



Easter Egg Hunt Cold But Fun

There were children dressed in winter coats, hats, and mittens. There was snow and there were more than 2,000 Easter eggs and lots of treasure at Galena's annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 7. The Delaware County Bank Easter Bunny even had snow on its head. The crowds were a little smaller and a lot colder than usual but the children were as eager as ever to find eggs.

Children from infants to 10 year-olds had fun hunting eggs and even more fun discovering the pennies and 10,000 pieces of candy inside. Children ages 5-10 participated in a coin toss. Children in each age group each received a toy.

Children who found prize eggs in each age group received Easter baskets full of goodies.

Eleven to 14 year-olds participated in a scavenger hunt and 25 presidential dollars were handed out.

Snow and cold did not deter local children from eagerly hunting Easter eggs, coins, and prizes at the annual Galena Easter Egg Hunt.



The grand prize winners were (l. to r.) Jack Renner (0-4 year-olds with parents), Ashlynn Hathaway (0-4 year-olds without parents), Jake Kletrovetz (5-7 year-olds), and Christina Harmon (8-10 year-olds).

Church Purchase

The Village of Galena has purchased the Galena United Methodist Church building for \$283,000 financed with bonds.

The church membership is leasing the facility through a one-year agreement.

Sewer Lawsuit

Village officials, the Davis family, and attorneys appeared before Judge Everett Krueger in Delaware County Common Pleas Court on April 2.

Stating that he never tries a case until mediation has been attempted, Judge Krueger ordered both parties into mediation. They will work with retired Magistrate Harold Paddock to attempt to come to agreement on

sewer fees. The judge set a June 30 deadline. If agreement has not been reached by then, he'll set a trial date.

The Village filed the lawsuit against Berkshire Lake Campground because the owners have not paid more than \$85,000 in sewer fees and tap fees of \$216,000 for sewer services the Village provides.

Election Dinner

Galena United Methodist Church, 109 Harrison, will be serving meals on Primary Election Day, Tuesday, May 8. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. with hot chicken sandwiches, grilled brats, hot dogs, and side dishes of potato salad, baked beans and coleslaw. A pig roast is the featured dinner fare. Pulled pork, applesauce, your choice

of two sides, roll, and drink will be served from 4 - 7 p.m. As always, homemade pies will be on the dessert table.

BST&G Levy

The BST&G Fire Department which serves Galena has voted to place a five-year, 2-mill replacement property tax levy on the May ballot. The levy will cost residents \$61 each year per \$100,000 in home value. The current 1.38-mill levy currently costs homeowners \$42 annually per \$100,000 in home value.

Galena Dates

The following are Village Council and committee meeting dates as well as other local events. Village meetings are open to the public and are at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., unless otherwise stated.

April 13, 20	Trash Days
April 23	Council Meeting
April 27	Trash Day
May 4	Trash Day
May 8	Election Day
May 9	Zoning & Planning
May 11, 18	Trash Days
May 19	Galena Community Yard Sale, 9 am-4 pm
May 21	Council Meeting
May 21	First Chipper Day
May 25	Trash Day
May 28	Village Offices Closed
May 28	Memorial Day Services, 1 pm, Village Square & Galena Cemetery

JRD Bond Issue

The Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District (EDCJRD) will place a 27-year, 1.2-mill bond issue on the May ballot. This allows \$12 million in bonds to be issued for construction of a local community center. The bond issue will cost residents in the Big Walnut School District \$40 each year per \$100,000 in home value.

Community Yard Sale

The Galena Community Yard Sale will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 19. Residents interested in participating should contact Karin Underwood at 965-9460. You can participate in an ad and have your location noted on fliers and marked with balloons.

Girls Scouts will be selling on the Village Square. The Galena United Methodist Church will offer breakfast, lunch, and yard sale items, too.

Spring Cleaning

Spring is a great time to clean up your yard and spruce up your house in preparation for the spring zoning inspections.

Library Events

The following events will be held at the Community Library, 44 Burrer Drive in Sunbury:

- Knit & Crochet Group – second Thursdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

- Big Walnut Middle School Art Students' Works displayed in April.
- Wednesday Evening Knitters every Wednesday, 7-8 p.m.
- Community Library Friends meeting – Thursday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.
- Check out the new adult blog, "Books and Beyond" on the library web site's home page on the adult tab.

For information, contact Community Library at 740-965-3901 or visit the website at <http://community.lib.oh.us>.

Income Tax Forms Available

If you live or work in the Village, you need to pay a one percent income tax and file income tax forms. Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) forms are available at the Village Offices, The Delaware County Bank, and the Galena Post Office. You can also file on-line at www.ritaohio.com

Sewer Bills

Please be sure to pay your sewer bill on time to avoid late fees. Bills two quarters past due will be certified to the County Auditor for tax liens. The late payment amount, including late fees, will be added to your tax bill until it is paid in full. If nonpayment occurs on an ongoing basis, you risk shut-off of your sewer service.

Water Quality Management handles the Village's sewer billing and payments. The May, June, and July quarterly bill will be mailed out May 1 and is due June 10 to avoid late fees.

E-mail Newsletter

E-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at galena@copper.net if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail rather than postal mail.

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