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# THE GALENA NEWS

## International Exhibit

*Local artist, Brian Rance, contracts for KJV 400 year anniversary*

Local visitors to the Galena town square often wonder about the unusual front window on 4<sup>th</sup> and Main. Brian Rance, an artist from the U.K. has lived and worked from this location for many years, creating larger than life props for many shows in Branson. Recently, Brian was awarded a contract with the multi-national corporation, Hobby Lobby.

President Steve Green is a devout Christian and is using part of his fortune to amass a Bible museum. The first part of that effort is an international exhibit celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the translation of the Bible into

English known as the King James Version.

Brian Rance was tasked to recreate a cave-like environment to simulate what it could have been like to copy manuscripts by hand. This premiere interactive exhibit will be in Oklahoma City starting May 16 through Oct 16. More info is available at [explorepassages.com](http://explorepassages.com) online.



## New Community Center

*Dave Oberdiek plans new community center in his wife's memory*

During the community sunrise Easter service last month, Dave Oberdiek announced that he would dedicate a storage facility on his land to become the new community center, doubling the size of the current location.

The Oberdiek home was completely destroyed in a fire in early March. Tax deductible donations for this project can be made at the Community Center 103 N. Main Street or call 357-0097 for more information.

### Mayor's Corner

Thank you for all the help preparing for the flood that thankfully did not materialize in a significant way for Galena. But the way everyone pulled together shows once again how we do care for one another and help in this great little town.

As we look to the future, please, try to come to the final presentation of the Visioning Team by Drury graduate students. They will present their long term vision for Galena on **Monday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at the library.**

Finally, I'm grateful to have the opportunity to continue to serve as mayor and am thankful for your votes. I look forward to serving you and working with Mary Visneki, our wonderful staff in City Hall and the City Council for the next two years.

*The Old Gray Mayor,  
Joe Templeton.*

### PASTORS' ENCOURAGEMENT - MONTHLY FROM ONE OF OUR LOCAL PASTORS

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."*  
*John 14:27*

In a fast changing world, it's easy to become confused or fearful. Floods, tornados, wars, high prices for gas and essentials can raise our blood pressure and give us ulcers. But Jesus wants to give us peace. He warned us hard



times would come in the last days. We need to be faithful and trust Him. His love will remove our fear if we look to Him and obey His commands. He will give us the peace that only God can give.

The house of God, the church, is a place of safety. There is peace in God's presence. God's word, the Bible, will guide us in troubled times. Lead us, Jesus. Grant us your peace.

*~Bob Edwards, Landmark Apostolic Church*



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# FOCUS: Independent Representatives of Branson Missouri

Monthly feature on a Galena area business

Independent Representatives of Branson Missouri, or IRBM for short, is a local, family owned business by Kent and Emily Stephens. IRBM has 12 employees in the local area who help tourists coming to the region to get the best prices possible on shows, hotels and recreation. At the time of this publishing, they have over 4,000 clients in the pipeline coming to the area. IRBM puts together packages which visitors pick up in the company office just off of I-65 in Walnut Shade north of Branson.

Kent and Emily work from their home in Abesville. They have three children and one on the way. They are active in the community. Emily is

secretary for little league and Kent is very involved in basketball.

The Stephens do their best to encourage tourists to consider the Galena area for float trips, camping, etc. If you want to contact them to promote your business or help your guests connect with great pricing, call 866 325 0903 or email [IRBM@live.com](mailto:IRBM@live.com). Web site: [irbmonline.com](http://irbmonline.com).



- ### Local Churches
- LANDMARK APOSTOLIC - 22 W 5<sup>TH</sup> ST: PASTOR BOB EDWARDS  
 Sun Service 2:00  
 Weds Worship/Bible Study 7:00
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD - 1026 HWY 248: PASTOR TERRY CARTER  
 Sunday school 9:45  
 Sun Main Service 10:45  
 Sun Evening Service 6:00  
 Weds Youth, Worship & Prayer meetings 7:00
- COMMUNITY - 209 N MAPLE: PASTOR DOUG MINTON  
 Sunday Bible Study 9:45  
 Main Service 10:45  
 Weds meal & study 6:30
- COWBOY - MCCORD BEND, PAUL JONES  
 Sundays 2:00 starting again 1<sup>st</sup> of May
- BAPTIST - 5<sup>TH</sup> & MAIN: PASTOR WILLIAM GREENE  
 Sunday School 10:00  
 Sun Main Service 11:00  
 Sun Evening Service 6:00  
 Weds Service 6:30  
 Thurs Bible Study 6:00  
 Sat prayer, 1st & 3rd Sat 10:00

### Scholarship Opportunity

The Galena Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce a \$700 scholarship available to Stone County students interested in **conservation studies** this coming fall. Applications must be **postmarked by May 6<sup>th</sup>**. Call 357-0097

### Farmer & Craft Market Now Open!

Wonderful plants, food, flowers, music and friendship can be exchanged 8-2 every Friday and Saturday on the square. Reserve your spot to sell for just \$10 a season. Call 417-559-1089 or 417-357-6061 for details or come down and chat at the market.



- ### Calendar
- Fridays 7:00 pm- Free Movies & Popcorn, Community Center
  - Fridays & Saturdays 8am to 2 pm - Farmer & Craft Market
  - Saturdays 6:30-7:30 pm -Marriage workshop, Community Center (Free)
  - Sunday, May 1, 1:30 Historical Society, Reeds Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church
  - Monday, May 2, 5:00 - Park Board, City Hall
  - Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 -City Council, City Hall
  - Thursday, May 5, 10:00 National Day of Prayer, Town Square
  - Monday, May 9, 7:00 - Final Vision Team presentation from Drury for Galena's future, Library
  - Sunday, May 15, 1:30 - Community Center meeting
  - Monday, May 16, 12:00 - Citizens of Hope, Community Center
  - Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 - Chamber of Commerce, Community Center
  - Thursday, June 1, 1:00, Free Enterprise Zone meeting, County Commissioner's room
  - Sunday, Jun 5, 1:30 Historical Society, Landmark Apostolic Church
  - Monday, Jun 6, 5:00 - Park Board, City Hall
  - Tuesday, Jun 7, 7:00 -City Council, City Hall
  - One time events

### Humor

"Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused."

### Christian Yoga Classes

The Community Center with Charissa Stewart offers 45 minute Christian Yoga classes. No charge but donations are accepted (suggested \$5.)

Adults  
Monday & Friday 12:00

Children  
Fridays 4:00