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Paine arrested for Purdy bomb incident



Benjamin Wade Paine (inset, above) was taken into custody on February 3 by Barry County Sheriff's deputies for unlawful possession of an explosive device. Photo: Purdy Fire Protection District.

Adriana Keeton

On Thursday, February 2, just before 5 a.m., Purdy Fire and the Barry County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a small outside fire on Farm Road 2095 in Purdy. While en route, responding units received updated information from central dispatch of a possible bomb. When firefighters arrived on the scene, a device was found that resembled an explosive on fire.

According to a probable cause statement dated February 3 by Detective Doug Henry with the Barry County Sheriff's office, the fire was reported to be a five-gallon bucket on fire on top of a propane tank. Once the fire was extinguished, it was

determined that the incendiary device was a homemade bomb. The propane tank appeared to be equipped with a light switch hooked to a battery with wire fence clips, nuts, bolts, screws, ceramic shards, and other debris attached.

On February 3, Detective Doug Henry interviewed Benjamin Wade Paine, 29, of Purdy, after Barry County deputies arrested him for trespassing on the same property and through the same gate where the incendiary device was placed on February 2. During the interview, Paine admitted to being at the bucket that was on fire and that a knife found at the scene by investigators was his.

Responding agencies included Springfield Fire Department's Bomb Squad and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Paine is charged with Unlawful Possession of an Explosive Weapon and is currently held in the Barry County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.

Local dispensary optimistic about rec cannabis



Shown above, left to right, are Amanda Roller, Senior Patient Care Associate, and Charlea Estes-Jones, general manager of Cassville Dispensary.

Ezra DeVore

With adult use of cannabis being passed in Missouri last November, it has officially become legal to purchase in the state for all citizens over the age of 21. Though the motion only passed by a slight margin, local recreational and medical dispensary manager Charlea Estes-Jones says that medical professionals and locals have responded quite positively to the change.

In total, the medical card would cost you around \$125 with expenses included, and Estes-Jones states that many locals can't afford this upfront price point for their medical attention. With the bill being passed, several aspects of the function of a medical card have altered, with one being that they are now valid for three years as

opposed to one.

While medicinal use is on the mind of many, recreational cannabis being passed will accrue its share of curious fun-seekers; however, Estes-Jones says that approximately 80% of those who have entered the store are asking medically based questions, not recreational.

"People are having fun," she says, "but whether they know it or not, they're likely coming here for medical treatment."

Historically, mental health issues like anxiety, depression, lack of appetite, social difficulties, and more have been soothed by cannabis, she states. However, Estes-Jones has personally seen the plant accomplish greater feats.

See Cannabis 3A

94th annual Barry County Soil and Crops Conference held last week in Cassville

Adriana Keeton

Last Thursday, landowners gathered for the 94th annual Barry County Soil and Crops Conference at the First Christian Church in Cassville.

Conference speakers included Field Specialist in Dairy Reagan Bluel, Field Specialist in Ag Business Jennifer Lutes, Field Specialist in Agronomy Tim Schnakenberg, and Field Specialist in Ag Business Wes Tucker.

The conference was sponsored by First State Bank, Goswick AG, Four States Stockyards, MFA, Purdy Farm Center, Arvest Bank, Barry County Farmers Co-



Shown above is Jennifer Lutes, Field Specialist in Ag Business with the University of Missouri Extension, with land owner Matt Cupps during a Q and A session.

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Cannabis from front

“I had a really hard time admitting I was sick for a really long time. I had brain surgery in November and a cervical spine fusion in December; those were six weeks apart. My neurosurgeon was incredibly supportive of the field that I work in because he has seen what it does for people. So being transformed myself while also seeing my patients come in, say how many times they’ve been in the ER to receive morphine, then come in and say that with a single transdermal patch, with no psychoactive effects whatsoever, their pain stopped. They break into tears because it’s the first time in recent memory they haven’t been in pain. That’s why I do what I do.”

On the April ballot, there will be an additional 3% tax offered on the sale of cannabis for the county. Currently, there is a 6% tax split between mental health services, drug rehabilitation, and public defenders.

On the subject of this being a step in the direction of analyzing the medicinal benefits of other substances shown to have potential (LSD, psilocybin, ketamine, MDMA), Estes-Jones stated: “From a natural healthcare perspective, there is a reason why mental health professionals are fighting to have those types of things decriminalized. We have had people have total life 180s with cannabis. It’s not because it’s a cure-all, it’s not

because it’s a miracle, but because people are using it as a health and wellness tool, and they’re able to integrate it into their life to make themselves feel better. We’re seeing that a lot.”

The recreational sales were supposed to open on Monday, February 6. However, Saturday, February 4, was the first day of wide-scale recreational sales. The store was informed they could

Weeds adapt to fight back against herbicides

Weeds today aren’t like “what Mom used to make,” says University of Missouri Extension weed scientist Kevin Bradley.

Today’s weeds know how to fight back against long-used herbicides and adapt in ways that spell trouble in production agriculture, says Bradley. Officially, Missouri already has 11 different herbicide-resistant weed species. Waterhemp and Palmer amaranth, both weeds in the pigweed family, rule the roost when it comes to resistant weeds in Missouri, he says.

Resistant weeds are fast outpacing the development of new herbicides. It’s not just resistance running amok; it’s the type of resistance that concerns Bradley. “Some of the mechanisms responsible for resistance in these weeds like waterhemp and Palmer amaranth aren’t like anything we’ve seen before,” he says.

Herbicides focus on specific enzymes that bind to target sites. Historically, weeds have adapted through mutations in their internal enzymes that result in changes to the those target sites. This has been one of the most common resistance mechanisms identified in weeds for the past several decades.

More recently, weeds have been developing metabolic-based resistance, or non-target-site resistance, which lets plants convert the herbicide’s active ingredient into inactive metabolites that don’t kill the plant. Worse yet, metabolic resistance can confer resistance to other herbicides within the same chemical groups and perhaps even to herbicides in other groups. It’s possible that metabolic resistance can confer resistance to new herbicides that have never been sprayed in that field. This makes weed control even more unpredictable and concerning, says Bradley.

“Unfortunately, the trend with resistant pigweeds like

open early on Friday, and much of the day was spent configuring equipment.

February 4 saw the store reach 3.5x the average sales numbers.

“It was fast, it was furious, but it was absolutely fantastic. Our staff worked together extremely well; everyone who came through was very patient and very understanding. We had a few people who were brand new,

with only a couple days on the sales floor, but they did incredibly. One of our supervisors had a step count of over 21,000 just from being here,” Estes-Jones laughed, “but it was a great day. It was incredible to be a part of such a historic moment. To know that those people left with really high-quality products, much better than they would get on the black market, felt really good to me.”

alone aren’t a silver bullet to solve the resistance problem.”

Meanwhile, Bradley is studying other ways to control weeds and prevent weed seeds from returning to the soil. Methods include weed electrocution and a seed destructor that crushes seeds during harvest. Bradley says that it is going to take more than herbicides alone to solve this problem with resistant weeds. Visit weedscience.missouri.edu for more information.

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Conference from front
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 Reagan Bluel opened the conference with introductions and discussed AgriStress, an agriculture-specific helpline for farmers and producers. The Helpline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Producers can call or text (833) 897-2474 to speak to a healthcare professional.
 Jennifer Lutes then presented an overview of multi-species grazing. During the program, she explained the cost benefits of having multi-species on a farm, what species are compatible in grazing and browsing behavior, and the importance of choosing species from separate market assets.
 After a short break, Tim Schnakenberg discussed Drought-Induced Pasture Reset and how last year's drought would affect grass crops and the weed problem to expect with a focus on managing spring fescue and frost-seeding clover.
 The last speaker for the evening was Wes Tucker. His

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Notice:

The Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will be closed Monday, February 13, 2023, for Lincoln’s Birthday.

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 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. OATS offices will be closed, and regular routes will not be running on Monday, February 20, 2023, for the Presidents’ Day holiday.

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

Harvick Farms nursery of Cassville offers free gardening classes to the public. For information about upcoming classes, visit www.harvickfarms.com or their retail location near the Barry County Museum.

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

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

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, February 10

A Dinner and Dance will be hosted at the Stella Senior Center with doors opening at 5:30 P.M. There will be a buffet 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. Refreshments are always available. Please call (417) 628- 3314 or (417) 489-3661 for more information.

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

Saturday, February 11

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

A Country Breakfast will be served by the Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary from 7 to 11 A.M. at the Butterfield Fire Station. The menu includes biscuits and gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. Price for ages 12 and older is \$5. Ages 11 and under is \$3. Delivery is available for local Butterfield residents.

Saturday, February 11 Continued

Auditions will be held for the comedy “Mission Possible” at 10 A.M. at United Methodist Church, YY15, Shell Knob. Show dates will be April 28, 29, 30. No experience necessary. Call (903) 818-5318 before February 10 if date conflict.

Monday, February 13

The Stella Senior Center will host a Valentine Dance. Doors open at 5:30 P.M. with a breakfast meal served at 6 P.M. The dance will start at 7 P.M. with The Dale Johnson Country Review Band playing. Cover charge is \$5. Refreshments are available all evening. All are welcome to come over to Stella for a country good time.

Tuesday, February 14

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



School Menus: Feb. 13 - Feb. 17

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Cassville R-IV High School: Mon: B: biscuit and gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, cinnamon toast, peaches. L: sloppy joe or turkey sandwich, Sun Chips, baked beans, juice. Tues: B: biscuit and gravy or blueberry bagel, Go-Gurt, peaches or cereal, Pop-Tart, fruit cocktail. L: pizza or popcorn chicken, corn, salad, tropical fruit. Wed: B: biscuit and gravy or scrambled eggs, hashbrown, toast, tropical fruit or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: alfredo or spaghetti, salad, green beans, breadstick, pears. Thurs: B: biscuit and gravy or french toast, sausage, pears or cereal, Rice Krispies Treat, pears. L: grilled ham and cheese or grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, crackers, carrots, pineapple. Fri: No School.

Cassville R-IV Pri. Int. Mid.: Mon: B: biscuit and gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, tropical fruit or cereal, blueberry muffin, applesauce. L: sloppy joe or country steak, Baked Lays, peas, peaches. Tues: B: biscuit and gravy or cherry frudel, yogurt cup, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, mandarin oranges. L: burrito or nacho supreme, green beans, graham cracker, orange. Wed: B: biscuit and gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, applesauce or cereal, graham crackers, pears. L: BBQ pork sandwich or fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, glazed carrots, Sidekicks. Thurs: B: biscuit and gravy or rice, toast, sausage, mandarin oranges or cereal, Pop-Tart, peaches. L: Frito pie or quesadilla, pinto beans, corn, peaches. Fri: No School.

Purdy R-II Schools: Mon: B: scrambled eggs, whole wheat toast, fruit. L: tangerine chicken, brown rice, broccoli and cauliflower, mandarin oranges. Tues: B: whole grain biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: chili mac, tossed salad with tomato and ranch, fruit. Wed: B: whole grain mini waffles, syrup cup, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: whole grain chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, whole grain roll, fruit. Thurs: B: cinni minis, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: sub sandwich, Sun Chips, baby carrots, fruit. Fri: No School.

Cassville Branch Library Activities

February 9:

- 10am: Storytime with Miss Kelly
- 2pm: Storytime with Miss Kelly

February 10:

- 12pm-4pm: Red Cross Blood Drive

For more information about services offered by our Cassville Library, call the

Cassville Branch Library at 417-847-2121 or visit at 301 W. 17th St., Cassville. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:30pm; new Saturday hours are 9am to 1pm; and closed on Sunday. For information online, visit the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library website: blrli-brary.com.

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Cox Monett Advisory Board elects new officers



Shown above, left to right, are Jack Williams, newly elected president; Lou Ellen Honeycutt; and Joel Thomas.

New officers were elected at the Jan. 26 quarterly meeting of Cox Monett Hospital's Community Advisory Board. Jack Williams, a member of the board since 2018 and president of Monett-based WinTech Corporation, was elected to serve a one-year term as president. "We are thrilled Jack accepted the role as president of Cox Monett's Advisory Board," says Andrea McKay, president of Cox Monett. "As a strong, well-respected member of our community, Jack understands what it

takes to build a culture of excellence, so our patients receive our absolute best, every day, every time." Williams succeeds Nicole (Niki) Weber, who has served as president since January 2021. "We are so appreciative of Niki's leadership efforts; she brought forth many fresh ideas for the board to get more involved in our staff recognition activities, which was really well-received," says McKay. In addition to Williams, Joel Thomas of Jack Henry

& Associates was elected to serve as vice president, and Lou Ellen Honeycutt was re-elected as secretary for the 2023-2024 year. "The hospital's advisory board is a crucial component in connecting and engaging with our community," says McKay. "We value their expertise and visionary guidance so Cox Monett can continue to be the health care leader of choice in Barry and Lawrence counties." Additional members of the community serving on the hospital's advisory

board include Rod Anderson, Donna Beckett, Rusty Bowsher, Helen Cha, Steve Dodson, Dr. Mark Drake, Dennis Flattem, Chris Fuldner, Judge Mike Garrett, Dr. Megan Carter, Yesy Perez, Pete Rauch, Maura Sparks, Judge J. Edward Sweeney, Jay Triplett, Sonia Valenciano, and Barbara White.

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Wildcat FFA Members attend District Greenhand Conference



The State Officers of the Missouri FFA Association recently conducted eighteen Greenhand Motivational Conferences in Missouri. MFA Incorporated helped sponsor the conferences. Seated above front row, left to right, are Vice President Jason Holland, Eldon; Vice President Grace Doss, West Plains; Past State Secretary Emily Hoyt, Audrain Co. R-VI; Vice President Allison Schneider, Silcox; Vice President Kate Rogers, South Harrison; and State President, Colton Roy, Trenton with first year Cassville School FFA members.

Over 4,500 first-year FFA members from more than 350 Missouri High Schools had the opportunity to learn about being positive role models, getting involved,

making sound choices, becoming active team members, and making a positive difference in their lives, school, and community at the annual Greenhand Moti-

vational Conferences. These conferences, presented by the State FFA Officers and sponsored by MFA Incorporated, were held January 9-13 throughout Missouri.

Through interactive workshops and skits, the State FFA Officers encouraged first-year FFA members to explore their talents and reach outside their comfort zone for the opportunities provided through FFA membership. They helped the new

agriculture students set goals for their education, careers, and FFA experience. Eighteen conferences were held at 13 different locations throughout the state. The FFA is a national youth organization of over 850,000 student members

preparing for leadership and careers in agriculture science, business, and technology, with 356 chapters and more than 25,900 members in Missouri. The FFA strives to make a positive difference in students' lives by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

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MDC virtual program to focus on paddlefish snagging

Snagging for paddlefish and for nongame fish is a unique and challenging form of fishing.

People wanting to learn more about snagging should sign up for the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual program “Fishing Skills: Virtual, Snagging Fish” on Feb. 22. This online program, which will be from 2:30-3 p.m., is being put on by the staff of MDC’s Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center in Joplin. People can register for this program at <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/188972>.

Snagging (also called grabbing) involves hooking a fish in an area other than its mouth. The primary focus of the Feb. 22 program will be paddlefish. MDC Administrative Specialist Tim Smith will discuss about this style of fishing that is used to catch paddlefish, also known as “spoonbill.” Smith will discuss the rods, reels, hooks, and other gear needed for the paddlefish snagging season. He’ll also discuss regulations, techniques, and strategies. Missouri’s paddlefish season is from March 15-April 30.

Although much of this program will be about how to snag paddlefish, Smith will also discuss snagging non-

game fish. Missouri has two snagging seasons for non-game fish; March 15 to May 15 and Sept. 15 to Jan. 31. Only species that are classified by Missouri’s Wildlife Code as “nongame fish” are legal to be taken during these seasons. Suckers are the most frequent catch of these snagging seasons, but people also snag for carp, buffalo and other species of nongame fish.

Though this program is free, registration is required to participate. Use the link above. Registrants must provide an e-mail, so a program link can be sent to them. People can stay informed about upcoming programs at MDC’s Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center and other nearby MDC facilities by signing up for text alerts and e-mail bulletins. People who have questions about how to sign up for text alerts from the Shoal Creek Center can call 417-629-3423.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding virtual programs. A listing of these programs can be found at mdc.mo.gov/events.

Topham receives Governor's Award



Roaring River State Park Manager Joel Topham (above, right) was presented a Governor’s Award from Missouri Department of Natural Resources Director Dru Buntin (above, left). Topham received the award for his lifesaving efforts performing CPR on a trail user alongside Park Ranger Steve Jabbin during summer of 2022 and joins an elite group of Missouri State Park team members in receiving this award.

Apply online for MDC spring managed turkey hunts



Missouri turkey hunters can apply online during February for 2023 spring turkey managed hunts through the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) website at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey/turkey-spring-managed-hunts.

Managed hunt details and application procedures are outlined on the webpage. Drawing results will be posted starting March 15.

The spring turkey hunting youth portion will be April 1 and 2 with the regular spring season running April 17 through May 7.

Detailed information on spring turkey hunting will be available in the MDC 2023 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where permits are sold beginning in March.


To learn more about turkey hunting in Missouri, visit MDC’s website at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey.

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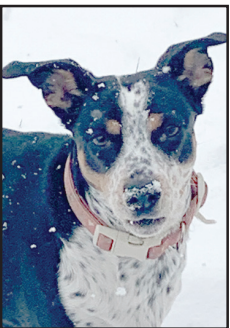
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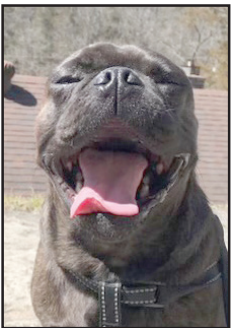
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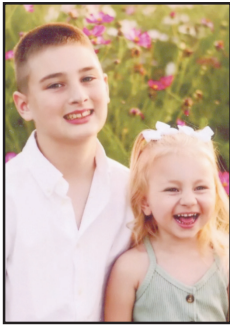
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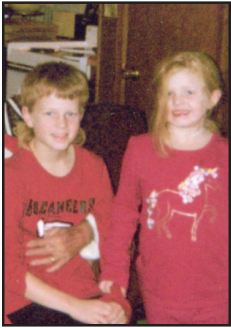
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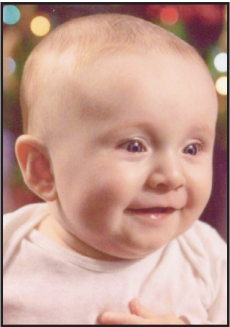
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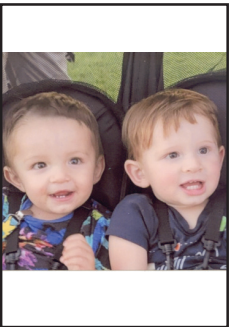
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DORCAS AGNES HANEY

Dorcas Agnes Haney, age 83, of Cassville, passed away Saturday, January 7, 2023, at her home.

She was born January 29, 1939, in Oakmont, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Harry Michael and Emma (Wadsworth) George. On June 5, 1954, in Ontario, California, she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Dale Haney, who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Nathan Haney and his wife, Lou Ann, of Cassville, Shannon Haney and his wife, Dove, of Cassville, and Jon Haney and his wife, Gayla, of Monett; one daughter-in-law, Connie Haney, of Cassville; one brother, Ruben; one sister, Deborah; ten grandchildren; and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one son, Marty Haney; father-in-law,

Carl Haney; mother-in-law, Allie Haney; and eleven siblings.

Dorcas attended Colton High School in Colton, California. She and Dale spent most of their married life raising their family in the Oakdale, California, area. After visiting this area and loving it, Dale and Dorcas, along with their family members, moved here from Mountain Ranch, California, in 1993. They moved their family business, Haney Construction Company, here as well. You didn't have to talk to Dorcas long to know she loved the Lord, her husband and her family. She lived her life for the Lord and enjoyed telling others about His love for them. She devoted her life to Dale and their boys, playing football or baseball with them when they were younger, volunteering at their school, cooking and helping with the family business in any way she could. As each son married, the wives, and later grandchildren and great-grandchildren, became hers to dote upon. She wrote poems telling of her love for the Lord and her family and friends. She was generous in her love, time, and thoughtfulness. Dorcas lived to go to heaven, and witnessed to others so she could take ev-

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everyone with her. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, February 18, 2023, at Corinth Baptist Church in Cassville. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Leonard Sansom will conduct the services.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 P.M. until service time Saturday at Corinth Baptist Church in Cassville.

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RAYMOND ASH

Raymond Ash, age 92, of Garfield, Arkansas, passed away Thursday, February 2, 2023, at his home.

He was born March 18, 1930, in Clantonville, Arkansas, the son of Lee and Rosa (Roller) Ash. On July 17, 1964, in Seligman, he was united in marriage to Rachel Burns, who preceded him in death on September 16,

2021. Also preceding him in death were his parents; one daughter, Lea Anna Ash; and one sister, Letha Albritton.

Surviving are one son, Mylon Ash, of Bella Vista, Arkansas; one sister, Louise Sanders and her husband, Perry, of Harrisonville; and four grandchildren, Timothy Landis, Jonathan Landis, Neena Ash and Veda Ash.

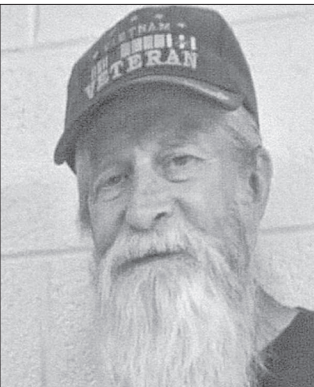
Raymond grew up and attended school in Washburn, graduating from Southwest High School in 1948. He was employed at Daisy in Rogers, Arkansas, for twenty-four years. Raymond was a cattle farmer all of his life which he took great pride in and he was a very hard worker. He was a caretaker of Roller Ridge Cemetery for several years and was a member of Rogers First Assembly in Rogers, Arkansas.

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, February 17, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Mylon Ash will conduct the services. Burial will be at Roller Ridge Cemetery in Gateway, Arkansas.

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

Contributions may be made to Roller Ridge Cemetery or Gideons International in memory of Raymond.

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JOHNNIE LEE "JOHN" LOWE

Johnnie Lee "John" Lowe, age 73, of Cassville, passed away Sunday, January 29, 2023, at his home.

He was born May 17, 1949, in Cassville, the son of William H. and Wilma L. (Darity) Lowe, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were two brothers, Dwaine Lowe and Bobby Lowe, and a granddaughter, Eastyn Roberts.

Surviving are one son, Jeremy Lowe and his wife, Brandy, of Kansas City; three daughters, Ashley Lowe and her husband, Erv Lawrence, of Exeter, Tiffany Howard and her husband, James, of Pierce City, and Tracy Lowe, of Oregon; three brothers, Ronnie Lowe, of Cassville, Leonard Lowe and his wife, Debby Skelton, of Cassville, and Frankie Lowe and his wife, Lynette, of Eagle Rock; three sisters, Linda Crowell and her husband, Dwayne, of Crane, Brenda Vaughn and her husband, Randy, of Warrensburg, and Patricia Ellison and her husband, Bobby, of Eagle Rock; eight grandchildren, Hailey, Harper, Shai-le, Gavin, Ethan, Kee-lyn, Chiana and Jeremy, Jr.; and five great-grandchildren, Jace, Mavis, Winery, Aiden and Petey.

John grew up and attended school in Cassville. After school, he joined the United

 States Army, serving during the Vietnam War. John worked in construction, building houses and roofing for Lowe Construction. He was a member of American Legion Post 118 and had served as second vice commander. Some favorite pastimes were hunting mushrooms and arrowheads, detailing his truck, riding his motorcycle and back road-ing.

Graveside services with military honors were held Monday, February 6, 2023, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Cassville, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Lee Beck conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project in memory of John.

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NORMA BALLAY

Norma Ballay passed away Thursday, February 2, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

DENNIS RAY ALLEN

Dennis Ray Allen, age 59, of Monett, passed away Friday, February 3, 2023, at Mercy Hospital Joplin in Joplin.

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

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Jerry Varner, owner of Making Memories Tours in Washburn, will chair the National Tour Association board of directors in 2023. NTA, founded in 1951, is composed of tour operators who package group travel and connect with other NTA members—representatives of destinations, hotels, attractions, and experience providers from all 50 states and well over 35 countries around the world—to create unique multiday tours.


The NTA Board of Directors is a group of 17 volunteer leaders who govern association policies and provide strategic direction to the staff. The 2023 board comprises travel professionals from 12 U.S. states, Canada, Norway, and Slovakia. Varner rises to the top position after being elected as vice chair last year by the NTA membership.

“I’m honored to serve, but this is not an honorary position. Our board works hard to help members advance their business and their careers,” Varner said. “NTA has a healthy mixture of seasoned professionals and industry newcomers, and we rely on each other for new ideas as well as solutions to challenges.”

Making Memories Tours, founded by Varner and his wife, Angie, in 2010, specializes in group travel for senior adults. The company is offering more than 30 tours in 2023, with destinations ranging from throughout the United States to Europe and New Zealand.

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