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# Savvy SENIOR

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Carol  
 Dear Carol,  
 Whether you're interested in dating again or just looking for a friend to spend time with, online dating sites and apps have become an easy and convenient way for older adults to meet new single people without ever having to leave home.

And to make things even easier, most sites today use matchmaking algorithms that factor in your interests and preferences so they can steer you to matches that are best suited for you. Here are some other tips to help you get started.

Choose a site: There are dozens of different matchmaking websites and apps available today, so choosing can be a bit confusing. While many sites offer free trials or watered-down free content, finding out the price can be difficult until you register and provide some informa-

tion. In general, viewing complete profiles and messaging potential dates will require a monthly fee, which can range anywhere between \$10 and \$40 per month.

Some top mainstream sites/apps that are popular among older adults are eHarmony.com, Match.com and OKCupid.com. If, however, you're interested in more age specific sites, some great options are OurTime.com or SilverSingles.com.

Or if you have a specific kind of person you'd like to meet, there are dozens of niche sites like: EliteSingles.com for educated professionals; ChristianMingle.com for Christian singles; BLK-app.com for black singles; JSwipeApp.com for Jewish singles; and Facebook.com/dating for people who love Facebook.

Create a profile: When you join a matchmaking site, you'll need to create a personality profile that reflects who you are, including recent photos, hobbies, interests, favorite activities and more. If you need some help, sites like ProfileHelper.com can write one for you for a fee.

Practice caution: When

you register with a site you remain anonymous. No one gets access to your personal contact information until you decide to give it out, so be prudent to whom you give it. Before meeting, you should chat on the phone or video chat a few times, and when you do meet in person for the first time, meet in a public place or bring a friend along. And if someone asks for money or your financial information, don't give it out. Online dating/sweetheart scams are rampant so be very cautious.

Be skeptical: In an effort to get more responses, many people will exaggerate or flat out lie in their profiles, or post pictures that are 10 years old or 20 pounds lighter. So, don't believe everything you see or read.

Make an effort: A lot of times, people – especially women – sit back and let others come to them. Don't be afraid to make the first move. When you find someone you like, send a short note that says, "I really enjoyed your profile. I think we have some things in common." Keep it simple.

Don't get discouraged: If you don't get a response from someone, don't let it bother you. Just move on. There are many others that will be interested in you and it only takes one person to make online dating worthwhile.

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

## Big 8 Pickleball Tourney held last weekend at Monett



Fifty-six students and staff from five Big 8 districts competed in four tournaments last Saturday at the first annual Big 8 Pickleball Tournament at Monett City Park.

The first annual Big 8 Pickleball Tournament was held at the Monett City Park on last Saturday.

Fifty-six students and staff from five Big 8 districts competed in four tournaments. There were 19 student teams and 9 adult teams.

Nevada High School placed first in overall team points becoming the 2023 Big 8 Pickleball Tournament Champions. Cassville placed second in team points. Monett finished third. Mount Vernon and Aurora tied for fourth.

The Big 8 Pickleball Tournament gave students and staff an opportunity to learn more about the game in a sociable, cheerful, positive, and low-pressure activity with their peers. Security Bank of Southwest Missouri and Veregy sponsored this event.

Boys Doubles Results  
 1st Place: Jayden Thankaman and James Qui (Nevada)  
 2nd Place: Caleb Leach and Ashton Wheeler (Cass-

ville)  
 3rd Place: Ethan Bohmke and Jacob Martinez-Maldonado (Cassville)

Girls Doubles Results  
 1st Place: Kortnee Vestal and Hennsey Brown (Nevada)  
 2nd Place: Avery Thorp and Kimber Eaton (Nevada)  
 3rd Place: Kyla Bowling and Elly Raemaker (Cassville)

Mixed Doubles Results  
 1st Place: Tyson Bohmke and Dolce Rivera (Cassville)  
 2nd Place: Bryan Mendez and Chloe Morris (Nevada)  
 3rd Place: Kyler Hayward and Simon Gates (Cassville)

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Notice:

**City of Seligman City Wide Clean Up will be on May 13, 2023.** The clean up will begin at 8 A.M. and trash will be accepted until the dumpsters are full. Items not accepted are: yard waste, hazardous waste, oils or paints (unless completely solidified), car batteries, tires, asbestos, dead animal carcasses. Call (417) 662-3600 for more information.

**City of Exeter City-Wide Yard Sale will be help May 12-13, 2023.**

**City of Cassville CLEAN-UP Day will be the week of May 22nd, 2023, on normal schedule service day.**

**The Old Church Gallery Farmers' Market,** Farm Road 1240, Shell Knob, will open for the season on May 11, 2023, and continue every Thursday from 8 to 11 A.M. For more information, call (417) 858-2510.

**S.A.S.S. Farmers Market of Cassville** will set up every Saturday from 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. on the Cassville Square.

**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.

**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. Ages 18 and under are free. There is pot luck, 50/50 and door prizes. For more information, call (479) 903-3640.

**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).

**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 pan-

try is supported by area churches, business associations and private donations. Significant support received through affiliation and purchasing power of Ozark Food Harvest, Springfield.

**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.

**Ozark Country Quilters** meets at Show Me Plaza, Hwy. 248, Cassville, every 3rd Monday for Open Sew; every 3rd Thursday for 'Work Shop'; and every 1st Tuesday for their business meeting. For more information, call (417) 342-1372.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

Friday, May 12

**The Stella Senior Center will have a Dinner and Dance.** The doors open at 5:30 P.M. with buffet style meal at 6 P.M. The dance will start at 7 P.M. with The Timberline Country Band playing. Cover charge is \$5. Refreshments are always available. Please call (417) 628-3314 or (417) 489-3661 for more information.

**Recovery Meeting! Celebrating Recovery** will be held at 6:30 P.M. at Blessing Heights Worship Center, Cassville. There will be a meeting, free meal, and fellowship. This event is ongoing, meeting every Friday evening. All are welcome. *\*For all who are weary and heavy laden, come and He will give you rest.*

**Cassville Senior Center is having a Mother's Day Lunch** from 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.. with a gift drawing at 12 P.M. Suggested donation for those 60+ is \$3.50 and for those under 60 the price is \$7.

Saturday, May 13

**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 fire-fighters. This event can be enjoyed the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month.

**Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary Country Breakfast** will be served from 7 to 11 A.M. at the Butterfield Fire Station. Menu includes: pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. The cost for adults 12 and older is \$5 and \$3 for children 11 and under. Delivery is available to local Butterfield residents.

**The Barry County Genealogical & Historical Society will host a Mother's Day Tea** at the Bayless-Salyer house, 9th and Townsend, Cassville, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. A variety of teas and/or coffee will be served along with sweet and savory treats. Mothers and daughters and gentlemen are all welcome to partake in refreshments and enjoy a tour of the beautiful old 1800's home. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated.

**Cassville Cruise In** will be held at the Barry County Museum Parking lot from 5 P.M. to dusk.

Friday, May 19

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

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Saturday, May 20

**The Purdy Cemetery Association** will hold a meeting at The Gathering Place, corner of Hwy. C and Old Business 37, Purdy.

**Fields Cemetery, Shell Knob, Clean Up** will be at 9 A.M. with the business meeting following at 10 A.M.

Tuesday, May 23

**Corinth Cemetery Association Annual Meeting** will be held at 6:30 P.M. at the cemetery shelter.

**"Choosing Summer Annuals" with Kathryn Kuhahl** will be held at the Monett Branch Library, 2200 Park Street, Monett, at 2 P.M. This program will focus on selecting flowering plants for the home garden that will provide color throughout the heat of the Ozark summer. There are great choices that are tolerant of hot and humid conditions and can provide beauty for in ground or container planting. For more information on this event or any of the other many services provided by the Monett Branch Library, you may call (417) 235-7350.

Saturday, May 27

**2023 SW High All School Reunion** will be held at the High School Commons. Registration will begin at 9 A.M. with a business meeting at 10:30 A.M. Lunch of brisket and pulled pork catered by John Sullivan will be at 11:30 A.M. Cost is \$12.

Monett Library Activities

**Mondays** - 1:30 P.M. Chair Yoga  
**Wednesdays** - (first 4 of the month) 12 P.M. Quilting  
**Tuesdays** - (2nd and 4th of the month) 1 P.M. Crochet  
*For more information about services offered by our Monett Library, call the Monett Branch Library at 417-235-7350. The address is 2200 Park Street, Monett.*

Cassville Branch Library Activities

<b>Thurs., May 11</b> • 6pm: Toastmasters <b>Fri., May 12</b> • 9am: Chair Yoga/Qi Gong <b>Sat., May 13</b> • 10:30am: Teen Anime Club, registration required <b>Mon., May 15</b> • 9am: Chair Yoga/Qi Gong <b>Tues., May 16</b> • 1:30pm: Trivia <b>Wed., May 17</b> • 9am: Chair Yoga/Qi Gong <b>Thurs., May 18</b> • 1:30pm: Movie Matinee • 6pm: Toastmasters <b>Fri., May 19</b> • 9am: Chair Yoga/Qi Gong • 1:30pm: Tween/Teen Painting, preregistration required	<b>Sat., May 20</b> • Kids Fishing Day at Roaring River State Park  <i>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: blrlibrary.com.</i>
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Free Fishing Days is an annual MDC event that takes place statewide during the Saturday and Sunday following the first Monday in June.

Aside from not needing permits, other fishing regulations remain in effect, such as limits on size and number of fish an angler may keep. Special permits may still be required at some county, city, or private fishing areas. Trespass laws remain in effect on private property.

Conservation makes Missouri a great place to fish, and Free Fishing Days encourages people to sample Missouri's abundant fishing opportunities. Missouri has

more than a million acres of surface water, and most of it provides great fishing. More than 200 different fish species are found in Missouri, with more than 20 of them being game fish for the state's more than 1.1 million anglers.

For information on Missouri fishing regulations, fish identification, and more, get a copy of MDC's 2023 Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations, available where permits are sold, or online at [mdc.mo.gov/about-us/about-regulations/summary-missouri-fishing-regulations](http://mdc.mo.gov/about-us/about-regulations/summary-missouri-fishing-regulations).

Want to learn to fish? MDC's Discover Nature - Fishing Program provides a series of free lessons throughout the state. All fishing gear is provided. Learn more at [mdc.mo.gov/fishing/discover-nature-fishing](http://mdc.mo.gov/fishing/discover-nature-fishing).

Need fishing gear? MDC works with numerous libraries and other locations around the state to loan fishing gear for free. Loaner gear includes fishing poles and simple tackle box with

hooks, sinkers, and bobbers. Worms, minnows, or other bait are not provided. Find MDC Rod and Reel Loaner Program locations at [mdc.mo.gov/fishing/get-started-fishing/rod-reel-loaner-locations](http://mdc.mo.gov/fishing/get-started-fishing/rod-reel-loaner-locations).

MDC's free MO Fishing app can help anglers find the best places to fish in Missouri, access regulation information, identify fish by species, and more. Anglers can also buy, store, and show fishing permits right on their mobile devices. MO Fishing is available for download through Google Play for Android devices or the App Store for Apple devices. Learn more at [mdc.mo.gov/contact-engage/mobile-apps/mo-fishing](http://mdc.mo.gov/contact-engage/mobile-apps/mo-fishing).

## Outdoor connections continue to grow

More than 100 organizations and groups in Missouri have already joined Missouri Outdoor Connections! Last month, the Mark Twain National Forest and Urban Connections St. Louis (part of Forest Service Eastern Region) reached out across the state asking people and organizations who steward their local environments to join the network. Missouri Outdoor Connections is a Stewardship Mapping tool that is intended to identify all those actively working to make a change in Missouri communities and be a tool that brings these environmental stewardship groups together, to expand, strengthen and promote engagement, and build more effective partnerships.

Joining is easy! The Forest Service is asking organizations that play a role or have an interest in caring for and connecting with the outdoors to complete a survey. Forest Service researchers will use the survey results to create a comprehensive map of the many civic groups working to strengthen communities and environments across southern/central Missouri and the St. Louis metro-region.

"We are excited to see long-time partners like The Nature Conservancy join and even more excited to see the many new organizations that have decided to be part of Missouri Outdoor Connections," stated Forest Supervisor Dawn Laybolt.

Stewardship mapping builds a database of environmental stewardship groups — large and small, from formal nonprofits to grassroots organizations. The project is designed to help understand and strengthen civic capacity to care for the natural resources of Missouri's landscapes.


The Stewardship Mapping and Assessment Project (STEW-MAP), a research tool and mapping platform, is the guiding force behind the Missouri Outdoor Connections project. Learn more about this research project on the Forest's website at Missouri Outdoor Connections <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mtnf/workingtogether/partnerships>. Please direct questions about the survey to [SM.FS.ConnectMO@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FS.ConnectMO@usda.gov).

# Haven of the Ozarks

## Pet of the Week



Dawn, who also goes by Lucy, is a loving old girl. She has been in a home and would love nothing more than to have a family of her own again. She came in due to no fault of her own and has been here about 2 years since. She is roughly 12 years old now but looks great for her age. She has no health issues other than being offered soft food for her lack of teeth. Dawn needs a home where she can be with people most of the time. She is happy to lounge around and be pet. She should be the only dog in the home and even at her age she is a great escape artist so needs a secure yard or to be supervised on a leash. Can you give this sweet girl the home she so deserves? The Haven of the Ozarks is open from 9am-4pm, seven days a week. For more information, please email us at [havenozark-sanctuary@gmail.com](mailto:havenozark-sanctuary@gmail.com), or give us a call at 417-835-3647.



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Water level is normal at 52 CFS. This is great flow and the fishing has been very good.

Dry fly fishing is good, Caddis, blue wing olives, midges, and a few small yellow stone flies are working well right now, as well as crackle backs, beetles, ants, and even catching a few hoppers already.

Good nymphs to use right now would be pheasant tails, copper johns, burlaps, scuds, gray sow bugs, and black zebra midges. Woollybuggers, in olive, black, and brown have been effective this week. Mop, flies, mega worms, and small egg patterns have been good all week also.

If your fishing plastic worms or eggs, then pink, white, flo. orange and mint green have all been good. Pink, and the yellow gulp grubs are still working very good. Water is clear so use 2lb line if you can, you'll have better results.

Spinners are still good early in the morning. Black, pink, white, and orange have all been good this week.

Marabou jigs are still very good right now, black/yellow, olive green, white, brown and pink have been good this week.

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# Cassville FBLA attends State Leadership Competition



Cassville High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members attended the State Leadership Competition April 16-18. Placing in the top ten of their events were Bodee Rose, Reese Heiden, and Emma Berndt. Placing in top four of their events and moving on to Nationals were Emerson Grossman, Joseph Burton Craft, Cosmo Rhoads, Marianne McCrackin and Jillian Lecompte. Mrs. Melanie Grossman serves as the FBLA sponsor. Shown left to right, front row, are Hailey Roark, Makaiden Bolles, Emerson Grossman, Jillian Lecompte, Ally Kloss, Angela Gomez, Layla Bailey, Nevehah Johnson, Gracen Hilburn, Lauren Sparkman, Macie Walker, Raegan Caddell, Kyah Saffold, Garrett Ewing and Miller Reid; back row are Keaton Shellenberger, Caleb Leach, Isaac Hadlow, Caitlyn Bonass, Isabella Dunbar, Ella Reuter, Reese Heiden, Emma Berndt, Jacob Martinez, Jake Anthonyzs, Joseph Craft, Hunter James and Cosmo Rhoads.

Southwest School to Sponsor Youth Volleyball Camp

Wheaton April Students of the Month announced

An elementary volleyball camp will be held at Southwest High School May 22-26. The camp is open to girls in first through fourth grade and costs \$20. The camp runs Monday to Friday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the high school

gymnasium. Coach Steve Voyak and Mandy Henry and the Lady Trojans players will teach fundamentals and skills. All campers will receive a T-shirt. For more information, call 479.422.5395 or e-mail [svoyak@swr5.net](mailto:svoyak@swr5.net). Pictured at right are Wheaton Junior and Senior High April Students of the Month. Kenzie Robbins, Junior, is the daughter of John and Kecia Robbins. Rylee Stansberry, 7th grade, is the daughter of Joel and Andrea Stansberry.



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# Cassville FFA Chapter compete at State Convention



The Cassville FFA Chapter placed second in the poultry evaluation career development event at the 95th Missouri FFA Convention. There were 47 teams in the competition. Pictured from left are Jaret Hinson, Peter Littlefield, Tierany Sloan, and Advisor Jimmy Hinson.

The Cassville FFA chapter had eight Career Development Event (CDE) and Leadership Development Event (LDE) teams compete at the 95th Missouri FFA State Convention in Columbia on April 19- 21. While at the convention, CHS seniors Carter Lee, Maci Barton and Kayla Cheek were recognized for earning their State Degrees.

Peter Littlefield earned the Missouri State Fair scholarship and was recognized as well.

The Poultry team made up of Littlefield, Tierany

Sloan, and Jaret Hinson, placed second.

The Entomology team which included Andrew Gray, CJ Rose, Nic Sanders, and Barton, placed seventh.

The Forestry team included Logan Wingo, Hunter Morse, Paige Shirkey and Madelyn Richter placed ninth.

The Dairy Cattle team finished in 11th place. The team consisted of Hanna Blankenship, Joei Blankenship, Rebekah Fry and Mal-lery Cornell.

The Livestock team was Joseph Reuter, Colton Blan-

kenship and Alyssa Wisen-hut. They finished in 12th place.

The FFA Knowledge team earned 17th place. Team members included Tera Tip-pings, Kaitlyn Tiner, Carlee Mitchell and Abigail Gib-bons.

The Floriculture team included Zoie Coupland, Mackenzie Watkins, Gracee Cornell and Cheek finished in 30th.

The Conduct of Chap-ter Meetings team Nevaeh Johnson, Kierstan Fare, Tyra Sturgell, Riley Stumpff, Ju-lie Gregory, Gunner Knight

and Will Brooks competed at state as well.

In addition, Sloan, a Divi-sion II Speaker, competed at the State Level.

Two Cassville FFA mem-bers, Nevaeh Johnson and Langston Mitchell, had the opportunity to be delegates and vote on incoming state officers and FFA dues.

Four middle school of-ficers Grant Varner, Roper Taylor, Bri Still and Gracie Maher, had the opportunity to attend the State Conven-tion with the high school members and serve as Cour-tesy Corps, alongside Han-na Blankenship, Mitchell, Johnson, Fry, and Cornell. Courtesy Corps is a way for students to earn state lead-ership points and help keep ev-erything running smoothly at the convention.

The Missouri FFA has 25,920 members represent-ing 355 chapters. The na-tional organization has more than 850,000 members rep-resenting 8,995 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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The city of Philadelphia was the first city to observe Mother's Day, on May 10, 1909. In 1913, Pennsylvania decreed that Mother's Day be a state holiday. In that same year, the United States Congress passed a resolution making the second Sunday in May a national holiday, "dedicated to the memory of

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Mother's Day continues to be a special time when we remember the best mother in the world, our mother! One mother wrote these lines --- "If you are ever going to love me, love me now while I can know  
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own; I had a wonderful time and won my share of earthly battles. My allotted time here has ended and my spirit is once again free of my temporary body, free to wander on. I leave behind hundreds of poems, articles, short stories and a book or two. A million more I take with me.

Charles Delmar King died April 27, 2023. He was born in northeast Barry County on April 3, 1938, the first child of Delmar Burl King and Edna Faye Thomas King. He graduated from high school at Purdy. He spent two years in the U.S. Army. He was a long haul truck driver for forty years, retiring from Roadway Express. He was proceeded in death by his parents; a brother, Stanley; a sister, Deborah; a nephew, Weston King; two nieces, Melanie Kouzbari and Kim Snook; and a brother-in-law, Ralph Benson.

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He asked there be no formal services but that his body be cremated and ashes scattered in the high Colorado Rockies.

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Charles D. King

**PATSY L. JACKSON**

Patsy L. Jackson, age 88, of Monett, passed away on May 2, 2023. Mrs. Jackson, daughter of Charles and Sadie (Keithley) Stockton, was born April 15, 1935, in Monett.

She was united in marriage on March 26, 1954, in Biloxi, Mississippi, to Denny Jackson; he preceded her in death in January 1990. Patsy and her husband owned and operated The Rainbow Din-

ner House in Cassville. She also worked as a health care aide and a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Kevin and his wife, Nancy, of Verona; one daughter, Connie and her husband, Larry Craig; one sister, Charlene McNutt, of Marionville; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Douglas Jackson, and one sister, Betty Yancy.

A celebration of life we be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at White Funeral Home and Crematory in Cassville.

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Preceding her in death were her parents; one sister, Sharon Marler; one brother, Larry Ladd; and one brother-in-law, Don Pearcey.

Susan grew up and attended school in Clay Center, Nebraska, until 1968 when she moved to Cassville with her family where she started her freshman year at Cassville High School, graduating in 1972. She then attended and graduated from Draughton Business College in Springfield. Susan was employed by FASCO Industries in Cassville for over thirty years from where she retired. She then became a CNA, working for Barry County Council of Aging for six years. In addition to being a wonderful wife and loving mother, she enjoyed reading, visiting with friends and family, traveling, going to the horse races and casinos. She and Ronnie had taken several trips with Making Memories Tour. Susan enjoyed taking care of people, especially the elderly, but most of all she loved her family, especially the grandkids. She was a good friend to many and will be missed

by all who knew her.

Graveside services were held Monday, May 8, 2023, at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Chaplain Jack Betts conducted the services.

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**JAMES LEE "JIM" MCCOY, SR.**

James Lee "Jim" McCoy, Sr., age 69, of Shell Knob, passed away Friday, May 5, 2023, at his home.

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# Wheaton FFA poultry team places fourth at State



Pictured from front left are Advisor Cody Hendrix, Sarah Holenda, and Bailee Gorman. Pictured from back left are Hayden Royer and Elijah Holenda.

The Wheaton FFA Chapter placed fourth in the poultry evaluation career development event at the 95th Missouri FFA Convention. There were 47 teams in the competition.

The team members Hayden Royer, Sarah Holenda, Elijah Holenda, Bailee Gorman. Royer placed 8th, Holenda placed 20nd, Holenda placed 21st, and Gorman placed 31st out of 183 participants. The Wheaton FFA advisor is Cody Hendrix.

The poultry teams evaluate, identify and present their findings on live production hens, ready-to-cook turkeys, processed poultry products, cartons of eggs and broiler parts. In addition, a multiple-choice test and a problem-solving section on poultry management and production are included in the scoring.

Sponsored by University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, this CDE is one way the FFA prepares student members for career success. CDEs engage student learning and make a real connection to lifetime goals.

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# Pendergraft of Southwest FFA Chapter named Area 11 Star in Agribusiness



Pictured from left are Will Pendergraft, Colton Pendergraft, and Amanda Pendergraft.

The Missouri FFA Association recognized Colton Pendergraft of the Southwest FFA Chapter as the Area 11 Star in Agribusiness at the 95th Missouri FFA Convention. He is the son of Will and Amanda Pendergraft of Washburn. His advisors are Bill Caldwell and Katlyn Branson.

Area Stars in Agribusiness are selected based upon outstanding achievement in work experience in an agricultural business as part of a student's supervised agribusiness program and active participation in FFA. Area 11 includes 16 chapters in the Southwest District.

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Pendergraft's supervised agricultural experience program includes owning and operating his own lawn service business. He began by mowing the grass at his mother's business, then grew to 20 community lawns. Pendergraft has expanded his business offerings to include spraying herbicides and applying fertilizers. He also works at the local feed mill and an equipment repair shop.

Pendergraft has served as the chapter historian. He has competed in horse evaluation and selection and dairy cattle evaluation career development events. Pendergraft was also named the star chapter greenhand and earned the chapter leadership medal.

After high school graduation, Pendergraft plans to attend Crowder College-Neosho to become a certified diesel technician. Upon graduation, he plans to start an excavation business.

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"Hey, big boy, you be the end of the rope." Coach Maples let us play tug-of-war a few times in PE class. Being a chubby kid with strong legs, the team captain usually put me on the end of the rope. Right now, stock investors and the Federal Reserve are in a tug-of-war, and I'm just hoping the economy has strong legs.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the Federal Reserve (Fed) raised rates another 0.25% in its continued inflation fight but signaled it might be finished raising rates. Another rate increase wasn't what investors wanted, but because inflation is still high, this is what investors needed.

In the stock investors versus the Federal Reserve tug-of-war, the investors are pulling for lower rates to increase stock prices. But, on the other hand, the Fed is pulling so hard in its fight against inflation that it's willing to create a recession to avoid inflation taking root in America.

Investors need to recognize that the Fed is serious about fighting inflation. Instead, the investors feel the negative effects and want it to stop. Many of these negative effects are because people didn't think the Fed would be this aggressive after so many years of zero rates.

The most concerning negative effect is the continued bank failures. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th largest bank failures in history have happened in the last sixty days, according to Peter Mallouk. The problem is those bankers didn't think the Fed would raise rates this fast and didn't prepare for it.

I believe the Fed had to raise rates. In my opinion, the Fed overreacted during the pandemic and then was slow to attack inflation when it started skyrocketing. So they had no choice but to raise rates again last week. They have to get inflation under control to protect the dollar and fight off the Russia/China alliance to remove the dollar as the preferred world currency. The Feds must win this inflation fight to maintain America's financial dominance.

I also think Congress needs to raise the debt limit. I hate debt and teach against it, but letting the US Government default isn't an option. They need to keep raising the debt ceiling if that's what it takes to beat inflation and protect the dollar's value. I see no greater threat to America's greatness than letting inflation erode the dollar's purchasing power and losing its status as the preferred world currency.

The Fed and Congress need to do what's best for our country and long-term economy, even if it means a short and weak recession in the short term. Our economy, which has been strong during all the craziness over the past three years, will get through this last remaining pandemic hiccup.

The next few months might be bumpy, but before you know it, the Fed will be cutting rates, and the economy will be rocking again, maybe even by the end of this year. Don't get too nervous about the next few months, and stick to your investment plan. There are opportunities in every market if your investment plan has the flexibility to respond to them.

I don't remember who won in those elementary PE tugs-of-war, but I remember they didn't last long. This part of the investment cycle won't last long, either. So stay in the game, and don't forget to move your feet.

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# Plant milo now for cost saving cattle feeding next winter

Strip-grazing milo (grain sorghum) is a money-saving alternative winter feed plan for cattle, according to University of Missouri Extension agronomy specialist Rusty Lee.

“Winter feed expenses are the killer of profits,” said Lee. “It’s the top reason for whether a cattle producer will make a profit or loss.”

SPA (standard performance analysis) records of Iowa beef producers show the top 25% of cow-calf producers make money while three-fourths lose money every year in herds from 30 to 300 cows.

“Herd size is not a big predictor of profit or loss,” said Lee. “Feed costs are.”

*Milo is drought tolerant*  
Anytime drought causes grazing and hay issues, this system looks better and better, said Lee. May is a good time to plant grain sorghum. Farmers have the option of planting it after wheat, but he recommends the full growing season.

There are only two weeks cattle cannot graze in the fall when frost/freeze injury induces the formation of prussic acid, which takes time to dissipate.

“It takes a few frost events then a killing freeze to be able to graze,” he said. “Typically, the grazing period is Nov. 1 until end of March.”

*Some supplemental protein*

Lee has found the total digestible nutrients (TDN) for grain sorghum in cattle is high, usually above 70%. Protein, at around 7%, requires supplementation with a high-quality hay, bean meal or other source.

Lee has worked with Eric Bailey, MU Extension state beef nutrition specialist, on a balanced rationing plan. Lee said a good-quality hay that has good protein value can work, and stockpiled grazing works well.

“I have used small square bales of alfalfa hay as a supplement. One of the easier things to do is use soybean meal a few times a week,” he said.

*Let cattle harvest the milo to save money*

A bushel of milo delivered has harvest expenses, said Lee, but milo grazed has no harvesting costs.

“The total cost of producing milo with no mechanical harvest costs allows us to feed our cattle for just 60 cents per head per day,” he said.

“The scenario we are trying to avoid is supplementing pasture grazing with \$45 to \$60 dollar bales of hay, feeding cattle for \$1.60 to \$2 per head per day. We can graze our milo and we can shave an honest dollar or more off that.”

Using milo grain as an alternative feed in the winter requires simple poly wire electric fencing that’s moved

daily. Cattle are close together, eating the grain heads first, and are done in about two hours.

“All you need is access to electricity and water,” said Lee. “We back-graze everything. We limit their forward movement, but we don’t limit their backward movement, so they always have access to water.”

For cattle producers who also have row crops, Lee said, winter grazing of milo is a “no-brainer” because they’ve got the infrastructure and equipment to make it happen.

*Fertility stays on-farm*

“When you sell a bushel of milo to the elevator, you’ve exported nutrients off your farm,” Lee said. “If you didn’t graze it, you had to pay extra money to harvest it with a combine and truck it, so you get rid of all that soil fertility. By strip-grazing, I’m not spending that money on harvest or transportation, and I’m keeping the fertility on the farm. That’s a bonus.”

Producers Lee has talked with who graze cattle on milo

in the winter really like this method, but there are some doubters.

“It’s going to look rough in those crop fields with mud but in the spring, I pull a disc over it and plant soybeans. It’s better than destroying a pasture, which takes time to remediate,” Lee calls it his “sacrificial paddock.”

Lee began grazing cattle on milo eight years ago, having learned from neighbors in Montgomery and Warren counties. But it’s not a widespread practice. Yet.

“One by one, I’m converting producers, and it’s going pretty good.”

Lee said milo grazing also works well for small ruminants.

“Sheep and goats do not require a daily allocation,” he said. “You can give them two weeks’ worth or greater and they just work around the perimeter.”

There are demonstration milo plots at Sanborn Field on the MU campus and at the MU Bradford Research Farm, near Columbia.

# MU tools help cattle producers with on-farm finishing budgets

Many consumers want to buy locally produced beef, and University of Missouri Extension economists can help producers deliver.

Beef producers who want to finish their cattle on their farms now have access to new resources from MU Extension beef specialists to determine their finishing budgets.

The On-Farm Finishing Budget publication and spreadsheet tools released during May – National Beef Month – provide beef producers with resources to help them make the best decision possible when considering retaining their calves past weaning, said MU research project analyst Drew Kientzy.

“Volatility in beef prices and supplies have more producers considering the option of marketing their beef directly to local consumers,” said Kientzy, who designed the spreadsheet models and drafted the guide. “We hope this tool helps producers decide if they should finish their calves and how best to sell the animals when ready for slaughter.”

The Live Sale budget sheets allows farmers to customize an enterprise bud-

get for their beef operation raising calves from birth to slaughter weights. The Freezer Beef budget sheet allows farmers to evaluate selling animals directly to consumers as whole, half or quarter carcasses.

A Retail Cuts sheet supplements the Freezer Beef sheet, allowing producers to evaluate selling their animals directly to consumers as individual cuts with custom pricing by meat cut.

These new tools help producers understand their profit margins when they

price beef for local markets, said Jennifer Lutes, MU Extension agriculture business specialist.

“It’s no longer a guessing game; producers can now make pricing decisions based on their own production costs,” Lutes said.

The publication is co-authored by Lutes and Ryan Milhollin, MU assistant professor of agricultural business and policy.

The publication and spreadsheet tools are available for free download at extension.missouri.edu/g684.



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# Quilt winner announced



The Cassville Senior Center held their annual Spring Craft Fair last Saturday. Vicki Mathews donated the above quilt to raffle with proceeds benefiting the Senior Center. Shown above, Rosario Keele (right) presented the winner Thalia Lewallen (left) from Arvest Bank with the prized quilt.

# Give blood May 19 in Cassville and receive a voucher for two free tickets to area attraction

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO), the sole supplier of blood, platelets, and plasma to patients at 44 area healthcare facilities, is partnering with three area attractions to help boost the region's blood supply.

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks donors provide all the blood for patients at Mercy Hospital Cassville, Cox Monett Hospital, Mercy Hospital Aurora, as well as over 40 other healthcare facilities across the Ozarks. Cassville area residents will have the opportunity to donate on Friday, May 19, at St. Edward Catholic Church, 107 W. 17th Street in Cassville. Drive hours are from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Successful donors at the St. Edward Catholic Church Blood Drive will receive a voucher redeemable for two free tickets, valued up to \$74.00, to ONE of the following attractions:

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"Donors give the gift of life and the opportunity for patients to spend more time with their family creating memories," CBCO Media Relations Representative Michelle Teter said. "And this fun promotion offers our lifesavers the opportunity to create memories with their friends and families, as well. We hand-picked these exciting attractions because they have so much to offer, and we can't wait for our donors to experience it for themselves."

Go to <https://www.cbco.org/spring-fun/> to schedule an appointment and learn more about the three participating attractions.

# CHS Art students bring home Big 8 1st place win third year in a row



Shown above, front row, are Sami Sanders, Madi Robershaw, Paige Shirkey, Audrey Mitchell, Kinlee Holman, Audrey Goutney, Jessica Marlowe, Kalia Miller, Autumn Davis and Brielle Campbell; middle row are Nick Fierro, Caitlyn Bonass, Jonathan Dudley, Karma Kessinger, Ella Periman, Leah Beach, Evelyn Elliott, Violet Rillstone, Van Thu and Isabella Dunbar; back row are Prey Meh, Madelyn Richter, Saige Holman, Kyler Hayward and Zhoi Jagger.

Carlos Barrientos, Taylor McCorkle, Dillon Robershaw, Macie Walker, Travis Morris, Liam Mills and Adryan Chaffin are absent from the photo.

Cassville High School art students competed in the Big 8 Conference competition and have claimed first place for the third year in a row. CHS had thirteen students earn a Big 8 Conference individual title and one student won Best of Show. Overall, the CHS art program received 51 awards and earned 80 sweeps points.

Results are as follows:  
Macie Walker, Best in Show and Conference title winner; Isabella Dunbar, two time Conference Title Winner; Audrey Mitchell, Conference Title Winner; Kalia Miller, Conference Title Winner; Sami Sanders, three time Conference Title Winner; Autumn Davis, Conference Title Winner; Brielle Campbell, Conference Title Winner; Paige Shirkey, Conference Title Winner; and Kinlee Holman, Conference Title Winner.

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