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A Newsletter for Friends and Clients of Galena Realty, Ltd.

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A GIFT OF WORDS

by Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier

My favorite event, Hearts & Art, was great as usual. The Friends of the Galena Public Library, Inc., has received an Honorable Mention from the Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA) for the annual "Hearts & Art" celebration. The award came in recognition of an entry in FOLUSA's prestigious HarperCollins Kingsolver Award competition, open to friends' groups around the nation for small libraries. Thank you, Rhonda for submitting the event.

The featured person for this issue is Josh Ries who recently acquired his real estate license and is associated with Galena Realty. Josh is also in the news because he sustained injuries in the fire that destroyed our shop on January 30. He is home now and doing well; we count our blessings every day that he is okay. Thanks to all of you who called to offer support and assistance.

Here is a water story that turned out with a happy ending. Residents had turned off their water, but the back door blew open. Minimal damage did occur, but nothing like the disaster if the water had been on. Once again, don't forget to turn off your water when vacating your home.

My perfect daughter, who just turned 21, made a perfect 4.0 at UW Madison last semester. Her latest choice of major is Physician's Assistant.

Ladies, have you tried Curves, one of the latest additions to our office area? Since I have the shortest commute of anyone in Galena (I beat Rhonda by a foot) I decided I had better get over and join the fun. Congratulations David and Susan on your new business adventure.



I have a real soft spot in my heart for librarians and people who care about books.

*Ann Richards,
former Governor of Texas*

Real Estate Stats

Jan - Dec 2002

In The Territory

Single Family Homes

Homes Sold	117
Average Price	\$221,625
Average Days on Market	237

Vacant Land

Land Sold	99
Average Price	\$ 28,123
Days on Market	304

Condos & Townhomes

Homes Sold	59
Average Price	\$122,774
Days on Market	337

In Galena

Single Family Homes

Homes Sold	52
Average Price	\$117,381
Days on Market	167

In Jo Daviess County

Single Family Homes

Homes Sold	64
Average Price	\$109,282
Days on Market	192

Based on information from the Freeport-Galena Area Association of Realtors from Jan. 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002.



IN THE OFFICE

with Rhonda

I AM FINISHING

this semester at

Clarke College with classes in Public Relations Seminar and Digital Layout and Design. Tons of work, but a lot of fun. My design class is once again filled with extremely talented individuals who are in or soon will be joining the work force. Check out the web site and see some of the work the class has been doing.

<http://garyolsen.com/GoClarke/digitadesign/index.htm>



I HAD THE

wonderful opportunity to visit Mexico! I enjoyed immersing myself in the flavor of the

country. The combination of the diverse groups of people (*both local and visitors*), wonderful food, rich history, sunny skies, warm sand, crystal clear water, and living in my bathing suit made for an extremely exciting

trip. I stayed at the Barcelo Maya Beach Resort about an hour south of Cancun. If you have an opportunity to visit Mexico consider this wonderful resort! You will not be disappointed.

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AS ALWAYS, we welcome your comments on our newsletter. Please feel free to contact us and let us know what you think. info@galenahomes.com
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From the kitchen of Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier

Tomato Soup/Pasta Topping

This is my own concoction.

It can be made with fresh summer tomatoes or with canned.

If you're using fresh, add your own Italian herbs.

Chop 1 - 2 large onions, depending on how much you like onions. Add 1 - 2 minced garlic cloves. Saute with oil, butter or no-fat spray. I like to use about 2T of flavored olive oil and no-fat spray. After onions have sauteed, add 1 - 2 cans of tomatoes or the equivalent of fresh. I prefer the Del Monte tomatoes with Italian herbs. Add 1 cup of vegetable or chicken bouillon. Simmer about 10 minutes. *At this point you can use as a pasta topping or proceed for soup.*

Make 1 cup of white sauce. Wondra works well for me. I melt 1T of butter with 1T of Wondra, then slowly add milk or cream (whatever your dietary requirements - canned evaporated milk works well, too). Stir. Add to the tomato mixture and stir. Add more liquid if you want a thinner soup. An optional step is to puree about 1/2 of your soup for a second or two. I prefer that consistency.

Additional toppings: pine nuts, cheese, sour cream, butter or equivalent, salt, pepper, or any other family favorite.

Yum! A great winter comfort food.



Guess who?

e-mail your response to info@galenahomes.com



Three cheers for Josh! We are so glad he is okay.

And how about Katie...what a remarkable woman! We are so glad that Josh has an incredible wife like you by his side.

A Linda Survey

What grammatical error do you think is most common?

I believe it is the misuse of it's and its.

E-mail your response and we will post them in the next newsletter.

TOOLBOX TRIVIA

By: Jerry Dupasquier

HERE are some recommendations and guidelines for purchasing a lot and building your dream home in the Galena Territory.

Generally, a good rule of thumb for a lot purchase is to multiply the current market value of your lot by 10.

Example, if the current value of your lot is \$25,000 and you multiply that by 10, your home price should be about \$250,000.

Before purchasing a lot, contact an experienced contractor who has built in the Galena Territory to preview it. Sometimes the house of your dreams will not work on the lot of your dreams.

Finally, call Dave and Julie at the Architectural Review Office, 815.777.8392. I don't know of two more helpful people in the universe that can guide you in your decisions.

IMPORTANT!!! If you are going to be gone for more than a few days turn off your water. Water can cause major damage to your house. The Galena Territory Association has services available for someone to check on your house periodically. This may be worth looking into — both summer and winter.

AN INTERESTING STATISTIC...

According to Dave Jansen the GTA manager, the following outlines The Territory vacant lot availability. There are 3270 total properties in The Galena Territory. Of that, 1900 of these lots have been developed. It is estimated that about 500 lots are owned by property owner association members as either barrier or amenity lots, leaving 870 left for development.

REMINDER...Do you need your septic pumped?



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A Few Fun Things...

Pottery Demonstration

1/1/2003 to 4/30/2003 -Saturdays and Sundays

Sat: 2-4 p.m., Sun: 10 a.m.-Noon at the Artists' Annex in Galena.

Charles Fach answers questions and demonstrates pottery making. Free. 815. 777.0354

St. Patrick's Day Parade

3/17/2003 -Monday

5:30 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Galena.

A small town parade with bands and floats. 815.777.0467



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