sign up meeting.

The Southeast Kansas Nature Center invites you to come face-to-face with native wildflowers of Southeast Kansas. Gathering at the large shelter at Schermerhorn Park, introductions and instructions for the afternoon will begin at 1:00pm. Then buses will transport participants to the first wildflower site. Leaders will guide in plant identification, and give historical interpretations of the area. Then returning to Schermerhorn Park, the plant tour will continue. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the tour. Prepaid reservations of \$5/person must be received by April 25th. For registration or other information call 620-783-5262 or e-mail: lindalouandtimtoo@yahoo.com.

Local Deaths

John Potter, Riverton, age 91
David Curry, Webb City, age 54
Maxine Hoskins, Galena, age 94
Emma Hairgrove, Vacaville, Calif., age 86
Euell Olive Jr., Crestline, age 81

Update shows support for resort casino

A polling firm, Cole Hargrave Snodgrass & Associates of Oklahoma City surveyed 300 registered voters in Cherokee County in early March, concerning the possibility of a resort casino being located near Interstate 44, south of Galena. They found that 52 percent favored the idea, 39 percent opposed, and 9 percent had no opinion. The firm said that the poll has a 5.6 percent margin of error.

Ross Vogel of Kansans for Economic Growth, said that he is pleased with the results of the poll.

Kansas Senate Bill 294, introduced into the legislature in March, designates Crawford and Cherokee counties as "the southeast Kansas development zone", one of five zones where lottery gaming facilities may be located. The bill allows more than one casino to be approved if market studies determine it is feasible to do so.

Vogel has said that location is one of the first considerations in the building of a resort casino, and that the site near I-44 can only be considered as a prime location for such a venture.

Festival of the Four States seeks vendors

The Festival of the Four States is currently seeking vendors for the arts, crafts, and antiques show and the flower and garden show to be held June 10, 11, 12 in Joplin's Landreth Park. Thousands of area residents participate in this annual festival. Activities include entertainment, food, children's activities, BBQ cook off, 4K and 8K run, a car, truck and motorcycle show and more. Vendor space is now available. For information or a vendor application visit www.festivalofthefourstates.com or call the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce at 417/624-4150.

Bulldogs start season off with 3 wins



2005 Galena Bulldogs Baseball Team: Back row(left to right): Assistant Coach Matt Meyr, Travis Albright, Justin McKeehan, Mitch Albright, Gabe Dart, Blake Merrill, Matt Glades, Jeremiah David, Chris Faircloth, Daren Hooker, and Assistant Coach Toby Van Cleave. Front row(left to right): Coach Ken Cook, Mike Blair, Kellen Ryan, Payton New, Dustin Newman, Dustin Hooker, Colby Walker, Brad Craig, and Mike Matthews.

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. 9:00a.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.

Governor Sebelius Signs Bill to Increase Public Safety

Makes fleeing an officer much tougher penalty when death occurs during chase

Governor Kathleen Sebelius today signed a bill to enhance

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Route 66 bricks are selling for average price of \$55.94

The Manager/Commissioner of city government met for its last session on Monday evening, April 4. After the election today, (Tuesday) the new modified Mayor/Council form with a strong mayor and six council members will take over.

All commissioners were present with the exception of Scott Donaldson, mayor. Commissioner Marion Davies presided. Paul Nolan reported that \$951.00 has been received from the test sale of old Rte. 66 bricks on eBay. Seventeen of the twenty authorized bricks have been sold, averaging \$55.94 per brick.

The commission agreed to put 100 more bricks up for sale, both on eBay and by whatever means the committee decides. The Nature's Best Art Gallery in Joplin reportedly plans to sell some of the bricks and other venues will be available.

Nolan said they are tentatively planning to use part of the money already received to purchase PA systems for the council room and the commu-

nity room at the City Hall if the upcoming council approves

Nolan asked the commission to give the brick committee permission to administer the funds from the sales to avoid problems for city office employees who do it at the present time. Kevin Cure, city attorney, said he will have to study the question because it might not be legal for city property to be sold and then the funds administered by those not employed by the city. He expects to have an answer by the next council meeting, on April 18.

In other business, there was considerable discussion concerning condemnation of property at 1711 Main St. There are two travel trailers on the lot which are not up to par with the city code and are in an unsafe condition. The problem has been the subject of numerous calls and letters for quite sometime, but no improvements s been made. The commission did not take direct action but is considering several approaches which will be addressed by the upcoming city council.

By V. Hopkins

The commission voted to extend the Nature Center lease at Schermerhorn Park by ten years. The action will cause the lease to end in October, 2018, unless previously renewed.

The commission voted to honor its agreement with Celltron to clean up a portion of the land given to the company for a parking lot. City Manager Ray said that the company is expecting to start construction of the new edition in June and is already hiring new employees. The present parking lot at the front of the building will no longer be available at that time.

The commission also authorized repairs to be made to the house at Oak Hill Cemetery, the city swimming pool and the girls softball field.

The pavement of city streets by the county was also discussed. Ray said that some of it was done without the knowledge or approval of the city and that better communication between the city and county is a necessity.

Galena Middle School raises \$3,045 for "Pennies for Patients" program



Galena Middle School Principal Danny Albright is presented with the 27" color television set by Tiffany Wilson, the School & Youth Campaign Manager. Galena placed #1 in the state of Kansas for the most money collected in the "Pennies for Patients" program.

The Galena Middle School students reached out for Pennies for Patients and found many helping hands this year. Collections were taken at the high school, money jars were placed at businesses, offices collected

money, parents donated, students brought in penny banks, stuffed animals were raffled, pop tabs collected and sold, suckers sold, and an autographed photo raffled. Hard work brought in a total of \$3,045.00

On March 9, 2005 Tiffany Wilson, the School & Youth

Campaign Manager, for Leukemia, Lymphoma Society called GMS to notify them on placing #1 in the state of Kansas for the most money collected. A 27" color television set was awarded to the middle school for this collection.

Galena Educational Foundation 2-Man Powerball Scramble set for April 10



The Galena Educational Foundation 2-Man Powerball Scramble will be held at Schifferdecker April 10, 2005.

\$45 Includes round of golf 1 lunch, cart and chance at prizes.

Mulligans and skins game optional. At least 2 flights. 11 A.M. first tee time. \$35 For members of Galena Golf

Association. All proceeds go to the Galena Educational Foundation and are used to fund academic scholarships.

Contact: Dan Albright 417/624-5427 or Dave Clarkson 620/783-5991. (Please note whether you need a later tee time when registering.)

Annual Violin Recital

PSU Suzuki Strings and the Scott Nelson

Parsons and Riverton Studios will present their annual

Spring Recital, Sunday

April 10, 2005, at 3:00 p.m.

McCray Recital Hall

Pittsburg State University Campus

Students are from the 4-state area

The public is welcome

