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Chief Millard Andrews to retire after 40+ years with Cassville Fire Protection District

Photos and Story by Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com



Mercy EMS Paramedics Olivea Sutherland and Susan Satterlee are shown above with Chief Millard Andrews during his come and go retirement party last week.

Last Friday, community members, fellow first responders, and colleagues gathered at the Cassville Fire Station on Sale Barn Road to celebrate the retirement of Cassville Fire Chief Millard Andrews.

It's been 45 years since Chief Andrews first picked up a fireman's helmet as a volunteer fireman in Kansas City in 1979 while attending electronics school.

"I wanted to help people," Chief Andrews said. "It was something God planted in my heart and I followed suit."

There have been many changes in the Cassville Fire Protection District since Chief Andrews became chief in the early 1980's which were reflected in a memory book at the celebration.

"When I first started, we didn't even have gear

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Ben and Natalie Lindley look through a memory book reflecting the achievements of Chief Andrews during his time with the Cassville Fire Protection District.

Life comes full circle... Krallmans return to Oak Hill Court

By Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com

In 1950, Leonard and Dorothy Krallman purchased the property where Oak Hill Court and RV Park now sits on Hwy. 112 just outside of Roaring River State Park, and after almost 75 years, the grandsons of the Krallmans purchased the property back from Jon and Sharon Sanders last month.

Leonard and Dorothy Krallman moved to Cassville from Kansas City in 1950 after Leonard returned from WWII, where he served in the Army Supply Corp in the European Theartre. They purchased the 27 acre parcel of land that Oak Hill Court and RV Park now resides after visiting friends in the area and, according to grandsons Mike and Martin Krallman, their grandparents refurbished one house, which is now cabin 2, and built the remaining cabins.

The property has changed hands over the years and improvements have grown the property to now include two rental houses, twelve cabins, a pool, and 24 RV campsites on the nine acres utilized according to Sharon Sanders

"The last few years, it has grown so much and the demands of life...we started seriously thinking about selling it in the beginning of 2023," said Sharon. "The whole time we owned the property, we knew we wouldn't

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Sharon and Jon Sanders handed over the keys to Oak Hill Court and RV Park last month to Mike and Martin Krallman, grandsons of original owners Leonard and Dorothy Krallman. Photo: Sharon Sanders

Cassville Senior Center Launches New 'Business Partners Program'

From Teresa Phillips, Cassville Senior Center



The Cassville Senior Center is seeking business sponsors through the Business Partners Program.



In a bid to foster community support and enhance the overall experience for its members, the Cassville Senior Center is excited to announce the launch of its Business Partners Program in January 2024. This initiative marks a significant step forward

in building stronger connections between the local business community and the thriving senior population of Cassville and surrounding areas.

Offering benefits from arts and crafts to income tax preparation, the Cassville Senior Center has long

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Patriots of SW Missouri

From Diane Painter

As we start our new year of 2024, it will probably be the most important election year of our lives. If we don't elect the right candidates to represent us this year, I don't know what the future holds for us.

This year, our state is holding a caucus which is for the President only. You will continue to vote as you have in the past for the candidates of your choice in the primary and general election. For those of you who don't understand how the caucus works, there will be a special presentation and walk through given on the January 20, 2024, at our regular meeting at the VFW Post on Hwy. 39 in Shell Knob.

Ken Hurley and Shane Schoeller will be giving the presentation. Both are highly knowledgeable and skilled about the caucus. Ken Hurley is State Senatorial Committeeman for District 29, which is our district. Shane Schoeller is running for Secretary of State.

Others in attendance will be Chris Wright, who is running for Governor; Bert Whaley, who is running for the 138th District; County Clerk from Barry County Joyce Ennis and Denise Dickens, from Stone County; and also Barry County Sheriff Danny Boyd.

Folks, I hope that all of you will attend this important meeting and tell your friends and neighbors about it. All of you will and do make a difference as to the outcome of our elections.

See you on the 20th of January, 2024. God Business Partners Probless all of you and God bless America! Business Partners Program aims to forge

For further information, you are welcome to contact Dianne Painter, 417-858-2100 (no texting please to this number), or email Jean Dodge at dodgejean13@gmail.com.



American Legion announces rifle raffle winner



The American Legion Post 118 in Cassville have announced the winner of the .22 Henry Rifle Military Edition from their raffle contest. Shown above, left to right, are Tim Lowe, raffle winner Marlee Edie, Post Commander Pard Lowe and Lloyd Beeson. Photo: Tim Lowe

Cassville Senior Center From Front

been a hub of activity and a vital resource for the senior residents of our community. Recognizing the importance of collaboration and mutual support, the newly introduced Business Partners Program aims to forge lasting connections between the Center and local businesses.

The program offers local businesses a rewarding opportunity to support the senior community through monetary sponsorships that will provide funding necessary for the many daily activities offered, special holiday celebrations, and the overall operational costs of the Center. In return, participating businesses assist a dedicated and appreciative demographic as well as receive sponsorship benefits from the Center such as access to meeting rooms, sponsorship acknowledgment and silent advertising, and a sponsorship plaque to show their support of this valuable community asset. The program offers three sponsorship levels to choose from to suit the preference of the sponsor and is not limited to only businesses as any organization or individual can participate.

The Business Partners Program is a winwin for both our cherished seniors and our valued local businesses. It's about creating a supportive network where businesses can make a positive impact on the lives of seniors, and our seniors, in turn, can benefit from the resources our local businesses offer.

Anyone interested in becoming part of this mutually beneficial program is encouraged to reach out to the Cassville Senior Center at 417-847-4510 or email cassvilleseniorcenter@yahoo.com





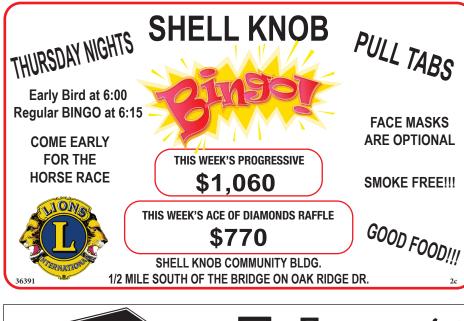




On Saturday, January 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, Cassville First Christian Church will be offering free coats to all who need one. There are many adult sizes available. Coats will be available in The Faith Center, the building east of the main church, located at 905 Old Exeter Road, Cassville.









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Krallmans From Front

have it forever," said Sharon. "Every time we talked about selling it, I just knew we wouldn't have to list it...that God would send us a buyer. My heart is in this place and we have built relationships with these people. We didn't want someone to come in and completely change things."

The Krallman brothers were raised on the property and have so many great memories with their grandparents and guests.

"Our grandpa was the textbook example of a grandpa, he wasn't only there for our guests, he was always there to take us boys fishing, golfing or to get a hair cut or ice cream," said Mike Krallman. "He was always there to keep us in line at the pool. One day, grandpa left the north house coming to the office and he cut through the pool area, mostly to check on us boys to make sure we were behaving. Little did he know that the cat that did not like him much was waiting on him to cross in front of the chair he was hiding under....when grandpa entered the pool area, the cat jumped out at him and he fell over into the pool, he was not happy, but us boys thought it was the funniest thing we ever seen."

The brothers went on to share other memories of their time being raised on the property and are excited to continue to make memories with their families and guests to Oak Hill Court.

"One of the big things about Oak Hill Court is that it has always been a family business and has raised multiple generations of kids in the last 74 years, to include Jon and Sharon's," Mike said. "It has also been the place where thousands of families have built vacation memories together and we already see familiar names on reservations for 2024."

"The families that come to find a place from the daily stresses of life at Oak Hill Court, they don't know what they gave us was a blessing by getting to know them and their stories," Sharon added. "Our guests were there for me when my momma passed away, when my daddy passed away and when my niece passed away. They are like my family. I have no doubt that the Krallmans will offer the same type of family atmosphere that we and our guests have grown to love."

The Krallman family will run the day to day operations at Oak Hill Court, in addition to Four Seasons Inn and Suites, in Cassville, which they have owned for the last few years. They do plan to make some changes in the future, but for now, they plan to re-open the gift store/general store and modernize portions of the existing property.

Jon and Sharon Sanders will remain in the Cassville area. Jon worked for the United States Postal Service in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Sharon joined the Making Memories Tours team this month.

Chief Andrews From Front

or equipment," said Chief Andrews. "I wanted to make sure our department had good operating equipment, a stand alone fire department and safety equipment."

According to Chief Andrews, when he first joined the department, there was originally two departments in one building, which had very limited equipment. The City of Cassville Fire Department and the Barry County Fire Department were consolidated in the early 2000's when citizens passed a tax which allowed the department build a new fire station, secure the needed safety and operating equipment, and become the fire protection district it is today.

When asked what he plans to do after retirement, Chief Andrews stated, "I will wait and see what God's got in store for me. I have always looked to Him for guidance and direction in my

life.

"I want to say thank you to the public for their support, for all of those who have volunteered with the department to make it what it is, and God for watching over us and protecting us," Chief Andrews added. "It takes us all to make it work."

Chief Andrews will remain chief until a new fire chief is appointed after the fire board meeting at the end of this month.

Chief Andrews attended grade school in Seligman and graduated from Cassville High School in 1968. He has been married to his wife Kathy since 1973 and they have two children, Mitchell and Leah, who both live out of state. He has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Casswille

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Haven of the Ozarks: Pet of the Week



Meet Girly! She has been in the shelter for over 570 days. She is accustomed to leash walks, loves all the attention you can give her and seems to get along great with other dogs. She is still very active and could use some training to not jump. Due to this, we suggest a home with only older children. Girly has so much love to give and craves a family of her own. She would thrive having an active lifestyle which may include walking, swimming, hiking, playing ball, etc. She might act ferocious behind the chain link fences of the Haven, but Girly really is just a big wigglebutt with the biggest smile. Her estimated DOB is 7/12/18 and she is about 49lbs.

All of our pets are fixed, up to date on their vaccinations, and microchipped. The Haven of the Ozarks is open from 9am-4pm, seven days a week. For more information, please email us at havenozarksanctuary@gmail.com, or give us a call at 417-835-3647.









Community Calendar

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:

The Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will be closed Monday, January 15, 2024, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

SeniorAge and the Cassville Senior Center will be having a tax counseling program this year, starting in February, where volunteer tax preparers will assist seniors with their taxes and property tax credit. The program will start up in February and it is by appointment. Those needing an appointment can call the Cassville Senior Center at (417) 847-4510 or stop by the center at 1111 Fair St., Cassville.

Barry County will hold the 2024 budget hearing January 18, 2024, at 9 A.M. in the commission room at the Barry County courthouse, located at 700 Main St. in Cassville.

News Release - South Barry County Ambulance District Meeting will be moving from the 2nd Tuesday of each month to the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting January 2024.

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) 858-2100. (please no texts).

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) is Looking for Volunteers. Training will be provided. Basic computer skills are necessary. If interested, contact Susan Hughes by emailing susan.hughes@senioragemolorg or call (417) 868-9524

Monett Library Adult Programs

<u>Chair Yoga</u> - Mondays 1:30pm (except holidays) <u>Dulcimer Class</u> - 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10am <u>Crochet and Knitting Class with Verda</u>

- Thursdays, 2pm (starting Jan. 18, 2024)

Let's Play Dominoes - January 23, 2pm

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

Cassville Branch Library Activities

Thursday, Jan. 11th: 9am: Tot Time - Registration required (children) • 10am: Story Time - Registration required (children)

• 11am & 5pm: Painting - \$5 Registration required (adult)

Saturday, Jan. 13th: 10am to Noon: LEGO Club - all ages

Monday, Jan. 15th: Library Closed **Tuesday, Jan 16th:** 10am: Home School Registration required (children/teens)

• 5:30pm: Felt Banner Craft - \$5 Registration required (adult)



Mon: Tomato soup, Whitley grilled cheese, pineapple cake

Tues: Street tacos & Mexican corn or chicken tortilla soup, heavenly cake Wed: Open face roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, banana pudding

Thurs: Crispy chicken sandwich, pasta salad, no bake cookie
Fri: Baked potato & salad bar, lemon delight

Curb side service & delivery to local businesses!

Offering Party Trays

The Purdy Community Recycling Center, located next to the main baseball field, is open Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M., 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. Volunteers are needed on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M.

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.

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.

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.

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

OATS Transit 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.

The Helping Hands Food Pantry, 32685 Hwy. 86, Eagle Rock, services the citizens of Eagle Rock, Golden and Mano and is open from 9 to 11:45 A.M. Saturdays and Tuesdays, and 5 to 7 P.M. the first Thursday of the month. Call (417) 271-1301 for more information.

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

<u>Soil Samples</u> need to be received at the MU B.C. Extension office by 12 P.M. Thursday. Call (417) 847-3161.

Wednesday Jan 10

South Barry County Ambulance District Meeting will be held at the South Barry County Ambulance Cassville Station, 73 Smithson Dr., Cassville, at 6 P.M.

Friday Jan 12

The Stella Senior Center, 719 Carter St., Stella, has a dinner and dance every Friday night. The doors open at 5:30 P.M., with a meal at 6 P.M. The dance starts at 7 P.M. This week's band is The Timberline Country Band. Cover charge is \$5. Refreshments are always available. Please call (417) 628-3314 or (417) 489-3661 for more information. The center is located at 719 Carter St. in Stella.





School Menus: Jan. 15th to Jan. 19th All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Cassville R-IV High School: Mon: No School. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, granola bar, pineapple. L: chicken sandwich or country steak, Sun Chips, broccoli & cheese, fruit cocktail. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, Go-Gurt, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: sloppy joe or turkey sandwich, nachos, baked beans, juice. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, blueberry muffin, grapes. L: soft taco or quesadilla, salad, refried beans, applesauce. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, pears or cereal, banana muffin, apple. L: chili cheese fries, pizza, salad, green beans, cookie, juice.

Cassville R-IV Pri. Int. Mid.: Mon: No School. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or Mini Cini, sausage patty, pears or cereal, granola bar, pineapple. L: spaghetti or popcorn chicken, salad, broccoli & cheese, bread stick, peaches. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, muffin, mandarin oranges. L: BBQ pork Sandwich or turkey sandwich, chips, baked beans, juice. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, pears or cereal, Rice Krispies Treat, peaches. L: soft taco or crispito, corn, salad, pears. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, graham cracker, peaches or cereal, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail. L: chicken sandwich or ham sandwich, chips, peas, applesauce.

Purdy R-II Schools: Mon: B: scrambled eggs, toast, fruit. L: nachos, Mexican rice, beans, fruit. Tues: B: biscuits and gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: Pizza, corn, fruit. Wed: B: pancake on a stick, syrup cup, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: chicken & waffles, cooked carrots, fruit. Thurs: B: breakfast sandwiches, fruit. L: lasagna, salad, garlic bread, fruit. Fri: B: banana muffin, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: hot ham & cheese sandwich, chips, celery with peanut butter, fruit.

Saturday Jan 13

Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary Country Breakfast will be served from 7 to 11 A.M. at the Butterfield Fire Station. The menu includes pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. The price is \$7 for ages 12 and over, and \$5 for ages 11 and under. Delivery is available for Butterfield residents.

Friday Jan 19

A Meeting of Descendants of John E. (Johannes Jr.) Roller and wife Mary Trobaugh will be held on January 19 at 6 P.M. at the Southwest High School Cafeteria.

Old Barry County Families

by: Glenn Erwin, Roller Descendant

John E. (Johannes Jr.) Roller and wife Mary Trobaugh moved to Missouri and settle Roller Ridge (now Seligman) with their 11 children between 1830 and 1840. The family grew rapidly yielding 100+ grandchildren, 600+great-grandchildren. By the 1900's, their descendants numbered 30,000 spread over Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. The last names vary widely as the daughters married and many people in our area not named Roller but are descendants of this family. Molly (Roller) McKay, James Roller, and I will share what we have on the family at this meeting. Come and share about you line and meet you distant cousins.

Family names by great-grandchildren: Alberty, Anthony, Apple, Arnhart, Aselin, Ash, Asmussen, Babb, Baldwin, Banks, Bare, Baughman, Beaver, Bell, Birks, Bolton, Bragg, Brinker, Briscoe, Brown, Broyles, Bryan, Burnett, Burrow, Burton, Cantrell, Capps, Cargile, Churchill, Clanton, Coward, Crafton, Crane, Cushing, Day, Deforest, Doke, Ellis, Ermin, Evans, Fleming, Forgey, Foster, Freese, Garner, Garrison, George, Hamilton, Hammond, Harrington, Hawkins, Hefley, Hembree, Hudson, Hunter, Hyre, Kihlgren, King, Kyle, Lane, Laster, Laughlin, Lawson, Lenox, Manning, Martin, McCallister, McCarter, McGowan, Mizer, Moore, Morgan, Outhier, Payne, Pendergraft, Perkins, Perry, Petrey, Phillips, Pippin, Reed, Robertson, Robinette, Rogers, Sanderson, Sunders, Scot, Skelton, Smith, Sons, Springer, St. John, Summey, Tally, Terry, Thompson, Thorgaard, Tillman, Tomlinson, Trent, Vannerman, Vanzant, Vaughan, Weaver, Webb, Welford, West, Weston, Whitener, Woodruff, Wright, Young.



Letter from Cassville Schools Superintendent

From Dr. Merlyn Johnson, Cassville R-IV School District Superintendent

School Calendar

As we turn the page on the 2023 calendar, it is time for us at Cassville R-IV School District to begin preparing for our academic calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. Five years ago our state legislators voted to re-



quire the school start date to be no earlier than 14 days prior to the first Monday in September. This means our earliest start date for the 2024-2025 school year cannot be earlier than Monday, August 19, 2024.

The annual setting of the school calendar factors in many considerations. Some of the items to ponder are: the schedules of our area colleges/ universities and Scott Regional Technology Center (we have students in dual enrollment classes, technical training courses, etc.), the opening day of Trout Season on March 1, the number of days needed for teachers to be able to train and collaborate, the impact our calendar has on student meals and parent work schedules, and how long breaks should be around holidays. In addition to these local factors, districts are required to attend at least 1044 hours per school year. We have no problem reaching those hours. During the present 2023-2024 school year, our students are scheduled to attend 164 days and log over 1092 hours. Building extra hours into the school calendar helps us avoid being required to make-up all hours missed due to inclement weather. These extra hours were intentionally placed into the calendar with the anticipation that we will miss a few days due to inclement weather. This assumption is the reason our last day of school on May 17 could be adjusted to an earlier date if minimal or no days are missed due to weather. This same "extra hours" concept will likely be applied to the 2024-2025 academic calendar.

In the past we had a calendar committee composed of a variety of stakeholders from across the community. Members included parents, administrators, teachers, the transportation director, and community/business leaders. Staff members from across the district provided input to the calendar committee through surveys and open dialogue. The committee members discussed all known factors and deliberated about how the calendar should meet the goals of the district. They eventually voted on a calendar to present to the school board last spring. These same stakeholders, along with others interested in the process, will be contacted to determine the need to conduct a similar calendar committee process in the coming weeks.

The Board of Education is scheduled to approve the 2024-2025 academic calendar at the February 15 meeting. We are hopeful this approval will give families enough time to start making plans prior to and during the 2024-2025 school year. In addition, the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) should also have their calendars set, so we can establish our "dead" week for summer activities. It will be time to start scheduling those summer excursions before long. If you ever have questions about our present and future calendars, please reach out. Our number one purpose for the school calendar is to match our goals for providing students the best education we can; however, we also try to consider how it impacts families and working parents.

As we begin the year 2024, it makes us think more about the passing of time. In a recent conversation, someone mentioned to me that during the year 2024 we are the same distance away from 2054 as we are from 1994. For those of us old enough to remember 1994, I'll let you ponder that for awhile. Here is wishing you all a wonderful 2024 regardless of how young you may be!

Wheaton Elementary 2023-2024 First Semester Honor Roll

From Donna Ford, Wheaton Elementary

A Honor Roll

3rd Grade: Maliyah Casas, Harper Erwin, Eliana Holmes, Joshua Mangsang, Bella Mawi, Tina Mual Cin, Alexandria Pearce

4th Grade: Tanner Benedict, Garrett Geier, Evan Hutchens, Joselyn Kelly, Jazmin Malczewski, Caulli-McCullah, Conner Nelson, Luis Rodas-Lopez, Biaknun Sang, David Thang

5th Grade: Hattie Bolton, Konrad Brown, Eseni Cha, Adalyn Holmes

6th Grade: Molly Banks, Carter Bowman, Julie Dawthleipar, Paige Edgar, Rosey Hang, Vivienne Hang



Tracy Khun, Braxston Lee, Haylee Pointer, Aylin Rodas-Lopez, Van Bawi Uk

A/B Honor Roll

3rd Grade: Ryatt Brattin, Riley Edgar, Daniel Gonzalez, Jeremiah Lian, Aryanna Northrup, Ryan Pointer, Rosaly Tial, Layla Wood

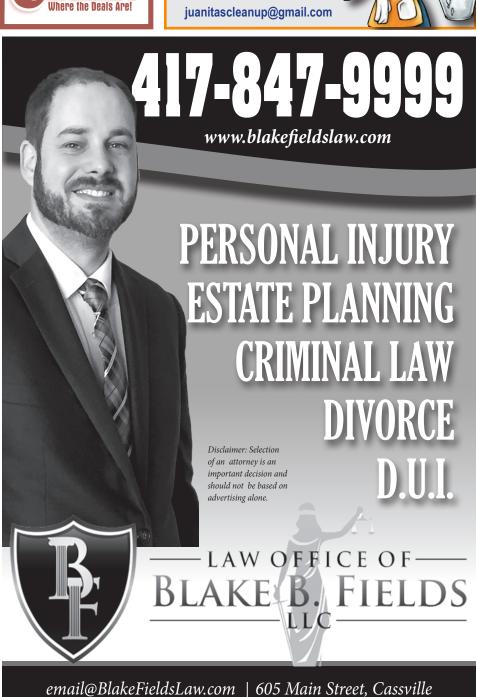
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Vang, Mang Zauk 5th Grade:

Sarah Chin, Brayah Hickman, Stormy Lyons, Sophia Mangsang, Shayla Pearce, Brent Shockley, Corbin Sto-

6th Grade: Jackson Allen, Lumae Chang, Liliyana Cunningham, Kira Hardwick, Braylen Huse, Sangcer Ling, Gauge McCullah, Khael Millikin, Kayleigh Peterson, Tyler Pettengill, Calvin Pointer, Levi Thomas

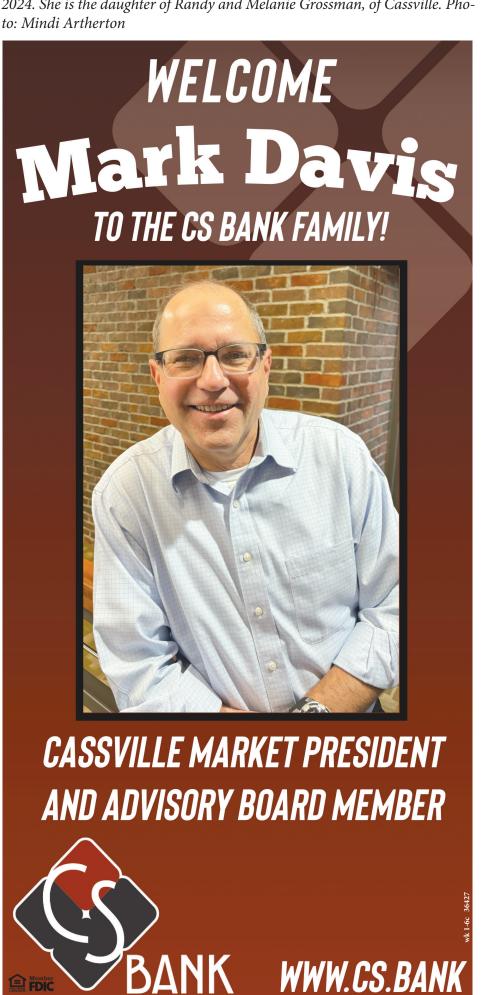




Grossman signs with Drury



Cassville High School senior Emerson Grossman signed with Drury University last month where she will play volleyball and study Pre-Medicine Fall 2024. She is the daughter of Randy and Melanie Grossman, of Cassville. Pho-





MARGARET JOYCE (GOODWIN) **BEESON**

Margaret Joyce (Goodwin) Beeson, of Cassville, was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on November 1, 1929, the daughter of Fred E. and Evah I. (Bowman) Goodwin. She passed away Thursday, January 4, 2024, at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville, Arkansas. On March 18, 1950, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, she was united in marriage to Don Beeson, who survives. They became parents of four children, Carolyn Beeson, of West Monroe, Louisiana, Marolyn Wood, of Cassville, Donna Tapscott (Kent), of Hurst, Texas, and Joel Beeson (Angie), of Haltom City, Texas. There are nine grandchildren, Jennifer, Brooke, Lindsay, Kyle, Bryan, Kristin, Lance, Erin and Bryce; 12 great-grandchildren; more than 40 nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends. We all mourn her absence and rejoice with her in

her Heavenly Home! Preceding her in death were her parbrother, one ents; Robert Goodwin; and one son-in-law, Mike

Sunday School.

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McDowell Community Chareb

Sunday Evening Service......6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study/Youth 7:00 p.m.

Everybody Welcome!

Worship the Lord in the splendor

of His holiness: tremble before

Him, all the earth.

Psalm 96:9

Wood.

Margaret graduat-

ed from Central High

School in Tulsa and

attended Oklahoma State University, taking some classes. She was never aware of the positive influence her quiet manner made, it was enough for her to do her work and let that be her statement. She was an excellent seamstress, an active participant in many crafts, an ardent jigsaw puzzle worker and a lover of antiquing. Antique stores across the country welcomed her as she shopped mostly for glassware. It was her joy to make dresses for her daughters and granddaughters Christmas stockings for family members. Family came first in her vocabulary.

She enjoyed membership in Cassville United Methodist Church since Easter Sunday 1985. Margaret honored that membership by regular attendance and various support methods. Her craft skills were demonstrated over a period of many years with other ladies who met regularly in the church basement creating various crafts. For 30 years she volunteered at the Cassville Senior Center delivering meals.

Margaret spent twenty years accompanying her Army Chaplain husband throughout the country and parts of the world. Her favorite was Germany with her family.

OBITUARIES

Margaret's very favorite places in the world were Berchtesgaden, Germany, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, and Cassville. In her last 41 years she enjoyed the open quietness and the appearance of baby calves on their farm.

Services were held Monday January 8, 2024, at Cassville United Methodist Church in Cassville. Pastor Jeff Fugitt conducted the services. Burial was at Mineral Springs Cemetery in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Cassville United Methodist Church in memory of Margaret.

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ROBERT E. LEA

Robert E. Lea, of Shell Knob, was born on April 13, 1929, in Lea. Bob passed away Saturday, December

23, 2023, in Monett at the age of 94.

As retired Navy Master Chief, where he served his country in Korea and WWII, Bob enjoyed taking fishing trips with his buddies, many times to other states. He was a master at making homemade ice cream, known as "Bob Lea's Ice Cream", that he loved to share with his VFW family and all his neighbors when he had the BEST fish fries at this house.

Surviving the loss of this wonderfully talented man is his daughter, Beverly Boyer and her husband, Harvey, of Shell Knob, several grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as other family, many friends, and neighbors who will miss him greatly.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife Lorine Lea, son Robert E. Lea Jr., stepson Dale Osborn, granddaughter Suzanne Osborn, parents Ray and Vada Lea, sisters Mary Adkins and Betty Lea Rissetto, and brother Earl Lea.

Funeral service was held Friday, January 5, 2024, at Shell Knob Funeral Home with Chaplin Jack Betts officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the VFW Auxiliary, c/o VFW post 2203, PO Box 205, Shell Knob, MO 65747. Arrangements under the direction of Shell Knob Funeral Home. Online Okmulgee, Oklahoma, condolences may be to Ray and Vada (Rose) sent to shellknobfuneralhomecom.



CAROLYN RUTH **CHARLES**

Carolyn Charles, age 89, of Cassville, passed away Friday, January 2024, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville.

She was born March 19, 1934, in Exeter, the daughter of Joe and Amanda (Montgomery) Jones. On March 19, 1955, in Exeter, she was united in marriage to Robert Charles, who preceded her in death on January 17, 2017. Also preceding her in death were her parents, four brothers, and eight sisters.

Surviving are one son, Dan Charles and his wife, Kim, of Bella Vista, Arkansas; five grandchildren, Emma, Miller, A.J. and wife Katie, Julianne and husband Joel Vastbinder, and Danielle; and two great-grandchildren, Benton and Sawyer.

Carolyn graduated from Wheaton High School in Wheaton in 1952 as Valedictorian of her class, later attending Southwest Missouri State University for a short time. In 1953, she moved to Kansas City and while living there she worked in the office at Sears, Roebuck and Company. After returning to Exeter in 1971, she was employed by Production Credit Association until going to work for Justin Boot Company as a secretary from where she retired in 1997. Carolyn enjoyed crocheting cooking, and tending flowers.

Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, January 13, 2024, at First Baptist Church in Exeter. Pastor Jerry Yarnall and Pastor Donnie Spears will conduct the services. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery in

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 6:00 P.M. Friday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Maplewood Cemetery in memory of Carolyn.

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RONALD LEE WILSON

Wil-Ronald Lee son, 91, of Ridgedale, formerly of Monett, passed away Monday, January 1, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



MICHAEL LANCE **COOKSON**

Michael Lance Cookson, age 48, of Cassville, January 2, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Cassville in Cassville.

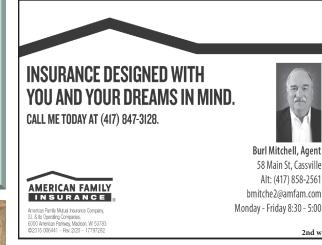
Private services will be held at a later date. Cremations arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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STANLEY W. **NOWAK**

Stanley W. Nowak, 90, of Monett, passed away Thursday, January 4, 2024. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Mon-





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Essential Topics You Need to Discuss with **Your Aging Parents**

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Apprehensive Daughter

Dear Apprehensive, Many adult children don't know much their elderly parent's financial situation or end-of-life plans, but they need to. Getting up to speed on their finances, insurance policies, longterm care plans and other information is important because some day you might have to help them handle their financial affairs or care, or execute their estate plan after they die. Without this information, your job becomes much more difficult. Here are some tips that can help.

Have the Conversa-

If you're uncomfortable talking to your parents about this, use this column as a

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Jerry Wayne Krueger,

ConversationProject. org, which offers free guides that can help you kick-start these discussions. It's also a good idea to get all your siblings involved too. This can help you head off any possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your parents will know everyone is concerned. When you talk with your parents, you'll need to collect some information, find out where they keep key documents and how they want certain things handled when they die or if they beincapacitated. Here's a checklist of areas to focus on.

prompt or see The-

Contacts: Make a list of names and phone numbers of your parent's doctors, lawyer, accountant, broker, tax preparer, insurance agent, etc.

Medical information: Make a copy of their medical history and a list of medica-

Personal documents:

Secured places: Make a list of places they keep under lock and key such as safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, etc.

Digital assets: Make a list of their digital assets - everything from social media accounts

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tions they take.

Find out where they keep their Social Security card, marriage license, military discharge papers, etc.

to online banking. It should include usernames and passwords.

Pets: If they have a pet, what are their instructions for the animal's care?

End of life: What are their wishes for organ or body donation, and their funeral instructions? If they've made pre-arrangements with a funeral home, get a copy of the agreement.

Legal Documents

Will: Do they have an updated will or trust, and where is it located?

Power of attorney: Do they have a power of attorney document that names someone to handle their financial matters if they become incapacitated?

Advance directives: Do they have a living will and a medical power of attorney that spells out their wishes regarding their end-oflife medical treatment? If they don't have these documents prepared, now's the time to make

Financial Records

Financial accounts: Make a list of their bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, and any other financial assets they have.

Debts and liabilities: Make a list of any

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LARRY JOHN **ALLEN**

Larry John Allen, age 73, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, passed away Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at his home.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 P.M. January Wednesday, 10, 2024, at McGuire Cemetery in Shell Knob, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Wayne Writer will conduct the services.

Contributions may be made to the family in memory of Larry.

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JAMES MICHAEL "MIKE" KELLEY

James Michael "Mike" Kelley, 71, of Monett, passed away Thursday January 4, 2024. Visitation will be held from 2-3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January





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tact information. Company benefits: Make a list of any retirement plans, pensions or benefits from their former employers including the contact information of the benefits administrator.

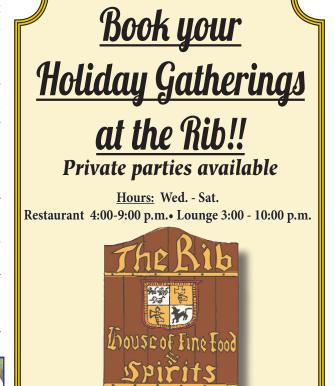
Insurance: Make a list of the insurance policies they have (life, long-term care, home, auto, Medicare, etc.) including the policy numbers, agents and phone numbers.

Property: Make a list of the real estate, vehicles or other properties they own, rent or lease and where they keep the deeds, titles and loan or lease agree-

Find out where they keep copies of past year's tax re-

You're probably not going to get all this figured out in one gathering, so it's important to keep the conversation going to ensure your parent's wishes will be accurately executed.

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





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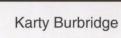
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By Dr. Richard Baker, AIF® Staying Alert in the I expect stocks to rise 2024 Markets when the Fed lowers Be alert and active. rates. I believe this be-Our daughter drove to cause stocks have his-Dallas this week along torically risen when with five other cars for interest rates fall. This

a young adult conference. One of the other drop, loans become girl's cars was in a minor accident, and another girl got a ticket expansion and highfor speeding in a small town in Oklahoma. She asked our daughter, "You were driving just like us, so why didn't have to wait long for the anything happen to first interest rate drop. you?" She replied, "Be- It could come as early cause I am a really alert as June and maybe even diver and don't get dis- March. I encourage intracted." Last year was vestors to focus on the good for the investors long term. This year's who didn't get distract- market cycle won't be

ter than I expected in predict where stocks 2023. The Dow Jones are going, reminding us finished at an all-time that "time in the marrecord high on Decem- ket" is a better mantra ber 28, and the S&P than "timing the mar-500 almost hit a record ket." high. Even bond portfolios finished strong. bring quite as much joy getting strong finishes wasn't a with inflation down, smooth investing ride unemployment for those paying atten- corporate fundamention. Stocks had three tals in good shape, and peaks (January, July, the Federal Reserve and December) and poised to cut interest two difficult valleys rates, these are the in-(February and Octo- gredients for stocks ber) but ended a furi- to rise again this year. ous late-year rally to I would not be sur-

The market in 2022 with mid-to-high sinand the first ten months gle-digit returns in of 2023 dealt with the 2024. repercussions of the Federal Reserve's (Fed) daughter inherited her attack on inflation. It fast driving from her wasn't until November dad. When I talked

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Stocks were even bet- it extremely difficult to those to your portfolio. Still, reach its third peak.

Fed had stopped its going to drive slower rate-hiking campaign. I think 2024 will be no, I'm just teaching about the markets re- the girls to be more turning to a more nor- alert and active when it mal cycle that is less comes to speed traps." dependent on Fed de- Investing-wise, that's cisions. Inflation seems what my clients hire me to be under control to do: stay alert and acenough that the Fed has tive on their behalf in finished raising rates. the markets to get them So, investors in the new through difficult parts year will need to focus of the trip. on how to benefit from this Fed policy shift by overweighting into in- com vestments that benefit

Missouri Hosts Beef Quality Assurance Training

From Missouri Beef Industry Council

Missouri Beef Industry Council is offering Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) trainings across Missouri. Anyone involved in raising or handling cattle is encouraged to attend. Funded by the Beef Checkoff, the BQA program guides producers toward continuous improvement using science-based production practices that assure cattle well-being, beef quality and safety.

"This training is part of a nationwide effort to educate beef cattle producers on the process of producing safe, high quality beef cattle on the farm," said Monica Thornburg, Manager of Industry Relations, MBIC. "Missouri is proud to offer this exceptional program to producers in our state."

Meeting dates and locations include:

- January 9- 6 pm, Mennonite School, 12 Winding Creek Dr, Buffalo
- January 19-8 am, Margaritaville Lake Resort, Osage Beach
- January 25- 5:30 pm, Smith Valley Angus Barn, Salem
- January 25- 6 pm, First Baptist Church, Ewing
- January 27- 9 am, MU SW Research Center, Mt. Vernon
- February 10- 6:30 pm, Knights of Columbus,
- February 13- 1 pm, NCMC Barton Farm Campus, Trenton
 - February 24- 8:30 am, Courtyard by Marriott,

Columbia

During the event, attendees can become BQA certified, and certification is valid for three years.

The BQA program provides educational opportunities for beef and dairy farmers and ranchers throughout the state and works to improve the quality of beef produced by connecting producers with the newest research and animal care techniques. By becoming BQA certified, producers can uphold consumer

confidence in beef, enhance herd profitability through better management, safeguard the public image of the beef industry and improve the sale of marketed beef cattle.

"As a cattle producer, I believe this is a very important time to get your BQA certification. BQA is increasingly utilized in our industry to show consumers that we are focused on continual improvement in beef quality and animal care," said Dr. Trey Patterson, CEO of Padlock Ranch



Missouri Beef Industry Council will offer several Beef Quality Assurance trainings across Missouri in January and February. Photo: Adriana Keeton

Company and chair of the BQA Advisory Group. "There is no better way to leverage our story than through a grassroots and science-based program like BQA."

Registration is free and includes training materials and a meal. For more information and to register, visit mobeef.org or contact Monica Thornburg (573) 817-0899 ext. 228, monica@ mobeef.com

Barry County Extension announces 95th Barry County Soil and Crops Conference

From Reagan Bluel, University of Missouri Extension of Barry County

The University of calving. Missouri Extension of Barry County is pleased to announce the 95th Barry County Soil and Crops conference, at First Christian Church in Cassville on January 30, 2024.

"Over the past two years we've seen a massive reductions in the regional cow herd due to drought limitations," says Reagan Bluel, University of Missouri Extension specialist. "This upcoming spring acres will be ready to receive cattle, but in many cases there isn't the working capital there to reinvest."

Perhaps leasing cattle could generate a profit on those acres affording the opportunity to reinvest in the future. For some, leasing also provides a flexibility associated with minimizing the long-term commitment of running cattle year-round.

Schad, Gary Jeff and Schoen John Wheeler will serve as a panel of producers with years of experience on this topic. They will share helpful advice with navigating arrangements. Followed by Jennifer Lutes, MU Extension ag business specialist, presenting "Cattle Leasing Options."

Tim Schnakenberg, area agronomist with Extension, will MU recommendations on how to calculate stocking rates to maximize these lease options without running out of ground.

Finally, Chez Kleeman from USDA will round out the evening by presenting, "How to protect your calf crop from black vultures" just in time for Spring

"The planning committee had your farm's bottom line in mind when planning the 2024 conference" said Bluel. We hope you'll reserve your spot and bring a friend to this in-person educational

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