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DESE announces new five-year strategic plan for Mo Ag Ed 3A

Cottage at Roaring River State Park to be nominated for National Register July 14

Missouri State Parks has announced that the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will consider nominations to the National Register of Historic Places during its quarterly meeting Friday, July 14, at 10 a.m. at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building in Jefferson City. Remote participation will be available.

The remaining one-story, frame, rustic style cottage, which sits on a privately owned 50' x 100' wooded tract surrounded by Roaring River State Park, seven miles south of Cassville, is one of three nominations to be pre-



The circa 1920 summer cottage, located at Roaring River State Park, has been nominated for the National Register.

See Cottage 7A

PHS student receives silver medal at FCCLA National Leadership Conference



Purdy High School student Adriana Barrientos competed in the Leadership STAR Event at the 2023 FCCLA National Leadership Conference earlier this month in Denver, Colorado.

The 2023 FCCLA National Leadership Conference (NLC) took place in Denver, Colo. from July 2-6, drawing more than 7,900 students, educators, and guests from across the nation. This gathering provided a valuable platform for attendees to expand their leadership skills, sharpen their talents, explore career pathways, and listen to inspiring speakers.

At the heart of the conference were the highly anticipated Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events. Over 4,300 FCCLA members competed in these events, where they were recognized for their proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. The collaboration between youth and adults in managing the events and evaluating par-

ticipants allowed students to develop real-world skills and gain valuable insights.

STAR Events play a pivotal role in supporting student development by enhancing their classroom experience and guiding them towards successful career pathways. With more than 30 events to choose from, participants have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities by actively addressing important issues concerning families, careers, or communities. By researching the topic and implementing projects to advocate for positive change, students acquire valuable skills and industry insights needed to thrive in the 21st century.

We are thrilled to share that Adriana Barrientos

See Adriana 7A

Eagle Rock man killed in crash

Adriana Keeton

According to a crash report investigated by Trooper Walden with Missouri State Highway Patrol, at approximately 5:55 p.m. on July 5, James Riordan, 53, of Eagle Rock, was traveling eastbound in a Chevrolet GMT-400 truck on MO 86, one mile south of Eagle Rock, when the vehicle ran off the right side of the road, returned to the road and went into a skid. The vehicle then crossed the road, ran off the left side, hit an embankment and a tree, and overturned.

Deputy Coroner Todd McCoy pronounced Riordan dead at the scene at approximately 6:45 p.m. The vehicle was totaled and towed by Schrader's Wrecker Service. This is Troop D's 68th fatality in 2023.

AHA/ASA presents CoxHealth hospitals with stroke care awards

Cox Medical Center Branson, Cox Medical Center South and Cox Monett Hospital have been recognized with "Get With the Guidelines™" awards by the American Heart Association. This recognition is awarded to hospitals that demonstrate a commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines.

- Cox Medical Center Branson earned the 2023 Get With the Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Award with Target: Stroke Elite Honor Roll and Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll. Cox Branson was also recognized with the Get With the Guidelines®-Stroke Rural Bronze Award.
- Cox Medical Center South earned the 2023 Get With the Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Award with Target: Stroke Elite Plus Honor Roll.
- Cox Monett Hospital earned the 2023 Get With the Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Award. Cox Monett was also recognized with the Get With the Guidelines®-Stroke Rural Bronze Award.

Each hospital has earned awards from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for several years now. This is the eighth year Branson has received the gold plus achievement and third year with the Type 2 diabetes honor roll. This is Cox Monett's first year receiving a gold plus achievement, previously receiving a silver plus achievement.

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Cassville Public Works waste water rehabilitation closures

There is no substantial change to the locations affected by the City’s wastewater rehabilitation project. For the week of July 10, construction continues in the both the 16000 Block of Farm Road 1120 and in the 700 Block of West 10th Street. The work at both locations involves open trench excavation and pipe/manhole installation.

On West 10th Street, our alignment is parallel to but off the street so impact on the traveling public will be limited to brief lane closures. The construction will cross a number of commercial driveways; however, there is enough connectivity between parking lots/buildings

to ensure that each building will always be accessible. Work in this area is expected to last another 7-10 days.

Work in the 16000 Block of Farm Road 1120 has not yet required a full road closure but crews expect that to be required during the week of July 10. The closure will only be required while construction is in progress and the road will be reopened at the end of the workday.

The following traffic restrictions should be anticipated at times through the week:

- Intermittent lane closures or restrictions in the 700-800 Block of West 10th Street.

- Road closure to through traffic in the 16000 Block of Farm Road 1120.
- Through traffic is advised to heed the “road closed ahead” signs and find an alternate route around the construction site.

Local traffic will be able to access property; however, the direction needed to arrive or depart may change over time depending on the location of the construction activity.

The contractor will try to keep access open for local traffic but there will likely be times when equipment or materials will block individual driveways. If residents need to come or go, they can simply inform someone on

the construction crew, a city staff member or the project inspector and they will get you in or out as soon as possible. This portion of the project may be very disruptive in the immediate area of the excavations. If anyone has questions or concerns issues, please let us know.

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.

If you would like to receive emailed updates and announcements, contact City Hall at 417-847-4441.

Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week



Meet T-Bone! He is a handsome red merle cattle dog/ red heeler mix who is estimated to be around a year old. He came in with his sister Brisket and has a personality very similar to hers. He very much still has that puppy energy and is very playful. He is a real charmer and loves all the attention he can get. He often does a silly little wiggle when he gets excited which is just the cutest. T-Bone has been treated for flea/tick and has been wormed. He cannot wait to find a high energy, playful, sweet family that matches his charming personality and that he can spend forever with. Come meet T-Bone!

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

The Haven is celebrating 28 years of helping area dogs and cats find homes. All dogs over 28 weeks of age are only \$28 to adopt through July 28.

DESE Announces New Five-Year Strategic Plan for Missouri Agricultural Education

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s (DESE’s) Agricultural Education section, along with partners at the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA), developed a new Five-Year Strategic Plan to provide direction from 2024-2029 for agricultural education. The “Reinventing Agricultural Education for the Year 2020” strategic plan has served as a valuable resource to lead the industry for more than 20 years. Now, DESE has an updated plan to withstand the rapid changes and growth taking place in technology, agriculture, and education.

“As we navigate the coming years, the priorities developed through this process will guide the work of all stakeholders involved in agricultural education across Missouri,” said DESE’s Director of Agricultural Education Keith Dietzschold. “Mis-

souri’s number one economic driver is the \$93 billion agricultural industry. Education plays a key role in ensuring we develop the workforce needed to sustain that industry, along with informed Missouri consumers.”

The 2024-2029 Missouri Agricultural Education Five-Year Strategic Plan identifies four key priorities:

- Comprehensive Reach of Agricultural Education Programs
- Quality Curriculum and

Resources

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Literacy
- Quality Instructors and Instruction

Additionally, each priority establishes guiding themes to be carried out through the Missouri Agricultural Education Vision and Mission statements.

Representatives from education — including instructors, administrators, and students — government, and industry, along with oth-

er key stakeholders, met in a multi-stage process to affirm the key issues facing agricultural education in Missouri and to help determine the new vision. Committee work will continue this fall to establish the goals and action steps necessary to fulfill this vision.

To view the 2024-2029 Missouri Agricultural Education Five-Year Strategic Plan, visit <https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/ag-ed-strategic-plan-2024-2029>.



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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. Contact Elaine Phaneuf, class@4bca.com or (417) 847-4475.

Notice:

Victory Baptist Church is offering a college scholarship for the 2023/24 school year. Please call (417) 342-6711 with questions.

Exeter R-6 School District’s summer screening for Pre K and Kindergarten will be on July 27, 2023, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Please call the school to schedule at (417) 835-2922, ext. 5. Please note that summer hours are in effect so if you do not reach someone, please try again. Pre K students should be four years old before August 1, 2023. Kindergarten students should be five years old before August 1, 2023. The following items will be needed to complete enrollment: proof of residency in the district, birth certificate and immunization record.

Farm Road 1000 will be closed beginning Wednesday, July 5, until Monday, August 28, 2023, for culvert replacement.

Patriots of SW MO have meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the VFW in Shell Knob (on Hwy. 39). To learn more and find out who this month’s exciting speakers are, contact Diane Alcocer, dsakcic52@gmail.com, (805) 794-4924, or Diane Painter (417) 858-2108 (please no texts).

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.

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, and Tuesday from 4 to 7 P.M. across from Security Bank.

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.

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 the Labor Day holiday weekend. 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 Sundays from 1 to 5 P.M. Visitors are encouraged to check out the history of Wheaton and the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad (M&NA). Phone numbers are posted in the window of the museum.

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, Cassville. More information about the pantry can be found on Face Book.

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.

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.

Thursday July 13

All Together Science! Children’s Program will be hosted at the Monett Branch Library, 2200 Park Street, Monett, from 4 to 6 P.M. Guests are welcome to explore and learn about the science of solutions and mixtures and how diversity is key to our sweetest experiences. Call the Monett Library at (417) 235-7350 for more information.

Rusty Pliers Ventriloquist, a program for all ages, will be hosted by Cassville Branch Library at Cassville Schools FEMA building at 1:30 P.M.

Friday July 14

A Reception in Honor of Dr. Connie Butler, MD and her Career at Mercy Clinic and Hospital will be held at Mercy Hospital, Cassville, from 1 to 3 P.M. in Conference Room C.

The Stella Senior Center will have a Dinner and Dance. The doors will be open at 5:30 P.M., with a 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.

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

Saturday July 15

Purdy Festival will be held at Purdy City Park from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Just some of the highlights include free inflatables and kiddie rides, free pony rides, craft and vendor fair, food, and livestock show. For more information, see the advertisement on page 8A.

Thunder in the Park Car, Truck and Bike Show is being held in conjunction with the Purdy Festival at Veterans Park, Purdy, from 8 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Highlights include special guest Butch Patrick (Eddie Munster) and The Dragula Car; live entertainment by Eddie Valen Band with Brian Lee Dunning; Monster Garage; America’s Got Talent and Motortrend’s Ride of Your Life with Courney Hansen.

Emmanuel Baptist Church is hosting an event for Sleep in Heavenly Peace from 8 A.M. to noon. Members of Sleep in Heavenly Peace will be demonstrating their bed building process. Volunteers can come and watch or be trained in the process. Food and drinks will be available beginning at 10 A.M. Monetary donations will be accepted. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a not for profit organization that provides beds for children in need. The church is located at 821 Old Exeter Road, Cassville.

The Barry County Genealogical and Historical Society will be meeting at 2:30 P.M. at the Bayless-Salyer House, 9th and Townsend St., Cassville. All persons interested in Barry County history or genealogy are invited to attend. There will be short business meeting and a short program about something in Barry Country’s history. Guests are encouraged to attend and bring a story to share.

Summer Movie Night at the Park is being hosted by the Community of Butterfield. The family friendly movie has not yet been announced. Guests are invited to bring their own seats, blankets, snacks and drinks, and join in on a walk of the town at 6:30 P.M., prior to the movie. For more information, visit the City of Butterfield, Mo, Facebook page.

Movie Under the Stars will be hosted by Cassville Branch Library at Roaring River State Park. The movie will be appropriate for all ages and will begin at dusk.

Sunday July 16 to Saturday July 22

The 134th Barry County Campmeeting will be held at the Log Church Campgrounds, 4 miles east of Butterfield on Hwy U, then 1/2 mile south on Farm Road 1115. The True-love Quartet will be in concert on July 22 at 7 P.M. Sunday will feature Pastor McNabb at 11 A.M.; Pastor McNabb’s Mission Service at 1:45 P.M.; and Mark Moller at 7 P.M. Monday at 7 P.M. will feature Clark Snow; Tuesday, 7 P.M. Ronnie Allred; Wednesday 7 P.M. Brien Bowes; Thursday 7 P.M. John Conn; Friday 7 P.M. Lee Neill.

Tuesday July 18

“Touch a Truck” , a preschool age program, will be held at the Cassville Branch Library in conjunction with Imagination Library from 4 to 6 P.M.

Wednesday July 19

Jane Ballard, photographer is the host of a special program for teens through adults at the Cassville Branch Library at 2 P.M.

Thursday July 20

Music, Music, Music! Children’s Program will be hosted by the Monett Branch Library, 2200 Park Street, Monett, from 4 to 6 P.M. This program will explore music, musical ensembles, musical instruments, and more. Call the Monett Library at (417) 235-7350 for more information.

Friday July 21

Annual Stones Prairie Picnic will be held at at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Stones Prairie Parish, of rural Purdy, beginning at 6 P.M. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held on Saturday, July 22, at 6 P.M. Traditional menu consists of hamburgers, chips, hot dogs, bratwurst sandwiches, ice cream and an abundance of homemade desserts. There will be games, baked goods, a country store, many handcrafted items and Bingo. A handcrafted quilt will be awarded to the holder of the winning ticket. Tickets for the drawing will be available at the picnic. For questions, call the Church Office on Wednesdays at (417) 442-3836.

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How to Handle Social Security Benefits When A Loved One Dies

Dear Savvy Senior,

How are Social Security benefits handled when someone dies? After a long illness, my 68-year-old father has only weeks left to live. I am helping my mom figure out her financial situation going forward, including what to do about my dad's Social Security after he passes away but could use some help.

Only Son
Dear Only,

I'm very sorry about the impending loss of your father. To help you and your mom understand what Social Security provides and what needs to be done when a family member dies, here are some key points you should know.

Your first order of business will be to make sure the Social Security Administration is notified when your father dies, so his monthly benefits will be stopped. In most cases, the funeral home providing his burial or cremation services will do it. You'll need to provide your dad's Social Security number to the funeral director so they can make the report. But, if they don't offer that service or you're not using a funeral home, you'll need to do it yourself by calling Social Security at 800-772-1213.

When Benefits Stop

There are a couple of things to be aware of regarding your dad's Social Security benefits. For starters, you need to know that a person is due no Social Security benefits in the month of their death.

With Social Security,

each payment received represents the previous month's benefits. So, if your dad were to pass away in August, the check for that month – which would be paid in September – would need to be returned if received. If the payment is made by direct deposit, you would need to contact the bank or other financial institution and ask them to return any benefits sent after your dad's death.

Survivor Benefits

When your father passes away, your mother may be eligible for survivor benefits on his record if she's at least age 60 (50 if disabled). Here's how that works depending on her situation.

If your mom is currently receiving Social Security benefits based on your father's work record, her spousal benefit will automatically convert to survivors benefits when the government gets notice of your dad's death. She cannot receive both spousal and survivor benefits at the same time.

Widows are due between 71 percent (at age 60) and 100 percent (at full retirement age) of what the husband was getting before he died.

If, however, your mom is eligible for retirement benefits (but hasn't applied yet), she can apply for retirement or survivors benefits when her husband passes away and switch to the other (higher) benefit later. Or, if your mom is already receiving her retirement benefits on her own work record, she could

switch to survivors benefits if it offers a higher payment. She cannot, however, receive both benefits.

To apply for survivors' benefits, your mom will need to call Social Security at 800-772-1213 and schedule an appointment. She can't do it online.

You should also know that survivor benefits are available to former spouses and dependents who meet SSA qualifications – see SSA.gov/benefits/survivors.

Also note that if your mom collects a survivor benefit while working, and she's under full retirement age, her benefits may be reduced depending on her earnings. See SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10069.pdf for details.

Death Benefit

In addition to survivor benefits, Social Security will also pay a one-time payment of \$255 to your mom (the surviving spouse) if she was living with your dad at the time of his death. If they were living apart, she may still receive this one-time payment if she's collecting spousal benefits on his work record. In the absence of a surviving spouse, the lump-sum payment can go to a son or daughter who is eligible for benefits on the deceased's work record.

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There has been a lot of talk lately on social media and radio about the US dollar losing its standing as the world's reserve currency. The technical term is "De-dollarization," which refers to countries moving away from using the US dollar as the primary currency in their global trade and investments.

It's true that China is starting to use the yuan in commodity trades with a few trading partners, such as Russia, Brazil, and Argentina, and wants the Chinese yuan to be a prominent currency. A lot of talking heads say this will weaken the demand for the dollar. I think this whole idea is overblown. Wanting it and doing it are two different things.

While the dollar has dropped some in value in the last six months, it's still the leading currency in the global economy. Almost 90% of all global transactions are in the US dollar. As a com-

parison, the Chinese yuan is used in less than 2% of all global trades, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The dollar is also still the preferred currency reserve for other countries. The dollar's percentage of global reserves has declined some in the last two decades as other central banks have diversified, but the US dollar is still the number one preference, and there isn't a close second. Nearly 60% of global reserves are in the US dollar. By comparison, the euro is second at 20%, and the Chinese yuan is only 2% of global reserves, according to the International Monetary Fund.

The reason is that the world's reserve currency must be easily exchangeable and considered safe. Only the US meets that criteria. That's why an enormous amount of foreign money flowed into US Treasures and US stocks during the pandemic.

The world will continue to shift away from US dollars as other countries and investors continue to diversify, but the dollar isn't going to lose its place as the world's reserve currency anytime soon. The US dollar is simply still the best currency to do business with.

The global economy may operate with a less-dominant dollar in the future, but that

will be my great-grandchildren's problem, maybe even their great-grandchildren.

Once, our family picked up a tool bag from the side of the road. There was a mangled 9/16 wrench that was obviously used for something not intended by Craftsman. I took it to Sears, and they replaced it with no questions asked. A store in town sells cheap Chinese-made tools, but I keep buying Craftsman. I stick with the tool backed by one of the strongest warranties on the market. Other countries, even our enemies, stick with the US dollar because the strongest economy in the world backs it.

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From the Roots Up

Susan Lane

Greetings Friends!

I have just returned from a two-week vacation, and I stand amazed at the beauty this country has to offer. My husband, myself, and four teenage grandchildren traveled from here to the New England area covering 13 states along the way. We stopped at history museums, art museums, and civil war battlefields and saw a revolutionary war warship in Boston Harbor and lighthouses in Maine. We hiked trails in state parks and National forests. We swam in Lake Erie and the Atlantic Ocean. We strolled downtown in big cities as well as quaint little tourist communities. Everywhere we went, we met really nice people; no complaints on the hospitality of each state. It was truly a great memory made with the grandchildren.

So me, being the gardener, I kept my eyes open in each state for backyard gardens. As I expected, some ar-

eas had more gardens growing than others. Geography definitely was a factor in the size and number of gardens I saw. I saw the most gardens in Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. Big beautiful, thriving gardens that showed me they were probably putting food away for winter from those gardens. Rural areas had more gardens than communities closer to the cities. I expected that. We visited my daughter in Connecticut, and she said she did not know anyone that had a garden in her community. Beautiful landscaping everywhere, but no food growing. I expected that. Looking at the gardens as we drove through the various states was fun.

Then we returned home, and within minutes I was in my gardens, touring to evaluate the damage done by being gone two weeks. Wow. How can weeds grow so tall so fast? Fence lines and between strips of ground cloth,

the weeds are knee high—no shortage of lambs quarter at my place. Milkweed, wild lettuce, and chicory are everywhere.

I had a friend do some watering, but of course, I did not ask them to pull weeds or check for pests. Yep, cabbage worms found my cabbage. Rabbits have found the green beans. Corn, watermelon, tomatoes, and peppers looked good. Potatoes are ready to dig.

I purposely did not plant as big a summer garden as usual, knowing I would be gone a few weeks. I planned to plant a big fall garden. I planted and preserved enough last year, planning ahead, to get us thru a vacation summer. Trips like this year are done only every couple of years for my family.

Tonight we are eating fried green tomatoes from the garden and are thankful. Thankful we live in a beautiful country, thankful we had the opportunity to see it, and thankful for the bounty our much-neglected garden is providing us upon return. Tomorrow I begin pulling weeds!



OZARKS HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Judith Lewallen
Retired F.N.P

This week's message is about sun exposure and skin cancer. I am in my 70s, and like a lot of us baby boomers, I spent my summers burning my skin regularly as we did in the sixties. We didn't know the dangers related to sun exposure.

Luckily, I have had only one small skin cancer removed without any problems. Hopefully, our children and grandchildren will be smarter and take better care to avoid skin cancer later in their lives.

What is skin cancer?

It is the abnormal growth of skin cells. It is usually caused by sun exposure. UV radiation from the sun has some benefits, such as creating Vitamin D, but it also has health risks. Short-term over-exposure causes sunburn, and long-term exposure causes premature aging and skin cancer.

It can also cause eye damage when eye protection is

not used.

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. The two most common types are basal cell and squamous cell cancer, found most often on the head, face, neck, hands, and arms, the body parts that receive the most sun exposure.

Melanoma, the deadliest kind of skin cancer, is also caused by exposure to UV radiation.

The harmful risks from UV radiation are increased in people who:

- Spend a lot of time in the sun and have a history of sunburns.
- Have light-colored skin, hair, and eyes.
- Take or use medications, such as antibiotics, birth control pills, and benzoyl peroxide products (Acne).
- Have a family member with skin cancer.
- Are over age 50.

Ways to protect yourself and your children from UV radiation:

- Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) 15 or higher for both UVA and UVB protection. (My dermatologist recommended SPF of at least 30)
- Avoid direct sunshine. Stay in the shade, especially during midday hours. (A solid shade works best if possible. I have burnt under a

shade tree.)

- Wear clothes that cover your arms and legs.
- Wear a wide-brim hat to shade your face, head, ears, and neck.
- Wear wraparound sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays.
- Avoid indoor tanning.

Indoor tanning is particularly dangerous for younger users; people who begin indoor tanning during adolescence or early adulthood have a higher risk of developing melanoma.

If you have any skin lesion that gets larger suddenly; develops an irregular border; becomes darker or inflamed; shows spotty color changes; begins to bleed, crack or itch; or becomes painful, you need to have your health care provider examine it.

Ref: UV Radiation | NCEH Environmental Health Features (cdc.gov)

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

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Cottage from front

sented to the Council. The circa 1920 summer cottage was built for Roaring River Camps and Hotel, the private resort that preceded the State Park.

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The Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is a group of historians, architects, archaeologists, and citizens interested in historic preservation.

The governor appoints the Council and works with the Department of Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Office, which administers Missouri's National Register of Historic Places program.

The Council meets quarterly to review Missouri property nominations to the national register, the nation's honor roll of historic properties. Approved nominations are forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D.C., for final approval.

More information, including draft nominations and meeting agenda, is included online at dnr.mo.gov/commissions-boards-councils/advisory-council-historic-preservation.

Adriana from front

proudly represented Purdy High School at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colo. They competed in the Leadership STAR Event and achieved a remarkable silver medal in recognition of their outstanding performance.

The students' project, in developing her leadership skills while applying what she learned from her book study of The Five Voices by Jeremie Kubicek and Steve Cockram, exemplifies their dedication, creativity, and commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others. Their accomplishment at the national level is a testament to their hard work, teamwork, and unwavering passion.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective student-led nation-based organization supporting youth on their journey to become the leaders of tomorrow and helping them address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has over 237,000 members and more than 5,100 chapters across the nation.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical intracurricular student organization with a central focus on careers that support families.

Participation in national FCCLA programs and chapter activities aids members in becoming strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

MoDNR resumes energy efficiency loan

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is again accepting applications for its popular Energy Loan Program.

The department offers low-interest loans to public K-12 schools, public colleges and universities, hospitals and local governments for energy-saving investments, and energy efficiency projects to reduce energy use and cost. A wide range of project types are eligible: High efficiency lighting fixtures and lamps; combined heat and power systems; waste heat recovery; high efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; and building shell improvements, such as insulation. Loan recipients repay the loan with money saved on energy costs as a result of implementing energy efficiency projects. By using loan

financing, the loan recipient's tax dollars are freed up for essential services or other capital improvements. The loan recipient also benefits from increased comfort of building occupants and reduced energy costs. The money saved can then be used to repay the loan.

The Energy Loan Application cycle is open until June 30, 2024. Loan recipients are determined on a competitive basis. Applications are ranked based on the project's payback score, which will be determined by dividing the cost to implement a project by the estimated yearly energy cost savings.

For more information on this valuable program, and on source water protection in general, visit dnr.mo.gov/energy/grants-loans/loan-program.

CoxHealth from front

This is the first year that Cox Monett and Cox Branson were awarded with the Get With the Guidelines®-Stroke Rural Bronze Award, as this is a new addition this year. This is the fourth year that Cox South has received the gold plus achievement award.

Hospitals are eligible to be recognized by the Get With the Guidelines® awards by demonstrating commitment and achievement in quality improvement across various measurement criteria, including the diagnosis and treatment of stroke and cardiac patients at a set level for a designated period, patients receiving education on managing their health and getting a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions, before discharge.

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Masri Named to Spring 2023 Dean's List

Lily Masri of Monett, was named to the spring 2023 Dean's List at the University of Dallas for earning a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. Masri is a Freshman Undeclared major.

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Upcoming programs at Pea Ridge Military Park

Pea Ridge National Military Park invites the public to attend artillery demonstrations on Saturday, July 15, at the park's Visitor Center. Demonstrations will occur from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 to 2:30 p.m.

On Saturday, July 22, from 2 - 3 p.m., the park will present a program on the life and service of General Francis J. Herron in the park's Visitor Center auditorium.

General Herron fought primarily in the Trans-Mississippi region during the Civil War and was a veteran officer of Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, the Siege of Vicksburg, and Mobile Bay.

He also negotiated the surrender of General Ed-

mund Kirby Smith's Trans-Mississippi Army. After the war, he became a politician in Louisiana and was active in veterans' organizations.

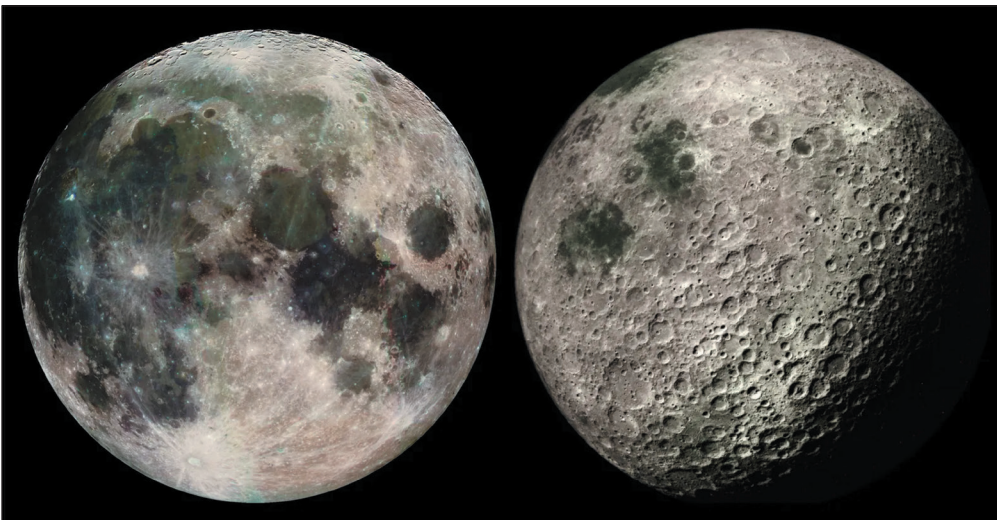
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Pea Ridge National Military Park preserves and commemorates the March 7-8, 1862, battle that helped Union forces maintain physical and political control of the state of Missouri.

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Hobbs State Park-Conservation Area to host astronomy program



The evening astronomy program will focus on the moon and its effects.

Hobbs State Park-Conservation Area will host an astronomy program on Saturday, July 22, from 7:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the park's visitor center, 20201 E. Highway 12, Rogers. The event is free and open to the public; no reservations are required.

The evening will begin with "The Moon and Its Effect - Phases, Tides and Eclipses," an indoor program in the Discovery Room of the park's visitor center. Weather permitting, outdoor night sky viewing will begin at 9 p.m., looking at Venus, Mercury, Mars, and stars clusters.

The Sugar Creek Astronomical Society will provide powerful telescopes for all guests to use.

Visitors may wish to bring a flashlight covered with red

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shoes that you can get wet!

For more information, contact 417-847-3742. Roaring River State Park is located 7 miles south of Cassville on Highway 112.

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The river is still low and clear. The CFS at the moment is 22. The dry fly fishing is still very good at this time. Elk hair, Caddis, blue wing olives, parachute Adams, Griffiths gnats, beetles, ants all afternoon, and small hoppers are still doing very well. Crackle backs will catch fish most of the afternoon. Small dry flies, gray and cream in size 24 or 26, will also catch fish early in the morning and late evening.

With the low clear water,

a 7 X nylon leader is best for your small flies. Size 14's and smaller if you use the larger flies, you can get away with a 9-foot 6X leader. Nymph fishing is also very good. I would try a small, black zebra midge, a very small copper John, or maybe a small scud or sow bug. When I say small, I mean 18s and smaller. One of my favorite nymphs is a pheasant tail; they will catch fish about any time of the year.

Woolly buggers, in black or olive, have been working very well the last few weeks. I generally start with a black or olive woolly bugger in the mornings. These will generally produce a few fish; if you fish them all day, they will catch fish often throughout the day. Glow balls, San Juan worms, and mop flies still catch plenty of fish.

Fishing a marabou jig this time of year can be productive. My favorite colors are white in the morning, then tan, and then I will fish black/yellow, olive, or all black all afternoon. Plastic baits are still catching lots of fish. You really need to have a good quality 2-lb line on your reel right now. If you want to catch quite a few fish 4-lb line, just like a rooster tail spinner works for about the first 30 Or 40 minutes, then you need to change to a 2-lb line. Plastic baits are very popular when the water is this low. You need to use smaller hooks and less lead and fish more in a finesse manner. The best colors in plastics this week were white eggs, fish oil eggs, and shrimp-colored eggs, and the orange was pretty good, also.

Plastic worms worked very well this week. The best color was white, pink, and yellow. These were the best on a number 10, 202 Aberdeen, hook, and one BB shot.

Good luck on the river this week.

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WILLIAM "WILLIE" LEE GALYEN

William "Willie" Lee Galyen, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, born on October 23, 1991, to Thomas and Dianna (Davenport) Galyen, passed away in Eureka Springs on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the age of 31.

Willie attended Eastside Church of Christ in Eureka Springs. He graduated from the University of Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in ruminant nutrition. Willie also attained a grain merchants license and proudly published multiple scientific journal articles on cattle research. He was a member of the Equity Bank regional board, the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, the American Brahman Breeders Association and The American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists. Willie treasured the opportunity to work on the family cattle farm with his grandfather, Lynn. Most recently, Willie and his fiancée, Kaci, founded a Brahman breeding operation of their own called Rockin' WK Ranch. Willie loved farming, hunting, being outdoors, taking care of his grandparents and being an uncle. He had an insatiable thirst for knowledge and a lifelong love of learning. Above all, Willie was a kind and generous man who spent his life serving others. He will always be cherished by his friends, family, and community.

He is survived by his beloved fiancé, Kaci Pezoulas, of Plano, Texas; parents, Thomas and Dianna Galyen, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; siblings, Nathan Galyen and his wife, Joanna, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and their children, Annalynn and Henry, Amanda Geary and her husband, Buster, of Rogers, Arkansas, and their children, Daxton and Audrey, and Ryan Ramberg and his wife, Crystal, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and their daughter Clara; Papa Bill; uncles, Jay Galyen and his wife, Jill, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and Bart Davenport and his wife, Lana, of Vilonia, Arkansas; as well as a host of other family,

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He is preceded in death by his Grannie Annie and grandparents, Lynn and Dollie Galyen.

Memorial service was held Friday, July 7, 2023, at Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Memorial donations may be made to Eureka Springs Volunteer Fire Department, 144 E. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632, Arkansas Children's Hospital Northwest, 4093 W. Sunset Ave Suite 102, Springdale, AR 72762 or PKD Foundation, PO Box 871847, Kansas City, MO 64187, pkdcure.org. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com.

DOLLIE MAE GALYEN

Dollie Mae Galyen, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, born on June 10, 1942, to Jewell and Fern (Wagner) Pendergraft, passed away in Eureka Springs on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the age of 81.

Dollie enjoyed sewing, cooking and serving recipes to her family, and spending

time with her loved ones, especially her grandchildren. She attended the Church of Christ in Eureka Springs.

She is survived by her sons, Thomas Galyen and his wife, Dianna, and Jay Galyen and his wife, Jill, of Eureka Springs, Ark.; grandchildren, JJ Galyen and wife, Stacey, of Bentonville, Ark., Kristina Galyen, of Eureka Springs, Nathan Galyen and wife, Joanna, of Eureka Springs, Sara Sneed and husband, Daniel, of Eureka Springs, Amanda Geary and husband, Buster, of Rogers, Ark., Dallas Killcrece and husband, Jake, of Fayetteville, Ark., and Ryan Ramberg and wife, Crystal, of Eureka Springs; great-grandchildren, Keenan, Melissa, Tyler, Daxton, Annalynn, Clara, Henry, Audrey, Nora, and Kenna; sister, Carol Frost, of Cassville; brothers, Max Pendergraft, of Seligman, and Robert Pendergraft, of Tennessee.

Dollie is preceded in death by her parents, Jewell and Fern Pendergraft; one infant brother; and her grandson, William Lee Galyen.

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LYNN THOMAS GALYEN

Lynn Thomas Galyen, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, born on February 27, 1939, to William and Elsie (Green) Galyen, passed away in Eureka Springs on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the age of 84.

Lynn and his family moved to Eureka Springs in the 1970's. He was the owner of Harts Family Center and was proud to be an Emeritus Board Member of the Equity Bank Advisory Board in Eureka Springs, the Missouri Grocers Association, Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, and a member of the Church of Christ. Lynn enjoyed cattle farming and spending time with his kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, and helping his community.

He is survived by his sons, Thomas Galyen and his wife, Dianna, and Jay Galyen and his wife, Jill, of Eureka Springs, Ark.; grandchildren, JJ Galyen and wife, Stacey, of Bentonville, Ark., Kristina

Galyen, of Eureka Springs, Nathan Galyen and wife, Joanna, of Eureka Springs, Sara Sneed and husband, Daniel, of Eureka Springs, Amanda Geary and husband, Buster, of Rogers, Ark., Dallas Killcrece and husband, Jake, of Fayetteville, Ark., and Ryan Ramberg and wife, Crystal, of Eureka Springs; great-grandchildren, Keenan, Melissa, Tyler, Daxton, Annalynn, Clara, Henry, Audrey, Nora, and Kenna; brother, Dayne Galyen and wife, Lynda, of Seligman; niece, Dana Sutton and husband, Fred, of War Eagle, Arkansas; nephew, Dayne Galyen Jr., of Seligman; as well as many more family and friends who will miss him greatly.

Lynn is preceded in death by his parents, William and Elsie Galyen; one infant brother, Wayne Galyen; and his grandson, William Lee Galyen.

Memorial service was held Friday, July 7, 2023, at Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center, Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Memorial donations may be made to Eureka Springs Volunteer Fire Department, 144 E. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632, Arkansas Children's Hospital Northwest, 4093 W. Sunset Ave Suite 102, Springdale, AR 72762 or PKD Foundation, PO Box 871847, Kansas City, MO 64187, pkdcure.org. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com.

OLEN YUTZY

Olen Yutzy, 41, of Monett, passed away July 8, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of the Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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LUCILLE BLANCHE
"LU" BROWN

Lucille Blanche "Lu" Brown entered into Eternal Rest surrounded by family on July 8, 2023, at her home in Wheaton after a short illness.

Mrs. Brown was born September 13, 1940, in Kansas City, the daughter of Elmer Morris and Zilphia Caselman Morris.

Lucille worked at Sears and Roebuck Company where she met the sailor boy that she had always dreamed of, Otto John Brown. They were united in marriage on October 19, 1973, in Miami, Oklahoma; he preceded her in death on April 6, 2005. Although John and Lucille never had any children of their own, they had many nieces and nephews and local children they loved to spoil.

Lucille was well known around the small town of Wheaton. She would make her rounds around town daily talking to anyone who would listen. She was The Grand Marshall of the Wheaton Christmas Parade in 2020 and was pretty proud of that honor. Lucille would give you her last dime if she thought you needed it and she loved surprising friends and family with gifts. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Wheaton. She loved her church family and loved to talk to anyone who would listen about her Lord and Savior. If you asked her to pray for you or anyone else, there was no doubt that she would go straight to her prayer chair.

Survivors include her beloved fur baby, Bella; two brothers, Joe Morris and Billy Morris; three sisters, Patty Kioh, Marilyn Morrison and Therese Oswald; and many, many nieces, nephews and greats.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, John; three brothers, Elmer Morris, Leroy Morris and Dallas Gulley; and six sisters, Louise Shinkle, Peggy Shisler, Betty Harris, Sonja Heath, Mary Bragaw and Myrtle Martin.

Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, July 15,

2023, at First Baptist Church in Wheaton, under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Mark Hall and Pastor Kenneth Carney will conduct the services. Burial will be at Dice Cemetery in Fairview.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 A.M. until service time Saturday at First Baptist Church in Wheaton.

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

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JAMES E. "JR"
RIORDAN

James E. "JR" Riordan, age 53, of Eagle Rock, (former resident of Chicago, Illinois) passed away suddenly, July 5, 2023. He is the beloved son of the late Rosemary (nee Cicero) Riordan.

He is survived by his Loving Companion, Diana Baughman; their cats, Lokee, Tiger, Little Bit, OG (Our Original Gangster) and Mr. Whiskers; Diana's children, Joseph Pearce (Roxanne), Jessica Gabriel (Seth) and Jennifer Epperson (Andrew); ten grandchildren; sister, Beverlee (John) Viggiano;

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brother Anthony; and loving neighbor, Terri Henry.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Sandra and Joy Riordan.

Jimmy was the proud uncle of four, Donald Viggiano, Frank (Sandra) Viggiano, Stephanie (Nicholas) Blidy and the late Christopher Viggiano, Sr.; great-uncle of six, Michael (Tiffany Adams) Viggiano, Rose, Nathaniel, Harley Joy Viggiano-Roman, Christopher Jr., and Hudson Viggiano; and great-great uncle of Trenton Viggiano. Jimmy was especially proud to be Godfather of Stephanie. Jimmy is the grandson of the late Philip and Frances Cicero, Lorraine (Herman) Jurgens; nephew of Victoria (the late Bill West) Cicero and William (Florence) Cicero, Robert Bobich and the late Joan (Joe) Rubino, Phyllis (Bill Miarka) Kishkunas, Steve Cicero, Frances Bobich. He is a special cousin and 2nd cousin to many.

Jimmy's passion was fishing and the greater outdoors. He was always outside working with trees, flowers and plants when he and Diana were not fishing. Jimmy enjoyed bonfires, barbecues and fireworks. He loved animals and mostly his family of cats. He never passed up a stray cat to give a home to.

Jimmy will be dearly missed by Diana, his cats, his family in Illinois and family he made when he moved to Missouri.

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

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FAYE WILLIS PARKER

It is with great sadness that we announce that our mother, Faye Willis Parker, left for Heaven on July 3, 2023.

Faye was preceded in death by her husband of 31 years, Dennis Parker, of Shell Knob; her father, James Paul, of Wheaton, and mother Lula Paul; her brothers, Ronnie, Jim Jr., Ed and Dewey; and sister, Ruth.

Faye is survived by three children: Sherri Myers, of Shell Knob, who has one son and three grandchildren, Rob Willis and his wife, Tammy, of Cassville, who have four children and two grandchildren, and Patti Capone and

husband, Chris, of Hollister, who have four children, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Danny Paul and wife, Linda, of Harrison, Arkansas; her sister, Reta Oneta, of Stockton, California; and her brother, Jackie Paul and wife, Joan, of Dallas, Oregon.

Faye was born in Wheaton on November 20, 1940. She worked for WALG radio station in Albany, Georgia, for years while raising her children there and retired from Fasco Industries in Cassville upon moving back to Missouri. She loved to sing, read, and all things near the water. Faye had a quick and beautiful smile to share with all and a kind and loving heart filled with the love of God. She was surrounded by her children and prayer at the time of her passing and left this world peacefully.

Funeral service was held Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville, Ark., with Chaplain Jack Betts officiating. Arrangements under the direction of Shell Knob Funeral Home in Shell

Knob. Online condolences may be sent to the family at shellknobfuneralhome.com.



ZOEY MARIE
DUNCAN

Zoey Marie Duncan, of Joplin, born September 11, 2008, in Springfield, passed away unexpectedly June 9, 2023, at the age of 14. Zoey is the beloved daughter of Kevin Burwell and Kayla Duncan; beloved granddaughter of Jamie Massey, Jeanne Evans, Mary Burwell, Trevor Duncan, and the late Keith Burwell.

Funeral services will be officiated by David Kirlinsworth at 10 A.M., Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Resurrection Church, Cassville.

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DORTHA ANN AMOS
Dortha Ann Amos, age 81, of Purdy, passed away Friday, July 7, 2023, at Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas in Rogers, Arkansas.
She was born September 21, 1941, in Fresno, California, to James Bernard and Marjorie (Skelton) Perkins. Dortha married Buddy Joe

Amos on January 24, 1959, in Cassville, who preceded her in death on April 21, 2021. Also preceding her in death were her parents; two sisters, Ollie Mae Williamson and Irene Newell; and one great-grandson, Ollin Amos.
Surviving are her loving children, Rick (Cezanne) Amos, Janett Hahn and Allen (Kerrie) Amos; six grandchildren, Cole (Rachel) Amos, Paige (Josh) Tucker, Alex (Debra) Hahn, Ali Hahn, Cody (April) Amos, and Bo (Michele) Amos; 12 great-grandchildren, Cassidy, Theodore, Jesse, Taia, Bowen, Leyla, Amy, Josey, Harper, Braxton, Aiden and Nilus; several nieces and nephews; a brother-in-law

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and two sisters-in-law.
Soon after her birth, Dortha moved with her parents and siblings to Cassville, where she attended and graduated from Cassville High School. In 1959, she and Bud moved to Kansas City where she graduated from cosmetology school. After graduation, they moved to Excelsior Springs in 1963 where they raised three children, Ricky Gene, Janett Lea and Allen Del. She opened her own hair salon in Excelsior Springs and another salon in Richmond and worked as a stylist for 40 years until her retirement. After retiring, they moved to the Amos Family Farm in 2004, a third-generation farm. They loved to travel and visited every state in the United States as well as parts of Canada, British Columbia and the Bahamas. Dortha enjoyed attending auctions, camping, sewing, and gardening. She was an excellent cook and was a skilled oil and acrylic painter.
Dortha was a faithful Christian and loved the Lord. She was a member of Gunter Methodist Church and a good servant to others. According to Dortha, "I am so thankful to the Lord for my salvation at the age 32. I am free indeed and looking forward to Home."
Family and friends are invited to attend services at 11:00 A.M. Friday, July 14, 2023, at Gunter Methodist Church in Butterfield, under

direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Jerry Nickle and Pastor Mike Tharp will conduct the services. Burial will be at Gunter Cemetery in Butterfield.
Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until service time Friday at Gunter Methodist Church in Butterfield.
Contributions may be made to Gunter Methodist Church in memory of Dortha.

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RICKY LYNN SINCLAIR
Ricky Lynn Sinclair, age 60, of Rogers, Ark., passed away July 5, 2023, at Mercy Hospital in Rogers. He was born November 10, 1962, in Cassville, the son of Richard and Mary Deans Sinclair. Ricky had a very successful career in Enterprise Corporate Security working for several tech giants. A few of the things that Rick loved to do were cycling, workouts, exercising, and spending time with family and friends at the lake or at poolside. As a parting gift to those he left behind, Rick's wishes to be

an organ donor were realized and there are many recipients who will have a second chance or a better life now.
One of his favorite poems and one he had on his phone at the time of his passing was the "When I'm gone" poem written by Mosiah Lyman Hancock. This is how he wanted to be remembered.
He is survived by his life companion, Jennifer Poole; his mother, Mary Mason; his sister, Mary Susan Cockrell and her husband, Don; his cousin, Ronnie Anderson and wife, Jodee; his cousin, Rhonda Murphy and husband, Tracy; his children, Kristopher, Dawnnica, Autumn, Elija, Faith Sinclair, and Kristen Whitewater; and grandchildren, Destiny, McKayla, Halee and Kristopher Sinclair, Waverly and Archie Whitewater.
A celebration of Ricky's life will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Eastside Assembly of God, 9559 AR-72, Bentonville, AR 72712. Arrangements by Benton County Funeral Home, 306 N. 4th, Rogers, Ark. Online condolences to www.benton-countyfuneralhome.com.



DUANE (ART) ARTHUR KOEHLER
Duane (Art) Arthur Koehler, age 79, of Cassville, passed away on Monday, July 3, 2023, at his home. Mr.

Koehler, son of Myril and Evelyn (Eilering) Koehler, was born February 5, 1944, in Aviston, Illinois. On April 18, 1964, Duane was united in marriage to Kay Hitt, in Cassville; she survives. Duane helped open up Jumping Jacks and worked there until they closed; he then worked at Justin Boots for 25 years before his retirement. Duane loved to go bowling, and was extremely soft hearted; his grandchildren meant the world to him, and Duane had a special place in his heart for all animals.
Survivors include his wife, Kay, of 60 years; one son, Artie Koehler, of Shell Knob; one daughter, Brigitte Cornell, of Cassville; one brother, Bret Pokorny, of Hartland, Maine; two sisters, Vickie Weaver, of Pittsfield, Maine, and Brigitte Williams, of Readfield, Maine; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Carol Dawson.
Visitation was held on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at White Funeral Home and Crematory.

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MARY "EVELYN" (SPERANDIO) STRIBLING
Mary "Evelyn" (Sperandio) Stribling, age 90, of Monett, passed away on July 10, 2023. Arrangements are under the and direction of the Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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JEFFERSON CITY - Missouri 4-H and FFA swine exhibitors have an opportunity to change the lives of their friends and classmates who don't have enough to eat. Missouri Farmers Care Foundation's (MFCF) Drive to Feed Kids invites swine exhibitors to pledge hogs this summer to feed hungry Missourians through Hogs for Hunger.

One in seven Missouri children are food insecure, facing uncertainty as to where their next meal may come from. Food insecurity in childhood is especially concerning as it is highly correlated with poor academic performance, developmental delays, chronic illness, and even early death in adulthood.

"It is fulfilling to see the heart of Missouri agriculture expressed by Missouri youth providing much-needed, high-quality protein to hungry Missourians," said Ashley McCarty, executive director of Missouri Farmers Care Foundation. "Food banks consistently report that protein is the most requested, and hardest to procure, item in food banks. Missouri youth are poised to step up and make a difference."

There are two paths for swine producers and exhibitors to make a difference this summer through the Drive to Feed Kids Hogs for

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Hunger: in their local community or at the Missouri State Fair.

For pigs donated in local communities, processing spots are booked by exhibitors at USDA or state inspected lockers throughout the state. MFCF will reimburse producers and exhibitors \$1.25 per pound, up to \$125 in processing costs per donation. Exhibitors coordinate pork donations with a Feeding Missouri food bank of choice. State and USDA inspected lockers and Feeding Missouri partnering food pantries can be found on the Hogs for Hunger checklist at: <http://mofarmerscare.com/hogs-for-hunger/>.

MFCF will also accept 50 pigs at the 2023 Missouri State Fair. Feeding Missouri will provide Missouri 4-H and FFA exhibitors with an \$0.80-per-pound live weight stipend on market hogs committed to Hogs for Hunger. All processing costs will be covered by MFCF. Missouri 4-H and FFA students should indicate their willingness to pledge their hogs at www.MoFarmersCare.com/drive. Hogs will be released early on Saturday, Aug.

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Letters to the Editor

I recognize we all have the right to express our opinion. When it comes to publishing it, I think we should support them with some facts. In reference to a letter in your July 5 paper, there was ample opinion and scant facts.

On July 27, 2018, President Trump told Sean Hannity, on Fox News: "We have 21 trillion in debt, when this tax cut really kicks in, we'll start paying off that debt like it's water". The truth is Trump added 6.7 trillion to the debt in 4 years compared to Obama increasing it by 8.59 trillion in 8 years. As to the economy, specifically the stock market, on January 20, 2021, it stood at \$31,230. Today July 7, 2023, it stands at \$33,903.

Republicans tout their economy. The five states who use the most Medicaid are New Mexico, Louisiana, West Virginia, Alabama and Mississippi. The ten states who use the most welfare, in order, are: Alaska, Mississippi, Kentucky, West Virginia, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, Louisiana, Indiana and Alabama. Missouri is number 15. Free or reduced school lunch program follows a similar pattern. This information is available to anyone, look it up.

The "weaponizing" chorus is repeated and states that should "scare the crud out of the American people". What about a President who pressures his V P to declare him winner of the presidency when the Electoral College has declared he did not win? That is scary stuff to me. The classified documents are cited in reference to Pence and Biden and not Trump. It was the same media sources who spoke to all three situations. Then he says: "Who knows who has seen them and that should scare the people". It was not mentioned about the pictures of classified documents seen in Florida. I wonder why?

I think we are better served with facts than opinion.
Don Beeson
Cassville

Pros and Cons of Personal Use of Pyrotechnic Devices (Fireworks) and Necessity

Really, what is the justification of the necessity of multiple days of exploding fireworks?

By individuals considering there are many local Firework Displays which occur under the control of trained Pyrotech Experts.

Fireworks Displays held

in areas that do not subject private resident's homes and other personal properties to raining showers of extremely explosive volatile aerial flaming embers, embers that result in fires/personal injuries and in some cases deaths.

As of 6/29/23 due to the drought conditions in the Ozarks, Missouri State Fire Marshal was asking residents to avoid using fireworks this Fourth of July.

Why did Barry County Commissioners ignore that warning, and did not declare a Burn Ban. Do they not care about the safety of residents, damage/or loss of residents property?

Please consider the following:

- PRO
- 1. Self Gratification
 - 2. Huge profits to select producers/sellers of pyrotechnic devises, whereas most monies going overseas to China.

- CON
- 1. Monetary Expense that could be applied to Assist less fortunate i.e. (Homeless Vets/animals, food starved individuals to name a few).
- 2023 stats: Missouri had sales

totaling nearly \$125.9 million. 2019, China was the origin of 95% of all bottle rockets, roman candles and other pyrotechnics brought into the country. Having a value of \$336 million and a total weight of 129,000 tons.

- 2. Causes Psychological Trauma to Disabled Vets suffering PTSD
- 3. Causes Psychological Trauma to Victims of gun violence PTSD.
- 4. Psychologically Traumatic to many young Children
- 5. Very Traumatic to most mammals/birds
- 6. Environmentally detrimental: most debris never cleaned up, just left to decay and gum up sewer treatment plants. 2019 fireworks in the U.S. emitted over 60,000 metric tons of CO2 every year. 19,000 Fires. 2019 caused \$59 million in direct property damage
- 7. 2022 Caused Major Human injuries, 300,000 injuries (mostly Children an Teens) resulting in 20,200 being treated in ER's,
- 8. Resulting in astronomical Property/Healthcare Insurance claims/costs due to

one's willful voluntary acts.
The intent of the Founding Fathers was to declare Freedom from a tyrannical King, not for the general populace to cause harm to others and other's livestock and property.
Consequently, folks, could we not limit celebratory explosion of fireworks to a single day of the 4th of July Holiday Independence Day? Preferably via controlled Fireworks Displays managed by Pyrotechnic experts.
Joyce Lessely
Cassville

Message from the Patriots of SW MO.

It has been brought to our attention that some citizens don't understand what our group represents.

Our goal or intent is to offer the citizens of our community and state a time and place where they can come to present concerns and ask questions of their elected officials who are running for office.

We try to help the citizens of southwest Missouri to stay informed on a variety of issues with the truth and not false news. What we do is a

lot of work, but it is worth the effort if we can keep the public better informed. We believe in the constitution of the United States of America.
Our next meeting will be held as usual at the VFW Post in Shell Knob, MO. on Hwy. 39 on Saturday, July 15th at 1:00 P.M. Senator Mike Moon and his Chief of Staff, Jeff Mark, will be in attendance. Senator Moon has a lot he will be speaking about to all of us.
Also, Dr. Joan Robbins will be speaking with handouts on mental health and transgender issues and problems, Samantha Rose from Clark Center, and Sheriff

Danny Boyd will be in attendance to speak with us and answer questions if time permits.
Our meeting on July 15th promises to be a great meeting and very informative. We hope to see you there.
May Heavenly Father continue to bless all of you who care about the welfare of our country.
For further information, you are welcome to contact Dianne Painter, 417-858-2100 (please no texting to this number), or email Jean Dodge at: dodgejean13@gmail.com.
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As hay supplies dwindle, University of Missouri Extension agronomist Rusty Lee is showing forage producers how to use a simple, inexpensive treatment to stretch feed supplies during drought.

Ammoniation takes one week to a month, depending on temperature: two to three weeks in summer (Lee recommends one week if the temperature is 85 F or higher) and up to four weeks in winter. Lee says three weeks is a good average.

A group of five men are gathered in a field with sparse green vegetation and patches of bare soil. One man, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, grey cargo pants, and a baseball cap, is bent over, pulling a large black plastic tarp over a pile of dry, golden-brown straw. The other four men are standing around him, observing the process. They are dressed in casual work clothes like t-shirts, button-down shirts, and jeans. The scene appears to be a field site for a project, possibly related to agriculture or environmental management.

This is part of an MU Extension series to help row crop and livestock producers manage drought. For more articles, go to <https://mizzou.us/DroughtResources>.

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