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# Barry County Clerk swears in elected officials



Barry County Clerk Joyce Ennis swore in newly elected and re-elected Barry County officials on Thursday, December 29, at the Barry County Courthouse. Shown above left, left to right, are Circuit Clerk Craig Williams, Associate Circuit Judge Division 2 Robert Foulke, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Boxx, Treasurer Gretta Tripp, and Collector of Revenue Skyler Bowman. Shown above right is newly elected Presiding Commissioner Steve Blankenship. Absent from the photo is Recorder of Deeds Danielle Still.

## Cassville K-5 Assistant Principal Lisa Schell retiring



Lisa Schell

Ezra DeVore

Cassville teacher and Assistant Principal Lisa Schell is retiring after nearly a quarter-century in education. From the age of 12, Schell states she dreamed of becoming a teacher. At 27, she became able to pursue it.

"I began college to get an Associate's Degree at Crowder College, but soon realized I not only loved kids but also loved learning and education. Throughout my educational career, I continued growing and expanding my knowledge to better serve

the students and teachers I worked with every day."

Schell went on to earn an Associates Degree in Elementary Education from Crowder College, a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Missouri Southern State University, a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from William Woods University, and a Master's Degree in Reading from Drury University.

"I have always believed, as educators, we have the ability to help students soar or the ability to cripple them with our actions and words. My belief was to be a 'Difference Maker' every day. Every day I hope I make a difference in at least one person's life. It might be a smile, a high-five, a kind word, or just a pat on the back, but it can make a difference."

Schell states her gratitude for the Cassville R-IV School District and the Cassville

R-IV School Board, as she feels they always believed in her.

"The support has been amazing and allowed me to endure such a rewarding career. In my 21 years at the district, I was supported in many different roles. I always knew I wanted to make a difference in the lives of students, but never dreamed I would have the opportunity to be involved in so many journeys within the district. My journey allowed me, in the beginning, to influence just a classroom of students as a teacher at Cassville.

"My sixth year at Cassville, I had the opportunity to team up with an amazing teacher, Sue Cavness, and team-teach first graders. At that time, I was blessed to teach two classrooms of students. Years later, I was given the opportunity to become a Reading Interventionist in K-2 and teach over 100

See Schell 7A

## Cox Monett announces first baby born in 2023

Sound the alarm! Cox Monett's first baby of 2023 is an adorable little boy.

Parents Shawn Nance and Bailey Burnside welcomed baby Ridge Allen into the world at 12:44 p.m. on Jan. 2.

The little fella weighed a healthy seven pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 21 inches long.

"When we checked in, the nursing staff told us we could potentially have the New Year's baby, and I couldn't believe it," says Ridge's mom. "The whole experience at Cox Monett has been amazing; the best part is they have allowed us time to bond with the baby, which we feel is so important."

Shawn, who is a fireman with the City of Neosho, was gifted a red onesie with fire trucks on it from a co-worker. The parents say when it came time to pick an outfit for the photo, it had to be the one with fire engines on it.



Proud parents Neosho firefighter Shawn Nance and Bailey Burnside welcomed Ridge Allen as the first baby born in 2023, on January 2.

Cox Monett and the Cox Monett Auxiliary presented a gift basket to the family in honor of the new baby. It included a bear, diapers, socks, wipes, books, and toys.



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# Zone 4 to open March 2023 in Cassville Haven of the Ozarks: Pet of the Week

*Ezra DeVore*

On March 1, James and Shannon Beemer will be opening Zone 4 Mini Golf & More as a new family-friendly attraction, hosting miniature golf, axe throwing, batting cages, and a variety of entertainment, including but not limited to music. In addition to the activities listed, the property will also be home to a general store that will house Missouri/locally made soft drinks, snacks, antiques, and other goods.

James and Shannon Beemer, of the northwestern Missouri town of Maryville, say that although they're not from Barry County originally, they have come to happily call it home, living near the Arkansas border in Shell Knob.

Shannon states that her love for the Ozarks began when she was a child. Her grandparents would drive her five hours south to Roaring River every summer. Shannon says that these summer vacations gave her no shortage of fond memories of the region.

"This whole area is a special place to me. We love the Ozarks, how friendly the people are. Everyone's been so nice," she said.

"She brought me down after we got married, and I loved it too, just loved the area - I love nature," James added.

Coming from a career selling portable buildings, James explains that since he was a boy, he's always had the dream of owning his own miniature golf course.

"I always thought it would be fun," he says. Even having



Shown above, Zone 4 Mini Golf & More owners James and Shannon Beemer pose at the custom carved Zone 4 tree stump.

a brief history in professional golf in 2000, James opted to spend this time with his wife and two young children instead of being on the road for competitions.

However, when the opportunity to pursue that dream arose, the Beemers stated that they purchased the 4.2 acres of land in May of 2022 and began serious construction in late August. James also adds that the

performance stage was built in honor of his best friend, Steve Thompson, who survived his battle with a rare bone cancer, and has a deep passion for music. Thompson will be acting as a talent scout, James states.

Zone 4 will also be home to the world's longest outside hole, at 535 feet long.

Zone 4 Mini Golf & More will open on March 1, 2023, at 16007 State Highway 76, Cassville.



Meet Jemi, the Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week! Jemi is a wonderful, easy-going, and sweet-natured girl who came to us after her owner passed away. She's about two years old and a nice medium size at just over 40 pounds. Jemi is the perfect family dog as she gets along well with cats, other dogs, and loves all the people she meets. Since she's used to being in a real home, Jemi isn't all that happy with shelter life and hopes to meet her new family very soon. We're open 9-4 every day or call 417-835-3647 for more information.

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# Adult Education volunteer tutors needed

Crowder College Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) is seeking volunteer tutors for Adult Education and Literacy classes in Aurora, Monett, and Mount Vernon. The Crowder College AEL program believes that a difference can be made in our communities with your assistance.

Educating adults creates stronger communities. Low-skilled adults are:

- 2x more likely to be unemployed;
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CCAEL classes provide instruction for high school equivalency (HSE) test preparation, basic skills review, college and career transitions, and other needed services such as ASVAB test preparation. Students must be 17 or older to attend. The classes have a wide variety of ages.

CCAEL is dedicated to serving each adult that needs educational support. Given this, we are asking for volunteer tutors to come alongside Aurora, Mount Vernon, and Monett AEL Instructors. CCAEL needs individuals to tutor one-to-one with students that have tested with low-literacy levels. Basic reading and writing skills are lacking in such a number of students that the time and attention required are more than the classroom teacher can complete alone.

CCAEL has several resources for tutors to use while assisting. The primary

curriculum used is the Laubach Way to Reading series. This series comes with excellent tutor guides. CCAEL can provide supplemental training as well. There are other materials that may be used but this series makes for an easy start with one-to-one teaching. Each volunteer is not required to attend both days of class for the duration. They are welcome to do that, however, we will schedule tutors for 1-2 hours a week if this is the amount of time they can donate. All that is needed is a simple background check provided by Crowder College.

Class Times and Locations:

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Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. in the old armory, 409 W. Locust Street.

Mount Vernon Classes:  
Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the MARC at 822 W. Mount Vernon Blvd.

Monett Classes: Monday and Wednesday Evenings 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Life 360 Resource Center at 801 North Lincoln Avenue.

Making a difference in adult lives is a rewarding experience. Please lend a hand and volunteer. For more information and to sign up please contact Marti Jones the Barry-Lawrence County Lead AEL Instructor at 417-413-1621 or MartiJones@crowder.edu or contact AEL Director Juli DeNisco at 417-455-5545 or JuliDeNisco@crowder.edu . If you are unable to volunteer, please share this opportunity with others.



# OZARKS HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**Judith Lewallen**  
Retired F.N.P

A dear friend of mine recently had a very nasty fall and suffered several bone fractures. This has been a devastating event for her, her family, and her friends. This got me thinking about osteoporosis, the weakening of our bones as we age. There are many reasons for developing osteoporosis; some are genetic, age, and sex, over which we have no control. Other reasons we can control and will help prevent osteoporosis.

1. Weight-bearing exercises force your body to work against gravity as you move. (Always check with your provider before starting any new exercise plan.) My favorite is walking; if you still have good knees, jogging, dancing, stair climbing, and running. Also, you may like yoga, aerobics, water aerobics, Tai Chi, or racket sports like tennis or pickleball. Strength training builds bone strength and helps with flexibility, and both will help prevent falls.
2. Increasing the calcium and Vitamin D in your diet. A man over 70 or a woman over 50 should take 1,200 milligrams of calcium daily. Our bodies will take calcium from our bones when our intake is too low, and we lose bone mass. Milk, yogurt, and cheese are rich natural sources of calcium. The highest intake of calcium is from dairy products. Nondairy sources of calcium are canned sardines, salmon with bones, and certain vegetables, such as kale, broccoli, and Chinese cabbage (Bok choy). Many fruit juices, drinks, tofu, and ready-to-eat cereals are fortified with calcium.
3. In general, absorption of calcium supplements is more significant when taken

with food. The percentage of calcium absorbed from supplements depends on the total amount consumed at one time: as the amount increases, the rate absorbed decreases. Absorption from supplements is highest with doses of 500 mg or less. The body absorbs about 36% of 300 mg of calcium and 28% of 1,000 mg. Calcium carbonate is contained in some over-the-counter antacid products, such as Tums and Rolaids.

The prevention of osteoporosis is important for everyone to know. But diagnosis and treatment are essential to the prevention of fractures. It is recommended that women over age 65 and those with factors that indicate an increased risk of osteoporosis receive routine screening. Next week, I would like to go further into the diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis.

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

# Ruggles to celebrate 94th birthday



Brad Ruggles will celebrated his 94th birthday on January 16. Ruggles was born in 1929, in Idabelle, Oklahoma, and served in the U.S. Marine Corp. as a helicopter mechanic. He is a Korean War Veteran. Ruggles has been married to his wife, Jackie, for 71 years; they have four sons and a daughter and have been residents of Cassville since 1994. The family has planned a private birthday celebration.

# Ways to re-purpose your tree after the holidays

If your community does not offer a tree-recycling program, there are several creative ways to make further use of your tree. You can place the tree in the backyard to offer cover for wildlife, or under bird feeders to provide nesting locations in the branches. Your tree can be shredded or chipped for mulch, or you can sink it in a pond to enhance fish habitat. If you used a live evergreen and your ground is still soft enough to spade up, add it to your home landscape for years of enjoyment and wildlife cover.

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- Wear safety glasses to protect your eyes from sawdust, pine needles and other debris.
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# CS Bank Donates shooting machine to CHS Basketball Programs



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Shown above, front row, left to right, are CHS Senior Basketball players Ashlynn Bryan and Marianne McCrackin, Morgan Mitchell and Marla Shore with CS Bank, and CHS Senior Basketball players, Macie Walker and Maci Barton; back row, left to right, are CHS Senior Basketball players Caleb Leach, Hernan Hernandez, Isaac Hadlow, Peter Littlefield, Ethan Lamborn, Aidan Cook and Mason Gautney.

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**Crowder College**  
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**League winners**

Crowder College supported Youth Coding League teams in southwest Missouri this fall through funding received from the "Catalyze" grant late last year. The grant "Creating Digital Pathways in the Rural Heartland" allowed the college to earn \$450,000 to develop digital talent in the region.

"The grant opportunity from Catalyze provided an opportunity to help develop in-demand digital skills in rural communities and schools throughout southwest Missouri," stated Dr. Chett Daniel, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Crowder. "Students in grades 5-8 are developing skills and confidence in software development, and Crowder is working to develop career pathways for students in a variety of jobs in the growing digital economy. It's exciting to see so many area rural schools thriving with this grant opportunity."

The funding allowed Crowder College to sponsor Youth Coding Leagues in the following school districts while working with our Codefi partners based in Cape Girardeau. Fifth and sixth-grade schools were Carthage, Cassville Intermediate, Lamar West Elementary, Liberal Elementary School, Neosho Middle School, and Noel Elementary; seventh and eighth-grade teams included Noel Junior High, South Middle School, and Webb City Middle School.

Locally, Cassville Intermediate's "The Twisty Twisters," coded by Reagan Truman, Layla Rivera, and Bentley Pinnell and coached by Michelle Harvey and Jamie Pearman, took home 10th place in the middle school division's Community Favorite category. Coders won walkie-talkies.

"The Youth Coding League has been a great opportunity for Cassville students to learn to code and compete for prizes, said Jamie Pearman, Cassville Intermediate coach. "It has been a learning experience for me as well as the student coders, but it has been incredibly fun to bond with the coders and watch them grow throughout this competitive season. It was very exciting to find out that one of our groups placed 10th in the playoffs. I am proud of how hard our coders worked this season and am thankful for Crowder College for supporting our team."

Stacy Dohogne Lane, Director of Youth Coding League, explains, "As STEM dominates the highest-paid careers in the fastest-growing industries, equipping students for this new frontier is a tall ask for schools that are already asked to do so much. We've worked to make bringing these future-ready skills to students attainable for schools, and our partnership with Crowder College has enabled us to work with more young coders through their funding of Youth Coding League teams in Southern Missouri. We love seeing what students have learned and built this season, and we can't wait to see their skill sets strengthen this Spring. Someday those new skill sets will have big impacts on their local communities, and we hope to support these young coders and their school communities for years to come as they develop and apply their knowledge in computer science and coding."

There are spots available for Spring 2023 teams fully supported by Crowder College. To find out more, please contact [stacy@youthcoding-league.com](mailto:stacy@youthcoding-league.com) for more details.

The Youth Coding League, operated by the Codefi Foundation on Rural Innovation, is a competitive, fully-packaged team sport designed to teach all middle school and junior high students how to code and set them on a path to the highest-paying occupations in the world. The Youth Coding League focuses on access, inclusion, and self-efficacy and is built for schools and community organizations to introduce fifth through eighth graders to computer science and coding.



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struggling readers each year. The opportunity a few years later allowed me to work with not only students but teachers across the district as an Instructional Coach. I can't imagine retiring with any better job than a principal that allowed me to work with over 800 students, and 80 staff, and many wonderful parents. I have truly been blessed at Cassville R-IV."

Schell explains that though challenges arose as they do in any profession, these trials offered a portion of the greatest triumphs.

"The greatest challenge was becoming the first ever K-5 Assistant Principal between two buildings. This position was new, and I had the challenge of figuring out how to support two buildings with two main principals, 850 students, and over 80 teachers and staff. It was very challenging but the most rewarding job I have had at Cassville. Having the opportunity to work with not only students but parents, bus drivers, teachers, and all staff was so rewarding. As challenging as these jobs were, they came with the most celebrations. Programs were developed that served and helped students grow, teachers were given support in their classrooms, and the primary and intermediate buildings were given discipline and curriculum support."

Schell adds that her fondest memories include those who helped her along and gave her an opportunity.

"My fondest memories at Cassville R-IV are the people, parents, and students who believed in me, supported me, and grew with me throughout my journey. I consider each one of them family. I was lucky to be hired by Catherine Weaver and Lindy Gibson. They believed in me and always supported me as a teacher. Dr. Asbill gave me the opportunity to

become a Reading Interventionist and work to develop struggling readers for eight years. Jill LeCompte hired me as an Instructional Coach and inspired me to mentor and guide teachers across the district to ensure the best curriculum for our students. Dr. Asbill hired me for my last position of K-5 Assistant Principal, and I loved being able to work with so many amazing students, teachers, staff, and parents."

The journey has also taught her a great deal, inspiring her to see the change that people can enact when they unify and believe in their own success.

"I have learned so much about myself throughout my journey. Believe you can make a difference because you can. I was the kid in school that needed a lot of love, guidance, and support, and to see how far I have come through people believing in me and me in myself is amazing. My greatest hope is that during the time I was blessed with at Cassville, every child I came across truly believed that Mrs. Schell loved them, believed in them, and helped them see their value and contribution to life. I want each and every student of mine to know that I care deeply about them, and they will always be one of Mrs. Schell's kids."

Schell has taught a variety of positions, including a First Grade teacher at Purdy from 2000-2002, and in Cassville, a Kindergarten teacher from 2002-2007, First Grade teacher from 2007-2010, Title 1 Reading Interventionist/Reading Recovery Teacher from 2010-2017, Instructional Coach R-IV from 2017-2021, and a K-5 Assistant Principal from 2021-2023. Schell looks back on 23 years in education, the last 21 of which were spent at Cassville.

Schell is married to Danny, her husband of 26 years, and they have three children, with five grandsons.

# Cassville High School wrestlers attend Wonder Woman Girls Wrestling Tournament



Adriana Keeton  
The Cassville High School girls wrestling team attended the Wonder Woman Girls Wrestling Tournament at Battle High School in Columbia, December 29-30.

Known as one of the toughest girls wrestling tournaments in the Midwest, it saw over 620 wrestlers and 84 teams from five states competing for the top spot of "Wonder Woman."

Cassville took 11th place as a team and saw four wrestlers place in their weight class. Shown above, left to right, Hailey Roark took fifth place in the 140-pound class, and this was Hailey's 100th high school career win. Kailey Artherton took 5th place in the 115-pound class. In the 135-pound class, Faith James placed 5th, and in the 120-pound class, Annie Moore also placed 5th.

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**ROGER RONALD RICHARDS**

Roger Ronald Richards, age 82, of Golden, passed away at his home on Wednesday, December 28, 2022. The son of Bob and Marianne (VanAntwerp) Richards, Roger was born on May 25, 1940, in Callaway, Nebraska.

Roger worked all his life in construction, running heavy equipment and machinery. After relocating from Nebraska to Colorado, Roger would eventually make his home in the Ozarks in 1985. Roger ran his own business, Richard's Equipment and Leasing, Inc., right until the end. One of Roger's favorite places to be was on a backhoe. Roger also had a love for a pool cue, running many pool tournaments over the years, from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to the Of-

fice Pub in Eagle Rock.

Roger is survived by his wife, Deanie Richards; daughters, Debra Brandwein, and her husband, Shawn, of Billings, and April Sartin; sister-in-law and caregiver, Rose Pierson; niece, Lesley Griboski, of Florida; nephew, Stevie Griboski, of Colorado; as well as many life-long friends.

In addition to his parents, Bob and Marianne Richards, of Golden, Roger was preceded in death by one sister, Sharon Griboski, of Denver, Colorado; one brother, Roy Richards, of Golden; and one daughter, Cami Richards, of California.

A Celebration Of Life will be held at a later date.

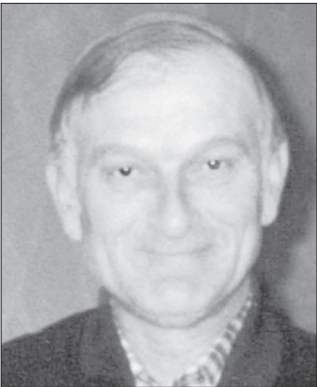
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**RALPH WAYNE TOWERS**

Ralph Wayne Towers, 93, of Pierce City, passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2022. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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**JERRY LEE COX**

Jerry Lee Cox, age 76, of Fairview, passed away Thursday, December 29, 2022, at his home.

He was born October 13, 1946, in Springfield, the son of Wallen and Beulah (Hood) Cox. On April 5, 1976, in Miami, Oklahoma, he was united in marriage to Marilyn Ray, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Chris Cox, of Angleton, Texas; one daughter, Tessie Cox, of Fairview; one sister, Mary Ellen Easley, of Lowell, Arkansas; one sister-in-law, Leatrice Cox, of Cassville; and five grandchildren, Austin, Hunter, Lane, Kayley and Makenzie.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Tony Cox; two brothers, Bill Cox and Jim Cox; one brother-in-law, Ted Easley; and one sister-in-law, Jean Cox.

Jerry grew up and attended school in Exeter, graduating from Exeter High School. He joined the United States Army where he served during the Vietnam War. Jerry raised beef cattle, was a dairy farmer and drove a truck hauling cattle. He enjoyed his

farm work, fishing and just being outside but most of all he loved his family.

Services were held Monday, January 2, 2023, at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Paul Wahlert conducted the services. Burial with military honors was at Rocky Comfort Cemetery in Rocky Comfort.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association in memory of Jerry.

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**THERESA INEZ WALDEN**

Theresa Inez Walden, age 2, of Fairview, entered into rest on December 25, 2022, at her home. Theresa was born August 28, 2020, in Springfield, the daughter of Christian Tyler Walden and Kellie Louise Sprinkles.

She loved animals, drawing, watching her tablet, her Minion blanket, cookies, and pizza. She had a unique personality and was deeply loved by her family.

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Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at the Clark Funeral Home; Granby. Pastor Doug Gripka officiated. Contributions in memory of Theresa may be directed to the family to assist with expenses.

Online condolences may be posted at www.clarkfuneralhomes.com.

Services are under the direction of Clark Funeral Home, Granby.



**PATRICIA LEE "PAT" GLASGOW**

Patricia Lee "Pat" Glasgow, age 81, of Eagle Rock, passed away Friday, December 30, 2022, at her home.

She was born October 30, 1941, in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Hank and Maxine Maria (Kyte) Burroughs. On December 31,

1958, in Detroit, Michigan, she married the love of her life, Dwight Glasgow, who preceded her in death on December 14, 2022. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one great-grandson, Lance Corporal Clayton L. Mais; two brothers, Thomas Burroughs and Terry Burroughs; and one half-brother, Paul May.

She is survived by one son, Glen Glasgow, of East Dubuque, Illinois; one daughter, Peggy Carpenter and her husband, Gary, of Eagle Rock; one brother, Les Burroughs and his wife, Karen, of Fredericksburg, Virginia; two half-sisters, Chris Montgomery, of Bloomington, Indiana, and Margo Davis, of Woodhaven, Michigan; one sister-in-law, Boonmee Burroughs, of Taylor, Michigan; eight grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and thirteen nieces and nephews.

Pat grew up in Detroit, Michigan. After she and Dwight were married, she managed various jewelry and clothing stores as they moved around with his welding job. In 2008, they moved to this area, coming from Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Pat enjoyed baking, traveling, camping, ladies' lunch and her friends, but most of all she loved spending time with her family and taking care of her husband that she adored.

Services will be announced at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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**JOHNNY REEVES TINER**  
 Johnny Reeves Tiner, age 86, of Cassville, passed away Thursday, December 29, 2022, at his home.

He was born December 19, 1936, in Garfield, Arkansas, the son of Ray and Jessie (Reeves) Tiner. On September 6, 1985, in Washburn, he was united in marriage to Mary Hendrix, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Ricky Tiner and his wife, Gail, of Centerton, Arkansas; two stepdaughters, Rebecca Coatney, of Cassville, and Patricia Miller and her husband, Terry, of Cassville; six grandchildren, Angel Stewart and her husband, Denny, of Decatur, Arkansas, Sherry Peoples, of Centerton, Arkansas, Michele Pasemore, of Bentonville, Arkansas, Andy Tiner, of Rogers, Arkansas, Jennifer Rountree and her husband, Neil, of Republic, and Wendy Crim and her husband, James, of Cassville; and six great-grandchildren, Dalton Stewart, of Decatur, Arkansas, Alexis Peoples, of Centerton, Arkansas, Miller Rountree, of Republic, Rush Rountree, of Republic, Jenna Crim, of Cassville, and Levi Crim, of Cassville.

Preceding him in death were his parents; an infant brother, Robert Wyatt; siblings, Winnell Kochis, Dale Tiner, Harold Tiner, Lucy Stewart and Darrell Tiner; and one son, Randy Tiner.

Johnny attended school in Washburn, graduating from Southwest High School. He was self-employed as a dry-wall contractor, owning and operating Tiner Drywall until his retirement. Johnny enjoyed coon hunting, deer hunting, fishing, and taking care of his cattle, but most of all he loved spending time with his grandkids and great-grandkids. He was a member of Prairie Hill Baptist Church.

Services were held Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Jerry Williams conducted the services. Burial was at King Cemetery in

Seligman. Contributions may be made to CoxHealth at Home Hospice in memory of Johnny.

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**MILLARD "KEITH" BOYER**  
 Millard "Keith" Boyer, age 65, of Lynchburg, Virginia, passed away Saturday, December 24, 2022.

He was born February 15, 1957, in Wichita, Kansas, to Millard Dean and Emily "Louise" (Tucker) Boyer. Preceding him in death were his father, Millard Dean Boyer; one brother, Dean Boyer; and one nephew, Josh Boyer.

Surviving are his mother, Emily "Louise" Leitner, of Wichita, Kansas; one brother, Rick Boyer and his wife, Marilyn, of Rustburg, Virginia; one sister, Connie Boyer, of Wichita, Kansas; thirteen nieces and nephews; and twenty-six great nieces and nephews.

Keith attended school in Haysville, Kansas, graduating from Campus High School in 1975. He attended Wichita State University 1976 to 1978 and was a Miller scholarship recipient. He was self-employed as a medical transcriptionist. Keith loved acting, performing in many plays in Wichita and beyond, including Singin' in the Rain, Romeo and Juliet, Inventing Van Gogh, Shadowlands portraying C.S. "Jack" Lewis, Wizard of Oz, Fiddler on the Roof, Social Security, The Trip to Bountiful, and many others, traveling around the country to pursue his passion before settling in Virginia. He worked for a time as a radio broadcaster and also did voice-over work for radio and television. He enjoyed going hiking and spending time in nature. He was a long-time member of First Baptist Church in

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Hayesville, Kansas  
 A memorial service was held Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at First Baptist Church of Haysville, Kansas. Pastor Bo Graves conducted the service.

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, January 5, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Milford Baker will conduct the services. Burial will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Haysville in memory of Keith.

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**GERALD L. "HOKEY" HADDOCK**  
 Gerald L. "Hokey" Haddock, age 80, of Cassville, passed away Monday, January 2, 2023, at his home.

He was born June 6, 1942, in Cassville, the son of Virgil and Frona (Carlin) Haddock. On November 21, 1966, he was united in marriage to Alice Fields, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Shane Haddock, of Missouri and Nashville, Tennessee; Deanna and Denise; one brother Ralph Haddock, of Cassville; and one sister, Janet Poyner, of Washburn.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Rayburn Haddock and Butch Haddock; and one sister, Elinor Aldridge.

Gerald attended school in Cassville. He worked for Bob Cantwell doing construction work. He later owned and operated Haddock Painting until he retired. Gerald loved the Lord and taught his children the same. He enjoyed reading the Bible, hunting, fishing and just being outdoors but he especially loved his family.

Graveside services were held today, Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Gerald.

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**LEONARD ELMOND GRIFFIS**  
 Leonard Elmond Griffis, age 83, of Cassville, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2023, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville.

He was born in Van, West Virginia, the son of Melburn and Erslie Ellen (Green)

Griffis. On March 1, 1974, he was united in marriage to Janeta "Ann" Buntin, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Calvin Griffis and his wife, Mary, of Cassville; one daughter, Karen Capps and her husband, Kevin, of Springfield; one sister, Mary Good, of Mt. Vernon; five grandchildren, Rusty, Jennifer, Emily, Erica and Jonathan; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one sister, Sylvia Hayworth; two brothers, Willie Griffis and Junior Griffis; and two infant sisters.

At the age of six, Leonard moved with his family to Cassville, where he attended school. He had worked several jobs before being employed by FASCO Industries in Cassville as a tool and die maker from where he retired. Leonard enjoyed raising his cattle, fishing and hunting but he most enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Leonard was a member of Corinth Baptist Church.

Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday, January 6, 2023, at Corinth Baptist Church in Cassville, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Donnie Spears will conduct the services. Burial will be at Corinth Cemetery in Cassville.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 6:00 P.M. Thursday, January 5, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Corinth Baptist Church in memory of Leonard.

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**SYLVIA LEE DILL**  
 Sylvia Lee Dill, age 58, of Branson, passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at her home.

Burial was today, Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery in Berryville, Arkansas, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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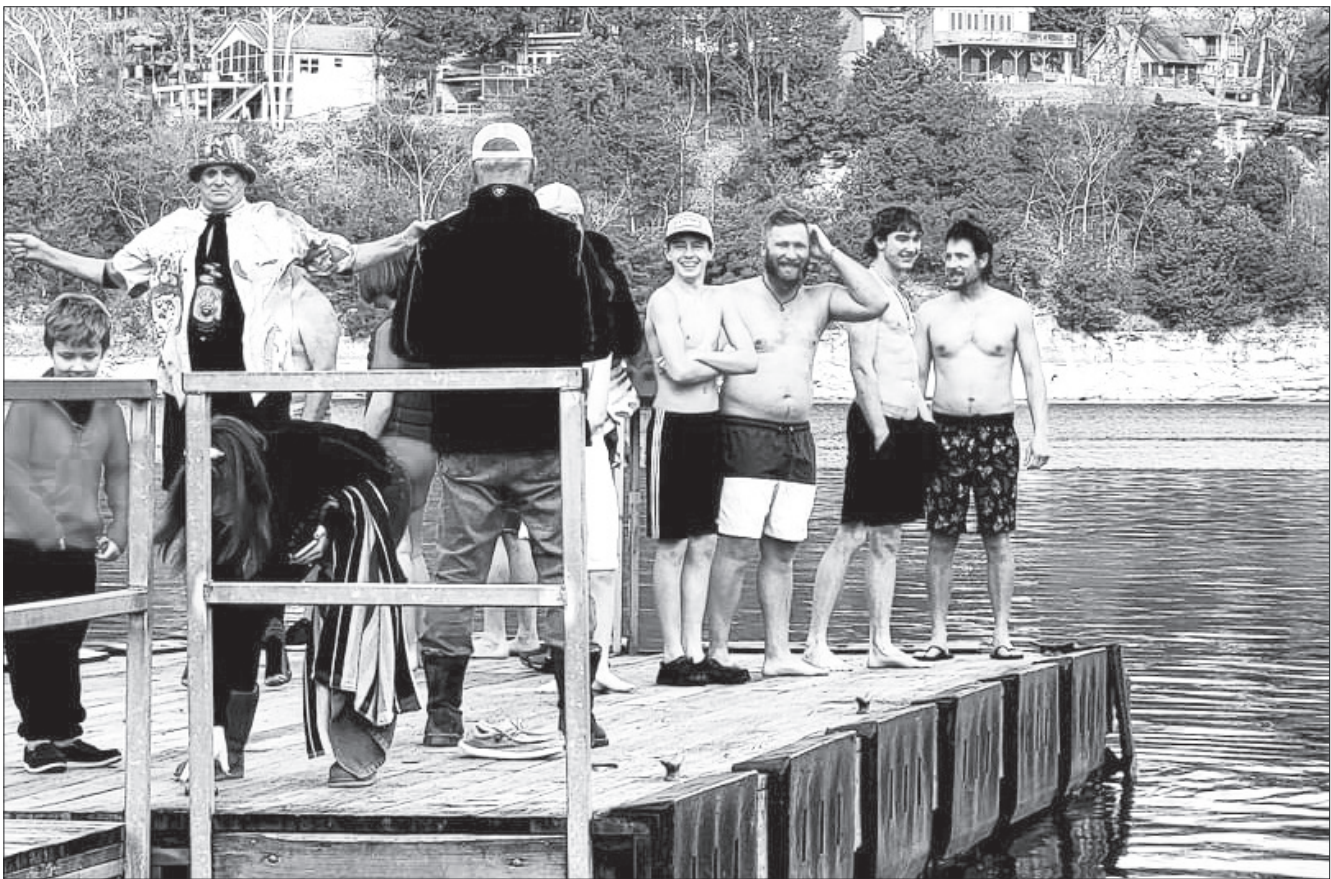
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First annual Polar Plunge held in Shell Knob on New Year's Day



About 30 people in Shell Knob braved the seasonably warm yet still chilly temps and even chillier water at the first annual community event.

Kadee Brosseau DeCourley

Some brave swimmers participated in the first annual Shell Knob Polar Plunge on New Year’s Day, jumping into the frigid waters of Table Rock Lake at 11:11 a.m. on-the-dot on Sunday.

The event was organized by the director of the Shell Knob Chamber of Commerce Kellie Davis.

“I have been trying to come up with more and more things to do for the community. I was just hanging out over Christmas and, a couple of days before the new year, I thought ‘Let’s do a polar plunge,’” Davis said.

Davis said while there wasn’t much notice given to the public about the event, a surprising number of people participated.

“I literally put it out on Facebook three days prior to the new year and was just inundated with interest,” Davis said.

Davis said about 100 people attended the polar plunge to watch, with about 30 people actually jumping into the water. A few boats even pulled up so passengers could either participate or be spectators.

“When I got there at 10:30 a.m. and there were two other people, I thought ‘Here we go. It is going to be us three,’” Davis laughed. “By 11 o’clock there were a ton of people.”

Davis said people of all ages enjoyed the event, from kids to older citizens. The Polar Plunge was held at the public boat launch on the south side of the Shell Knob bridge. Davis said about half of the participants jumped off the dock and half of

the people waded into the water. Some people even did tricks, like doing flips off the dock and into the water.

“It was 55 degrees outside and 46 degrees in the water,” Davis said. “It was shocking, but it was good.”

Davis said, given the interest, the Chamber of Commerce plans to host the Polar Plunge again next year.

“It was just for fun. I’ve never done one before. There wasn’t a lot of time to organize anything. Next year, I’m thinking about having hot chocolate and stuff out there and maybe make it for a charity,” Davis. “This year, it was purely just for fun and I might keep it just for fun. In my position, I am constantly asking people for money to help out with this or help out with that. So, I love to give back to the community for something free that everybody can do.”

There was a lifeguard present at the event as well as the local fire department, in the case of an emergency.

“At least we had things covered in case something bad did happen,” Davis said.

Davis said the Polar Plunge was a fun way to start out 2023 and she thinks people enjoyed starting the year by doing something a little ‘crazy.’

“It’s just kind of crazy. It is cold and it’s out of a lot of people’s comfort zones. That’s why it’s kind of a great way to start the new year, to do something that you normally wouldn’t do,” David said.

Burnside piano students perform at annual recital



Mrs. Ruth Burnsides' piano students performed at their annual Christmas Recital on December 4 at Countryside Christian Church in Monett. Students participating were Zoe, Andi, Isaac, and Kaylee LaCaze; Kuper, Kroquet, and Kora Eden; Sierra and Shelby Cheatam; Kaleb, Quinn, Keenan and Lily Bergeron; Nellie Young, Emily Maples, and Madison Kosinski. All enjoyed a nice variety of Christmas songs. Certificates and trophies were presented to students after the recital.



# Start the year on the right foot with your cattle record-keeping system

As the new year begins, University of Missouri Extension livestock specialist Patrick Davis urges cattle producers to evaluate their record-keeping system to determine if it was successful.

“Record-keeping starts with proper cattle identification,” Davis said. Two nationally known identification systems are the four-digit system and the letter and three-digit system.

The first number of the four-digit system represents the last digit of the calf’s birth year. The other numbers represent the calf’s birth order that year. For example, the 56th calf born in 2023 would be 3056. One problem with this system is the potential for duplication when there are cows in the herd that are 10 or more years old.

“The letter and three-digit system reduces potential cow identification duplication in the herd because it uses a letter to represent the year,” said Davis. The letter represents the year the calf was born

and the three digits represent the calf birth order during that year. For example, if L is the letter assigned to 2023, then L056 is the identification number for the 56th calf born in 2023. The letter changes yearly in sequential order, except I, O, Q and V are not used.

“For the identification system to be used properly in record-keeping, the identification markings need to be permanent and easy to read,” said Davis. Suggested calf identification markings include ear tagging, ear tattooing and branding. Since tattooing and branding are permanent, Davis suggests these in addition to ear tagging. Ear tattooing is a little simpler to do and requires less preparation, so it is preferred over branding. For proper record-keeping, Davis suggests that ear tattooing and tagging be done as soon as possible after the calf is born.

“The record-keeping system should evaluate the en-

tire cattle herd’s productivity so it can be useful in determining successes and problems within the cattle operation,” said Davis.

Pay attention to the breeding, calving and weaning seasons.

“Looking at cattle records as they relate to the breeding season is helpful in determining reproductive efficiency,” said Davis. Cattle producers should record the number of bred cows and heifers and compare that to the total number of cows and heifers that were exposed during the breeding season. This determines pregnancy percentage, which indicates the reproductive efficiency of the cattle operation. Davis also suggests cattle producers identify and cull the open cows and heifers so resources can be dedicated to the most productive cows and heifers.

After calving, determine calving percentage by comparing the number of cows with live calves to the number of cows and heifers that were exposed during the previous breeding season. This measurement evaluates calf death loss due to dystocia (calving difficulty), sponta-

neous abortion or other reproductive health problems. Davis urges producers to cull any cows that lost their calves during this time so resources can be dedicated to productive cows.

“Multiple records and analysis can be used to evaluate cow herd productivity at weaning time,” said Davis. First, look at weaning percentage by comparing the number of weaned calves by the number of animals exposed during the previous breeding season. This evaluates calf death loss from calving to weaning.

There are multiple ways to analyze calf weaning weight as it relates to cattle herd productivity. These include

- Comparing pounds of weaned calves per cows exposed during the previous breeding season. This measurement ultimately tells cattle producers the productivity of their herds.
- Comparing calf weaning weight to cow body size at weaning. This is an indicator of how productive each cow is, which can be very useful for identifying productive females that should be retained and poor-producing females that should be removed to improve herd productivity.

Contact your local MU Extension livestock specialist for more information on how to use a cow record-keeping system to make your cattle operation successful.

# Missouri can lead way to food secure future for all

*Op-ed by Marshall Stewart, chief engagement officer, University of Missouri System, and MU vice chancellor for extension and engagement.*

In a state where agriculture is the No. 1 industry, Missouri can be a powerful leader in making sure every Missourian is food secure. At its core, food security means no child goes to bed hungry and no adult must choose between buying needed medicine and putting food on the family table.

In October, the University of Missouri System hosted its 2022 Extension and Engagement Week. Each year, MU with its university partners and stakeholders across the state focus on big challenges to improve Missourians’ lives. In the past, we’ve addressed rural broadband access, workforce development and health access and equity need. Initiatives with real-world impact emerge from these weeklong “deep dives.” This year, we focused on food.

We looked at the challenges, issues and opportunities around food systems, including production, distribution, value-added agriculture, nutrition and access — all so vital to every one of us and our planet’s health.

At the heart of this complex network is food security: How can we work together to ensure that people everywhere have enough to eat to be healthy and contributing members of society? Even here, in one of our nation’s top food-producing states, 11.4% of all Missourians are food insecure, including

14.1% of children. In some counties, one out of every three children have need.

You cannot have a truly thriving economy at any level; you will not have educational excellence at any level; and you will not have good health at any level if people are food insecure.

There is no one solution for these issues. It will take all of us to find answers.

To that end, the Food Systems Network at the MU Interdisciplinary Center for Food Security is helping to connect a diverse array of partners to help build strong and resilient community-based food systems across Missouri and beyond. They welcome your input.

Resources like the interactive All Things Food Story Map help us better understand Missouri’s food systems and their links to food insecurity. The Missouri Hunger Atlas helps pinpoint, down to the census tract level, the extent of food insecurity in all 114 Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis.

MU and its partners are also taking action.

- A new statewide food systems faculty position will help identify and coordinate partners and interdisciplinary work to address Missouri food system challenges.
- Our fourth annual 4-H Feeding Missouri Food Drive — with Feeding Missouri and Missouri Farmers Care Drive to Feed Kids — seeks to raise the equivalent of 800,000 meals by May 1, 2023, through food and monetary donations and volunteer hours.
- Missouri 100, an advisory group to UM System leadership, will donate \$10,000 to each of the UM System’s four campus food pantries for students. This gift, along with Hogs for Hunger donations from this year’s Missouri State Fair, gets the 4-H Feeding Missouri drive more than halfway to its goal.
- Finally, thanks to state government leaders’ investment in MU Extension, we have the support to fill about 80 open positions that are at various stages of the recruiting process. Nearly all will be for county positions in 4-H Youth Development, Nutrition and Health, Human Development, Livestock, Agronomy, Dairy, Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering, Natural Resources, Community Health and Labor and Workforce Development.

We are excited about this growth. Please share these job postings at <http://muext.us/careers>. We need qualified and dedicated people to join our team.

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