

Galena and Joplin, trying new technology to plant trees in communities

On August 5th, the cities of Joplin, Mo., and Galena, Kan., along with a number of volunteers and local businesses from each will receive training on the use of a novel plant and tree growing device, called the Groasis Waterboxx.

Formal ceremonies will be conducted in Joplin at 11:00 a.m., alongside the Schifferdecker Park Golf Course, and in Galena at 1:30 p.m. on Route 66 alongside the area known as "Hells Half Acre," led by Mayor Dale Oglesby.

The Groasis Waterboxx is the invention of a successful Dutch businessman-botanist, Dr. Peter Hoff, who in his early career specialized in commercial flower growing but is today, a well-known promoter of xeric planting and reforestation programs on every continent of the world. Dr. Hoff's invention is unique in that it uses a growth promoting and water-saving technology that mimics nature by encouraging any plant placed in it, to grow a healthy tap root that both insures its survivability by using much less water than any of the traditional methods commonly used today. With the invention one can plant trees, no matter how hot or dry, without using irrigation. Dr. Hoff will be in the Tri-Cities area of Galena, Joplin, Tulsa on August 5th, to explain the sustainability and water husbanding advantages of the Waterboxx and to conduct training on what he calls its "easy emplacement and minimal maintenance" requirements.

Galena's residents have

been hoping for years to "green-up" the area in their city disparagingly known as "Hell's Half Acre" where lead mining operations of past years left a barren, no-growth landscape. They were encouraged by reports of the tree-growing success of the Waterboxx in other areas of the world such as the slag heaps - outside the mines on northern Spain near the city of Zaragoza. The instruction by Dr. Hoff is open to the public.

Dr. Hoff's interest in bringing the Waterboxx to the attention of the cities of Galena and Joplin is the result of the interest of a leader of an organization recently formed to assure and maintain the beauty and access of a tangible element of American history - The Route 66 Alliance. As local residents are well-aware, that historic roadway passes through both Galena and Joplin.

Times and location for training and ceremonial event

1. Staff and volunteer training will be conducted at the Joplin Sports Complex, 3301 W. 1st Street, Joplin, Mo., and will begin at 9:00 a.m.

2. The planting ceremony for Joplin, Mo., is two blocks away along the western side in Schifferdecker Park Golf Course (which parallels Route 66) and will begin at 11:00 a.m.

3. The planting ceremony for Galena, Kan., is located on Route 66 and will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Route 66 alongside the area known as "Hell's Half Acre".

Methodist Church

520 Joplin Street
Galena, Kan.
620-783-5000

Sunday School: 9:45 A.M.
Worship: 10:50 A.M.

Pastor: Dorcia Johnson
620-783-5000

or the Nazarene

2700 S. Main St.
Galena, Kan.

Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Night: 6:00 P.M.

Pastor: Tracy Rowe

Sixth Street Baptist Church

501 E. Sixth Street
Galena, Kan.

Sunday School: 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Evening: 6:00 P.M.

Pastor Bob Martin
The Friendliest Church
in Town

House of Prayer

6090 SE Alt 69/400
Riverton, Kan.

Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
Worship: 10:45 A.M.
Sunday Night: 6:00 P.M.
Wed. evening 7:00 P.M.
Ladies prayer/bible study
Tues morning 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Audie Tash

Be Encouraged



Our decisions are never based on what the world has to offer, or the situation we are in... We have to know then and there how we decide. Do we do what God would have us do? Read John 14:21...

"He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me, and he who loves me will be loved by my father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." RSV

Funny Things That Happen In Life

What is life? I state at a lot of funerals that on the headstone we have the name of the person, the year/date they were born/died. In between both dates is a hyphen. This mark represents that person's life. I have found that the older we get and the less we do, the more we remember and talk about our past. Most of us remember and tell about the things we've done that were good and most of all funny. I will briefly rewind the movie to some of those good old days' events.

Can you remember the days before TV and computers when kids actually went outside to play, even in temperatures like we've been having, the reason, no AC? I tell you obesity wasn't a problem then,