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Pea Ridge NMP invites public to Conservation Celebration 5A

# New Barry-Lawrence County Development CenterBoater strikes dockfacility nears completionon Table Rock Lake



*Construction of the new 6,000 sq. ft. Barry-Lawrence County Development Center in Monett will be complete by the end of this year. Photo courtesy of BLCDC.* 

By Adriana Keeton The Barry-Lawrence County Development Center (BLCDC) new building construction should be com-

plete by the end of this year. Ground broke at the new site in October of 2021, and according to BLCDC Director Lynda Painter, finishing

touches should be done over the next few weeks.

An open house date will be set after the completion of the new 6,000 sq. ft. location at 220 Chapel Drive in Monett. The facility is currently housed on Third

See BLCDC 3A

### Crowder College 11th annual Roughrider Rodeo set for August 18-19



From Crowder College

The 11th Annual Crowder College Roughrider Rodeo will be held August 18 and 19 at 608 Field Avenue, Neosho. Gates open at 6 p.m., with the rodeo starting at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available in advance: \$10-adults, \$8-children ages 6-12; 5 and under are free; and may be purchased at Crowder College Bookstore, First Community Bank locations, and Eric Norris-State Farm Insurance. Commemorative t-shirts are also available for \$10 at the Bookstore and will be available at the rodeo. Purchase tickets online at www. CrowderBookstore.com.

#### *By Adriana Keeton* According to a Missouri Sta

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop D boat crash report investigated by MSGT M.D. Green, on July 28 at approximately 12:01 a.m., a 2008 Ranger Bass boat driven by Donald Brown, 76, of Diamond, was heading south and struck a boat dock when he failed it see it. The crash happened on Owl Creek near Point 25, 3 miles west of Golden, on Table Rock Lake.

Brown was transported by private vehicle to Freeman Urgent Care in Joplin. The boat received moderate damage and was driven from the scene.

### Woman seriously injured in crash on Highway 39

*By Adriana Keeton* According to a Mis

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop D crash report investigated by TPR T.M. Royster, on July 27, at approximately 7:40 p.m., a 2008 Ford Escape, driven by Kiera Moore, 34, of Aurora, was traveling northbound on MO 39 six miles south of Aurora, when the vehicle traveled off the right side of the roadway and struck a tree, then caught fire.

Moore was airlifted to Cox South in Springfield with serious injuries. Two juvenile occupants, ages 10 and 15, received minor injuries and were transported by EMS to Cox South in Springfield.

The vehicle was totaled and towed by Brice's Towing. Moore was not wearing a safety device. The juvenile occupants were both wearing safety devices.

### Man nearly drowns at Point 26 in Eagle Rock

By Adriana Keeton

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop D near drowning report investigated by CPL R.R. Wilkins, on July 29 at approximately 7:23 p.m., Jose Chavez, 39, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, swam out to the end of a marked-off area and went underwater on Eagle Rock Swim Beach at Point 26.

Bystanders pulled Chavez to shore and started CPR. He was transported to Mercy Hospital in Berryville, Arkansas, with moderate injuries.

"2017 Comedy Act of the Year" Gizmo McCracken, will provide entertainment on both nights. Photo: Gizmo McCracken Facebook page. Tickets may be purchased at the gate for an additional \$2 each. This event is a scholarship fundraiser for students in the agriculture program.

This year, Gizmo McCracken, the "2017 Comedy Act of the Year," will provide the entertainment on both nights. Friday night will celebrate our public servants, and Saturday night will support "Power of Pink."

Top rodeo contestants will compete in nine events that are ACRA/IPRA sanctioned. Local vendors and concessions will also be available. RiverBend Casino and Hotel, Wyandotte, Oklahoma, and many local sponsors partly sponsor this event. vitit moderate mjuries.



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#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023 3A

## Showcasing Agriculture at the 2023 Missouri State Fair

Photo and story from Mis- and FFA shows are sold. souri Department of Ag

The Missouri State Fair is proud of be the showcase for agriculture in the state of Missouri. There are countless interactive and fun exhibits, contests and shows, and agricultural education opportunities at every turn. If it's not already, make plans to add agriculture to your list of Missouri State Fair traditions!

Here is just a sampling of how you can experience agriculture first-hand during your State Fair visit this August.

Livestock Shows - Horses and Pigs and Cattle (and more)....OH, MY! The State Fair features livestock shows every day of the Fair (and a few even start before Opening Day!). You'll find shows for equine, poultry, goats, sheep, swine, beef and dairy cattle, dogs, and rabbits.

Sale of Champions – The Sale of Champions will take place at 1:30 pm on Saturday, Aug. 19 and is the highlight of Youth in Agriculture Day at the State Fair. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion steers, barrows, lambs, meat goats, pens of chickens, pens of rabbits, hams and bacons from 4-H

The Agriculture Building showcases all the great things that make agriculture Missouri's number one industry. Highlights include:

Experts from Missouri commodity groups and college agriculture programs, among other agriculture organizations and companies.

Contest entries for hams/ bacon/summer sausage, apiculture, horticulture and dairy products.

The Missouri Grown Market, open daily, offering fresh and nutritious products grown right here in the Show-Me State available for purchase.

AgVenture exhibit offers hands-on, kid-friendly activities exploring Missouri agriculture from farm to fork facilitated by the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

Missouri 4-H and Missouri FFA youth are also a big part of what makes the Missouri State Fair the showcase for agriculture.Let's Talk Livestock, sponsored by Tractor Supply Company, provides youth exhibitors opportunities to educate fairgoers about livestock production with demonstrations on topics like showmanship, animal care and more.



Missouri state Fair, which is the state's largest agricultural expo, will run from August 10-20 in Sedalia.

The Children's Barnyard, sponsored by The Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association, is operated by local FFA chapters and gives fairgoers a chance to see barnyard animals owned by FFA members up close. In addition, Barnyard Story Time, offers young fairgoers a chance to take a seat and listen to an agriculture story book read by a State Fair exhibitor or agriculture leader.

Come make agriculture traditions at the Missouri State Fair, the state's largest agricultural expo, Aug. 10-20 in Sedalia.



Water is still low and clear, unless they dig in the river. They have been digging in the river a bit and when they do it gets pretty dirty. You'll just have to get above them if you want clear water. If you do fish in the murky water, try to use something bright or flashy. Sometimes that will help as fish are still eating. It's just they have a harder time finding your lure.

Fly fishing has been great. We have been catching lots of fish on beetles, ants, crackle backs, Griffiths, gnats, little grasshoppers, elk hair caddis, adams, and blue wing olives.

I am still recommending 9' 7X leaders, it will present your flies better on the water. Woolly worms in green, ginger and black have been good this week. A lot of people still using nymphs, small copper johns, pheasant tails, sow bugs, scuds, and burlaps, which were all good this week. I am fishing most of my nymphs in a size 18 or smaller. Black zebra midges have been good all summer.

Jig fishing is good also right now. Black/yellow, white, olive, tan, and gray have all been good.

Spinners are good early (30 minute wonders). Good colors are black, skunk, frog, and pink. They were all good this week.

Plastics are still working. The one inch power bait grub in brown seemed to be better this week, but the yellow and pink seemed to be better. White eggs were good all week, as were the pink eggs.

The fish oil and the shrimp eggs are still working as good as ever. Pink worms and white worms were good also, and the cheese colored power bait worms were working all weekend. Good luck on the river this week.





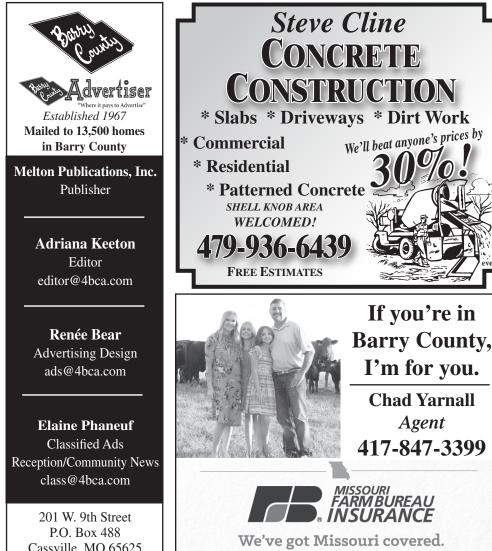
#### **BLCDC from Front**

Street, where it has been since 1981 providing early intervention services.

The BLCDC is a nonprofit organization established in 1973. It provides children ages five and under diagnosed with conditions such as cerebral palsy, autism, and Down's syndrome with physical, occupational, speech, and music therapy. The more up-to-date facility will allow therapists individual therapy rooms, which the current facility lacks.

"The building has been paid for as construction has taken place, but the dream to have an all-inclusive playground was not part of the original plans," said Painter. "An all-inclusive playground fundraising campaign will kick off this month, and sponsorship opportunities will be available to businesses and community members."

The next large fundraiser will be an auction on November 3. Stumpff's Realty and Auction will provide Auctioneer services. For more information on services provided by the facility or to inquire about sponsorship, contact BLCDC Director Lynda Painter at 417-235-9803.



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Community Calendar page is free as a courtesy to local events. If your event is relying on advertising for attendance, then it is vital for you to place a paid ad. There is no guarantee that your event will be placed in Community Calendar. The deadline for community calendar is Friday at 4 p.m. Contact Elaine Phaneuf, class@4bca.com or (417) 847-4475.

### Notice:

<u>Victory Baptist Church</u> is offering a college scholarship for the 2023/24 school year. Please call (417) 342-6711 with questions.

<u>Bluegrass Music at Roaring River</u> is a free family friendly summer season event held every Friday evening at the Roaring River Shelter 7 to 9 P.M. Shows featuring talented bluegrass musicians from all over the area will be every Friday through September 30. In case of bad weather, the show will move to The Emory Melton Inn. There will be shows both Friday and Saturday nights on the Labor Day holiday weekend. There will be no show on Kids' Free Fishing Day.

### Farm Road 1000 will be closed beginning Wednesday, July 5, until Monday, August 28, 2023, for culvert replacement.

**Patriots of SW MO** have meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 1 to 3 P.M. at the VFW in Shell Knob (on Hwy. 39). Everyone is welcome. To learn more and find out who this month's exciting speakers are, contact Jean Dodge at dodgejean13@gmail.com, or Diane Painter (417) 858-2108 (please no texts).

**The Purdy Community Recycling Center** is now open on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. It is located next to the main baseball field at Purdy School. The center is open to all, and is currently accepting #1 and #2 plastic, cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans, used motor oil and filters, any paper product that does not have food residue on it. The center is also looking for volunteers on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M.

<u>Barry County Farm Road 1255</u> over Sweetwater Creek will be closed until further notice.

<u>The Old Church Gallery Farmers' Market</u>, Farm Road 1240, Shell Knob, is open every Thursday from 8 to 11 A.M. For more information, call (417) 858-2510.

**S.A.S.S. Farmers Market of Cassville** will set up every Saturday from 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. on the Cassville Square, and Tuesday from 4 to 7 P.M. across from Security Bank.

<u>OATS Transit</u> offers regular transportation services for the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Please call the local OATS Transit office at 417-887-9272 or 800-770-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about services in your area. You can also visit our website at oatstransit.org.

Seligman Chamber Event Center is having a country dance with live bands every Saturday night from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. No alcohol allowed. Admission is \$10 per person. Ages 18 and under are free. There is pot luck, 50/50 and door prizes. For more information, call (479) 903-3640.



**God's Closet in Eagle Rock** is now open every Tuesday 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. They have lots of free clothing for those in need. Located on Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock just past Mitchell Plaza and across from the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

**The Wheaton Depot Museum** in Wheaton will be open Sundays from 1 to 5 P.M. Visitors are encouraged to check out the history of Wheaton and the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad (M&NA). Phone numbers are posted in the window of the museum.

**The Helping Hands Food Pantry services the citizens of Eagle Rock, Golden and Mano** and is open from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. every Saturday and Tuesday, and also 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. Questions for the pantry can be answered by calling (417) 271-1301 or visiting at 32685 State Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock. (Just 1/4 mile east of the Hwy. P intersection). The pantry is supported by area churches, business associations and private donations. *Significant support received through affiliation and purchasing power of Ozark Food Harvest, Springfield.* 

**Southwest Missouri Coalition of Charities** provides a network where non profits can belong, share knowledge and support one another. The organization hosts meetings via Zoom. More information can be found on their Facebook page.

**Donations of new and gently used clothing** are being collected by the Wheaton Church of Christ. They are looking for all types of clothing for all ages. Please call (417) 652-3873 to set up an appointment to drop off donations.

Wheaton Church of Christ will have clothing available the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. For more information, call (417) 652-3873 or (417) 669-6935.

Household Items Pantry will be open every 4th Wednesday from 5 to 6 P.M. at Community Faith Chapel, Hwy. 248 and 13th Street, Cassville. More information about the pantry can be found on Face Book.

<u>Soil samples</u> need to be received at the MU B.C. Extension office by 12 P.M. on Thursday. Shipments go out once a week on Friday. The fee for the soil sample test is \$20 by cash or personal check. No credit or debit cards accepted. Contact the Extension Office at (417) 847-3161 with any questions.

**Discovery Quilters** meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 A.M. at the Shell Knob Central Community United Methodist Church. New members are welcome.

### **Cassville Branch Library Activities**

Thurs., Aug. 3• 6pm: Toastmasters(adults)Fri., Aug. 4• 9am: Chair exercise(adults)• 12-4pm: Red Cross BloodDrive (HS-adults)Mon., Aug. 7• 9am: Chair exercise(adults)• 2pm: Taking Care of YouSession 1 (adults) Pre-reg-istration required, space islimited, may register on-

5:30pm: Painting "Vintage Barn" (teens/adults) pre-registrtion \$5 fee Wed., Aug. 9
1:30pm: Crochet with Ashlyn (teens/adults) For more information chapter environed by the second b

about services offered by our Cassville Library, call the Cassville Branch Library at 417-847-2121 or visit at 301 W. 17th St., Cassville. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:30pm; new Saturday hours are 9am **Ozark Country Quilters** meets at Show Me Plaza, Hwy. 248, Cassville, every 3rd Monday for Open Sew; every 3rd Thursday for 'Work Shop'; and every 1st Tuesday for their business meeting. For more information, call (417) 342-1372.

### Friday Aug 4

**The Stella Senior Center is offering a Free Dance this** <u>Week.</u> The Stella Senior Center has a Dinner and Dance every Friday Evening. The doors open at 5:30 P.M., with a buffet style meal at 6 P.M. The Dance will start at 7 P.M., with a live band playing each Friday evening. Cover charge is \$5.

This Friday, August 4, Dale Johnson and The Country Review Band will be playing. The Senior Center is inviting all to come to Stella for a FREE Dance this Friday only! Refreshments are always available. Everyone is invited for a country good time. Please call (417) 628-3314 or (417) 489-3661 for more information.

### Monday Aug 7

**Southwest Volleyball Practice Begins.** Any high school girls interested in playing volleyball at Southwest should plan to attend practice from 3 to 6 P.M. in the high school gym. Players need a current physical and proof of insurance. Players should also bring a water bottle. Any questions, contact Coach Steve Voyak at svoyak@swr5.net or (479) 422-5395.

**The Wheaton Historical Society Depot Museum** will hold a meting at 6:30 P.M. to elect officers and to regroup the Society. Asking all past, present, and anyone wishing to join the Society to attend. Meeting will be held in the Wheaton Community Building, half block east and to the left of The Depot Museum.

### **Tuesday Aug 8**

**The Southwest Missouri Waste Management Ditrict** <u>N</u> will hold its monthly Executive Board Meeting at 11:50 A.M. at Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett. This meeting is open to the public. A teleconference number will also be available for this meeting, please contact the district office at (417) 236-9012 or (417) 342-6306 prior to the day of the meeting for the call-in number and passcode.

**<u>Cassville Cruise Meeting</u>** will be at the Show Me Plaza, Hwy. 248, Cassville, at 7 P.M.

### Friday Aug 11

<u>Music</u> will be held at the Clio Community Building located on Hwy. 39, south of Jct. 248, beginning at 6 P.M.

### Saturday Aug 12

<u>**Cassville Cruisers Cruise In</u></u> will be held at the Barry County Museum, Cassville, from 4 P.M. until dusk.</u>** 

**Firehouse Fundraiser Breakfast** will be served from 7 A.M. to 10 A.M. at the Eagle Rock, Golden, Mano Station, 30625 Hwy. 86. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 under 10. All proceeds benefit the station and the efforts of our volunteer fire-fighters. This event can be enjoyed the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month.

### **Thursday Aug 17**

Let's Get Cooking 2 will be hosted at the Monett Branch Library, 2200 Park St., Monett, at 1 P.M. Guests are invited to learn how to make salsa with Eden Stewart.

### Saturday Aug 19

**Patriots of South West Missouri** will have their monthly meeting from 1 to 3 P.M. at the VFW, Hwy. 39, Shell Knob. Everyone is welcome. For more information,

Hours:

Wednesday - Saturday Restaurant 4:00-9:00 p.m. Lounge 3:00 - 10:00 p.m.



Highway 112, Cassville, Missouri 417-847-3600 <u>Tues., Aug. 8</u> • 10am: Storytime (preschool) to 1pm; and closed on Sunday.

• 1pm: Painting "Vintage barn" (teens/adults) preregistration \$5 fee

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** EXETER R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT EXETER, MISSOURI **REQUESTING BIDS** 

The Exeter R-VI School District is requesting **Milk** bids and **Diesel** bids for the 2023-24 school year. Bids are due to 101 Locust Street, Exeter, MO 65647 by Wednesday, August 9, 2023. The Exeter R-VI School District has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Questions may be referred to the Central Office, 417-835-2922, Ext. 5. contact Daine Painter at (417) 858-2108 (please no texts).

### Saturday Aug 26

<u>Play Music on the Porch Day</u> will be hosted at the Monett Branch Library, 2200 Park St., Monett, all day. Various musical artists will play during the day on the patio.

Wheaton High School Class of '73 family, friends, former classmates and neighbors are all invited to stop in the shade by Rail Road Depot Museum, 311 Main St., Wheaton, during the 65th annual Wheaton BBQ. Flexible plans to be determined by those attending from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. For more information, contact Ron (608) 242-7321.

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### Monett Library Activities

Mondays - 1:30 P.M. Chair Yoga

<u>Wednesdays</u> - (first 4 of the month) 12 P.M. Quilting <u>Tuesdays</u> - (2nd and 4th of the month) 1 P.M. Crochet

*Monett Branch Library is located at 2200 Park St., Monett,. Phone number is 417-235-7350* 

### Pea Ridge National Military Park invites public to **Conservation Celebration on Saturday, August 5**

Photo and Story From Pea Ridge National Military Park The National Park Service invites the public to the Grand Re-Opening: A Conservation Celebration at Pea Ridge National Military Park on August 5, 2023. Please join us at the park Visitor Center for a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the historic Williams Hollow Farm donation, completion of the Highway 62 realignment project, and designation of the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail. Event activities begin at 8 a.m. and will occur throughout the day, including the ceremony; a guided interpretive hike along the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail; artillery, infantry, and living history demonstrations; and a Northwest Arkansas Heritage Brass Ensemble performance. The event is free to the public.

Guest speakers will present programs in the Visitor Center auditorium on Civil War cavalry, the Trail of Tears, the Butterfield Overland Trail, and restoring the historic landscape of the battlefield. Veterans and Gold Star Family members are invited to get their free Military Lifetime Pass, and active-duty members are invited to get their free Military Annual Pass from the nation's first Purple Heart National Park during the event. Junior Rangers are also invited to earn badges while learning about the Battle of Pea Ridge. In addition, the park will be celebrating the completion of the new horse trailhead and the park's partnership with the Backcountry Horsemen of America with a trail ride.

Schedule of Events:

8 – 9:30 a.m. – The Role of Corn Liquor: Butterfield Overland Trail Guided Hike. Departs from Elkhorn Tavern. Visitors are strongly encouraged to bring water and wear sturdy shoes for this moderately strenuous, one-mile guided hike.

8:30 a.m. - Backcountry Horsemen of America will make the inaugural departure from the new horse trailhead parking area for a trail ride.

Visitor Center Auditorium:

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - Boots and Spurs: Civil War Cavalry, presented by Doug Kidd

11:15 a.m. - 12 noon - Butterfield Overland Trail, presented by Marilyn Heifner

12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m. - Trail of Tears, presented by John McLarty

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Battlefield Landscape Restoration, presented by Clint Johnson

Visitor Center Tent:

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Northwest Arkansas Heritage Brass Ensemble performance of period music

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Grand Re-Opening: A Conservation Celebration ceremony

11:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Living history demonstrations and partner booths

Visitor Center Artillery and Infantry Demonstration Area: 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - The Big Guns: Artillery of the Civil War

11:30 a.m. - 12 noon - Minnie Rifles and Flintlocks: Confederate Infantry at Pea Ridge

1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - The Big Guns: Artillery of the Civil War

2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Minnie Rifles and Flintlocks: Confederate Infantry at Pea Ridge



Artillery, infantry and living history demonstrations will be held during the Conservation Celebration this Saturday.

Times and locations are subject to change depending on weather conditions. Program descriptions are available at https://www.nps.gov/peri/planyourvisit/calendar.htm.

For more information, please call 479-451-8122.

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Pea Ridge National Military Park preserves and commemorates the March 7-8, 1862, battle that helped Union forces maintain physical and political control of Missouri. Administered by the National Park Service, the 4,300-acre battlefield is 10 miles north of Rogers, Arkansas, just off US Highway 62. Visit us on Facebook or at: www.nps.gov/peri.

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up to date on their vaccinations, and microchipped. The Haven of the Ozarks is open from 9 am-4 pm, seven days a

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## **Resilient Brave Hearts Conference at Yakov's Theatre August 19-20**

#### From Brave Heart Workshops

The Resilient Brave Hearts Girls' and Women's Conference will be held at Yakov's Theatre in Branson. The Keynote Speakers will be Sara Forhetz and Tammy Trent.

Sara Forhetz is a speaker, journalist, and podcaster. She spent 17 years as an Emmy Award-winning television news reporter and anchor. Sara now speaks full-time all over the world. Her travels often take her to Africa, where she speaks at open tent revivals. Sara is also a wife and a home-schooled mother of three kids, ages 10, 12, and 14. She loves swimming, biking, and running and often competes in triathlons. But most of all, Sara is a fervent follower of Jesus Christ. She speaks to leadership conferences and churches across the country and around the globe, urging people to be bold in their faith and to mentor someone. She and her husband, Ethan Forhetz, have been named one of the most influential couples in Southwest Missouri and have been recognized as such by multiple publications. Sara was also honored with a "30 under 30" award.

who draws her audience close with her contagious humor and fun, energetic personality. Yet, the sincerity of her heart and wisdom of life experience are woven through the words she speaks and sings. Tammy has been ministering to audiences worldwide through her music and speaking since signing her first record deal in 1995. And in early 2023, she became the new co-host on LIFE Today TV alongside co-host Randy Robison. She says, "One of my greatest privileges on this journey of hope is to be able to remind others that we can never interpret our numbness as God's absence in our lives.

The other speakers include Jill Reynolds, Melissa Garner, Louie Michael, Brenda Ring Wood, Mandy Farrow, Cynthia Thomas, Sue Detweiler, Dr. Brittany Wright, Dr. Marina Hofman, Brenda McClintock, Carolyn Boss, Mary Starr, and Julie Hedenborg.

Come into Branson a day early, and go to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see "Queen Esther" and get equipped with the courage "For Such a Time as This." To attend the conference, register at https://braveheartworkshops.com.

Tammy Trent is a gifted communicator

#### Cassville **School District Tax Rate Hearing Notice**

A hearing will be held at 5:45 p.m., August 17, 2023 at Cassville School Central Office, 1501 Main St. Cassville, MO at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Cassville School District, a political subdivision. The tax rates are set to produce the revenues from the property tax required by the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation. (\*Estimates reflect the most accurate information at the time of posting. Changes can be made by the Board of Education at the Tax Rate Hearing and finalized by September 1st)

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Assessed Valuation (AV) (by categories)	2023-24		2022-23	
Real Estate	\$168,101,071		\$158,609,206	
Personal Property	\$60,556,571		\$56,737,717	
Combined Real Estate & Personal Property	\$228,657,642		\$215,346,923	
Less AV in Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	\$0		\$0	
Adjusted Assessed Valuation on Which Tax Revenue is Received	\$228,657,642 \$215,346,9		215,346,923	
New Construction & Improvements (Included in AV Total above)		\$4,252,159	\$4,252,159 \$3,356,873	
The following Tax Rates are Proposed by Fund:	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted (assumes 100% collection)	Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$100)	Amount of Calculated Property Tax Revenue From Prior Year	Property Tax Rate (per \$100)
Incidental	\$6,772,153	\$2.9617	\$6,370,393	\$2.9582
Teacher	\$0		\$0	
Debt Service	\$1,159,523	\$0.5071	\$1,092,024	\$0.507
Capital Projects	\$0		\$0	
Total	\$7,931,676	\$3.4688	\$7,462,417	\$3.4653
Total New Revenue (operating funds only):	\$401,761	]	<b>Board of Education</b> Cassville	
New Revenue from New Construction and Improvements:	\$239,039			
New Revenue from Reassessment:	\$162,722	Dr. M	lerlyn Johnson, Pr	esident
Percentage of New Revenue from Reassessment:	2.55%	Sta	cey Williams , Secr	etary



### **Stock Market Insights** By Dr. Richard Baker, AIF<sup>®</sup>

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Slow Down, Please

The blue homemade sign wired to the tree said, "25 MPH" in bold black letters. It was a desperate attempt by the homeowner to get cars on the side street to slow down despite several city signs showing the speed limit. The Fed just made one last final attempt to get the economy to slow down too.

The Federal Reserve, the greatest influence in the stock market in the last two years, raised its rate again on July 26. It was the 11th rate increase since March 2022, making it the highest rate level since early 2001.

The Fed fights inflation by raising rates to slow down the economy. Higher rates make taking out loans more expensive. More specifically, when the Fed makes loans more expensive, fewer people buy houses and cars, slowing down a large part of the US economy until inflation is where they want it to be.

I think this was the Fed's last rate increase for this cycle, with both inflation and the job market decreasing. The most significant reason is that inflation is down from its 40-year high last summer

and continues to trend downward. The June Consumer Price Index (inflation report) was down to 3%, which is quite a bit lower than the 9.1% from June 2022.

If the Fed has finished raising interest rates and considering lower rates in the next few quarters, we could see some changes in the market. I would expect to see yields start going lower on intermediate-term fixedincome securities before the Fed actually cuts rates. In the same way Treasury yields increased when the Fed raised rates, it will take Treasury and other bond yields lower when they cut interest rates. That being said, I still see intermediate bonds outperforming cash and CDs over the next 12 months.

I'm keeping the accounts I manage neutral to stocks and fixed income, with a slight overweight to fixed income by reducing my cash position. This is because the riskreward trade-off between stocks and bonds looks balanced to me.

While we wait for the Fed to cut rates, I prefer large caps over small cap stocks and developed international



Fri: Soup and salad bar, peanut butter cake

equities over emerging markets. Unless a person has a short-term income need, they might be better off by reducing their excess cash position and by going with a little longer duration on their fixed income holdings to lock in these higher yields for longer.

I think this will be the Fed's last hike, but the economy has continued to exceed expectations. If the economy doesn't slow down, there is a chance the Fed will raise rates one more time in September.

I was going 40mph when I saw the blue homemade speed limit sign. The homeowner drew a black cat on the back of the sign and said, "Cat Crossing." I appreciate their effort, and I will slow down some on that street just like the economy will probably keep slowing down too. I haven't been superstitious since high school baseball, but no one wants a black cat crossing in front of them.

Have a blessed week!

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"Alpha-gal syndrome (AGS) is an important emerging public health problem, with potentially severe health impacts that can last a lifetime for some patients," said Dr. Ann Carpenter, an epidemiologist. This condition was new to me, and I wanted to share what I have learned.

Growing evidence indicates that this syndrome (group of related symptoms) is primarily associated with the lone star tick's bite, but other kinds of ticks have not been ruled out. This tick is named for a silvery-white, star-shaped spot near the center of the adult females' back, and the adult males conversely have varied white streaks or spots around the margins of their backs. These ticks are found in much of the East, Southeast, and Midwest United States. They live in wooded areas with thick underbrush, where white-tailed deer (the primary host of mature ticks) reside.

The lone star tick's bite can cause a person to develop alpha-gal meat allergy. Alpha-gal has been discovered in the saliva of the lone star tick. Alpha-gal is a sugar found in meat from mammals (port, beef, rabbit, lamb, venison, etc.) and products made from mammals (e.g., gelatin, cow's milk, milk products, some pharmaceuticals).

Those who suffer from AGS experience a wide range of symptoms, including hives or itchy rash; nausea or vomiting; heartburn or indigestion; diarrhea; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; drop in blood pressure; swelling of the lips, throat, tongue, or eyelids; dizziness or faintness; or severe stomach pain. Symptoms commonly appear 2-6 hours after eating food or products containing alpha-gal (for example, gelatin-coated medications).

Your healthcare provider or an allergist can diagnose AGS. Diagnosis requires a thorough history with compatible symptoms and diagnostic testing for antibodies specific to alpha-gal.

If you have lived in Missouri for very long, you are familiar with preventing ticks.

1. Know where ticks live: high grass, bushy or wooded areas, and on animals. And avoid these areas.

2. Treat clothing and gear: Permethrin 0.5% can be spraved on clothing, boots, and camping gear but not on skin and does a good job of repelling ticks.

3. Insect repellents that can be sprayed on skin: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone. OLE or PMD cannot be used on children under three years old.

4. Check yourself and others as soon as you come indoors. Wash clothing in hot water or for dry clothing; tumble dry on high heat for 10 minutes. Showering within two hours may help wash off unattached ticks and is a good opportunity to do a tick check. Check under arms; in and around the ears; inside the belly button; back of knees; in and around the hair; between legs, and around your waist.

For more information, visit https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/surveillance/lonestartick.html.

Judith Lewallen is a retired Family Nurse Practitioner with over 40 years of experience in healthcare. She currently resides with her husband in Eagle Rock. Information contained in this column is for information purposes only. It is not intended to substitute professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Submit questions or topics for discussion to AnAppleaday68@gmail. com.

## Should I sell, or should I wait?

By Rob Lotufo, Realter, Ozark Properties Group, Fathom Realty

I get asked these questions a lot lately. Has the market peaked? Is the market going to tank? Will the market keep growing? No one knows for sure. I'd like to address an area of real estate that is active in our part of the country, vacant land. There has been a lot of land transferred in Southwest Missouri in the past 3 years, particularly accelerated by the covid virus outbreak. Traditionally, larger Barry and McDonald County properties have been used for Agriculture. Post pandemic, there have been many purchases by people who just want isolation. This phenomenon drove land prices to historic highs.

There is still a lot of pentup demand for acreage, but price growth has stalled, and in some cases actually dropped. Going forward, we cannot expect the same kind of appreciation in property value that we did in 2021 & 2002. Still, I think land is still a solid long term investment and prices are reasonable compared to other markets.

I come home to those big color postcards several times a week from national companies offering to buy our land. They claim to have millions of listings and sell billions of dollars worth of properties and have people that are very interested in buying our family property. I think there are a lot of questions to be asked here. Who are these people? Do they actually know anything about my property? Do they know anything about my county and the land in it? Or are we just another dot on the map that pays taxes? What can these people do that a local company can't?

In this age of Zillow and Realtor.com, there are a lot of options for buying and selling Real Estate. I'm sure with a quick search, you can find several Realtors in your area that will know your property. They should be willing to visit with you and be anxious to show prospective buyers your property. You should be important to them, and they should try hard to earn your appreciation. Many national companies don't participate in local multiple listing services, which make your property accessible to hundreds, sometimes thousands of agents. Often they are not receptive to other agents bringing offers or showing customers your property. Several even charge a higher rate of commission than a local Realtor.

A typical realtor in Missouri will charge a 6% commission on the sale of your property. The Listing Agent

earns 3%. His job is to gather facts, list the property, advertise, promote and manage the sale. The other 3% will go to the agent who brings the buyer with an acceptable deal and manage it through closing. In some cases, your listing agent may also be the buyer's agent. It is very important to leave open the possibility of your buyer coming through another agent. This is how they make their livelihood, and they will try very hard to help make a deal happen. It just makes good business sense.

A good realtor will earn his keep by working hard to help you list at the right price, sort out prospective buyers, and select the best offer. He should make you feel confident that he can guide your transaction smoothly. He should act as an effective negotiator through every aspect of your sale. It goes without saying that keeping business local is also something to strongly consider. Your transaction not only benefits your Realtor, but the bank, insurance agent, surveyor, fence builder, farmer with the brush hog, dozer man and the builder, for starters. It's good for the community, and that helps us all. Food for thought.









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## Perilla mint poisoning of livestock worsens during drought



Perilla mint, a toxic summer annual, is also known as rattlesnake weed, purple mint and beefsteak plant. All parts of it are toxic, and it can cause breathing problems and death in cows and small ruminants. Photo courtesy MU Extension veterinary toxicologist Tim Evans.

From University of Missouri Extension

University of Missouri Extension specialists are getting reports of illness and death in cows and small ruminants that may have ingested perilla mint.

Perilla mint, a toxic summer annual, is also known as rattlesnake weed, purple mint and beefsteak plant.

Most healthy animals will eat around perilla mint if other, more palatable feed is available, says University of Missouri Extension veterinary toxicologist Tim Evans. But when pastures are thin and overgrazed, hungry cows and ruminants will eat what they can.

MU Extension livestock specialist Elizabeth Picking in south-central Missouri says she saw suspected perilla mint poisoning of young doe goats in her area recently. Specialists in southwestern Missouri also have received unconfirmed reports of cattle poisoning.

Picking says that, in her experience, poisoning ap-

pears more prevalent in younger animals that have not had time to learn safe grazing behaviors from their mothers.

The best time to control perilla mint with broadleaf herbicides is before seed heads develop, says MU Extension weed scientist Kevin Bradley.

"But, overall, the plant is fairly easy to control with some common prepackaged pasture herbicide mixtures like Grazon P+D, Grazon-Next, WeedMaster or other generic products that contain the active ingredients 2,4-D, dicamba, picloram or aminopyralid," he says.

Even 2,4-D alone at 1 quart per acre will provide good control of perilla mint, Bradley says. He notes that plants that have seed heads present at the time of herbicide application can still be controlled, but the control will likely be reduced. It may be too late to prevent seed production from occurring by that time.

Perilla mint grows 2-4 feet tall in shaded, damp areas, often massed along fence rows and the edges of woods. Perilla mint has a purplish tint, and the stems are square. Its serrated leaves grow opposite one another, and it smells minty.

Every part of the plant is poisonous. It is reported to be most toxic when flowering and potentially remains toxic even after it is killed by herbicides or dried in hay.

Unless complicated by pre-existing diseases, mild

to moderate breathing difficulty occurs several days before the onset of more serious signs. Symptoms may improve when animals are removed from infected pastures or given treatments recommended by their local veterinarian.

Signs of acute respiratory distress caused by perilla mint poisoning include sudden, severe shallow panting, says Evans.

Animals may try to breathe with their mouths open and head and neck extended as they try to get more air. They may stick their tongues out and their mouths may foam. Take care when approaching affected livestock, as these animals may become aggressive, and

- they can die if stressed too s much, says Evans.

Animals other than cows may be susceptible to perilla mint poisoning, but most cases seen by Evans involve cattle. Evans says a compound in the plant called perilla ketone is converted in the animal's respiratory tract into an even more toxic compound that damages the lungs.

Evans suggests that producers with dead livestock ask a veterinarian to perform a necropsy, a postmortem procedure. The necropsy can be performed in the field, at a veterinary clinic or at a veterinary diagnostic laboratory.

The veterinarian or pathologist will open the animal's chest and abdominal

cavities to examine its lungs, other organs and rumen contents. They may also collect samples for further testing and examination.

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"With all of the potential drought-related causes of death, it is important that postmortem exams and testing be performed to determine the actual cause of death," Evans says.

Find pictures of perilla mint and more information on the MU Extension Weed ID guide at https://weedid. missouri.edu/weedinfo. cfm?weed\_id=229. You can also watch an MU Integrated Pest Management video about perilla mint at https:// youtu.be/btegNdDqBfA.

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### **DENNIS LEE HOWARD**

Dennis Lee Howard, age 87, of Shell Knob, passed Cassville.

on March 16, 1936, the son of Harold and Nellie (Stout) Howard. On November 23, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 1960, in Wichita, Kan., he was 8, 2023, at First Christian united in marriage to Betty L. Church in Shell Knob, under Carroll, who preceded him in direction of Fohn Funeral death on April 1, 2020. Also Home in Cassville. Pastor preceding him in death were Mitch Sayler and Pastor L. his parents; two brothers, B. Howard will conduct the Keith and Dwayne; one step- services. Burial will be at Lake brother, Wally; two sisters, Connye and Juanita; and two step-sisters, Jean and Vonetta.

Surviving are daughters, Vinell Howard of Shell Knob, and Regina Dodd and her husband Michael of Shell Knob; one step-sister, Sophina Dunn and her husband Dean of Forsythe; grandson, Shayne one Howard and his wife Amanda of Wichita, Kan.; and eight great-grandchildren.

Dennis grew up and attended school in Stigler,

#### graduating Okla., from Stigler High School. He served in the United States Army. After returning home he was employed by Graves/ ANR Trucking in Wichita, Kan. as a truck driver for 34 years from where he retired in 1995. He and Betty moved to Shell Knob, in 2007. Dennis enjoyed being on the lake whether it was boating, skiing or riding his Sea Doo. Some favorite pastimes were playing his guitar, singing, away Friday, July 28, 2023, at and spending time in his Mercy Hospital Cassville in woodworking shop making God boxes for people. His He was born in Stigler, Okla. family was very important to him.

Services will be held at Park Memorial Gardens in Shell Knob.

The family will receive two friends before the service beginning at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church in Shell Knob

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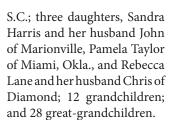
### **BITUARIES**



#### **REVEREND ORVILLE LEE WISEMAN**

Orville Reverend Lee Wiseman, Sr., age 87, of Cassville, stepped over into glory on Friday, July 28, 2023. He was born on January 3, 1936, in Butterfield, the son of Thomas Isaac and Agnes (Spain) Wiseman. On November 22, 1957, in Monett, he was united in marriage to Shirley Moore, who preceded him in death on November 14, 2003. In September of 2008, in Aurora, he was united in marriage to Sylvia Leeann Crumm, who preceded him in death on April 4, 2015. Also preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Orville Wiseman, Jr.; two daughters, Rita and Renée; one sister, Dorothy; and two brothers, Cecil and Lonnie.

Surviving are two sons, James Wiseman and his wife Deanna of Cassville, and David Wiseman and his wife Debbie of Anderson,



Orville grew up and attended school in Butterfield. He was an Apostolic minister for over 50 years and drove a milk truck for Kraft for many years among other occupations. Orville was pastor at Cassville United Pentecostal Church in Cassville. Cornerstone Church Pentecostal in Joplin, and ministered in several other churches. He loved to study the Bible, visit with people and watch TV, especially the Kansas City Chiefs. Orville last attended Landmark Church in Logan.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend David Wiseman and Brother Chris Lane conducted the services. Burial will be at Antioch Cemetery in Cassville.

The family received friends from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. Monday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Compassus Hospice in memory of Orville.

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JOYCE ANN (STARNES) MATTHEWS

(Starnes) Joyce Ann Mathews, age 81, of Cassville, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, July 30, 2023, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Joyce, daughter of Charles Aaron and Wanda (Webb) Starnes, was born on August 27, 1941, in Sand Springs, Okla.

Joyce will be forever grateful to youth sponsors Lochiell and Clarence Blevins who helped introduce her to the Lord. They picked up kids until their old station wagon was full. There were several baptisms all in a row from this group, and Joyce was one of them in 1955, at the Church of Christ. Joyce graduated from Charles Page High School in Sand Springs, Okla. in 1959.

She married Jerry Watley on October 10, 1959, in Sand Springs, Okla. Joyce loved her family fiercely. Together they had three daughters who survive; Cynthia "Cindy" Kay Buntin (Jared); Catherine "Cathy" Ann Nunley (Larry); and Janet Lynn Boys (John), all of Cassville. Also surviving is one sister-in-law Jessie Starnes of Broken Arrow, Okla. She is also survived by ten grandchildren, Caleb, Jeremiah, Amanda, Sarah, Michael, Mary Elizabeth, LeAnn, Stephen, Andrew, and Abigail; and numerous greatgrandchildren and greatgreat grandchildren.

Joyce moved to Cassville in 1972, with her husband to start Able 2 Products. When her children were older, she worked at Johnston's for one year and then worked at South Barry County Hospital starting in 1977. She worked there for 35 years. In 1999, she was named Employee of the year. Her work colleagues were like another family to

### her, and she enjoyed the time spent with Zeta, Sheri, Linda, Ina, Anne, Neva, and Pat among many others. She had friends in every department! They spent many fun filled days traveling and working together. Joyce's favorite motto was, "Go everywhere,

see and do everything you can

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before you can't anymore". She married Lloyd Allen "Al" Mathews on May 16, 1980, in Miami, Okla.; he preceded her in death on April 10, 2002. They spent many years together camping, traveling, and showing off the Studebaker at local car events. Joyce enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren at their numerous sporting events and programs, cheering for the Kansas City Chiefs, shopping on Thanksgiving Black Friday (from dawn to dusk with matching shirts), traveling with her daughters and her grandchildren, and watching NCIS and Murder She Wrote on television.

Joyce was a member of the First Baptist Church, Cassville, since 1973. She enjoyed helping in all the church ministries including the Good News Club, the senior exercise class, and the Ruth Thompson Sunday School class where she was proud to be their secretary. She enjoyed listening to praise music and classic hymns and reading the Word of God.

Although her body was succumbing to Alzheimer's Disease, Joyce never lost her faith in God and His Church. Her favorite verse, Psalm 121 was posted above her family room picture window overlooking God's beauty. "I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord".

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Billy Starnes, and her granddaughter-in-law, Tracy Buntin.

Visitation for family and friends was held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at White Funeral Home, Cassville.

contributions Memorial may be made to the Cornerstone Women's Prison Ministry and the Cassville Intermediate School backpack program in care of White Funeral Home.



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### **OBITUARIES**

#### JANICE METTLACH

Janice Mettlach, age 70, of Sarcoxie, passed from this life to her heavenly home on Thursday, July 27, 2023. Janice was born on January 7, 1953. Visitation will be held at Buchanan Funeral Home in Monett today, Wednesday, August 2, 2023, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistatt on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. with Reverend Jake Sletten and Reverend Gary Griffin officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan **Funeral Home** 



#### **KERBY ALAN BROOKS**

Kerby Alan Brooks, age 66, of Washburn, passed away Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at his home.

He was born in Monett on April 12, 1957, the son of Johnny and Bonnie (Warren) Brooks.

Preceding him in death was his father, Johnny Brooks.

Surviving are his mother, Bonnie Lambeth and stepfather, Jack Lambeth, of Cassville, and his twin brother, Kerry Brooks and his wife, Sherri, of Cassville.

Kerby grew up and attended school in Cassville, graduating from Cassville High School in 1975. He attended the University of Missouri in Columbia where he attained a bachelor degree in agribusiness management. Kerby raised cattle and horses. He enjoyed riding horses, taking care of his chickens and being around his friends. He was of the Baptist faith.

Services were held Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Glenn Erwin conducted the services. A private burial will be held at a later date. Contributions may be made to Shelly Sachs Foundation in memory of Kerby.



### NAOMI MYRTLE FIELDING

Naomi Myrtle Fielding, age 93, of Washburn, passed away Thursday, July 27, 2023, at Mercy Hospital Cassville in Cassville.

She was born in Washburn, on May 15, 1930, the daughter of Leon and Laura Myrl (Erwin) Stewart. On October 2, 1949, in Washburn, she was united in marriage to James Arthur Fielding, who preceded her in death on March 29, 1993. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one son, Richard Fielding; and her step-mother, Faye Valentine (Watson) Stewart.

Surviving are one son, Randy Fielding of Washburn; one daughter, Rhonda Brown of Seligman; one sister, Patsy Roller of Seligman; four grandchildren, Renae Fields and her husband Dale, Arthur Brown and his wife Mechelle, Erica Coats and her husband Patrick, and Jazmin Fielding; and nine great-grandchildren. Naomi grew up and attended school in Washburn

graduating from Washburn High School in 1948. She was a homemaker and also baby sat children for 25 years. Naomi enjoyed quilting, embroidery, making Raggedy Ann dolls, crossword and word search puzzles, and bluegrass music. She traveled to many festivals. She was a member of Ok Mission Baptist Church.

Services were held today, Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Jim Erwin and Reverend Glenn Erwin conducted the services. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter.

The family received friends from 1:00 P.M. until service time, today, Wednesday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

### Baking can be a wonderful hobby or even a successful business venture

Although baking is a relatively easy skill to learn, there are some who lament that they are wonderful cooks, but terrible bakers. That's likely because cooking is much more forgiving in terms of ingredient measurements and technique, while baking requires more precision. "Ratios of the staple ingredients can't be improvised [in baking], but all the flavors certainly can," says Duff Goldman, Food Network star and expert baker. Baking is a science and ingredients combine to form chemical reactions that ultimately produce the desired results. This is just one area where baking mishaps can occur. Read on to discover other common issues and how to avoid them and address them if you find yourself in a baking emergency.

• Improperly measuring: Bakers need to be very precise when they measure ingredients. Always lightly spoon flour into a measuring cup without packing it down; don't simply dip the cup into the flour container. Level it off with the straight edge of a knife. When measuring out leaveners, such as baking powder or baking soda, do the same by leveling off the product.

• Substituting ingredients either intentionally or unintentionally: Don't have all-purpose flour on hand, so that means you can use cake flour, right? Not exactly. Ingredients serve a purpose in recipes and every attempt should be made to use what the recipe calls for. You cannot use baking soda and baking powder interchangeably.

• Ignoring recipe instructions: Failure to understand a cooking term or what the recipe is relaying could result in costly mistakes. According to Duff, it is a person's inclination to gloss over directions that are not easily understood. But people are urged to read a recipe first and then look up any terms they don't understand before going forward.

• Temperature mistakes with ingredients: Read the recipe in its entirety before you start baking. Some call for items

like eggs or butter to be at room temperature for light and fluffy "creaming" for cookies or cakes. Other recipes require butter to be cold to ensure flakiness in pie crusts and biscuits and certain cookies.

### Eagle Rock Back to School Bash Saturday

The Eagle Rock Friends of the Library and Eagle Rock Community Association is holding a Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 5. It will start with outdoor family games at 4 p.m.; an ice cream social with a homemade ice cream contest at 6 p.m. and a family friendly movie will be held in the barn at 7 p.m.

The event is being held to collect school supplies for children in the area. For more information, contact Jennifer Cochran at jennifer@blrlibrary.org.



• Overmixing ingredients: Overmixing batter or overworking dough activates the gluten proteins in flour and will lead to gummy, tough baked goods, according to Grand Central Bakery. The more tender the desired results, the lighter the handling and mixing should be.

• Baking at the wrong temperature: Temperature is often key when baking. You cannot crank up the heat to make something cook faster if that's not what is specified in the recipe. Some bakers inadvertently bake at the wrong temperature because they don't realize their ovens' thermostats are malfunctioning. Invest in an internal oven thermometer to check that the temperature on the display is actually what is being produced inside the oven.

• Not-so-fresh ingredients: Leaveners can lose their potency over time, and eggs whites may not whip up correctly if eggs are not fresh. Pay attention to the use by dates on ingredients and discard items that have passed those dates. Baking requires careful attention to detail and technique to produce the best results.



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their livestock."



From MO Dept of Ag The Missouri Department of Agriculture announces changes to the Department's online Hay Directory, making it even easier for sellers and buyers of hay. The department manages the online hay directory, where livestock producers can search for hay made available by other producers in Missouri and other states.

"Times are tough in this extensive drought," said Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn. "I'm thankful our team is able to provide resources to producers statewide. With new updates to







From University of Missouri Extension During drought, beef producers might find a best friend in their local veterinarian, says University of Missouri Extension veterinary toxicologist Tim Evans.

"Although veterinarians always provide a valuable service to animal owners, their value to livestock producers becomes increasingly important during drought, high heat and limited forage availability," says Evans.

While there are many good online drought resources such as the MU's Integrated Pest Management agriculture drought resources page at https://ipm.missouri.edu/drought, there is no substitute for a working relationship with a trusted local veterinarian who is familiar with you and your operation, he says. Veterinarians can help in five main ways during drought:

1. Assist livestock producers in making culling decisions.

2. Advise on water quality issues and feeding alternative forages, especially those that might be toxic to livestock.

3. Diagnose, treat and prevent water- and forage-associated intoxications in live animals.

4. Perform postmortem exams on dead animals.

5. Recommend herd health programs, includ-

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ing the use of various feed additives, to keep livestock healthy during a drought.

Veterinarians and MU Extension livestock specialists and agronomists can help herd owners take an integrated approach to deciding how to cull cattle to match available feed and water resources in drought, Evans says. Working together, local veterinarians and MU Extension personnel, including agricultural business specialists, can also help producers decide how to best make use of their financial resources. Weather changes can often affect water quality in ponds. Harmful blue-green algal blooms in drought-stricken ponds can produce toxins causing seizures and convulsion or liver damage. "Do not let your livestock drink from 'scummy' ponds," says Evans. Veterinarians can inspect suspect ponds and take appropriate samples to help determine if the pond water is safe for consumption by livestock.

Likewise, weeds may be the only plants to survive and thrive in dry pastures during drought, creating a possible toxic risk for livestock. Evans says animals usually avoid eating many common Missouri weeds, especially if better forages are available. However, when pasture is scarce, livestock will eat what they can find and are more likely to eat toxic weeds

> in baled or ensiled forages used as alternative drought feedstuffs.

> In the event of the sudden death of an animal, consult with your veterinarian and ask for a necropsy exam, Evans says. It's the only way to know for sure how to protect your investment from future risks.



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### How to Plan a Green Funeral

Dear Savvy Senior, What can you tell me about green funeral options? At age 80, I would like to preplan my funeral and make it as natural as possible. Old Environmentalist

Dear Environmentalist,

Great question! Green funeral options are becoming increasingly popular in the United States as more and more Americans are looking for environmentally friendly alternatives to traditional funerals. Here's what you should know about "green burial" and "green cremation" options, along with some tips to help you locate services in your area.

#### **Green Burial**

If you wish to be buried, a green/natural burial will minimize the environmental impact by forgoing the embalming chemicals (which is not required by law), traditional casket and concrete vault. Instead, you'll be buried in either a biodegradable container or shroud with no vault, and you won't be embalmed. This allows the body to decompose naturally and become part of the earth.

If you want to temporarily preserve the body for viewing or a memorial service, instead of embalming, you can request dry ice or Techni ice, a refrigeration unit, or a nontoxic embalming agent.

You'll also be happy to know that green burials are much cheaper than traditional funerals, which average around \$8,000 in 2023. By scrapping the coffin, vault and embalming, which are expensive, you'll save yourself several thousand dollars on your funeral costs.

To find green burial services in your area, a good first step is to see if there's a certified green funeral home in your area and contact them. The Green Burial Council offers an online directory of providers and other resources at GreenBurialCouncil.org. If there isn't one nearby, your next step is to contact several traditional funeral homes to see if they offer green funeral service options - many do. You'll also need to find a green cemetery. There are nearly 100 green cemeteries throughout the U.S., along with more than 300 traditional (hybrid) cemeteries that offer green burials too. To find them, the New Hampshire Funeral Resources, Education and Advocacy website has a list at NHfuneral.org. Or, if you own ru-

 ral property you may be able to have a home burial there, if your state and county allow it.

If, however, there are no green cemeteries nearby you can still make your burial more environmentally friendly by not being embalmed. And, if the cemetery allows, using a biodegradable casket or shroud and skipping the vault. If a vault is required, ask to have holes drilled in the bottom, or use a concrete grave box with an open bottom so the body can return to the earth.

#### **Green Cremation**

If you would rather be cremated, you have some green choices here too. While cremation has always been touted as being more eco-friendly than a typical burial, a traditional cremation, which uses high heat to incinerate the body, does emit greenhouse gases into the air.

A green cremation, however, uses water and potassium hydroxide to reduce a deceased body to its basic element of bone ash within a few hours. This green technique, which is known as alkaline hydrolysis, is a little more expensive than traditional cremation but, unfortunately, it's not legal in every state. Contact some local funeral providers to find out if this is available in your area, or Google "alkaline hydrolysis cremation" followed by your city and state.

Another green consideration is deciding what to do with the remains. Instead of scattering, which can be harmful to the environment, there are a wide variety of biodegradable urns that dissolve into the earth or water over time, and memorial urns that will grow a plant or tree in combination with your ashes.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

### Public Invited to Discuss Priority Unfunded Transportation Needs

From MoDOT Southwest District Office

The Missouri Department of Transportation is inviting the public to join the discussion on priority unfunded transportation needs in their areas.

Missouri's transportation system is a tremendous asset, including 33,808 miles of roads and 10,424 bridges, making it one of the largest for any state in the nation. MoDOT, working with its regional planning partners, has outlined a draft High Priority Unfunded Needs listing, which identifies \$1.1 billion in annual unfunded transportation needs for the system. The list was created to guide the development of needs into funded projects as state and federal transportation funds become available in future years.

The public is invited to review the list and provide feedback on the order of priorities that could be funded in the future. A meeting to discuss the draft updated High Priority Unfunded Needs list for transportation in Southwest Missouri will be held in Joplin on August 3, from 10 am – 12 Noon at the Joplin Public Safety Training Facility (PSTF) Room 150, Swede Lane 5102, Webb City 64870. There will be a second meeting in Springfield on August 10, from 10 am – 12 Noon at Springfield Library Center Community Rooms A & B, 4653 South Campbell Avenue, Springfield 65810. The presentation materials and a comment form are also available online at https:// www.modot.org/unfundedneeds.

MoDOT staff have worked with metropolitan planning organizations and regional planning commissions throughout the state to develop a list of high priority unfunded road and bridge needs. The draft lists include \$4.7 billion in road and bridge needs in three tiers. Tier one includes \$552 million and includes needs that could be accomplished in the time of the current five-year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as federal and state funding levels increase. These needs have good estimates. Tier two is worth \$2.1 billion and includes needs beyond the current STIP timeframe with broader estimates. Tier three includes \$2 billion of needs also beyond the current STIP timeframe with broader estimates. In addition, MoDOT staff worked with planning partners to identify \$1 billion in multimodal needs.

The draft document and comment forms will be available online through August 31, 2023, at https://www.modot.org/unfunded-needs. For more information, call MoDOT at 888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636) or visit www. modot.org. To receive the latest statewide news and text alerts, signup for e-updates.



### A tribute to August

### By Dr. Don Kuehle, retired United Methodist

Poor old August! Unless one has a birthday or an anniversary in August, there is absolutely nothing spectacular or notable about this Summer-is-almost-over month.

Originally this month was called Sextilis; it stood in the sixth place on the Calendar. Then, as changes occurred in the Calendar, Sextilis was moved to the eighth position in the year, and was re-named August.

In the days of the Roman Caesars, the Roman Senate had named one of the months in honor of Julius Caesar. When

Emperor Augustus came to power, he was not to be outdone. Augustus had the Roman Senate name a month in honor of him. Sextilis, or August, then had 30 days, in contrast to July's 31 days. So, Emperor Augustus decreed that one day be taken from the month of February and added to the month of August, making it equal with July. Power and politics seem to affect our lives in strange and numerous ways.

So, what can one say on behalf of poor old August? This endof the-Summer month does offer us several special days to



celebrate: August 2 comes in as National Mustard Day; National Relaxation Day is August 15; and who would not want to celebrate August 22 --- "Be An Angel Day". Finally, the old adage reminds us that "If the 24 of August be fair and clear, then hope for a prosperous Autumn that year."

There's more! August is also "Admit You're Happy" Month; Family Fun Month; Children's Vision and Learning Month; and National Inventor's Month. The flower representing August if the gladiola; gladiolas stand for sincerity and strength of character.

August is notable for a lot of special events that took place within it's 31 days: Virginia Dare became the first child of English parents to be born on American soil (August 18); the U.S formally annexed Hawaii on August 12; "Sports Illustrated" began publication in 1954 (August 16); the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates began on August 21, 1858; Ty Cobb made his major-league debut for the Detroit Tigers in 1905( August 30); and 10 suffragists were arrested as they picketed the White House on August 28, 1917.

Months are a lot like people! God has created each one! Each is unique! God has placed each where we most need to be! God gives each a role to play in life, and the whole world is our stage.

Some months, like people, are more showy and spectacular. Other months, like people, are more reserved and sedate. Yet, each can glorify their Creator by rejoicing in who they are, by accepting one's place on the Calendar-Of-Life, and by being the best we can be!

Here's to August! A month with a personality all it's own!



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