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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: gstimes@kans.com

**Galena Girls Basketball**  
Grades 3 through 8 will have Open Gym Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30pm to 6:00pm in the Spring Grove Gym. Only girls in the age group will be allowed to shoot. Questions about Open Gym? Call Bill Harding at 783-2794 or 417-439-3105.

**Riverton Friends Church** invites Children to Serengeti Trek Vacation Bible School, "Where Kids Are Wild About God's Love" beginning July 25th and continuing through July 29. Meet at Riverton Friends Church, (one mile north of the stoplight in Riverton) each day from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. For more information, call the church office at 620-848-4077.

**The Galena Booster Club and Golf Association, Education foundation** will have a Golf Tournament Saturday, August 6th at 7:30am. It will be a shotgun start at Loma Linda South. We will have Par 3 hole prizes. 4 man format scramble. To enter call Mark Williams 783-4366 or Brian Shallenburger 1-417-649-7172. Price is \$45 a person or \$35 if you're a member of the Golf Association.

**Vacation Bible School** at Galena Assembly of God, July 24th and will go until Thursday, July 28th. Please note that VBS runs Sunday night through Thursday night this year. This year's theme is, "Safari Adventure," and all kids ages 4 years through completed 5th grade are welcome to attend this exciting and Christ centered activity. Times are 6pm to 8:30pm each evening Sunday through Thursday this week. For bus rides or any other information call 620-783-2349.

**The Galena High School Class of 1955** will be observing their 50th year reunion the weekend of 16-17-18 of September. The classes of 1954 through 1959 are invited to join all classes from the 1950s decade for the Friday Night Homecoming, Sept. 16, and a picnic at Schermerhorn Park on Sunday, Sept. 18.

**Crafters sought for craft show**-The SEKansas Nature Center is seeking artisans and crafters for the "Day in the Park" craft show which will be held on Sept. 24th at Schermerhorn Park just south of Galena. This event is a fun day in a beautiful outdoor setting which helps support educational programs throughout the year at the Southeast Kansas Nature Center. Those interested may call 620-783-5262 or email: seknaturecenter@yahoo.com.

**The Galena High School class of '47** will have a luncheon meeting at 11:30 on Thursday, Aug. 4th at Ryan's Steakhouse in Joplin. All members and friends are invited to attend.

## Local Deaths

Nancy Fichtner, Riverton, age 67

## Local Marine injured in Afghanistan

By V. Hopkins



Lance Cpl. Daniel Kassner

Lance Corporal Daniel Kassner, U.S. Marine, has been wounded by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Word was received by his mother, Mrs. Gilbert (Sherri) Wilkins of rural Galena Sunday afternoon.

Kassner was with seven other Marines in a Humvee when they encountered the bomb. He and the driver were the most seriously injured. Kassner was pinned under the engine bloc for more than two

hours before being rescued. He suffered second and third degree burns on his hands and torso and injuries to his left leg and shoulder.

He was able to speak briefly with his mother on Sunday and then was air lifted to Germany on Monday where he was placed in ICU before undergoing treatment and surgery on his hands.

His grandmother, Shirley Watkins of Galena, told the Sentinel on Tuesday that he was being flown to the Burn Center at

Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and that his mother was traveling to be with him there.

Kassner had been in Afghanistan since early June, having spent a leave in Galena with his mother, step-father and other relatives prior to his deployment.

The Marine is a 2001 graduate of Riverton High School. His father is Murray Kassner of Joplin.

## Cherokee County Schools to get additional money

As a result of the action of the state legislature a couple of weeks ago schools across the state are receiving a welcome windfall in dollars to begin the new school year in August.

Cherokee County schools are, of course, included with a collective increase of more than \$1.5 million, total. Of this amount Galena will receive an additional \$370,414 and Riverton will get \$340,675. To complete the slate, Baxter

Springs will have \$345,465 and Columbus, \$520,874.

Both the superintendents of Riverton and Galena mentioned more money for teachers as a priority and the targeting of classrooms directly for various needs.

Superintendent Brian Smith, Galena, also mentioned that it may be possible to cut the mill rate for tax payers and called the action a "win-win situation".

## Building Permit Reminder

As residents deal with home repairs from the recent hail storm, it has become apparent that many are unfamiliar with the city ordinance governing building permits.

The law states that building permits must be purchased prior to repairs, as well as new construction. The only exemption from having to purchase a permit is if the repair/construction is to be completed by the property owner and the construction cost does not exceed \$300.00.

Permits are issued by the City Clerk's office at a cost of \$15.00 for the first \$1,000 and \$5.00 for each additional \$1,000 of repair/construction to be completed. Property owners failing to purchase a permit prior to starting a project face a penalty of double the normal fee. Any resident who has a question about building permits may call the clerk's office and ask to speak with the code enforcement officer.



(Above) Chad Shepard is flipped into the air by a couple of high school boys. Chad says he and his brother goes to the Galena Pool nearly every day. (Below) The thermometer on the Community Bank & Trust sign on 7th St. reached 105 degrees on Friday.

## July has been Hot in Kansas!

By V. Hopkins

After several summers of fairly moderate temperatures with perhaps a rare 100 degree reading now and then, July, 2005, has come back with an old-fashioned hot spell and a heat index above 100 for days on end, with some days of 100 plus, OFFICIAL readings.

The official reading on Saturday, July 23, was 101 with a heat index of 107. About 5:30 p.m. an unexpected pop-up thunder storm dumped some rain and dropped the temperature probably 15-20 degrees. Except for the high humidity that made the temperature near normal that evening, but on Sunday the heat came back, though not quite as high as the day before. Monday was still hot with a 100+ heat index again. At this writing (Tuesday morning) some cloud cover has kept the temperature at a lower level and weather forecasters are holding out hope for some relief by Wednesday. Residents are just hoping they're right!



## Swimming Pool

Diana Wammack, manager of the Galena City Swimming Pool, told the Sentinel Monday that the pool has been averaging a daily attendance of about 110 this summer, occa-

sionally going up as high as 140 swimmers.

Swimming lessons for children were given earlier in the season but are now over. However, exercise classes Water

Aerobics for adults are continuing on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for only \$1.75 each session.

The pool is expected to close on Labor Day, September 5.

## Night Swim

July 29, 2005  
9:00pm - 12:00pm  
\$2.00 per person

Must be 12 years old or older. No exceptions and no season passes.

## Premier Baseball World Series to be held July 27-31

The series will be held in the Joplin, Mo. area with two area men playing on the Midwest National team. They are Brad Sechrist of Joplin and Braden Drake of Webb City.

Ticket prices have been set and the schedule finalized for the inaugural 2005 Premier Baseball World Series, which will be held July 27-31 in Joplin and surrounding communities in Southwest Missouri.

Premier Baseball is an organization of prestigious 18-under traveling baseball teams from Texas, Indiana, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and New York who have sought to have a World Series for several years. It was agreed last November that Joplin, Mo., given its history of hosting quality amateur baseball events, was the ideal location.

Ticket prices will be \$5 per day for adults, \$3 per day for children and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the Joplin Sports Authority office, 602 South Main, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

With a 16-team field, the tournament will utilize two stadiums in Joplin, historic Joe Becker Stadium and Joplin High School, the Crowder College's field in Neosho, Mo., and historic Carl Lewton Stadium in Carthage, Mo.

For more information on the teams participating, contact information for those teams and logos, log on to www.premierbaseball.net. Former University of Kansas head coach Dave Bingham is the president of Premier Baseball, and the president of the Kansas City Sluggers, one of the teams participating in the World Series.

Brad Sechrist of Joplin, Mo. and Braden Drake of Webb City, Mo., who play with the Midwest National team will be taking part in the tournament. You can learn more about the Nationals by logging on to www.midwestnationals.org.

The Nationals enter the Premier World Series Senior Division Champion overall 35-17 mark.

The Nationals schedule is as follows:

July 27, 1 p.m., Nebraska Sluggers at Crowder College, Neosho, Mo.

July 28, 1 p.m., Dallas Mustangs at Carl Lewton Stadium, Carthage, Mo. & 7 p.m., Austin Slam at Carl Lewton Stadium, Carthage.

July 29 TBA  
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## 13-year-old Babe Ruth All-stars advance to Regionals



13-Year-Old Babe Ruth All-stars: Back row, left to right: Ray Albright (coach), Troy Albright, Dillon Katzer, Rob Hefley (coach), Casey Hunter, Brad Hefley, Cody Rowland, Larry North (manager). Front row: Anthony Gifford, Logan North, Colton Leet, Matt Tyree, Preston Combs, Shiloh Murphy. (Continued on page 5)