

The sound of freedom rang during weekend celebrations



The iconic eagle atop Purdy’s city park fountain was poised in spectacular relief against the backdrop of the Terry Family’s fireworks display in Purdy Saturday night. Photo by Cadem Swearingen.



The Eagle Rock, Golden, Mano Fire Protection District presented a stunning firework display over Table Rock Lake Saturday night. Photo by Ezra DeVore.



Diana Cope handed a balloon to SJ Clark and his mother, Shelby Clark, during Friday night festivities in Butterfield. Photo by Caden Swearingen, of CS Photography.

Purdy Festival to bring more July fun



Free carnival and pony rides are a big hit with kids at the Purdy Festival, now gearing up for its 10th season on July 17.

Sheila Harris
Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 17, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., the day the annual Purdy Festival will bring a whirlwind of family fun to town for the 10th year. This year’s line-up includes a couple of crowd-pleasing new features, says festival organizer, Renae Neill. “First, we’re having a real petting zoo, this year,” Neill
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Ground to be broken for long-awaited new Monett Library



Shown above is an artist’s rendering of the planned 20,000-square-foot Monett branch of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library.

Sheila Harris
Construction is slated to begin the first week in August, with a formal groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for 9 a.m., August 24, on a long-awaited new Monett library branch. Initiation of the project was made possible after Barry-Lawrence

Regional Library District’s Board of Trustees approved the sale of \$6 million in Lease Certificates of Participation at its May 20 meeting. According to library director, Gina Milburn, the certificates, sold through

the library’s municipal bond underwriter, L.J. Hart & Company of St. Louis, were snapped up within a two-week period by local individuals and financial institutions, including Security Bank of Southwest Missouri,

First State Bank of Purdy, Mid-Missouri Bank and Central Trust Bank, plus individuals who assumed over \$2 million of the certificates. The sales paved the way for

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Camp for children of wounded, lost warriors fills need

Ezra DeVore

Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp, a free camp for the children (ages 11 - 17) of Fallen Heroes and Wounded Warriors, was founded by Darrel and Michelle Hovland in 2013.

Darrel served 22 years of active service in the Army, before retiring out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, as Chief Warrant Officer 3. His wife, Michelle, served 30 years, and was the first female Brigade Commander in the Missouri National Guard.

“Michelle always wanted to do some kind of kids’ camp,” said Darrel. “She served in

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Water safety adventures are part of the regimen at Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp near Jenkins. Above, a camper jumps from a boat in preparation for swimming to shore.

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Cassville’s Arvest presents scholarship to W.I.L.D.



Arvest Bank, Cassville location, provided a \$1,000 sponsorship to the Cassville R-IV School District W.I.L.D. About Learning Summer School program. The sponsorship was used by the district to treat both students and staff to ice cream bars from the ice cream truck during the end of school celebration on the last day of summer school.

Shown above, left to right, are: Kenzie Hancock, Arvest Bank, Summer School Coordinators Mrs. Lisa Schell and Mrs. Samantha Cosper, Jeff Neil, Arvest Bank and Jeremy Marple, Arvest Bank Board member.

New owners of Fohn Funeral Home greet community Friday



New owners of Fohn Funeral Home, Todd and Bethany McCoy (center), along with granddaughter, Oaklynn (front, center) and daughter Emily (right), introduce themselves to area residents Friday during a BBQ lunch hosted by Janice Fohn.

Photo by Sheila Harris.

City of Cassville to hold public informational meeting July 13

The City of Cassville will host an informational session for all interested persons in regards to rejoining the National Flood Insurance Program.

The event will be held at the Barry County Museum located at 15858 State Highway 76 in Cassville July 13, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Representatives from the City of Cassville, the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be present to provide individualized information and answer questions.

This is an informal availability session with no group presentation; residents may come and go as desired.

Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 will be employed at this event.

Real Estate Delinquent Tax Sale to be held August 23

The office of Barry County Collector Skyler Bowman is preparing for the annual Barry County Real Estate Delinquent Tax Sale. Missouri law requires that land with three years of delinquent taxes sell on the 4th Monday of August each year.

The first publication of this sale will appear in the Cassville Democrat on July 15, at which time copies will be available in the Collector’s office. The tax sale listing can be viewed at barrycountycollector.com, which will be updated as parcels are paid.

Assessor Sherry L. Smith said her office is preparing books that will contain all parcels up for auction this year.

Anyone interested in purchasing can go to the assessor’s or collectors office, or call 417-847-4589 or 417-847-2113.

Accident injures area residents

Ezra DeVore

According to a Missouri Highway Patrol report, on July 5 at 8:55 p. m., San Fernandez-Garcia, 42, of Monett, was driving an east-bound 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe on US 60. While attempting

to turn left in front of Emily North’s westbound, 2000 Ford Mustang, North (18), of Crane, hit Fernandez-Garcia head on, totaling the Mustang.

Fernandez-Garcia’s passenger, a juvenile female, 15,

of Monett, and North were both transported to Cox South Hospital in Springfield with serious injuries. Fernandez-Garcia’s Tahoe was driven from the scene with extensive damage, North’s Mustang was towed

by Thomas Towing. Fernandez-Garcia and his passenger wore safety devices, it is unknown, however, if North was.

COVID-19 Numbers Surge

Sheila Harris

Barry County Health Department administrator, Roger Brock, says COVID-19 case numbers are definitely on the increase in southwest Missouri, with the accompanying protocol of contact-tracing keeping his staff busy.

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cases were reported between June 22 and June 30; Lawrence County added 76; Stone County, 73; McDonald County 107; and Newton County 111.

At Mercy Springfield, Chief Administrative Officer, Erik Frederick, tweeted that the hospital’s increase in admissions (115 on July 5) was more than was seen last winter for a similar time period. Ventilators were in short supply and were being requisitioned from other area hospitals, he said.

CoxHealth is seeing a similar increase in admitted COVID-19 patients, according to CoxHealth VP of clinical

services, Ashley Kimberling Casad - as reported by KY3.

“We’ve seen around 95 - 100 patients for about two weeks, after being at 35 on June 5,” she said.

According to a widely-publicized post by CoxHealth, a man in his forties died of COVID after expressing regret that he had not taken the vaccine.

In a tweet, CoxHealth CEO Steve Edwards said they are now seeing admissions of pediatric patients into their hospitals, between the ages of a few months and 18 years.

According to Kimberling, 50 out of 56 COVID samples

that CoxHealth recently sent to the state were the Delta variant, which is targeting younger age groups, is causing more intense symptoms and is more contagious than what was seen previously.

Health officials are linking the low vaccination rate in southwest Missouri to the prevalence of the virus in the area.

“Barry County has about a 31 percent vaccination rate,” said Roger Brock.

That number is below the national average vaccination rate of 47.6 percent as of July 4, according to a Mayo Clinic vaccination tracker.

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Notice:

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. 18 and under are free. There is pot luck, 50/50 and door prizes. For more information, call (417) 662-3612.

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.

Bluegrass Music at Roaring River State Park is a family friendly free event every Friday night 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. starting May 28 through September 24. Performances will be held at the River Shelter.

Garden Sass Farmers Market will be held every Saturday, rain or shine, 8 A.M. to noon on the south side of the square in Cassville.

The Old Church Gallery Farmers' Market runs every Thursday from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. Visitors are encouraged to wear face coverings and practice six-foot physical distancing while shopping. Old Church Gallery is located on Farm Road 1240 in Shell Knob and can be reached at (417) 858-2510.

Cassville Pantry is currently well stocked and offering free food assistance via a curbside method. The agency is a Feeding America Pantry located at 800 W. 10th Street, Cassville. It provides fresh produce, meat, bakery, dry goods, and personal care products. Pantry is open every Monday through Thursday morning from 9 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. and every Thursday afternoon from 3:15 to 6 P.M. Pantry director, Janet Mills, can be reached at (417) 846-7871.

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The Wheaton Depot Museum in Wheaton will be open on Sundays from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. Visitors are encouraged to check out the history of Wheaton and the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad (M&NA).

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.

Soil samples 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 \$15. A \$6 shipping fee will be added if you choose to have your soil samples mailed the same day you bring it in. Contact the Extension Office at (417) 847-3161 with any questions.

OATS Transit is open for regular transportation service, however, face masks are required on the bus due to COVID-19. Please call the OATS Transit office at 417-887-9272 or 800-770-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about service in your area. Visit their website at www.oatstransit.org and click on the bus schedules tab for your county to see the full schedule. OATS Transit is available to the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. They also contract with a number of agencies to serve their clients.

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.

July 10

Cassville Cruisers Cruise In will held at the Barry County Museum, south of Cassville on Highway 112/76/86, from 5 P.M. to dusk. The theme is Watermelon for Everyone - Free! There will be live music as well. Visitors and those interested in becoming members are welcome. For more information, look for the Cassville Cruisers on Facebook or www.cassvillecruisers.com.

July 11

132nd Annual Barry County Camp Meeting will be from July 11th to 17th, 7 P.M. each evening. The speakers will be: Sunday morning, Mark Surbrook; Sunday evening, Jess Cole; Monday, Ronnie Howerton; Tuesday, Mike Tharp; Wednesday, Jerry Nickle; Thursday, Kendal Arndt; Friday, Kevin Allred. The location is next to Log Church, 4 miles east of Butterfield on Highway U, then 1/2 mile south on Farm Road 1115. For more information, call (417) 847-2953.

Revival at Chapel of Grace Church, Monett, with Evangelist Josh Carpitcher will be held July 11th through 14th. Everyone is welcome.

The Veterans Taskforce of America, Inc. will be meeting at the Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett at 4 P.M. All honorably discharged men, women, war time or peacetime, are welcome.

July 12

A Community Wide Vaccine Clinic will be conducted by The Barry County Health Department. This clinic is open to all Missouri residents aged 12 and older who are eligible to receive the Pfizer CoVID-19 vaccination. There is no cost to individuals receiving the vaccine. Residents must call (417) 847-2114 to schedule an appointment.

Fairview Pentecostal Church Revival will be held from July 12th through 17th, 7 P.M. nightly. The location is 2 miles north of Shell Knob, 23707 Scenic Valley Drive, Cassville. Speakers are: Monday, Jody Ray; Tuesday, John Hile; Wednesday, Donnie Chisum; Thursday, Tommy Peterson; Friday, Rex Mooneyham; Saturday, Karty Burbridge. Everyone is welcome.

July 13

The Southwest Missouri Waste Management District N 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.

July 16

Annual Stones Prairie Picnic will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on the church grounds, located two and a half miles north of Purdy, with serving to begin at 6 P.M. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held on Saturday, July 17. The traditional menu will consist of hamburgers, chips, hot dogs, bratwurst sandwiches, ice cream, beverages, and an abundance of homemade desserts. The event will feature games, baked goods, many handcrafted items, bingo, along with a showing of antique farm equipment, jeeps, and motorcycles. A home made quilt, crafted by the quilting society, will be given to the holder of the winning ticket. Tickets for the drawing will be available at the picnic. For questions, you may call the church office on Wednesdays at (417) 442-3836.

July 17

Drury Monett is hosting their first annual 5K Run & Walk at 8 A.M. There is a \$25 cash entry fee for 3 divisions, men's, women's, and children under 12; and 3 medals in each division. Register at Drury Monett, 400 4th St., Monett, to guarantee T-shirt. Call (417) 873-6621 for more information.

10th Annual Purdy Festival will be held at the Purdy City Park from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Thunder in the Park Car Truck & Bike Show will be held at the Purdy Veterans' Park from 8 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

July 20

Habitat for Humanity of South Barry County will hold their annual meeting at the OACAC building at 5 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Dear Editor,

I'm a local, rural letter carrier, and I am offended by your article. I think it is dishonest and misleading. It is true that mail takes longer to be delivered (now) for same-town mail, but you didn't include, or maybe didn't think about (other factors) such as," Was your payment mailed after dispatch time? If so, it meant that it wasn't processed until the next day. Was the address not readable? Was it mishandled by the receiver? There are numerous things that customers do that delay their mail delivery.

What really offended me the most was your political part. During last year's election, we put extra effort into handling and processing ballots. In Carroll County, Arkansas (where my route is located), local election ballots were delivered directly to the courthouse, instead of being put into the regular mail-handling procedure. The necessity for this was emphasized daily. The orders came directly from our district manager, who spoke for the State of Arkansas as a whole. I surmise that the same protocol was in place for the postal service of the entire nation.

The changes that have caused delays, such as closures of mail sorting facilities happened even before Trump was President, and before DeJoy was appointed Post Master General.

Unless you want to pay \$2 for a first-class stamp, things aren't going to change. I think you should have retitled your article "Missing The Good Old Days" and left out the political part.

If you'd like to talk about the work of a rural letter carrier, feel free to contact me. Ken Smith Golden I did take Mr. Smith up on his invitation to contact him, and we had a rewarding conversation regarding Carroll County's handling of election ballots and other topics. - Editor

Dear Editor,

Are you kidding me? The procedure to sort mail in Springfield has been in effect for several years. It is a pain, I know, but to make it political is not what I expect from this newspaper.

Louis DeJoy was not even in office when this change was made. You should stick with the facts and (publish) your political opinions on Twitter or Facebook, like all the other people who do not have a clue.

My point is, I would like for The Barry County Advertiser to stay away from politics. I enjoy the newspaper for the local news. It is the only place I have found where I can find our news. Opinions on politics are readily available on social media, mainstream media and cable.

Politics is so divisive at this time. It would be nice to have a media - your newspaper - which I could read without having politics involved.

Thanks, Larry Mitchell

Emergency 911 Board Met June 28



Above, Nick Mercer (right) was sworn in as an E911 board member by member Jon Horner (left).

Ezra DeVore

At the June 28 Emergency 9-1-1 meeting, Nick Mercer was sworn in as an Emergency 9-1-1 board member by Jon Horner. David Dalton was elected to be vice-chairman, Horner was re-elected as treasurer, and Emma Burns was elected as secretary.

The budget proposed by Executive Director Mike Phillips was approved, with

a key alteration from the last budget being increased wages. Phillips explained that in the current labor market, it is vital to maintain competitive pay. The pay will be subject to upgrade as it will be somewhat based on the observable average of E9-1-1 worker wages in adjacent districts. The new budget has an increased amount of 17.38 percent from the FY2020-2021 budget of \$1,763,575, to the

current budget of \$2,070,125.

Phillips anticipates increased revenue, however, and, according to Phillips, historically, the Barry County Emergency Services has kept expenditures under budget. Outside of wages, the increase largely is attributed to annual maintenance that was not necessary last year, with next year's budget expected to have increased costs of maintenance due to aging equipment.

The importance and strength of the company's firewall has been proven; Barry County Emergency Services experienced 2.5 million attempts from 42 foreign countries to breach the firewall in one single week, Phillips said.

All schools in Barry County except Cassville allowed representatives of Barry County Emergency Services to speak directly to students, educating them on not only calling 9-1-1, but texting 9-1-1 as well. The representatives

also educated the children on the language services they offer for their parents if they call 9-1-1 in Spanish and other languages. There was even a child who wanted to be a dispatcher, who was given a headset and conducted an interview.

E9-1-1 also hosted their first community blood draw event, which was a huge success.

Second Quarter Dispatchers Statistics (March - May): • Total Law Enforcement Incidents: March - 2,756; April - 2,635; May - 3,241.

Total Fire Department Incidents: March - 455; April - 461; May - 439.

Total EMS Incidents: March - 498; April - 542; May - 526.

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MSHP Reports Eight Fatalities Over July Fourth Holiday Counting Period

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reports the following 2021 July Fourth holiday statistics:

2021 July Fourth Holiday Traffic Statistics

Troopers worked 312 traffic crashes, which included 124 injuries and seven fatalities. Troopers also made 144 DWI arrests and 81 drug arrests over the holiday weekend.

2020 July Fourth Holiday Boating Statistics

Troopers worked 12 boating crashes, which included four injuries and one fatality. Troopers made eight BWI arrests and 43 drug arrests. There were no drownings over the holiday weekend.

The 2020 July Fourth holiday counting period began at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 2, and ended at 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 5, 2020.

During the 2020 counting period, 15 people were killed and 671 injured statewide in Missouri over the holiday in

1,356 traffic crashes. Troopers arrested 145 people for driving while intoxicated last year. Over the 2020 July Fourth holiday, there were 14 boating crashes, which included seven injuries and zero fatalities. Two drowned during last year's holiday. Troopers made seven boating while intoxicated arrests during the 2020 counting period.

Traffic fatalities occurred in the Troop C, Weldon Spring, Troop D, Springfield, Troop F, Jefferson City, and Troop G, Willow Springs, areas. Troopers worked all seven traffic fatalities.

There was one traffic fatality on Friday, July 2, 2021, during the counting period. A 15-year-old female from Norwood died when the driver of the vehicle in which she was a passenger lost control and the vehicle traveled off the roadway and overturned. The female was not wearing a seat belt at the time

of the crash. The crash occurred in Wright County on Owens Road north of Norwood. Wright County Coroner, Ben Hurtt, pronounced the female dead at the scene of the crash. The driver and one other passenger were wearing seat belts; they sustained moderate injuries.

There was one boating fatality on July 3, 2021. The investigation is pending; thus, no further information is available.

Four people died in traffic crashes on July 3, 2021. Robert D. McDermid, 66, of Joplin, died after another vehicle failed to yield and struck McDermid's vehicle. McDermid was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The crash occurred in Jasper County on Missouri Highway 66 in Duquesne. Dr. Jennifer Kolodchak pronounced McDermid deceased at Mercy Hospital. The driver of the other vehicle was not wearing a seat belt; he sustained moderate injuries.

Shane A. Donty, 46, of Hillsboro, died after walking into the path of a vehicle on Missouri Highway 30 east of Northwest Boulevard in Jefferson County. North Jefferson County Ambulance paramedics pronounced Donty dead at the scene. The driver of the vehicle was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash; he was not injured.

Jeffery A. Smith, 35, of Stover, died when a vehicle turned left in front of the motorcycle he was operating. Smith was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. The crash occurred in Morgan County on Missouri Highway 52 west of Stevenson Lane. Deputy Coroner Katy Lutz pronounced Smith dead at the scene. The driver of the vehicle was not wearing a seat belt; he was not injured in the crash.

Anela Ratkusic, 42, of St. Louis, died when another vehicle failed to yield and struck the vehicle in which

she was a passenger. Ratkusic was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The crash occurred in St. Francois County on U.S. Highway 67 at Missouri Route Y. Dr. Buchanan pronounced Ratkusic dead at Parkland Health Center. The driver of the vehicle that struck Ratkusic's vehicle was not wearing a seat belt; he sustained moderate injuries. The driver of the vehicle in which Ratkusic was a passenger was wearing a seat belt; he sustained moderate injuries. Three additional passengers in the vehicle with Ratkusic were wearing seat belts; they each sustained minor injuries in the crash. A passenger in the other vehicle was not wearing a seat belt; he sustained moderate injuries.

Two people died in traffic crashes on July 4, 2021. Storm J. Cooper, 29, of Tampa, FL, died when the vehicle in which he was a passenger failed to stop at a stop sign and was struck by

another vehicle. Cooper was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The crash occurred in Greene County on Missouri Highway 266 west of Springfield. Medical Examiner Joshua Moore pronounced Cooper dead at the scene. The driver of the vehicle in which Cooper was a passenger was wearing a seat belt; she sustained moderate injuries. The driver of the second vehicle in the crash was wearing a seat belt; he was not injured.

Dorcey R. Folsom, 39, of Buffalo, died after being struck by a vehicle. Folsom was running toward the vehicle at the time of the crash. The crash occurred in Dallas County on Missouri Highway 32 east of Buffalo. Dallas County Coroner Matt Wisdom pronounced Folsom dead at the scene. The driver of the vehicle was wearing a seat belt and was not injured.

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said, "one where the little animals are tame and children can go into their pens and feed them."

Friendly Farms Mobile Petting Zoo, according to its website, promises to bring a farm animal experience to the festival, and will include goats, chickens, ducks, pot belly pigs and plenty of bunnies - as well as food for children to provide them with.

Another exciting addition

to the festival will be a pair of monster trucks driven in by Wheels of Freedom, based in Wentworth. Rides in the trucks will be available for \$10 each, according to car show organizer, Austin Drake.

Drake says Cliff Starbird, recently inducted into International Monster Truck Hall of Fame, has also committed to putting in an appearance with his monster truck, *Fran-*

kenstein.

Aside from monster trucks, Drake is expecting another good turnout for this year's car show, which will begin about 8 a.m. and continue through 3 p.m.

"Last year, we had 75 entries in the show," Drake said, "up from the 25 when we first started the show 10 years ago."

According to Drake, there is a \$20 registration fee to enter any type of vehicle, and prizes donated by area businesses - including Redshaw Auto Supply and The Corner Store - will be awarded in various categories. All proceeds will be directed toward future Purdy Festival Car Shows, where music is a star attraction.

Drake says last year's pop-

ular musicians, the Eddie Valen Band and Brian Lee Dunning, are scheduled to put in another appearance.

"We're planning to have the valve cover races again this year, too," Drake said. "Then, at noon, we'll play the national anthem, followed by a salute to area veterans."

The car show will take place around Purdy's newest park where the rock fountain is located.

In addition to car show activities, the Purdy Festival will again feature favorite attractions from years past, including free children's rides and inflatables, a craft and vendor show, 4-H project exhibits and the ever-exciting bathtub races.

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To learn more about the job, contact MDC Protection Branch Major Brian Ham at 573-751-4115, ext. 3819 or Brian.Ham@mdc.mo.gov.

Want to know more about the work of conservation agents? Watch these videos from MDC: Conservation Agent Matt Smith at youtube.com/watch?v=1856t1GC6OE and MDC Conservation Agent Lexis Riter at youtube.com/watch?v=8Beigpg8I3A.

MDC seeking public input on catfishing

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is seeking public input on potential regulation changes for both recreational and commercial catfish harvest in some big rivers of the state.

People can learn about and comment on the potential regulation changes by going to <https://mdc.mo.gov/contact-engage/public-commenting-opportunities/big-rivers-catfish-assessment>. The comment period will end August 15, 2021.

Blue catfish and flathead catfish support important sport fisheries on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, as well as a commercial fishery on the Mississippi River and a small portion of the St. Francis River. Our studies confirmed that current management approaches continue to support healthy and sustainable blue catfish and flathead catfish populations in the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, and regulation changes do not appear to be necessary to maintain these populations or prevent overfishing. However, MDC is considering changes to management strategies and harvest regulations to better meet the desires of big rivers catfish anglers and harvesters.

“These potential regulation changes can help MDC manage catfish fisheries on Missouri’s big rivers, but we need to understand Missourian’s opinions about catfish angling and harvest before

moving forward,” said Joe McMullen, an MDC scientist who’s involved with catfish management in the state. “After we collect public comments, we can tailor our management strategies to meet the desires of fishers and implement harvest regulations that can improve both sport and commercial fisheries accordingly. Depending on public sentiment we may also decide to retain our current management strategies and harvest regulations.”

Potential sport fishery regulations include:

- Establish a minimum length limit of 18, 21, or 24 inches for blue catfish and flathead catfish on the Mississippi and/or Missouri rivers (currently there is no minimum

- length limit).
- Maintain the current daily limit of 5 blue catfish per day on the Missouri River but establish that only 1 blue catfish over 30-inches in length may be kept as a part of that limit.

Potential commercial fishery regulations include:

- Establish a minimum length limit of 18, 21, or 24 inches for blue catfish and flathead catfish on the Mississippi and St. Francis rivers (currently the minimum length limit is 15-inches).

People can learn more about the regulations being considered and view associated research reports and summaries at: <https://research.mdc.mo.gov/project/big-rivers-catfish-assessment>.

Purdy’s Brown signs with Baptist Bible College



Purdy High School Graduate Jake Brown (center left) signed his letter of intent to attend Baptist Bible College in Springfield and represent the Patriots on the baseball team, in a special ceremony held at Purdy Schools on Thursday, June 24. Brown was joined at the signing table by his father, Jason Brown (left); his mother, Darcy Brown (center right) and his brother, Josh Brown (far right).

Purdy High School Graduate Jake Brown signed a letter of intent to continue his education at Baptist Bible College in Fall 2021 and represent the Patriots on the baseball team, in a special ceremony held at Purdy Schools, on Thursday, June 24. A host of family, friends, teammates and fans attended the event.

Jake Brown and his Purdy High School baseball teammates brought home the Ozark 7 Conference Championship in 2018, the SWCL Conference Championship in 2019 and the SWCL Tournament Championship in 2021. The team won District Championships in 2018 and 2019. Brown’s individual accolades include Rookie of the Year during his 2018 freshman season, 1st Team All-Conference and All-District Outfielder in 2019, 2nd Team All-Conference Outfielder in 2020 and First Team All-Conference and All-District Outfielder and Second Team All-State Outfielder in 2021.

Jake Brown was named to the All-State Academic Team all four years of his high school career, which required starting in 70% of games, being in the top 25% of his class and maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Brown’s high school baseball career culminated on Saturday, June 12, as he represented the Eagles in the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association (MHSBCA) Senior All-Star Classic.

Of his time as a Purdy Eagle and his future as a Patriot Brown noted, “In my short four years at Purdy I

really found a new home. I involved myself with everything that the school had to offer, and that made it the best four years I have gotten to experience. Purdy really had a huge influence on my character and my work ethic. I met some of the best people, and I wouldn’t change anything that happened in those four years. I feel that my future at BBC has a bright path. When I visited there I felt so welcomed. It was a great atmosphere, and I knew it was where God wanted me. I can’t wait to bring what I have to offer to the campus.”

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LIBRARY from FRONT



Shown above is an artist’s rendering of the floor plan for the new Monett branch of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library. With more than 20,000 square feet, the branch will more than triple the floor space of the existing structure and offer new amenities previously unavailable within the two counties.

construction on the new, 20,000-square-foot facility to begin.

“We’re really excited,” Milburn said.

The two-acre site for the proposed new building is located on the northeast corner of the junction of Park Street and Old Airport Road in Monett, a property acquired from a generous donor almost 20 years ago.

According to Milburn, the new facility will more than triple the existing library’s footprint and feature amenities to serve a variety of purposes, including separate reading/study areas for children, teens and adults; four individual study rooms; a large conference room; a smaller meeting room with a full kitchen; an indoor lounge with a coffee bar; an outdoor patio; and a drive-through service to pick up pre-ordered materials.

“The individual study rooms will seat two,” Milburn said, “and can be used for tutoring, recruiting, and tax preparation assistance. The small meeting room with a kitchen can be used for food demos, maybe a canning demo by the extension office, for example.”

Milburn added that plenty of televisions will be available, as will video cameras and computers.

Plans for the new library have been a long time in the

works.

“Ground-breaking was originally planned for sometime in 2009 or 2010, Milburn said, “but a necessary tax levy was rolled back, so plans were put on hold.”

Milburn emphasizes that the passage of the operating expense levy in the June, 2020, election is not paying for the construction of the new facility.

“Rather,” she said, “it allowed us to get financing for it. A portion of the 7 cent operating levy approved by voters in 2020 will serve as the revenue source for the repayment,” Milburn said.

Milburn was pleased to see the lease certificates sold within the community.

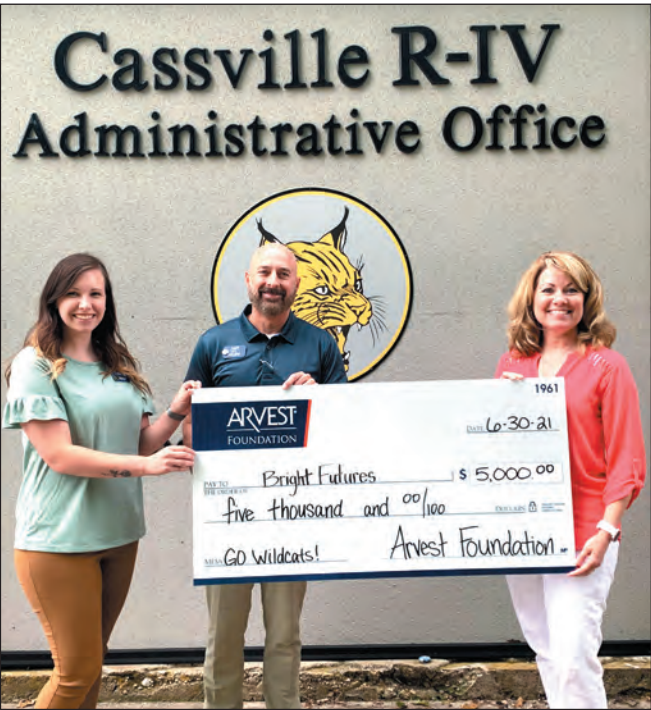
“The community will also benefit,” she said, “from much of the R.E. Smith contracted construction work, which was divided into 30 bid packets.”

Bids on those packets are due by July 7.

Because of the rising cost of materials, the board followed the advice of R.E. Smith and authorized the pre-purchase of sealed decking in hopes of preventing delays in the initiation of construction.

“We hope to have the project completed by Fall of 2022,” Milburn said.

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The Arvest Foundation has made a \$5,000 contribution to the Cassville R-IV Bright Futures Program. The donation will be used to assist in meeting the physical needs of wildcat students within 48 hours. Physical needs include things such as clothing, school supplies, personal hygiene items, nutritional needs and more.

Bright Futures, established at Cassville Schools in 2011, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bringing community members together to focus on the success of children.

Through a grant program, Arvest Foundation helps worthwhile charitable activities in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas.

Shown above are Kenzie Hancock and Jeff Neil (left), of Arvest Bank, who presented the check to Dr. Traci Mitchell (right), Director of Learning at Cassville R-IV.

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Ever-popular Cassville Truck & Tractor Pull attracts large crowd



A crowd of some 200 people was in attendance for the annual Truck & Tractor Pull held July 3 on the grounds of the Stumpff Family Event Center in Cassville.
 Photo by Ezra DeVore.

Exeter FFA Helps with Annual Barry County CO-OP Banquet



Emilia Hatfield, Exeter FFA Historian
 As a long standing tradition, Exeter FFA Members served dinner at the annual Barry County CO-OP Banquet on Tuesday, May 27th, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Exeter FFA Members served chicken and brisket for the main course along with vegetables and rolls. Cobbler and ice cream was served for dessert. Members also helped refill drinks and clean up after the meal. Exeter FFA would like to thank the Barry County CO-OP for the opportunity to serve dinner and would like to thank C&C Country Store for providing food.
 Shown above, Exeter FFA members (right) serve Barry County CO-OP members (left).

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The Shell Knob Chamber of Commerce held their third annual Let Freedom Ring boat parade on July 4th on Table Rock Lake. Several competitors competed for the top prize, with entrants Julie Fann and family taking first place with their Yankee Doodle Dandy theme. Submitted photo.



Fireworks lit up the skies over Twister Alley Raceway in Friday night's first annual fireworks display, presented by the Butterfield Firefighters' Auxiliary.
 Photo by Caden Swearingen, of CS Photography.



Lancaster Station, a vocal group from Springfield, poured their hearts into their rendition of Southern Cross, by Crosby, Stills & Nash, and other 70s' favorites at Purdy's Independence Day celebration hosted by Terry Family Fireworks on July 3.
 Photo by Sheila Harris.

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LYNN “ANETTE” (STROTHER) RAY
Lynn "Anette" (Strother) Ray, age 56, of Kirbyville, went home to be with her Grannies and Savior on Sunday, July 4, 2021, surrounded by the family she so deeply loved in the house her husband built and that she made a home following a brief illness.

Anette's life began after her birth to Ronald and Leatrice Strother on April 16, 1965, in Monett. Growing up and attending school there, she met her hot-roddin' love of her life, Mike Ray, cruising the streets of Cassville. The two would soon wed and relocate to the Branson area to start their family following Anette's graduation from Cassville High School in 1983. Anette's heart was devoted to children. She gave birth to her two children, Derrick Ray and Amy (Ray) Mooney, in 1987 and 1993, respectively. She raised her children with fierce devotional love and, with her husband, spared nothing to provide them every opportunity for success. She dedi-

cated her career to kids beginning with Branson Public Schools in 1989, followed by 21 years with the Head Start program serving as a teacher and family advocate to provide other children with the same opportunities she gave her own.

God's light was shown through Anette in her smile and ever-present joy, her desire to help others, and her unapologetic witnessing of God's mercy and grace. Every morning, one could look into her bedroom and see an open Bible peeking above her covers as she found guidance for her life reading the Word of God faithfully. She loved her Church of the Harvest (Branson) congregation and hearing their voices lifted to the Lord as she led them. It was said that Anette prepared for her final day her entire life.

Anette is survived by her parents, Ronald and Leatrice Strother, of Purdy; younger sister, Karri (Strother) Frachiseur and husband, Rick, of Grannis, Ark.; loving husband of 38 years, Mike Ray, of Kirbyville; daughter, Amy (Ray) Mooney and her husband, Blake, of Billings; son, Derrick Ray and his wife, Christina, of Minneapolis, Minn.; three and a half grandchildren, Charlie, Elliott, and Caylie, with one on the way; and beloved family pets, Gus and Lily. She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, B.C. and Joy Green, and paternal

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grandparents, Aubrey and Freda Strother.

Visitation will be held at Snapp-Bearden Funeral Home in Branson Thursday, July 8, 2021, from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. The funeral service will be held at the same location Friday, July 9, 2021, from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, followed by a graveside service at Clio Cemetery in Jenkins at 3:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Isabel's House in Springfield, MO to honor Anette's love for and dedication to kids. Isabel's House provides a 24/7/365 safe refuge for children. For additional information or to donate in Anette's memory, please visit their website, www.isabelshouse.org.



HARRY KIRK WYNNS
Harry Kirk Wynns, 72, was born on January 21, 1949, in Anchorage, Alaska, to the late Lt. Col. Kelsey O. and Helen (Hopperstead) Wynns and passed on July 2, 2021, in Buffalo, Missouri.

He graduated from McCallum High School in Aus-

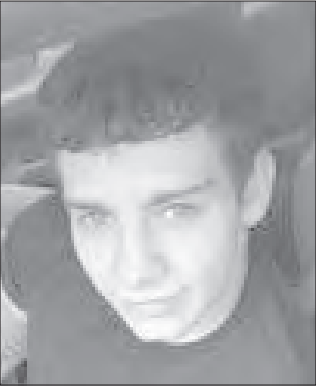
tin, Texas, and furthered his education graduating from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, with a degree in Forestry and Biology. During his summers while attending college, he fought forest fires in Redwoods, Yellowstone and Grand Tetons. He started his own pest control service company in Garland, Texas, until retirement and moved to Exeter. He worked for FEMA for six years and was an Arborist involved in his hometown association planting trees in Exeter. He was with Tree City USA for 25 years. He was a volunteer fireman for 24 years in Exeter as a safety officer as well.

Kirk was a loving son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. His wife, Janis Diane Siepert Wynns, preceded him.

His survived by his son, Jason and wife, Janet, of Garland, Texas, and granddaughter, Kori Wynns; daughter, Jennifer Wynns Taylor and husband, Josh; grandsons, Chandler Brattin, Bryce Brattin, Blake Brattin of Exeter, Jace Taylor, Jayden Taylor, and Jesse Taylor of Buffalo, Missouri; sister, Karan Wynns and Bill Scroggins of Spicewood, Texas; sister, Kay Wynns Hanley and husband, David Hanley, of Lindale, Texas; sister, Karol Wynns Crow, of Austin, Texas, and brother-in-law, Garon Crow, of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by his uncle, Jim Carr, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and many

nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Exeter Volunteer Fire Department in Kirk's name would be appreciated.



DILLON MAYES
Dillon Mayes, age 23, of Cassville, passed away on Sunday, June 27, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. The son of Bret and April (Holden) Mayes, Dillon was born on December 17, 1997, in Aurora. Living his life to the fullest, Dillon never met a stranger and had a smile that will never be forgotten. Some of Dillon's favorite pastimes were tinkering with cars, skateboarding, bikes, and listening to music. He loved the outdoors and spending time with his boys, who were his pride and joy. Though he was with us for a short while, Dillon has touched so many and left a lasting impression on so many lives; he was a friend to so many and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his two sons, Jameson and Jensen Mayes, both of Cassville; his mother, April Mayes and her significant other, Richard Morgan, of Cassville; his

father, Bret Mayes, of St. Joseph; two brothers, Brandon Mayes and his wife, Victoria, of Cassville, and Austin Mayes, of Exeter; his maternal grandmother, Frances Taylor, of Cassville; his paternal grandfather, Oakel McClellan, of Bolckow; one stepbrother, Dakota Morgan, Marshfield; two stepsisters, Bridgett Morgan and Cheyanne Morgan, both of Marshfield; three nephews, Emilio, Gerald, and Braxton; two nieces, Hailey and Nevaeh; and several other extended family members who all loved him dearly.

Dillon was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Dusty Taylor, and paternal grandmother, Janice McClellan.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 9, 2021, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, with Evangelist John Hile officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, Missouri, 65625.

Service arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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DAVID BUEL COX
A celebration of life will be held for David Buel Cox at 12 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2021, at the Shell Knob Rec Site Pavilion. Lunch will be provided, followed by an opportunity for friends and family to share their favorite memories and stories about David. Please RSVP Amber Cox at alcox2424@yahoo.com by July 12.

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Keay’s new online class, “Soils 101 for Gardener & Homeowners: Unlocking Your Garden’s Full Potential & Understanding Soil Test Reports,” helps gardeners of all experience levels understand the basics of soil management.

Keay, who is based in St. Charles County, notes that good soil management also reduces fertilizer runoff and other potential impacts. “We can all contribute to protecting our state’s natural resources,” he said.

The 90-minute class costs \$20 and will be presented via Zoom at 6 p.m. on the following dates: July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1 and Oct. 6.

For more information, search “Soils 101” at extension.missouri.edu.

Rebecca Poon, who took

Soils 101 in June, said the class enhanced what she already learned through the MU Extension Master Gardener program. Poon had felt that reading soil test results was out of her wheelhouse, but Keay broke down the complicated material to make it easy to understand.

If you haven’t tested your soil before, Keay recommends contacting your local MU Extension center. Some soils might need phosphorus, for example, while others have enough. If your soil is acidic, as most Missouri soils tend to be, adjusting it to a neutral pH can help your garden grow better. Without soil test results, it is hard to know what the soil really needs, Keay said.

“It’s easy to throw a lot of money down the drain on nutrients you don’t need if you don’t test your soil,” he said. “It’s a small investment to make to help you grow a bountiful garden for years to come.”

Poon began gardening after she retired. In addition to tending a container garden at her residence, she helps with 12 raised vegetable beds at the Master Gardener demonstration gardens on the grounds of the St. Charles County MU Extension Center in St. Peters.

She also volunteers for the county Master Gardener program’s “Hortline,” answering gardening and landscaping questions by phone or email. “In order to do that job I have to do research on diverse topics as inquiries come in,” Poon said. “The Soils 101 course provided great insights and practical information to potential future inquiries on soil and plant management.”

Soils 101 was Angela Sorenson’s first course with MU Extension. She says homeowners can really benefit from the course.

“We’ve had a lot of trouble with our backyard,” Sorenson said. “When the subdivision was first built, it was not graded properly and much of our topsoil was lost due to erosion. We have spent a lot of time and money trying to correct the problem. I certainly gained a lot of valuable information from Justin’s class. We have a diversity of plants in terraced gardens, from acid-loving azaleas to foliage under trees. I’m excited to take our garden to the next level with the informa-

tion I learned in the Soils 101 class.”

“I think all this knowledge makes me a much better gardener,” Poon said. “I am a biologist myself, so I know soil is foundational to the living biological world. I appreciate that the program really drills into everyone the importance of soil management and conservation and provides tools on how to take care of the soil if we want it to support human life.”

“I would encourage individuals to take the Soils 101 course and ask questions,” Sorenson added. “Justin was able to provide a lot of good information, and I look forward to being a lifelong learner.”

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“Just like the Dutch elm disease that killed our native American elm trees, EAB is capable of eliminating all ash trees from our forests and cities,” says University of Missouri Extension entomologist Kevin Rice. “This makes it one of the most serious threats now facing North American forests.”

EAB is a small, metallic-green beetle native to Asia. It often spreads to new areas by hitchhiking on firewood transported by humans. The larvae feed under the bark of ash trees, cutting off the tree’s circulatory system. Tree death results within a few years.

Rice is investigating if tiny wasps can help reduce EAB populations. The parasitoid wasps, which only attack EAB larvae, were released in Missouri three years ago. Rice and his team are looking at climate and habitats where the wasps successfully establish and reduce EAB populations. They have field sites across Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota.

The shade tree is popular for landscaping. On average, about 14 percent of trees lining streets in urban settings are ash.

Tree owners should watch for signs of infestation, Rice says. Look for dead branches, especially in the upper third of the tree, and D-shaped exit holes in the bark. Increased activity by woodpeckers might mean larvae are under the bark. Trees can be protected with insecticides before they experience 40% dieback. But treatments will need to be administered every few years, says Rice.

Ash trees also make up

a large portion of Missouri forests and provide wood for baseball bats and furniture. The loss of ash trees hurts the forest ecosystem and allows the spread of invasive weeds.

Rice suggests the following:

- Consider which trees are worth saving. Remove damaged or poorly placed trees. Replace lower-value or small trees with other species.
- Contact a certified arborist to save high-value trees. See www.treesaregood.com for a list of arborists certified by the International Society of Arboriculture.
- Homeowners can apply an insecticide soil drench, available at big box stores. Insecticides must be applied long-term and are not effective on trees 20 inches DBH (diameter at breast height) or larger. Injections by an arborist are far more effective. Information about identification and control of EAB is available from the Missouri Department of Conservation at mdc.mo.gov/species/emerald-ash-borer.
- Don’t move firewood long distances. “Burn it where you buy it,” says MU Extension forester Hank Stelzer. Tree-killing insects and diseases lurk in firewood. Adults generally fly less than a half a mile to lay eggs. See www.dontmovefirewood.org for tips.

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The water level is now at 59 CFS. This is very nice water. The water is clear and the flow is moderate. We are having some fantastic dry fly-fishing right now.

Black beetles, black ants, small grasshoppers, green crackle-backs, elk-hair caddis, adams, blue-wing olives, and griffith's gnats are all working very well right now.

If you are going to fish dry-flies, it is pretty important to have a nine-foot 6X or nine-foot 7X liter right now. If you can throw longer, that is even better, but try to stay at least nine feet in length.

Nymph-fishing is still very good with pheasant-tail nymphs, burlaps, sow-bugs, copper-johns, and black, brown, or olive zebra midges. As with dry-flies, try to use at least a nine-foot 6X leader and you should do very well.

Marabou jigs are extremely good right now with the clear water. It is so easy to sight fish, and we are doing well with white, black-yellow, olive, and ten marabou jigs. One sixty-fourth and 1/16 are working best.

The water is very clear right, so please use a good quality two-pound monofilament or fluorocarbon line.

If you are going to be using plastic baits, pink worms, orange worms, and the cheese-yellow worms have all been working well. If you are using power-bait eggs or other plastic eggs, white, orange, and pink have all been good colors. Early in the morning, rooster tails are still working well.

I have heard that pink and orange have been pretty good, early. With the water being this clear, a lot of times, black, brown, and olive rooster-tails work well, but we normally only use them for a half-hour or so; then, we go back to the plastic worm, plastic salmon eggs or maybe jigs or fly-fishing, if that's what you want to do.

Good luck on the river this week! It looks like there will be no rain. The river should drop a little bit each day, and the fishing should just get better and better.

MDC issuing citations to kids

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is partnering with Sonic Drive-In to reward Missouri youth for good outdoor behavior. MDC conservation agents are now issuing ice cream “citations” for kids caught practicing responsible nature behavior, such as wearing their life jacket, fishing or hunting with their family, or for keeping nature clean. The citation can be turned in to any participating Sonic Drive-In to claim a free ice cream cone for the responsible outdoor enthusiast.

"Our agents are excited to start this partnership with Sonic and recognize kids who are enjoying Missouri's outdoors responsibly," said MDC Protection Deputy Chief

Dean Harre. "It's a great way to reward our young stewards of conservation and foster their love and appreciation for nature."

MDC agents will have a booklet of citations and be on the lookout for young adventurers enjoying time in nature.

"This program not only encourages kids to be great nature role models, but also helps our agents connect with the community and build those lasting relationships," Harre commented.

Harre said MDC agents will begin issuing the tickets July 1.

To find places to go in nature, visit mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places.

To find things to do in nature, visit mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/activities.

CAMP from FRONT



Campers enter Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp, near Jenkins, via a swinging bridge. “It becomes easier with each crossing,” said one camper.

the California Guard and was the Commandant for Angel Gate Academy, a program for inner-city kids who were failing in school - to turn them around, to get them on the straight and narrow - and Michelle wanted to start a similar organization in Missouri when she returned from duty.”

“We went to a lot of memorials,” continued Darrel Hovland, “with the kids sitting up on the front row, not knowing what was going to come next after losing a parent. So, we wanted to do a kids’ camp for military kids who had lost a parent or sibling in the War on Terror, or whose parent was wounded with seen or unseen wounds. PTSD, because you can’t see the wound, is harder to deal with because the kids don’t understand why their parent isn’t the same, ‘Why don’t they play with me like they

did?’ Also, kids who lost a parent due to suicide as a result of their service.”

Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp is certified in Missouri as a nonprofit organization, with all counselors licensed, or holding a Masters in Counseling. With a maximum of 16 campers per camp, counselors can attend more personally to each child. The camp is also designed to help the campers defeat fear, “because if they can face and overcome their fears,” Darrel said, “they can overcome just about anything in life.”

Each day is structured around an adventure, anything from cave tours to zip lines, paired with a coping skill, a counseling theme and Bible verse. At twilight, the group speaks of the day’s lessons over the crackling embers of a campfire. Each night, they hold a flag-low-

ering ceremony, and pray before all meals. Funded solely by private donations, the camp does not accept grant money from the government.

Darrel and Michelle Hovland own the property the camp is held on, and they built the facility themselves in 2013, with the first camp held in 2014. The campsite is nestled beside Flat Creek in Jenkins, and currently has children in attendance from all over the country: Alabama, North Carolina, Michigan, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

Kids of Our Heroes hosts two week-long camps every summer. The first was held June 13 - 19; the second one will be held July 11 - 17.



Campers participate in a long float trip down Flat Creek as one of their Kids of Our Heroes Camp adventures.

For more information about Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp, please visit their Facebook page.

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