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# Wheaton Fastrip robbery suspect apprehended



Shown above is a screen capture from video surveillance of the armed robbery that occurred on January 5 at the Wheaton Fastrip. Johnathan Worthington (inset) was arrested later that day for the crime and remains in custody at the Barry County Jail.

*Ezra DeVore*

Johnathan Worthington, 38, of Wheaton, has been apprehended following an armed robbery that involved the theft of approximately \$211 from the Fastrip convenience store in Wheaton.

According to a statement of probable cause filed by Wheaton Police Chief Clint Danforth, on January 5, 2023, an employee of the Wheaton Fastrip reported a robbery to the Wheaton Police Department. The individual reported that a male subject entered the store, pointed a firearm at him, and demanded money. The witness stated that he complied and reported the event to the police. Management from Fastrip stated that approximately \$211.00 in cash was taken from the register.

Per a follow-up report, it was concluded that in addition to Worthington, a second subject was also in the vehicle that was used for the robbery.

This individual was interviewed at the Barry County Sheriff's Office. During the interview, they stated that Worthington went into a convenience store to get money and, while pointing a gun at the clerk, took money from the store.

Worthington reportedly circled the store once, pulled back in, and put on his mask. He retrieved a firearm from under the driver's seat and entered the store.

This report matches the video surveillance footage obtained by Fastrip cameras. Additionally, the vehicle in the footage, a black 2008 Volkswagen Jetta, was recovered at a residence in Verona and belonged to Worthington.

After an investigation, it was determined that the subject was Jonathan Worthington, Chief Danforth states.

Worthington has a previous criminal history of domestic violence in California and was prohibited from possessing a firearm at the time of the robbery.

Worthington stands charged with one count each of robbery in the first degree, armed criminal action, and unlawful possession of a firearm. He was booked into Barry County Jail on the day of the robbery with a bond of \$100,000.

# Mitchell promoted to Asst. Branch Manager



Jason Tennant, President and Chief Lending Officer, CS Bank, is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Morgan Mitchell to Assistant Branch Manager of CS Bank's Cassville location. Ms. Mitchell will be responsible for assisting in the oversight of the deposit services staff and daily operations of the Cassville facility. As the bank continues to grow its client base, Ms. Mitchell will assist with overseeing the continued enhancement of the local bank's deposit-based products and services.

Tennant stated, "Morgan has continually shown her dedication to providing CS Bank's customers, communities and her coworkers with the absolute best service and support. We are so pleased to announce her well-deserved promotion and I look forward to her continued professional growth in this position."

Ms. Mitchell was most recently a Deposit Services Representative at the Cassville Location. Ms. Mitchell is a lifetime resident of Barry County and graduated from Southwest High School. She then went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Ag Business Marketing and Sales from Missouri State University in Springfield. Morgan is a member of Corinth Baptist Church.

CS Bank is a \$503 million-dollar, Northwest Arkansas based bank with seven locations throughout the area and plans for continued expansion, including a second location in South Harrison.

# Arning truck driver hits 4M miles plateau

One of Arning's long-time road warriors, truck driver Craig Ganoung, recently reached the four million-mile plateau with the company.

Ganoung has been with Arning for the last 35 years, all spent making sure loads of materials arrive safely and on time, all while working on the road. His unwavering loyalty to Arning cannot be overstated.

"Imagine if you drove 600 miles every day, it would take 18 years to drive 4 million miles," said Kenyon Atkinson, Arning's Chief Design Officer.

In December, Arning gifted Ganoung a Henry rifle



Pictured above, left to right, are: Kenyon Atkinson, Chief Design Officer, Ganoung; and Randy Stockton, Chairman of the Board.

engraved with his latest milestone on the side at the annual service award ceremony.

When he's not driving semis, Ganoung enjoys being around the lake and loves to take trips across the country on his Harley Davidson motorcycle.



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Osteoporosis develops with loss of bone mineral density, and bone mass decreases. This may lead to loss of bone strength and increased risk of fractures. It is a “silent” disease because there are typically no symptoms. It is the major cause of fractures in women after menopause and in older men. The most common sites are the hip, spine, and wrist. Bones may become so fragile that everyday stresses such as bending, lifting, or even coughing can cause a fracture. Last week I reviewed risk factors and some preventive steps. Osteoporosis Overview | NIH Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases National Resource Center is an excellent site for more information.

To diagnose osteoporosis, a bone mineral density (BMD) needs to be ordered. The dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (DXA) measures the BMD of your skeleton, usually the hip and spine. If your BMD results are below a certain level, you will be diagnosed with osteoporosis, and your provider may recommend lifestyle changes to promote bone health and/or medications depending on how low your BMD results are.

Treatment goals are to slow or stop bone loss and prevent fractures. Common recommendations are proper diet, exercise, quitting smok-

ing, limiting alcohol intake, fall prevention, and medications approved for the prevention or treatment of osteoporosis.

Here are some tips to help prevent falls:

- If a cane or walker has been prescribed – use it.
- Wear shoes with good support and thin nonslip soles.
- Avoid clutter and electrical cords on floors; be mindful of your pets to avoid tripping over them
- Keep stairs well-lit and use rails.
- Use a rubber bath mat or slip-proof seat in shower or tub
- Use night lights or keep flashlights handy, especially at the bedside.
- Consider getting a personal emergency-response system to use if you do fall.

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.

Haven of the Ozarks: Pet of the Week



Meet Bella Grace, the Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week! Bella is a beautiful girl who we think is just under 2 1/2 years old. She's a good sized pup who has the perfect amount of energy for nearly any family. Bella loves a good run but also equally enjoys relaxing on the couch with her people. She loves other dogs, likes people of all ages, and will make a great walking buddy. You can meet Bella Grace at the Haven, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. every day or call 417-835-3647 to see if she's your new best friend!

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Temporary WIC benefit increase extended

Missouri WIC has announced the extension of the temporary increase of the Cash Value Benefit for Fruit and Vegetable Purchases (CVB) which began Jan. 5, 2023. The new amounts will be \$25 per month for child participants, \$44 per month for pregnant and postpartum participants and \$49 per month for breastfeeding participants. WIC is the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children.

Eligible participants need to contact their WIC local agency to schedule an appointment to load the additional benefits on their eWIC card before redeeming any January benefits. Participants who redeem any January benefits before receiving the increase will not receive the increase until February.

Missouri WIC provides quality nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, nutritious foods and referrals to health services. It is also one of the most successful, cost-effective and important nutrition intervention programs in the country. Missourians interested in learning about the benefits of WIC may visit wic.mo.gov or call TEL-LINK at 1-800-835-5465 to find the WIC local agency closest to them.

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## Notice:

**Barry County will hold the 2023 budget hearing Thursday, January 19, at 9 A.M. in the Commission room in the Courthouse located at 700 Main Street, Cassville.**

**Sherry L. Smith Barry County Assessor has announced that the 2023 Personal Property and Business Assessment lists were mailed out on January 4, 2023.** If you received an assessment list, but have not yet either filed online using the “Online Filing Pin Number”, displayed on the list, or filled it out and returned it by mail or in person, please do so immediately to avoid a late assessment penalty. If you owned personal property or business equipment on January 1, 2023, and did not receive an assessment list, or you are a new resident to Barry County, please call the Assessor’s Personal Property office immediately at 417-847-2613, to request assistance in being properly assessed. You can assess online, directly over the telephone with one of the office staff, or feel free to drop by the personal property office to assess in person. All personal and business equipment assessment lists must be postmarked by March 31, 2023, to avoid a late assessment penalty.

**Capps Creek Road District bridge on Farm Road 2040** (west of the Polanski Catholic Church) will be closed until further notice due to repairs.

**Farm Road 1162 off of F Highway will be closed until further notice for bridge repairs.**

**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](http://oatstransit.org) and view the local. OATS Transit is hiring drivers statewide in case you know of someone who would make a great driver, so we can continue serving our riders.

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

**Seligman Chamber Event Center** is having a country dance with live bands every Saturday night from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. No alcohol allowed. Admission is \$10 per person. 18 and under are free. There is pot luck, 50/50 and door prizes. For more information, call (417) 662-3612.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Friday, January 13

**Music** will be held at the Clio Community Building located on Hwy. 39 south of Jct. 248 beginning at 6 P.M.

**A Dinner and Dance** will be hosted at the Stella Senior Center with doors opening at 5:30 P.M. The will be a pot luck meal at 6 P.M. The dance will start at 7 P.M. with music performed by The Timberline Country Band. Cover charge is \$5.

## Saturday, January 14

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**A Country Breakfast** will be hosted by the Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary from 7 to 11 A.M. at the Butterfield Fire Station. Menu includes pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. Cost for ages 12 and over \$5, children 11 and under \$3. Delivery is available for Butterfield residents.

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

**New owners of the Lazy Eagle Resort** in Eagle Rock are hosting an open house from 1 to 5 P.M.

## Tuesday, January 17

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

## Saturday, January 21

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)** will be hosting a volunteer bed building event at the Cassville Crowder College Community building at 1 P.M. SHP is a non profit charity that provides beds and bedding for local children who do not have their own bed. Builders must be at least 12 years old. Those under 18 will need a parent present at the build. All building supplies will be provided by the SHP organization.

*If you know of a child or children in need of a bed, visit [www.shpbeds.org](http://www.shpbeds.org) for information on how to apply.*

## School Menus: Jan. 16 - Jan. 20

*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: 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 or piazza, salad green beans, cookie, juice.

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**Purdy R-II Schools:** Mon: No School. Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: toasted ravioli, marinara sauce, salad, fruit. Wed: B: mini waffles, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: hot dog, tater tots, baked beans, fruit. Thurs: apple frudel, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: Frito pie, corn, fruit. Fri: B: oatmeal round, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: sub sandwich, chips, baby carrots, fruit.



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**Bumpy Dirt Roads**  
“There’s a bumpy dirt road before you get to the paved road.” Rough dirt roads were part of my everyday life while growing up in the country. To get about anywhere, you first had to navigate a bumpy road before getting to the good one. I expect the market in 2023 to be a lot like that, bumpy in the beginning leading to a good ride. U.S. stocks ended 2022 down, making it the worst year for stocks since 2008 as the market wrestled with high inflation and a potential recession.

Investors have started 2023 nervous about whether the Federal Reserve can tame inflation without damaging the economy too much. Economic growth and inflation seem to be slowing, encouraging investors that the Fed could be close to slowing or ending its rate hike policy. However, in the December 2022 Fed meeting minutes released on January 4th, the Fed officials said that rates might need to remain high for a while. Their statements seemed to be an attempt to squash investor optimism.

I think the markets in 2023 will be a “two-sided coin.” The first side would be when the Fed raises rates at least one more time, making the first part of the year more

challenging. The second side would come after the Fed announces a policy change giving us the chance of a strong rally for the rest of the year. So this year is about when the Fed stops raising rates, not if. The stock market has always recovered through many downturns, recessions, and political crises. Investors who are patient and can take advantage of market declines are usually rewarded. Since 1950, the S&P 500 Index has averaged 15% and been positive 15 out of 18 years following down a year, according to LPL Research. LPL thinks the S&P could end 2023 at 4,400–4,500, which would be a 15-17% increase from now. So if we can endure the bumpy road in the short term, there is a chance we could get rewarded by year-end.

I enjoyed driving on dirt roads when I was first driving, especially sliding the rear end of my car around the corners like I was on the Dukes of Hazzard. There aren’t as many dirt roads

today because the counties keep paving them. But if you find yourself on a beat-up dirt road, just endure it because a smooth paved road is just ahead. I think it’s the same with the market this year; we will need to endure the beginning to get to the smoother ride up ahead. Have a blessed week!  
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Third annual Missouri Dairy Expo set for Jan. 20

“Get outside your fence rows” is the theme of the 2023 Missouri Dairy Expo, Friday, Jan. 20, in Springfield. “We’re encouraging dairy producers to come together and share ideas while learning,” said Reagan Bluel, University of Missouri Extension dairy specialist and educational director of Missouri Dairy. “We know it is hard to get off the farm, so we created a hard-to-miss schedule, all on one day, to ensure your time is well spent.” “Missouri Dairy takes pride in serving the dairy industry by providing learning opportunities, social events and legislative representation,” said Missouri Dairy chairman Alfred Brandt.

Sessions include navigating today’s tight labor market, managing stress on the farm, an update on federal milk market reform and grant opportunities for dairy

producers. Leaders in the industry will be recognized in an evening ceremony. In addition to breed association awards, there will be awards recognizing state leaders in energy-corrected milk for both volume and component production. The keynote speaker is Jesse Goff, a professor emeritus with Iowa State University and inventor of anionic salts. Goff will share tricks he’s learned over thousands of farm visits to ensure im-

proved health for your transition pen. “This event provides a fantastic opportunity to get off the farm to learn from industry professionals, but also from each other,” Bluel said. “We have take-home information that will put milk in the tank.” The Missouri Dairy Expo is Jan. 20, 2023, at the Oasis Conference Center, 2546 N. Glenstone Ave., Springfield. Register online at www.modairy.org or call 417-772-4231.

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Southwest Elementary's December Caring Students front row, left to right, are Paisley Short, Junior Miller, Khloe Dunn, Autumn Hayworth, and Jayce Cutberth; middle row, left to right, Annie Still, Gannon King, Ainsley Miller, Hazel Roe, and Maddison Hackler; back row, left to right, Alexa Edie, Kylee Horton, Willa Outhouse, Paxten Wilder, and Hannah Brooks. Absent from the photo are students Emmett Davis, Parker Baker, Anna Howard, and Elijah Kimball.

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**JOYCE MAY POGUE CUSICK**

Joyce May Pogue Cusick, age 73, of Cassville, passed away January 5, 2023, after a valiant eight-plus year struggle with cancer. She died at home, with grace and dignity, with her husband by her side.

Joyce was born May 13, 1949, in Lamar, Colorado, to Leonard W. Pogue and Jewel M. Anderson. She was united in marriage to Roger D. Cusick on April 15, 1989, in Gainesville, Florida. She is survived by Roger, of the home; son, Jeffrey S. Manning (Janet), of Marathon, Florida; and one sister, Janice Wheatley, of Plano, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Dean Pogue and Dennis Pogue; and one sister, Carol Williams.

Her parents were originally from Stella and Rocky Comfort, respectively, and she lived in many different towns and states through the years: Kansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee relocating to Cassville as she and Roger approached their retirement years. She had visited this area often as a child to see grandparents and family.

She loved the excitement of new places, meeting new people, learning the history of the area, and exploring what each new place had to offer and to travel in those areas and see the country. She and Roger were able to make a trip to Germany to trace Roger's German ancestors, and to Prague, Czech Republic, to attend the wedding of Jeff and Janet in 2003 and again in 2012. She was passionate about genealogy and spent many years researching her family genealogy and was proud to publish her genealogies: "Our Pogue Family" (2014) and "Walter Anderson, Adventurer, Soldier, Pioneer and allied Families: Roseberry, Warren, Foster, Hester, Brown, Dabbs" (2013). Joyce was a collector of both bells and antique nursing bottles and shared her collections in several displays over the years. She was a long-time member of the American Bell Association and also a member of local bell chapters in both Colorado and Missouri. She was also a member of American

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Collectors of Infant Feeders related to her nursing bottle collection. She enjoyed travelling to different locations around the country for the annual conventions for both organizations. Memorial contributions may be made to the Barry County Museum or the Barry County Genealogy and Historical Society.

A family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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

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**HOYT D. ENNES**

Hoyt D. Ennes, 56, of Monett, passed from this life to his Heavenly home on Friday afternoon, January 6, 2023, while at Cox South, following a sudden illness.

Hoyt was born on March 2, 1966, in Monett, the son of Samuel Verdayne and Olafae (Pryor) Ennes. Hoyt graduated from Monett High School with the Class of 1984. He continued his education with a Bachelor of Science degree from SMS in Springfield. Hoyt owned and operated Green World Landscape. He was a member of the Easyville Fundamental Methodist Church, where he was involved as a song leader, youth director, Sunday School teacher and church camps. He enjoyed farming with his dad. Hoyt will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father, son, brother, grandpa, uncle and friend. He will be greatly missed by all.

On February 6, 1992, Hoyt and Nidia W. Pineda eloped in Center, Texas, and had a formal wedding in Monett on April 11, 1992.

Hoyt was blessed with a beautiful family and countless wonderful memories. He is survived by his wife of thirty years, Nidia, along with daughters, Durrel Tudor and husband, Darrin, of Monett, Desirie Smith and husband, Jacob, of Willow Springs, and Darissa, of the home; four grandchildren, Grayson, Duriah, Dayiah and Gauge, who called him "Pops"; his parents, Verdayne and Olafae Ennes, of Monett; one brother, Wade Ennes and wife, Cheryl, of Monett; he was a second dad to, Cinthia Cole, Melissa Munoz and Vanessa Vanden; as well as a host of extended family and friends. He was "Uncle Pops" to Addison Cole, Adalynn Munoz, and Emmaline Vanden.

Funeral services for Hoyt will be held 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at Grace Independent Methodist Church with Rev-

erend Wyatt Howerton officiating. Interment will follow at Bethel Cemetery, south of Monett. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions have been suggested to Nidia Ennes for medical expenses in care of the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

**RICKEY RAY FLETCHER**

Rickey Ray Fletcher, age 69, of Exeter, passed away at his home on Monday, January 2, 2023. The son of Doyle and Lorene (Wright) Fletcher, Rickey was born on July 28, 1953, in Stella.

After graduating from Washburn High school, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served his country proudly. On February 27, 1978, Rickey married Karen Peel in Rogers, Arkansas, where they spent countless time together making lasting memories. Some of his favorite pastimes include fishing, hunting, and shooting skeet, winning several awards and trophies throughout the years. Rickey was a friend to many and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his loving wife, Karen Fletcher, of Exeter; two sons, Doyle Fletcher, of Kansas City, Kansas, and Tony Drain and his wife, Jennifer, Rogers, Arkansas; four grandchildren, Erika Stewart, Ivy Drain, Tony Drain and Franklin Drain; five great-grandchildren, Taylor Dyess, Anna Stewart, Ryder Drain, Jasper Drain and Rowin Drain; two sisters, Brenda Turner and her husband, Tom, of Cassville, and Glenda Hollis and her husband, Dickey, of Washburn; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Rickey was preceded in death by his daughter, Christie Hoffman; grandson, Dalton Stewart; and sister, Kathy Curry.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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**BOBBY LEE BURDISS**

Bobby Lee Burdiss, age 37, of Cassville, passed away Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at his home.

Graveside services were held Monday, January 9, 2023, at Mineral Springs Cemetery in Cassville, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Tony Ball conducted the services.

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JOHNNY LEE ELMORE

Johnny Lee Elmore, age 81, of Purdy, passed away Thursday, January 5, 2023, at his home.

Graveside services were held Saturday, January 7, 2023, at Arnhart Cemetery in Purdy, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jason Mackey conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to Arnhart Baptist Church in memory of Johnny.

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BILLY "BILL" RAY WRENFROW

Billy "Bill" Ray Wrenfrow, age 67, of Seligman, passed away at his home on Sunday, January 8, 2023. The son of James and Anna Pearl (Cook) Wrenfrow, Bill was born on July 20, 1955, in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas. On August 15, 2003, he met the love of his life, Dena Miller, and they spent a beautiful and happy life together.

Bill was an avid lover of all things horses and cattle, devoting most of his life to them. Bill enjoyed roping and riding, touring with the Bud Mayberry Rodeo Company for a time. Bill traded, sold, and shod horses throughout his life, even working as a ranch foreman. Bill was a cowboy and a gentleman; he will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his loving wife, Dena, of Seligman; two daughters, Nocona Russell, of Sarcoxie, and Cheyenne Clark, of Seneca; one son, Tristan Smith, of Seligman; five grandchildren, Tessa, Ripp, Roper, Ryder, and Rhett; one great-grandson, Cyrus; three brothers, Eddie

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Wrenfrow, of West Plains, Jim Wrenfrow, of Garfield, Arkansas, and Doyle Wrenfrow, of Springfield; one sister, Hazel Smith Wrenfrow, of Flippin, Arkansas; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by two brothers, Jimmy Joe Wagner and Robert Wrenfrow; one sister, Linda Kay Wrenfrow; and special friend and running buddy, Bones Skelton.

Funeral services were held today, Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at White Funeral Home, of Cassville, with Pastor Justin Harris officiating. Burial followed at Seligman City Cemetery in Seligman.

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MARY ANNE KASKE BUTLER

Mary Anne Kaske Butler, 77, of Golden, passed away after a long illness Monday January 2, 2023, at her home with family.

She was born in St. Louis, the daughter of George and Fernanda Kaske. She is preceded in death by her parents and ex-husband, John H. Arns Jr., who is the father of her children. Surviving are her daughter, Amy Schachle (husband Lawrence), of Wasilla, Alaska, and son John Arns, of Portland, Oregon. Amy is the mother of Mary Anne's two granddaughters Lauren and Josephine. She is also survived by her sister, Joel Lachance (husband Jerry and daughter Julie), of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and her current husband, Jerry L. Butler, of the home.

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high school in 1962 from Ursuline Academy then attended St. John's Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. She later attended Webster University and graduated with a BS in Nursing. She worked 41 years as a Registered Nurse (RN) and had many roles and titles including staff nurse, labor and delivery, surgery, mental health, surgery admission unit, instructor at Park University nursing program, clinical nurse manager of obstetrics, triage and others. She worked at many hospitals throughout her career in Maryland, Washington state, Washington DC, St. Louis, and the Kansas City area although she spent most of her years at North Kansas City Hospital.

She had many hobbies including reading (was a member of two book clubs), knitting, quilting, gardening, and was a lover of music and flowers. She was a member of the Shell Knob Quilting Guild and she ushered at the Kansas City Repertory Theater. She and her husband Jerry travelled throughout the United States, east to west, including Hawaii and Alaska. They also travelled to Europe many times.

She loved life, her husband, children and grandchildren. She had a great sense of humor, sometimes a little "dark". She volunteered at hospice, was a member of E.R.C.A. at Eagle Rock, a volunteer at Christmas dinners held in Shell Knob, and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. She was a very giving and caring woman you would have liked to know.

She and Jerry liked to sit on their deck overlooking the King's River/Table Rock Lake and watch the water,

critters, sunsets and the birds at the feeders. She also liked snow shoeing and undisturbed snow. She loved slow boating, laughter, mountains, children and hazelnut cream in her coffee.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be sent to the family at shellknobfuneralhome.com.



MARION LEE COOPER

Marion Lee Cooper, 95, of Pineville, died January 8, 2023, at his home.

He was born September 20, 1927, in Powell, to John Absolum Cooper and Lilly Mae DeWitt Cooper. He was a United States Army Veteran serving in Korea and retired from the Missouri State Highway Dept. after twenty-six years. He had a dairy farm and enjoyed raising his goats and chickens. He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joyce Lee Horton Cooper; siblings, Billy Cooper, Opal Blevins and Edna Jordan.

Survivors are his son, Jack Cooper, of Pineville; Marilyn Gray and husband, Danny, of Pineville; two grandchildren, Rex Gray and wife, Julianne, of Midvale, Utah, Mark Gray and wife, Jamie, of Junction City, Kansas; a great-grandson, whom Marion thought the world of, Cooper Gray;

and his faithful companion, "Bud".

Graveside service is set for 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at Roller Cemetery in Powell. No Visitation. Arrangements are by Sisco Funeral Home in Pea Ridge, Ark.

Online condolences may be made at siscofuneralhome.net.



OTIS DALE REED

Otis Dale Reed, age 86, of Cassville, passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at NHC HealthCare of Joplin. The son of Delmar and Geneva (Reddick) Reed, Otis was born on August 23, 1936, in Cassville. In October of 1961, Otis was united in marriage to Nancy Myers in Miami,

Oklahoma; she survives.

Otis served his nation proudly, and honorably, in the United States Army. An employee of Hiland Dairy, Otis delivered milk to homes, eventually transitioning to store delivery. An avid music fan, Otis spent his life collecting vinyl records. Otis was a good man, who will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his wife, Nancy (Myers) Reed, of Cassville, Otis is survived by three children, Jerry Dale Reed, of Cassville, Suzanne Rush, of Kimberling City, Melanie Skinner, and her significant other, Jeff Hutson, of Cassville; and seven grandchildren.

Otis was preceded in death by his parents, Delmar and Geneva (Reddick) Reed.

A private family burial will be held at a later date.

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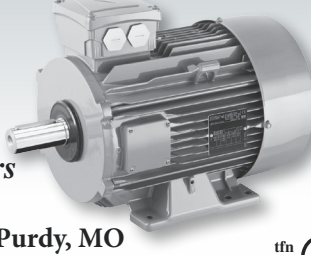
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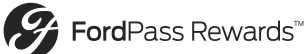
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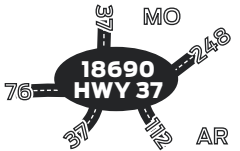


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**JERRY HUBERT FORRESTER**  
Jerry Hubert Forrester, age 82, of Rocky Comfort, passed away Sunday, January 8, 2023, at Freeman Hospital in Joplin.  
He was born September 25, 1940, in Lawrence County, the son of Milford and Bessie (Noe) Forrester.

On September 7, 1962, in Cassville, he was united in marriage to Sandra Timmons, who preceded him in death on March 11, 2002. On September 11, 2002, in Simco, he was united in marriage to Delores June Poe, who preceded him in death on July 21, 2022. Also preceding him in death were his parents; an infant daughter, Elizabeth; one brother, James Barrett; and two sisters, Imogene Burrow and Annabelle Carsten.  
Surviving are two daughters, Jayna Sewell and her husband, Mark, of Bella Vista, Arkansas, and Michele Gaither, of Rocky Comfort; one sister, Kathy Jaroszewski and her husband, Travis, of Sargent, Texas; and two grandchildren, Jerry Tyler and his wife, Lori, of Seligman, and Jaylee Hoffman, of Rocky Comfort.  
Jerry attended high school in Point Lookout, graduating from School of the Ozarks. After graduating, he joined the United States Navy. Jerry lived in the Washburn area most of his life before moving to the Wheaton area in 1994. Over the years, he was a draftsman, rural postal carrier for Rocky Comfort and Washburn, and farmer, raising hogs and growing crops. Jerry enjoyed baking pies, playing guitar and riding cutting horses. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Wheaton.  
Services will be held at

OBITUARIES

**DORCAS AGNES HANEY**  
Dorcas Agnes Haney, age 83, of Cassville, passed away Saturday, January 7, 2023, at her home.  
Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, February 18, 2023, at New Life Temple in Cassville. Reverend Leonard Sansom will conduct the services. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.  
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Albert “Jody” Ray, age 74, of Aurora, passed away Mon-

day, January 9, 2023, at Cox Monett Hospital in Monett.  
Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Lighthouse Full Gospel Church in Eagle Rock, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Lonnie Stockton and Brother Barney Gibson will conduct the services. Burial will be at Clío Cemetery in Jenkins.  
The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M. Friday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.  
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REAL ESTATE – FURNITURE – MISC TOOLS  
Real Estate: 3 bd, 2 ba home, living, room w/fireplace open to the kitchen/ dining room utility room. 1296 sq ft home, gated drive, outbuilding, all on 25 acres m/l, right on busy State Highway 37 only 8/10 miles to George’s, 6.2 miles to Cassville and 11.3 miles to Monett. Very conveniently located and a valuable tract of land on Hwy. 37. Furniture & Appliances: Very nice king size sleigh bed, night stands - sofa & love seat - dining table & chairs - king size bed. Appliances: Nice side by side refrigerator - nice washer and dryer - medium size chest freezer - very small amount of sm hand tools. Mower: Cub cadet 50” zero turn mower. Note: These small tracts of land are getting hard to find and almost impossible on Hwy. 37. We will be offering this property per court order and will sell subject to court approval. Come prepared to purchase a very nice property, possibilities are unlimited. Call to preview the property before auction date. Shown by appointment only. 417-847-2507. Please read all terms!!! This is a very small auction so be on time, it won’t take long. Starts at 10am with Real Estate selling first. Terms: Cash, good check or credit card with 2 forms of current ID. If paying with credit card a 5% fee will apply. Must have current drivers license to obtain bidder number. All terms on bidder card apply. All sells as is where is with no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. Real Estate Terms: Qualified buyers only w/pre-approved bank letter of approval. Nonrefundable 10% paid day of auction w/balance due in cash or certified funds within 30-45 days. Buyers and sellers will be responsible for their own portion of their closing cost. Taxes will be prorated to date of close. Sells as is where is with no warranties or guarantees. Sells with court approval. Bidders, buyers or agent of the buyer is responsible for conducting own inspection of property prior to auction and should rely solely upon their own due diligence and inspection. This property is offered with absolutely no contingencies of any kind, no contingencies on financing, surveys, appraisals or final walk throughs. A 10% buyer’s premium will apply. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material.  
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