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Retired Cassville Coach seriously injured in UTV crash 3A

Randolph pleads not guilty in Cassville stabbing death



Richard Roland Randolph is currently being held in the Barry County Jail on felony charges of Murder in the Second Degree and Armed Criminal Action.

Adriana Keeton
According to a probable cause statement filed by Detective Stuart Lombard with the Cassville Police Department, at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2023, officers with the Cassville Police Department were dispatched to investigate a deceased male at Miller Storage Units, located at 1200 Old Hwy. 37, in Cassville.

After an investigation, it was discovered a male victim had succumbed to apparent stab wounds to his upper

torso. Richard Roland Randolph was identified as a suspect, located near the scene, and taken into custody.

A warrant was issued by Judge Johnnie Cox on charges of Class A Felony of Murder in the Second Degree and felony charges of Armed Criminal Action.

During a post-Miranda interview of Randolph, he admitted to knowingly causing the death of the victim,

See Randolph 3A

Cassville Rodeo crowns royalty

The 81st annual Cassville Rotary Rodeo held the Cassville Rodeo Queen Competition last Friday evening at Bill Hailey Arena in Cassville.

The following royalty was crowned in the second annual event:

Rebekah Fry, daughter of Scott and Breanna Fry of Cassville, was crowned Queen. Kamille Tucker, daughter of Kenny and Amanda Tucker of Cassville, has been crowned Junior Queen, and Savannah Doucet, daughter of Cord and Lindsay Doucet of Cassville, has been named Princess.

Photo: Morgan Williams



Inmates assault correctional officers and escape jail



Escaped inmate Mario Che-Tuil is still at large and considered armed and dangerous, though law enforcement do not believe he remains in the area.

Adriana Keeton
According to a probable cause statement, dated June 2, 2023, and filed by Detective Abby Parsons with the Barry County Sheriff's Office, at approximately 11:15 p.m. on June 1, 2023, Parsons was notified that inmates had escaped the Barry County Jail. When she arrived on the scene and contacted Correctional Officers, she was advised that Correctional Officer 1 was hit in the face multiple times and choked

See Jail 3A

Opry Members, The Isaacs bring gospel and a message of hope to Cassville Outdoor Days



The Isaacs performance kicked off night one of Cassville Outdoors Days last Thursday in Cassville's South Park.

Adriana Keeton
Grand Ole Opry members, The Isaacs, performed last Thursday at Cassville Outdoor Days at South Park.

The award-winning group, based out of Tennessee, just completed a tour with Queen of Country

is unknown if either teen was wearing safety devices.

The Harley Davidson was totaled and towed by Brice's Wrecker Service of Cassville. This crash is Troop D's 42nd and 43rd fatalities of 2023.

Music Reba McIntire and performed several styles of music, including a few songs in Hebrew throughout the evening. They also shared inspiring stories of overcoming heartache and loss through faith and music, which the Cassville community needed.

Breast Cancer survivor and group matriarch Lily Isaacs shared her story as a surviving descendant of the Jewish Holocaust and her book 'You Don't Cry Out Loud: The Lily Isaacs Story,'

which is an autobiographical look at Lily's life and how she rejected her Jewish heritage for a life with Jesus Christ and a music career and how she "cried her way to God

from the church's back pew."

For upcoming tour dates and more information on Lily's book, visit www.theisaacs.com.

Cassville teens killed in motorcycle crash

Adriana Keeton
Two Cassville teens were killed in a motorcycle crash on May 31, one mile east of Cassville on Hwy. 248.

According to the Missouri Highway Patrol crash report investigated by Trooper T.M. Royster, the crash occurred around 8:30 p.m. when the 2017 Harley Davidson Breakout Motorcycle driven by Rylan Wilson, 19, of Cassville, lost control and ran off the right side of

the roadway and struck an embankment, ejecting both Rylan and a 14-year-old juvenile from Cassville.

The juvenile passenger was pronounced dead at the scene by Barry County Coroner Gary Swearingin at 9:40 p.m. and was transported to Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Wilson was transported to Mercy Hospital in Springfield, where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at 10:09 p.m. It

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This process took about two months before they understood not all people are bad and that everyone just wanted to help.

They have come a long way since their arrival. With some time, basic training, and patience, Melon can grow to trust someone and eventually live the happy, healthy life he deserves.

We think it would need someone willing to come out for a few days and spend time with them in their kennel and shower them with treats and love to gain trust before they went home to make the transition from our shelter to home easier for them. His estimated DOB is 7/19/21.

Melon and Cantaloupe are very bonded, so it would be extra sweet if they could find a home together.

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

Retired Cassville Coach seriously injured in UTV crash

Adriana Keeton
Retired Cassville Schools Coach Walter Hasler was seriously injured in a UTV crash before 7 p.m. Sunday (June 4). According to the Missouri Highway Patrol crash report investigated by MSGT J.E. Givens, the crash occurred when a 2023 Kawasaki Mule driven by Glenda Hasler was backing northbound and lost control, and struck Walter Hasler and a retaining wall. Mercy Lifeline transported Mr. Hasler to Mercy Hospital in Springfield with serious injuries. Mrs. Hasler received minor injuries.

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Water at Roaring River is low and clear. We are running 28 CFS at the moment. This makes for some very good dry fly fishing and very good sight fishing with a fly rod or a spinning rod. Fishing small jigs and small plastic worms I would recommend the use of two pound line right now. You can get away with four pound line for the first 30 to 40 minutes, maybe even an hour, but then you need to switch out to two pound if you want to continue to catch fish most of the day.

Dry fly fishing is still very good. Beetles and ants are still working very well. We have caught a lot fish this week on blue wing olives, elk hair caddis and Griffiths gnats.

Plastic worms are still catching a lot of fish. You can use less lead now. Sometimes we are only using one b shot in the faster runs. You will need to use more shot, but you can get away with a lot less now. If you're fishing power bait that floats we still use more weight with that so it will sit on the bottom and let the worm or egg or grub float up.

The best colors of plastic baits this week was white, yellow, pink, and fluorescent orange. There were still quite a few fish caught on small crank baits this week. The rebel crawdad and chartreuse worked very well for several people. They do seem to work better for the first 30 or 40 minutes and then you're probably better off going back to plastics, marabou jigs or for pick up your fly rod.

Black and yellow, white, olive, and tan marabou jigs work very well this past week.

Good luck on the river this week. Have fun.

Jail From Front

until losing consciousness. He was cuffed in the restraining chair and bleeding. Correctional Officer 2 stated that she had been handcuffed when she came to and witnessed Correctional Officer 1 beginning assault. Both Correctional Officers said the inmates shut the pod door, locking them inside the pod with the remaining inmates. Inmates were able to obtain keys and left the Barry County Jail through the front booking door. Before leaving, the inmates went through the property room and got clothing. Seven inmates escaped, three were apprehended shortly after fleeing, another three were arrested, and one remains at large and is considered armed and dangerous. According to Barry County Sheriff Danny Boyd, the Correctional Officers were responsible for sixty inmates at the time of the incident. Escaped inmate Mario Che-Tuil is still at large and is described as a Hispanic male, 33 years old, 5'8", and approximately 170 pounds. He is awaiting trial on felony charges of Child Molestation-1st Degree and Incest. According to the probable cause statement dated November 23, 2022, filed by the Monett Police Department, Mario Che-Tuil, of Guatemala, is illegally in the United States and is believed to be leaving the area. Che-Tuil should be considered armed and dangerous. Barry County Sheriff's Office has turned the case over to U.S. Marshalls.

Randolph From Front

Andy William Hunter, 40, of Exeter, by stabbing him with a knife. Three witnesses to the incident were identified. Randolph was arraigned on Monday in Barry County court and entered a plea of not guilty. He is currently being held at the Barry County Jail awaiting a bond hearing scheduled for June 8 at 10 a.m.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Calendar page is free as a courtesy to local events. If your event is relying on advertising for attendance, then it is vital for you to place a paid ad. There is no guarantee that your event will be placed in Community Calendar. The deadline for community calendar is Friday at 4 p.m. The contact person is Elaine Phaneuf, class@4bca.com or (417) 847-4475.

Notice:

The 70th Annual Bennett/Fly Reunion will not be held in June as usual. The reunion will be October 1, 2023, at 11 A.M., at The Gathering Place in Purdy. Bring a covered dish. Good friends and neighbors are welcome as well. Meal will be at 12:30 P.M.

The Purdy Community Recycling Center is now open on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-5:30 P.M. It is located next to the main baseball field at Purdy School. The center is open to all, and is currently accepting #1 and #2 plastic, cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans, used motor oil and filters, any paper product that does not have food residue on it. They are experimenting with taking large appliances (please check first before you bring one). They encourage persons to volunteer also - 3rd Saturday of each month 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.

OACAC Back to School Fair Signups will be held from May 30th to June 30th by appointment only at OACAC Barry County Neighborhood Center, 10826 Farm Road 2172, Cassville. Students Pre-K through 12th grade are eligible for the Fair. Social Security cards for all household members, photo ID, and proof of income for the previous month are required. Call (417) 847-2140 for an appointment.

Arnhart Cemetery Association requests all flowers on the ground be removed by June 12, 2023, so normal mowing may resume.

The Ennis Cemetery Board would like to remind family members that all ground flowers left after June 12th will be picked up. This excludes all saddles and flowers placed in urns.

Barry County Farm Road 1255 over Sweetwater Creek will be closed until further notice.

The Old Church Gallery Farmers' Market, Farm Road 1240, Shell Knob, is open 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.

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Bluegrass Music at Roaring River is a free family friendly summer season event held every Friday evening at the Roaring River Shelter 7 to 9 P.M. Shows featuring talented bluegrass musicians from all over the area will be every Friday through September 30. In case of bad weather, the show will move to The Emory Melton Inn. There will be shows both Friday and Saturday nights on these holiday weekends: 4th of July and Labor Day. There will be no show on Kids' Free Fishing Day.

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

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.

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.

Thursday June 8

Monett Branch Library is hosting a Family Friendly Game Night to kick off the summer season from 5 to 7 P.M. Folks are welcome to bring their favorite game to share or play one of the library's games. Pizza will be donated by the local Dominos.

Friday June 9

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. There is a special theme this night. Just for fun, everyone wear black and white. 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.*

Saturday June 10

Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary Country Breakfast will be served from 7 A.M. to 11 A.M. at the Butterfield Fire Station. Adults 12 and over pay will pay \$5 per meal and children 11 and under will be \$3 per meal. Delivery is available to local Butterfield residents.

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.

Tuesday June 13

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 passcode.

Adult Program at the Monett Library: "A Trip to Paris" with author Debra Walden Davis at 2 P.M.

Thursday June 15

Children's Programs at Monett Library: "Partners in Survival: Teamwork in the Animal Kingdom" with guests from the Dickerson Park Zoo will be held at the "PAC" Performing Arts Center, 1650 E. Cleveland Ave., at 10 A.M. "Diversity & Friendship": 4 special story times to celebrate diversities within our friendships. From 4 to 6 P.M. at the library.

Monett Library Teen Activities

Anime Club - Tues., June 13 & July 11, 3-5 P.M.
Teen Book Club - (Registration required) Meets on Wednesday 2-3:30 P.M. Halfway Meet-Up - Wed., June 28, 2 P.M. Completion discussion - Wed., July 26, 2 P.M.
Courage 2 Report - Keep your friends safe. Free prizes and fun. Thurs., June 22, 10 A.M.
Dungeons and Dragons - 1st and 3rd Saturdays in June and July, 1-5 P.M.
Competition, Concours! ¡Competencia! Switch Tournaments, Cosplay Competition, Pixel Art and Boba Tea - Fri., July 29, 1-5 P.M.
Monett Branch Library is located at 2200 Park Street, Monett. Phone number is 417-235-7350.

Cassville Branch Library Activities

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| <p>Wed., June 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am: Chair Yoga/Qi Gong (adults) <p>Thurs: June 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:30pm: Opera in the Ozarks Cinderella at the FEMA building next to the football field (all ages)• 6pm: Toastmasters (adults) <p>Fri., June 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am: Chair Yoga/Qi Gong (adults) <p>Sat., June 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:30am: Teen Anime Club pre-registration required (ages 13-18)dusk: Movie Under the Stars, Roaring River State Park next to the park store (all ages) <p>Mon. June 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am: Chair Yoga/Qi Gong (adults)• 2pm: History of Survival in the Hardscrabble Ozarks-Marideth Sisco (twens-adults) | <p>Tues. June 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10am: Storytime, pre-registration required (ages 3-5)• 1pm: Painting "Old Red Tractor" pre-registration required, \$5 activity fee (teens-adults)• 5:30pm: Painting "Old Red Tractor" pre-registration required, \$5 activity fee (teens-adults) <p>Wed. June 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am: Chair Yoga/Qi Gong (adults)• 1:30pm: Crochet (teens-adults) <p>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.</p> |
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Public Comment Period Opens on Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

The draft FY 2024-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission today. The draft five-year program includes funding from General Revenue – passed by the Missouri General Assembly – to widen and improve I-70, fix low-volume minor roads, upgrade railroad safety crossings and more. A 30-day public review and comment period begins today.

The STIP makes available \$14 billion of federal and state revenues for all modes of transportation over the next five years. Of the \$14 billion, the draft STIP details \$10.5 billion in road and bridge construction contractor awards, averaging approximately \$2.1 billion per year. It also includes a record \$3.4 billion in state General Revenue funded projects from the General Assembly subject to governor approval of the final budget.

“Over the past two years, the cost of doing transportation improvements has experienced record inflation ranging from 20-30%. Aside from the new funding from the General Assembly, this year’s program didn’t add a significant number of projects to the last two years as we manage the fiscal constraints of the funding,” said MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna. “We are able to continue our asset management efforts while also making critical improvements and upgrades to corridors and safety features across the state.”

The draft FY 2024-2028 STIP lists transportation projects planned by state and regional planning agencies for fiscal years 2024-2028 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2028) and reflects the transportation needs of communities across the state.

The proposed program is available for public review. Those interested in seeing the program or offering comments can contact MoDOT by email to STIPcomments@modot.mo.gov, by calling customer service at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636), or by mail to Transportation Planning, Program Comments, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102. The program is also available on MoDOT’s website: <https://www.modot.org/DRAFTSTIP>. The formal comment period ends July 6, 2023.

Following the public review period, the comments will be presented to the Commission. The Commission will review the comments and the final transportation program before considering it for approval at its July 12 meeting.

Water deeply and wisely during drought

During drought, proper watering can help plants survive dry spells, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Debi Kelly.

Kelly gives 10 tips to help your plants survive lack of precipitation.

1. Water in the morning. Watering in the evening lets water remain on leaves, making the plant susceptible to disease.
2. Water at the base of the plant. Water at soil level to avoid waste and prevent foliar diseases.
3. Water slowly and deeply. Plants need at least an inch of water weekly. Watering slowly allows water to infiltrate the soil and reach the roots.
4. Know your garden areas. Within each yard is a microclimate with varying degrees of shade and soil. Each requires different amounts of water.
5. Don’t fertilize when it’s dry. Fertilizer encourages plants to grow, and the extra growth requires more water. Also discontinue herbicides or insecticides, which can volatilize during high temperatures and drift to desired plants.
6. Weed. Weeds rob want-

ed plants of water.

7. Deadhead flowers. It takes water and energy for the plant to form a seed head.
8. Mulch. Use mulch around root zones to hold moisture and cool the roots.
9. Water some plants more often. Plants in containers and raised beds need more frequent watering because they dry more quickly.
10. Water trees and shrubs. Some recommend watering these for three years after planting.

Kelly recommends against watering edible plants with water caught in rain barrels, which can contain contaminants from roofing materials and birds. Use instead on flowers and shrubs.

Drip irrigation and soaker hoses that automate watering are a good investment, she adds. These slowly and steadily deliver water to the plants.

Check your soil’s moisture level. Soil may appear dry on top, but there might be adequate moisture beneath.

Kelly recommends the “screwdriver test.” Poke a screwdriver into the soil and pull it out.

If it comes out clean, the soil is dry and it’s time to water.

Cassville sewer rehab project update

The City of Cassville sewer rehab project will have two activity areas this week, the 200 Block of West 11th Street and “A” line construction between East 10th and East 8th Streets.

On 11th Street, crews finished all pipe and manhole construction east of Main this last week. Remaining construction for this area is 360’ of new pipe and two new manholes between Main and Townsend which is a good objective to reach for the end the week this week. Asphalt repairs are still needed east of Main Street; there is not an expected timeline yet for that task.

Over on the “A” line, excavation and manhole/pipe installation will continue this week. The creek crossing on Troublesome Branch will require extra time/attention so it will most likely take another two weeks to finish construction in this area.

The following traffic restrictions should be anticipated through the week:

- A one block closure of West 11th Street to through traffic from Townsend to Main
- North/south traffic on Townsend may be blocked intermittently as construction progresses westward
- North/south traffic on Main Street will not be impeded
- Local traffic will not be able access West 11th Street from Main (use Townsend)
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Pipe cleaning and inspections for the trenchless rehabilitation has been completed. There is no timeline yet for the installation of the cured in place pipe or manhole relining.

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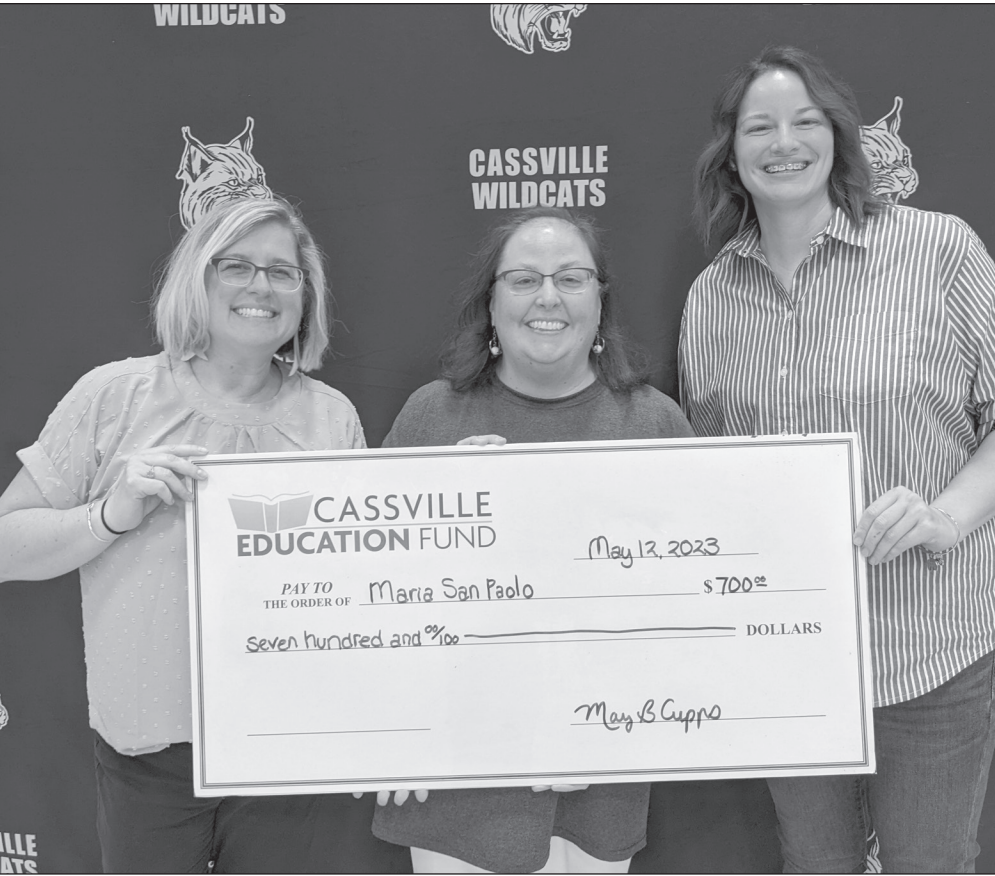
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Cassville Education Fund awards \$3,450 to Cassville Teachers



Shown above, left to right, are Skyler Bowman, Cassville fourth-grade Teacher Maria San Paolo and Rachael Freeman.

Four grants totaling \$3,450 from the Cassville Education Fund were awarded to Cassville teachers on May 12 at the school campus.

Seventh and eighth-grade science teacher, Casey Parsons, received \$1,300 for chemistry sets, microscopes, and slide sets.

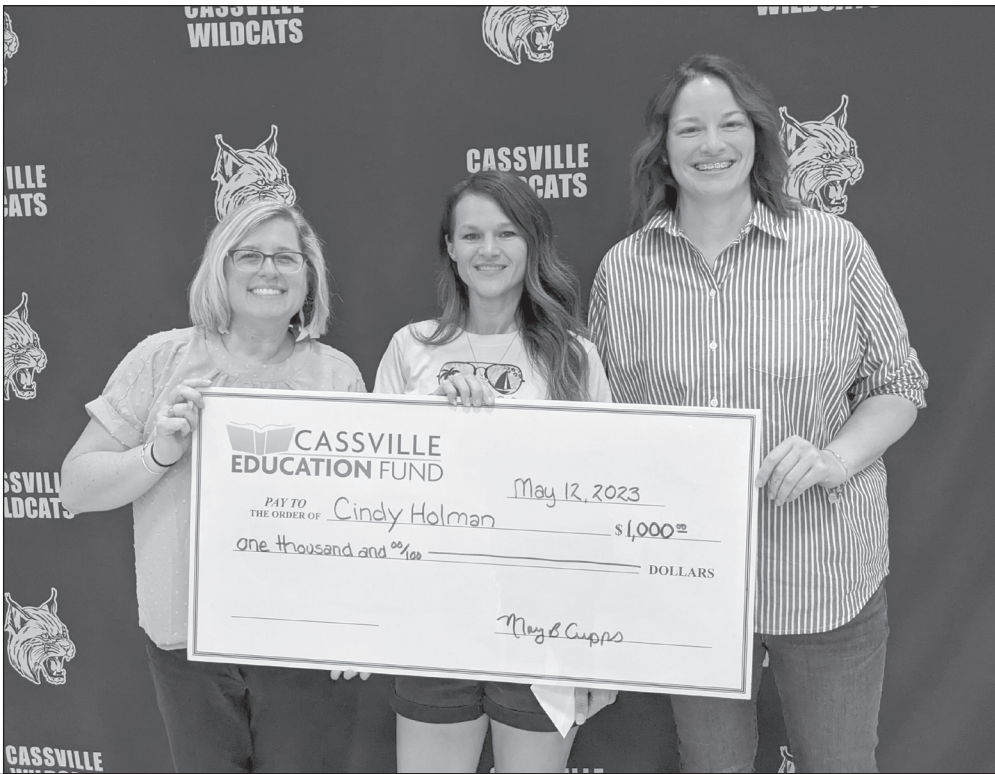
Cassville Middle School Art Teacher Cindy Holman, was awarded \$1,000 for ceramic supplies.

Fourth-grade teacher, Maria San Paolo, received \$700 towards the purchase of double-sided whiteboards for math classes.

Cassville Middle School language arts teacher, Janet Yunk, was presented with \$450 to buy books for classroom libraries.



Shown above are Skyler Bowman, Cassville Science Teacher Casey Parsons and Rachael Freeman.



Shown above, left to right, are Skyler Bowman, Cassville Middle School Art Teacher Cindy Holman and Rachael Freeman.

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CCTA honors staff at annual banquet



Mr. Dylan Klewer was awarded the Young Educator of the Year award. Mr. Klewer teaches Special Education at CHS. He is pictured with CHS Principal, Tyler Willis.

Cassville Community Teachers Association (CCTA) banquet was held after Wildcat students had been dismissed for the summer on Friday, May 12. The annual celebration took place at the Event Center and gave the district an opportunity to celebrate a successful school year and honor district employees.

Cassville R-IV Retirees
Doug Martin has had 30 years in education, beginning his career in 1993. Most recently, he has served as the Activities Director at Cassville.

Lisa Schell served as the Primary and Intermediate Assistant Principal. She began her teaching career as a classroom teacher in 2000.

Ann Nickle began her teaching career in 1995 as a second grade teacher. She finished her career as a fifth grade teacher at Cassville Intermediate.

Branden Heiden taught history at CHS and served as a professor at Crowder College. He began his career in education in 2001.

Cathly Nunley most recently served as a Title I Interventionist at Cassville Intermediate. Nunley has been a teacher for 31 years, beginning her career in 1992.

Wilma Swofford began her career in education 46 years ago as a classroom teacher in Louisiana. Most recently, she taught fourth grade at Cassville Intermediate. Swofford also served as the Principal of the Jenkins School District prior to its closure.

Board Scholarship
On behalf of the Board of Education, Jeremy Marple, Board of Education President, presented Teall Williams and Talana Hinson with the Board Scholarship to continue their education. Williams teaches art and Hinson teaches speech and debate. Both educators work at the high school.

CCTA Scholarship Recipients

CHS Seniors Ella Reuter and Dixon Reid were each awarded a \$500 CCTA scholarship.

Young Educator of the Year

Mr. Dylan Klewer was awarded the Young Educator of the Year award. Mr. Klewer teaches Special Education at CHS.

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Mrs. Leisa Lasley, Special Education Teacher at Cassville Middle School, was named the Middle School and High School Teacher of the Year. Lasley is pictured with Mrs. Becky Haynes, the 2022 Teacher of the Year.

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Classified Staff Member of the Year

Nancy Horner was named the 2023 Classified Staff Member of the Year. Horner

is a member of the district's Food Service Department where she works in the high school kitchen.

Quarter Century Club
Dr. Merlyn Johnson recognized Shelley Henderson, Lance Parnell and Tonya Varner for devoting 25 years of their career to the Cassville R-IV School District.



Mrs. Jenn Willis, first grade teacher at Eunice Thomas Elementary, was named Teacher of the Year for Primary and Intermediate. Willis is pictured with Mrs. Megan Cox, the 2022 Teacher of the Year.



Nancy Horner was named the 2023 Classified Staff Member of the Year. Horner is a member of the district's Food Service Department where she works in the high school kitchen. She is pictured with CMS Assistant Principal Mrs. Samantha Cosper.

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Bohmke Brothers to compete at National Pickleball Tournament



Ethan Bohmke and Tyson Bohmke of Cassville participated in the 2023 USA Pickleball Middle States Diamond Regional Championships in Springfield on Sunday, June 4. They won Silver (2nd place) in the Men's Doubles Group (3.0:19+). There were 425 registered players from across the nation who competed in multiple skills groups, including several professional level players. The brothers qualified to participate in the National Pickleball Tournament (Punta Gorda Classic) in Punta Gorda, Florida, on October 20-22.

Ozark Empire Fair Hay Show call for entries announced

Now that hay season is in full swing, it is a good time to pull hay samples for entry in the Ozark Empire Fair Hay Show in Springfield, says University of Missouri Extension agronomy specialist Tim Schnakenberg.

Entry deadline is July 17. To enter, contact the nearest MU Extension specialist. They are available to help pull the core samples from the 10-bale entry.

The show allows either dry hay or haylage in conventional small bales or large, high-moisture forage, says Schnakenberg. It is best to allow about two weeks before collecting the hay bale

sample and four weeks for haylage.

Space at the fair only allows for displaying the Champions and Reserves in the two divisions. Within each division the classes are split into legumes, cool-season grass, warm-season perennial grass, grass-legume mix and summer/winter annual grass.

The educational hay exhibit at the fair features a display of booklets with exhibitor data that includes test results from Custom Laboratory in Monett.

Past exhibitors credit the show with marketing assistance.

The class placings will be based on relative forage quality (RFQ).

Data in addition to RFQ will include moisture, crude protein, acid detergent fiber, neutral detergent fiber and total digestible nutrients (TDN).

The forage must have been harvested in Missouri in 2023. Exhibitors are limited to two entries per class. No more than one entry per field per cutting may be made.

Premiums are limited to ribbons, rosettes and cash prizes for the top six entries in each class, says Schnakenberg.

Sponsors of this year's hay show are Pennington Seed, Crown Power and Equipment, Green Seed, MFA Inc. and Custom Laboratory.

For more details, contact Schnakenberg at the MU Extension Center in Stone County at 417-357-6812.

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RYLAN LUKE WILSON

Rylan Luke Wilson, age 19, of Cassville, left this Earth doing what he loved and walked into the open arms of Jesus and the family and friends that have gone before him, on Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

He was born November 7, 2003, in Joplin, the son of Luke and Cindy (Craig) Wilson, who survive. In addition to his parents, those left to cherish the memories of Rylan are his paternal grandmother, Nora Wilson, of Cassville; maternal grandparents, Donnie Craig, of Cassville, and Kim and Mike Kenney, of Cassville; one brother, Kaden Wilson, of Cassville; one sister, Makena Wilson, of Cassville; his fiancé, Lexi Stubblefield, of Cassville; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and countless special friends.

Preceding him in death was his paternal grandfather, Junior Wilson.

Rylan grew up and attended school in Cassville, graduating with honors from Cassville High School in 2022. He attained his CNA license and had been employed by Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville for two years and was currently pursuing a nursing degree at Crowder College, with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner. He loved spending time with his family and friends. Rylan was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing golf, riding motorcycles, all animals, and helping on anyone's farm who needed him. He loved all of God's creation and natural wonders.

Rylan was a walking, talking, hugging example of God's love. As a son, brother, grandson, nephew, friend, fiancé, cousin and nursing assistant, he filled many different roles for many different people, but one role he filled for every person he met was Caregiver. Rylan truly cared about people, no matter their age, their background, or their beliefs. Rylan genuinely understood and carried out

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his duty as a child of God; he showed the love of Jesus to everyone he met. From friends in class to the nursing home residents he worked with, everyone knew they could count on Rylan to provide the help they needed and a conversation about God. Rylan was bold in his faith and unafraid to share his love of Jesus. The lives of many, many people were made better because of the presence of Rylan. As much as he gave in life, he also gave in death. Rylan was passionate about being a registered organ and tissue donor since the age of 15 and would encourage others to do the same.

Rylan was a towering figure, a big guy with an even bigger heart. In spite of his short 19 years on this Earth, Rylan showed a lifetime of love to all of those around him. He will be forever missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, June 8, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Cassville, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Donnie Spears will conduct the services. Interment will be at Horner Cemetery in Cass-

ville at a later date.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M. Wednesday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to The Rylan Wilson Memorial Fund at Security Bank of Southwest Missouri.

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KEATON FARE

Keaton Fare, age 14, of Cassville, passed away on May 31, 2023. Keaton, son of Tristan Fare and Alicia Alldridge Parsons, was born on May 9, 2009, in Berryville, Arkansas. Keaton attended Cassville Middle School and graduated from the 8th grade on May 11, 2023. Keaton

lived his young life to the fullest, from his horse "Blueberry" to wrestling, baseball, and riding his dirt bike. He loved babies and helping the elderly; he spent time every day with his great-grandmother. He was an advocate for the less fortunate. Keaton loved and adored his brothers and little sister. He also loved working on the farm. Every day was a new adventure for Keaton; he never missed a beat, and never met a stranger.

Survivors include his father, Tristan Fare and his fiancé, Sarah, of Cassville; his mother, Alicia Alldridge Parsons and her fiancé, Jake Parsons, of Eagle Rock; two brothers, Kamryn Fare, of Cassville, and Kade Parsons, of Eagle Rock; one sister, Ryleigh Fare, of Nashua, New Hampshire; grandparents, Anita Carr and her husband, Mike, of Cassville, Pamela Alldridge, of Golden, Dave Alldridge, of Eagle Rock, and Steve Fare, of Exeter; great-grandparents, Helen Harris, of Cassville, and Sue Fare, of Exeter; four aunts, Brandy Lauderdale and her fiancé, Travis Russell, of Jenkins, Rachel (Lucas) James, of Exeter, Teresa Sorensen and her husband, Rob, of Cassville, and Rayanna Fare, of Monett; two

uncles, Skylan Fare, of Purdy, and Shayden Fare, of Springfield; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Keaton was preceded in death by his maternal step-grandfather, Travis Barnes, and his paternal great-grandfather, James Harris.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. at the Cassville Middle School FEMA Building, located next to the parking lot in front of the football field in Cassville, with Pastor Jerry Yarnall, Pastor Jeff Fuggitt, and Doug Fare, officiating. Burial followed at the Clio Cemetery in Jenkins.

Pallbearers were Ashton Lauderdale, Ethan Hall, Trevor Brookes, Koby Fare, Carson Hutchens, Kaden Wilson, Brayden Meyer, Lucas Hudson, Trevin Baker, and Tyler Radigan.

Memorials may be made to the Keaton Fare Scholarship Fund and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, or Freedom Bank of Cassville.

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ANDEY HUNTER, SR.
Andey Hunter, Sr., age 41, of Exeter, passed away on June 3, 2023, in Cassville. Mr. Hunter, son of Andey Ray and Donna (Tilford) Hunter, was born on September 1, 1982, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. On April 9, 2002, he was united in marriage to Misty Drezinski in Berryville, Arkansas. Andey worked in the logging business at Hunter's Logging in Cassville. He loved fishing, hunting, mixed martial arts, and hiking with his family.
Survivors include his wife, Misty Hunter, of Exeter; two sons, Andey Hunter, Jr., of Neosho, and Kenneth Hunter, of the home; four daughters, Kaylie Jump, of Exeter, and Elizabeth, Skylar, and Sage Hunter, all of the home; two brothers, Samuel LD Hunter and his wife, Leora, and Steven Hunter, all of Exeter; one sister, LaDonna Hunter, of Exeter; two grandsons, Treyton and Keanu Jump, both of Exeter; his parents, Andey Ray and Donna Hunter, of Exeter; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.
He is joined in Heaven with Betty Kay Hilburn (beloved grandmother), Polly Ann Hunter (beloved aunt), Raydean Hunter (baby brother), Maria Jane Martinez (precious niece), and several other family members.
Funeral services will be held Monday, June 12, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the White Funeral Home and Crematory in Cassville, with John Mormon officiating. Burial will follow at Seligman City Cemetery.
Arrangements are in the direction of White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cass-

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KENNETH JAMES "KENNY" WHITE
Kenneth James "Kenny" White, age 70, of Cassville, passed away Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at the Veterans Health Care System of The Ozarks in Fayetteville, Arkansas.
He was born August 26, 1952, in Thayer, the son of James "Jim" and Willa (Davis) White. On July 7, 2007, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Shirley Pendergraft, who survives. Also surviving are his parents, Jim and Willa White, of Rogers, Arkansas; one son, Kyle White and his wife, Jannae, of Rogers, Arkansas; three daughters, Vicki Kier and her husband, Jacob, of Shawnee, Kansas, Lisa Lallemand and her husband, Justin, of Little Elm, Texas, and Cheryl Tamas and her husband, John, of Dallas, Texas; two sisters, Linda Neal and her husband, Glen, of Rogers, Arkansas, and Cynthia White and her husband,

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Tom, of Berkeley, California; and eight grandchildren, Megan and her husband Sam, Asher, Nova, Elaida, Hugo, Julia and the twins, Claire and Brice.
Kenny spent most of his youth in Green Forest, Arkansas, graduating from Green Forest High School in 1970. He immediately enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving from 1970 until 1994. Following combat training and Aircraft Electrician School, he was deployed to Thailand and Japan where he worked on F-4 airplanes. He would later train to work on F-18s and be stationed in Hawaii. It was while there that he received orders to be among the first troops to serve in Bahrain as part of Operation Desert Storm. In 1991, he was transferred to New Orleans where he was promoted to Master Sergeant and worked on Huey helicopters. After retiring from the military, Kenny moved to Northwest Arkansas to be close to family. For 15 years, he was employed by the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier in Fayetteville, Arkansas.
For the past 17 years, Kenny called Cassville his home, but his and Shirley's farm west of Washburn was where he enjoyed being the most, raising their herd of cattle. When not found there, he was likely out visiting with or helping someone, riding his motorcycle, gardening, going to the shooting range, or out on the boat at Table Rock Lake. When the kids and grandkids visited, they could always count on him making a big batch of pancakes and chili. He loved life

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NADINE JANE MCCASLAND
Nadine Jane McCasland, age 94, of Seligman, passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at her home.
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She was born April 16, 1929, in Mountain View, Oklahoma, the daughter of Orvel and Etta (Smith) Coon. On August 8, 1946, in Mountain View, Oklahoma, she was united in marriage to Don Douglas McCasland, Sr., who preceded her in death on December 16, 2002. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one son, Don Douglas McCasland III; one daughter, Teresa Jo Peck; two sisters, Juanita and Helen; and one granddaughter, Dee Dee.
Surviving are one son, Don Douglas "Spike" McCasland, Jr. and his wife, Gina, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Misty, Michelle and Dusty; three great-grandchildren Colton, Deryk, Brooke; and seven great-great-grandchildren.
Nadine grew up on the farm in Mountain View, Oklahoma, where she was born and attended school in Mountain View. She worked on the farm from the age of nine until seventeen when she and Don were married. She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior at age nineteen; she loved telling people about Jesus. She and Don lived in Sacramento, California, where he was stationed during his service in the military until 1951 when they moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, living there until 1974 when they decided to make their home in the Ozarks. Nadine enjoyed gardening, tending her flowers and playing the piano and organ which she also played at church for thirty-five years. She loved her dogs, but most of all she loved her family. She was a member of Seligman First Baptist Church in Seligman.
Service was held Monday, June 5, 2023, at Seligman First Baptist Church in Seligman, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Brent Ferguson conducted the services. Burial was at Seligman Cemetery in Seligman.
Contributions may be made to Haven of The Ozarks in memory of Nadine.

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TYNE JEANNINE RABOURN

Tyne Jeannine Rabourn, of Cassville, passed away on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at her home. She was 85.

The daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Jewel (Hamilton) Johnson, Tyne was born in a farmhouse near Indianola, Oklahoma, on July 6, 1937.

On July 3, 1955, in McAlester, Oklahoma, she was united in marriage to Jimmie E. Rabourn, who preceded her in death on July 10, 2005. Also preceding her in death were her parents, four brothers and one sister.

Tyne is survived by her son, Jonathan Rabourn, of Cassville; daughter, Tanya Rabourn, of Austin, Texas; daughter-in-law, Julie Rabourn, of Cassville; grandson Spencer; grandson Zach-

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ary and his wife, Michelle, as well as two great-grandchildren, Milo and Iris, and a third on the way.

As a child, Tyne contracted polio. With great perseverance, she slowly regained the ability to walk in her teens and was proud that as a bride she was able to walk down the aisle unaided.

Tyne attended school in McAlester, Oklahoma, graduating from McAlester High School. She attended Missouri Southern State College and Southwest Baptist University, where she obtained a Master's in Education.

Tyne traveled extensively with her husband during his Navy career and also during his time with Lockheed. Foreign postings took them to Japan and Iran. She also had an active career as an educator, teaching school in Purdy, Mt. Vernon, and Cassville, where she retired in 2016.

Tyne was a devoted teacher and during her teaching career was awarded Teacher of the Year several times. She also received a lifetime achievement award from the Cassville Chamber of Commerce in 2007. After she retired from teaching, she continued mentoring students who participated in Cassville High School's State of Missouri A+ Schools program.

She enjoyed teaching Sunday School at First Baptist Church in Cassville, where she was a beloved member of

I want to thank everyone who stopped by the Stone Soup Booth at Creekside Market last week in Crane. I had a great time visiting with people. I brought numerous jars of tinctures, syrups, teas, and salves off my pantry shelf that I make out of the local weeds growing in our woods and pastures. It was a fun time sharing, and I also learned a lot from some of you. That is what makes life interesting, always learning and sharing with others. I hope to do future presentations on some of my self-sustaining lifestyle skills at this booth. Thank you, Mar-

the congregation.

Graveside service was held Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at Pilant Cemetery in Cassville, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jason Mackey conducted the services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cassville High School Business Department in memory of Tyne.

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From the Roots Up

Susan Lane

gie Williams, for inviting me. Future presentations I am considering are how to water glass eggs for winter storage without refrigeration, fermenting vegetables for food preservation, and how to seal food in mylar bags for long-term storage. Watch for information about these learning experiences through this news article.

So what's new in my garden? Well, I will give you a clue, it's not a plant, and it slithers along the ground. Yep, I have a black snake in my garden, and it is scaring the heebeegee's out of me. The grandkids saw it first in

my garden shed, and later I saw it lying across one of my raised beds. It ruins my desire to be in this area of the garden. I know they kill copperheads and are a "good snake," but to me, there are no "good snakes." My chicken house is next to this group of raised beds, and I think he's also been there eating eggs. I enter with extreme caution now. It really takes the fun out of this lifestyle for me. I have five dogs, and the pigs are down in this area, so I thought I would be free of snakes. Obviously not!

So this week had been a week of cutting the grass real

low in that area, removing cardboard I had laid down to suppress weeds last winter in that area (a good hiding place for the snake), cleaning out fence rows of tall weeds, and closing up gaps under the garden shed and chicken house. I went to the feed store, bought some snake repellent, and sprinkled it all over the area I want it to stay out of. Hopefully, that works. If anyone has any words of wisdom on how to make this snake leave my garden, please email me at ozarkhappiness@yahoo.com. I am open to all suggestions!

We got a half inch of rain at our farm last week, but it came fast and hard, so it did not do much good for the gardens. I am going to have to start watering the in-ground gardens soon if we don't get rain. My raised beds and container gardens need watering daily now. I got eight blueberry plants planted this last week. I encourage you to keep planting food. With a single planting, fruit trees and berries will provide food for many years. Until we meet again next week, enjoy your garden!

50th wedding anniversary



Walter and Sherry Berry were united in marriage on June 1, 1973, and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a celebration on June 4 at Prairie Hill Baptist Church in Washburn. They are the parents of Laurie Blake and her husband, Matt, of Purdy, Mary Sanchez and Joey, of Aurora, and Melissa Fields and her husband, Rusty, of Purdy; four grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

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In order to collect, your former spouse must also be at least 62 and eligible for Social Security benefits. But he doesn't have to be receiving them in order for you to collect divorced spouse's benefits, as long as you've been divorced for at least two years.
Even if your ex is remarried, it won't affect your right to divorcee benefits, nor will it affect your ex's retirement benefits or his current spouse's benefits.
Benefit Amount
A divorced spouse can receive up to 50 percent of their ex's full Social Security benefit, or less if they take benefits before their full retirement age, which is 66 for people born in 1945-1954 but is gradually increased to age 67 for people born in 1960 or later. To find out your full retirement age and see how much your benefits will be reduced by taking them early see SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/agereduction.html.
Keep in mind though, that if you qualify for benefits based on your own work history, you'll receive the larger of the two benefits. You cannot receive benefits on both your record, and your ex's work record too.
To find out how much your retirement benefits will be, see your Social Security statement at SSA.gov/myaccount. And to get an estimate of your ex's benefits, call Social Security at 800-772-1213. You'll need to show your marriage certificate and divorce decree to prove your marriage lasted at least 10 years along with his Social Security number to get it.
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Another factor that can reduce your divorced spouse's benefits is receiving a pension from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes (like a government). This is a rule known as Government Pension Offset (see SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/gpo-calc.html) which can reduce your benefits by two-thirds of the amount of your pension.

Divorced Survivor's Benefits

You also need to know that when your ex-spouse dies (and if you were married for 10 or more years), you become eligible for divorced survivor benefits, which is worth up to 100 percent of what your ex-spouse was due.

Survivor benefits are available to divorced spouses as early as age 60 (50 if you're disabled). But if you remarry before 60, you become ineligible unless the marriage ends. Remarrying after age 60 will not affect your eligibility.

Also note that if you are receiving divorced spouses benefits when your ex-spouse dies, you will automatically be switched over to the higher paying survivor benefit.

For more information visit SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/applying7.html and click on "Benefits for Your Divorced Spouse."

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Missouri 4-H'ers raise more than 1.7 million meals to fight hunger

Missouri 4-H clubs across the state have finished the fifth annual 4-H Feeding Missouri initiative. Each year, 4-H partners with Feeding Missouri and Missouri Farmers Care's Drive to Feed Kids to bring awareness and raise resources addressing food insecurity.

Last fall, during Universi-

2023 crop event for 4-H, FFA youths



Youths inspect soybean plants during the 2022 Missouri 4-H Crop Scouting Day. Photo: Missouri 4-H

University of Missouri Extension and Missouri 4-H will host a crop scouting event for 4-H and FFA members and volunteers July 18 at MU Bradford Research Farm near Columbia.

Participants will learn about common Missouri crops, insects, diseases, disorders and weeds as well as about pesticide safety and careers in agronomy, said Maria Calvert, MU Extension state 4-H agriculture educator. "This year, we will also be inviting FFA chapters to join in on this learning opportunity. This is an area that has needed to grow and with the help of our MU Extension colleagues we will be able to offer a great opportunity for young people to develop and test their knowledge and skills in this area."

“This event is a great opportunity for students to interact with and learn directly from MU Extension specialists, who focus on solutions to agronomic problems,” said Mandy Bish, MU Extension state field crop pathologist. “In 2022, students from multiple regions of the state participated in the event. The willingness to drive to central Missouri for a one-day event demonstrates the need for such a scouting program. For 2023, we are excited to partner with 4-H and work with Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council once again.”

Learn more at mizzou.us/4Hcropscouting.

More than 55,000 members strong, Missouri 4-H is an active, dynamic organization of young people who are learning, growing and preparing to be the leaders of today and tomorrow – making a real difference in their community, country and world. 4-H is the youth development program of the University of Missouri and the nation's Cooperative Extension System. For more in-

ty of Missouri Extension and Engagement Week, 4-H challenged participants across the state to fight hunger. From January through April, 4-H'ers participated in a friendly competition to raise the most meals for local families. They held food drives and fundraisers, volunteered services and provided edu-

cation and outreach activities. Through these efforts, 4-H members raised the equivalent of 711,268 meals this year for food-insecure Missourians, bringing the five-year cumulative total to 1,723,331 meals.

"I am so proud of the work 4-H and MU Extension have done to fight food insecurity," said Lupita Fabregas, director of Missouri 4-H. "Our goal is to help Missourians through service-learning programs, and 4-H Feeding Missouri is a great example of our success."

4-H clubs could apply for matching mini-grants through a donation from Missouri Farmers Care Foundation. More than \$4,000 was awarded to 17 Missouri 4-H clubs to help further their efforts during the drive. To add an educational component to the grants, many youths spoke about food insecurity and promoted their food drives in their schools and to local organizations.

Campaign proceeds go directly to Feeding Missouri, a coalition of the state's six major food banks that provides hunger relief through a

network of more than 1,500 community-based food programs.

During a May 31 virtual event celebrating the drive's success, Moniteau County 4-H members were recognized for raising 51,459 meals, the most of any Missouri county for the second year in a row. Moniteau County 4-H'ers will receive a small stipend to help them kick off next year's event and will be showcased in Missouri 4-H's outreach for the 2024 4-H Feeding Missouri campaign.

“The need for food assistance has reached levels higher than prior to the pandemic,” says Heather Hargrove, executive director of Feeding Missouri. “There are families in every county across the state that aren’t sure where their next meal will come from. Our neighbors continue to experience the challenges of rising food prices and transportation. Missouri’s food banks rely on partnerships like these to help raise critical awareness, funds and food to help provide access to nutritious foods for the growing number of seniors, children and

families in need. These efforts will directly impact the communities most affected by these challenging times - especially in rural communities where the need continues to be significant. Partnerships like this demonstrate the power a few can have on the many, and we are very grateful for their continued support and commitment.”

Missouri Farmers Care Foundation's Drive to Feed Kids continues food security efforts throughout the summer. Swine exhibitors are invited to commit pigs to feed neighbors in need through the partnership's Hogs for Hunger initiative. Up to 50 pigs will be accepted at the Missouri State Fair with Feeding Missouri providing reimbursement of \$0.80 per pound live weight for committed hogs. Missouri Farmers Care Foundation will cover processing of these hogs. The foundation asks State Fair exhibitors to indicate their commitment at www.MOFarmersCare.com/drive.

“Missouri youth are building a stronger future for their peers through 4-H Feeding Missouri and the

Drive to Feed Kids,” said Ashley McCarty, executive director of Missouri Farmers Care Foundation. “It is fulfilling to see the heart of agriculture expressed by Missouri youth donating much-needed food to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors, over 1.1 million Missourians facing food insecurity.”

Feeding Missouri is a coalition of Missouri's six major food banks that works to provide hunger relief to every county in the state and the city of St. Louis through a coordinated network of more than 1,500 community-based feeding programs.

Missouri Farmers Care is a joint effort by Missouri's agriculture community to stand together for the men and women who provide the food and jobs on which our communities depend. The coalition of more than 40 leading Missouri agricultural groups promotes the growth of Missouri agriculture and rural communities through coordinated communication, education, and advocacy. For more information, visit MOFarmersCare.com.

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