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Cassville Library hosts Dolly Parton's Imagination Library event

Adriana Keeton
The Cassville Library hosted Barry County affiliate 2778's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) Touch A Truck and Meet and Greet on Tuesday, July 18. Local law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, and their "trucks" were on hand for children to ask questions and learn about the professions. Dress-up attire, games, and refreshments were also available for parents and children to learn about the program.

Board President Teresa Phillips, Treasurer Dean Ferguson, Secretary Kiley Stringer, and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Cheryl Williams were available to answer questions and introduce the community to the growing program. According to Phillips, the Barry County affiliate, which officially be-



Maykin and Oliver Johnson enjoyed the art table at the event.

came a 501c3 organization in May of this year, now covers all cities throughout Barry County, excluding Purdy, which has its reading program offered. Imagination Library partners with local communities to provide one free, high-quality book each month for

See Imagination 8A

Wheaton's centenarian celebrates birthday with community bike ride



Floyd Hughes, of Wheaton, recently celebrated his 100th birthday on July 19. The centenarian spent the day with family and enjoyed an evening bike ride with community members through downtown. Floyd has been a resident of Wheaton since the 1950s, where he owned the Wheaton Sundry. He is a member of the Wheaton United Methodist Church.

MoDOT to begin resurfacing projects

Drivers can expect lane closures and occasional traffic delays on Barry County Routes H, P & YY for a resurfacing project beginning the week of July 31, the Missouri Department of Transportation said.

Routes will receive a new asphalt driving surface, edge line rumble strips, and road markings in various locations. Crews will work during the hours of 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. from Monday – Saturday.

Project Locations:
Barry County Route H between Missouri Route 86 south of Golden and Missouri state line
Barry County Route P between Missouri Route 86 and Missouri state line near Oak Hill

Barry County Route YY between Missouri Route 39 and Heatherwood Street south of Shell Knob

Traffic Impacts:
Traffic reduced to one lane where contractor crews are laying asphalt
Drivers will encounter flaggers and pilot cars where crews are working. Drivers should wait for the pilot vehicle before proceeding through the work zone or before entering the work zone from a side road. All lanes will be open during nighttime hours.

For more information, call MoDOT in Springfield at 417-895-7600 or visit www.modot.org/southwest.

Women In Nature at RRSP registration open

Roaring River State Park will hold WIN (Women in Nature), a full day experience to learn new skills, taught by all female instructors, on Saturday, September 23, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Participants must be at least ten years of age and any participants who are under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

This event is intended to be educational and relaxing. Whether you are new to the outdoors or consider yourself an expert, instructors will help you gain a few new skills and improve your techniques in a relaxed, fun and supportive atmosphere.

Registration is now open and is limited to 40 participants. Registration fee is \$20. For more information contact Taylor Ratcliff or Anna Skalicky with Missouri State Parks at Taylor.Ratcliff@dnr.mo.gov or Anna.Skalicky@dnr.mo.gov, or to register for the event, visit <https://mostateparks.com/event/101001/win-women-nature>.



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Learn about fritillary butterflies at Aug. 3 MDC virtual program



The regal fritillary butterfly (pictured above) is one the butterflies people can learn about at a Missouri Department of Conservation virtual program on Aug. 3.

Fritillary butterflies are an important and eye-catching part of Missouri’s outdoor world.

People can learn more about fritillary butterflies found in Missouri and how everyone can help with butterfly conservation efforts at the Missouri Department of Conservation’s (MDC) free virtual program “Making Friends with Fritillaries.” This free online program will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Aug. 3 and is being put on by the staff of MDC’s Springfield Conservation Nature Center. This program is designed for ages 7 and up. People can register for this program at <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/Event-Details/193684>.

Three species of the great-er fritillary butterflies (genus Argynnis) are among the largest, most colorful, and longest-lived butterflies in Missouri. At the Aug. 3 program, Missouri State University biology professor emeritus Dr. Chris Barnhart will focus on the regal, the Diana, and the great spangled fritillary. Regal and Diana fritillaries are currently listed as

species of conservation concern in Missouri. Dr. Barnhart will discuss the biology of these insects, ongoing research, and how people can help to protect these and other species of butterflies.

Though this program is free, registration is required to participate. Use the link above. Registrants must provide an e-mail, so a program link can be sent to them. This program will include a chat-based question-and-answer period where participants can interact with the presenters.

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

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Water is still looking good, about 22 CFS right now. The park has been doing some work on and near the water, and when they are doing this the water gets very dirty. This doesn't keep the fish from eating, but it is harder for them to see the flies and small jigs we are throwing.

Power bait will work well in the murky water and if you are using a jig, use a little bigger jig, and maybe one with some pink or yellow in it, and a little flash won't hurt anything. On the fly, big buggers and bigger nymphs usually work well, as do Glo-balls and San Juan worms.

When the water is clear, the dry fly bite is still very good. Caddis, and Adams work most of the day, as do beetles, ants, and small hoppers; blue wing olive during the afternoon, and still a few sulphurs coming off in the evening. There is midge activity all day.

Good nymphs now are zebra midges, pheasant tails, scuds, and burlaps. Copper Johns and sow bugs will work all day.

I still start early with a black or an olive wooly bugger, and usually do well. This week the thread jigs in white, and the John Deeres did very well.

Plastic worms in pink, yellow, orange, and white all seemed to be working this week. Plastic eggs in white, natural fish oil, and the shrimp eggs all worked well this week.

Marabou jigs really did well this week. White, black/yellow, olive/white, brown, and olive all did well. Two pound line is still the ticket, water is still very low and clear except when there is work being done on the stream.

Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week



still needs her forever home. She will grow to be a medium/large size dog. Her estimated date of birth is 5/4//23.

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

The Haven is in need of foster volunteers during this hot weather. If you can open your home to a dog for a short time, please call us.

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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.

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.

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 from 1 to 3 P.M. at the VFW in Shell Knob (on Hwy. 39). Everyone is welcome. To learn more and find out who this month’s exciting speakers are, contact Jean Dodge at dodgejean13@gmail.com, or Diane Painter (417) 858-2108 (please no texts).

The Purdy Community Recycling Center is now open on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 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. The center is also looking for volunteers on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M.

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.

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.


Cassville Branch Library Activities

- Thurs., July 27**
• **6pm: Toastmasters meets in the library meeting room (adults)**
• **7pm: Summer Reading Pool Party (all ages) stop by the library to pick up an admission ticket**
Fri., July 28
• **9am: Chair exercise (adults)**
• **5:30-8:30pm: Video Games/Laser Tag (ages 12-18) sign up required**

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.



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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.

Friday July 28

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) 455-0764 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 29

Ice Cream Social at Emerald Beach, Golden will begin at 7 P.M. Along with ice cream and other desserts there will be a quilt raffle and door prizes. Take 86 Hwy. to J Hwy. Take J Hwy. 1 mile to Old Golden, stay on J Hwy. by turning left at the Post Office. Follow J 2 more miles to Viney Creek Store. Turn right and go 1/2 mile to Emerald Drive. Turn left and drive 2 miles to the Club House. Cost for adults is \$5, and children 6 and under is \$3.

A Meet and Greet with Jay Ashcroft for Governor will be held at Sho-Me Plaza, 404 State Highway 248, Suite 7, Cassville, at 6:30 P.M.

Monday Aug 7

Southwest Volleyball Practice Begins. Any high school girls interested in playing volleyball at Southwest should plan to attend practice from 3 to 6 P.M. in the high school gym. Players need a current physical and proof of insurance. Players should also bring a water bottle. Any questions, contact Coach Steve Voyak at svoyak@swr5.net or (479) 422-5395.

The Wheaton Historical Society Depot Museum will hold a meting at 6:30 P.M. to elect officers and to regroup the Society. Asking all past, present, and anyone wishing to join the Society to attend. Meeting will be held in the Wheaton Community Building, half block east and to the left of The Depot Museum.

Tuesday Aug 8

Cassville Cruise Meeting will be at the Show Me Plaza, Hwy. 248, Cassville, at 7 P.M.

Saturday Aug 12

Cassville Cruisers Cruise In will be held at the Barry County Museum, Cassville, from 4 P.M. until dusk.

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.

Saturday Aug 26

Wheaton High School Class of ‘73 family, friends, former classmates and neighbors are all invited to stop in the shade by Rail Road Depot Museum, 311 Main St., during the 65th annual Wheaton BBQ. Flexible plans to be determined by those attending from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. For more information, contact Ron (608) 242-7321.

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Monett Library Activities

Mondays - 1:30 P.M. Chair Yoga
Wednesdays - (first 4 of the month) 12 P.M. Quilting
Tuesdays - (2nd and 4th of the month) 1 P.M. Crochet
Monett Branch Library is located at 2200 Park St., Monett,. Phone number is 417-235-7350

Monett Library Teen Activities

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.

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OZARKS HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Judith Lewallen
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"What can I eat?" is one of the top questions asked by people with diabetes.

The answer is that everyone's body responds differently to different types of foods and diets, so there is no single "magic" diet for diabetes. But, following a few simple guidelines will help you find out what works for you to manage your blood glucose (blood sugar).

The Diabetes Plate Method (shown at right) is a tool you can use to create perfectly portioned meals with a healthy balance of vegetable, protein, and carbohydrates. With no counting calories, calculating or weighing or measuring needed.

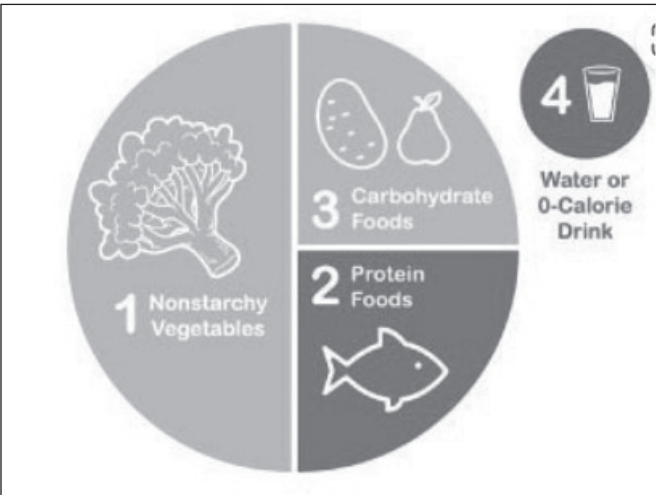
1. Nonstarchy vegetables are lower in carbohydrates. They will raise blood sugar only slightly. They are high in vitamins, minerals, and fiber. Filling half your plate helps you get plenty of these superfoods.

Examples: Asparagus, broccoli or cauliflower, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, celery, cucumber, eggplant, leafy greens, mushrooms, okra, green beans, peas, peppers, salad greens, squash, tomatoes, and zucchini.

2. Lean protein foods are lower in fat and saturated fat. Making them a healthy choice to decrease your risk for heart disease.

Examples: chicken, turkey, eggs, fish, shellfish, lean beef, lean pork, lean deli meat, cheese, cottage cheese, beans, lentils, nuts, edamame, and tofu.

3. Carbohydrate foods are grains, starchy vegetables, beans and legumes, fruit, yogurt, and milk. These foods have the greatest effect on blood sugar, thus limit these foods to one quarter of your



The Diabetes Plate Method shown above is a tool you can use to perfectly portion meals with a healthy balance.

plate.

Examples: whole grains, rice, bulgur, oats, polenta, popcorn, quinoa, bread, pasta, and tortilla. Starchy vegetables: Acorn squash, butternut squash, green peas, parsnips, plantain, potato, pumpkin, and sweet potato/yams. Beans and legumes: black, kidney, pinto and garbanzo beans. Fruits and dried fruit. Dairy products: milk, yogurt, mild substitutes (soy milk).

4. Choose water or low-calorie drinks. It has no calories or carbohydrates and no effect on blood sugar. Other options: unsweetened tea or coffee, flavored sparkling water, or club soda without added sugar, diet soda or other diet drinks.

What about combination foods?

Try to prepare combination dishes with the same proportions as the plate. To build a pizza using the plate method, choose thin crust to reduce amount of carbohydrates and top it with lots of vegetables instead of meat or choose lean meat. Stick to one or two slices and serve

with a salad so half of your meal is non-starchy vegetables.

For more information, see <https://www.diabetes.org> or <https://www.diabetesfoodhub.org/articles/what-is-the-diabetes-plate-method.html>.

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.

Cannabis microbusiness license application process opens Thursday

With the passing of Amendment 3 in November 2022, the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) was tasked with creating a lottery process to grant a limited number of new small business licenses called "microbusinesses." Electronic applications will be accepted beginning this Thursday, July 27, through August 10, 2023.

A microbusiness is a marijuana facility license issued only to eligible individuals and entities. These licenses are essentially small businesses that are designed to allow marginalized or under-represented individuals to participate in the legal marijuana market. The Missouri Constitution provides that individuals who each meet at least one of the eligibility criteria set forth in Article XIV, Section 2, may apply for a marijuana microbusiness facility license. More information about eligibility criteria can be found at <https://health.mo.gov/safety/cannabis/eligibility-micro.php>.

Pursuant to Article XIV, winners of microbusiness licenses are to be selected via random lottery drawing. To ensure the integrity of the applicant selection process, the Missouri Lottery will conduct the drawing without reference to the identities of the applicants.

After the application submission window closes, qualifying applicants will be sorted into both congressional districts and license type (wholesale or dispensary); then, assigned a sequential applicant identifier within those groups. Each group will be considered its own lottery set, for a total of 16 lottery drawings.

All timely applications submitted with an application fee will be entered into the lottery drawing. Untimely applications or those submitted without an application fee will be denied and will not go to lottery.

Applicants entered into the lottery will be listed in the order drawn within each congressional district. All applicants will receive an email notice prior to being sent to lottery with their applicant identifier.

The lottery will take place no later than Sept. 1, 2023. The lottery drawing results

will be posted to the Department's website as soon as they are available.

The Department will review applications after the lottery drawing; licenses will be issued no later than Oct. 4, 2023. The Department will issue six microbusiness licenses in each of the eight Missouri congressional districts, for a total of 48 microbusiness licenses. Of the six in each district, two will be microbusiness dispensaries, and four will be wholesale facilities. The Department will issue an additional 48 in 2024, and another 48 in 2025. Time periods for those application windows will be announced on the Department website.

For more information about microbusiness licensing and application requirements, visit Cannabis.Mo.Gov. Those needing assistance can contact CannabisFAS@health.mo.gov.

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University of Missouri researchers are on the leading-edge of developing sustainable plastic waste road pavement mixtures. Lab staff in the Mizzou Asphalt Pavement and Innovation Lab, or MAPIL, show the plastic waste particles that are being added to the pavement mixture. The lab is located inside the MU College of Engineering. Contributed photo.

Millions of roads across the United States are constructed with asphalt pavement that’s deteriorating over time. Now, researchers at the University of Missouri are using recyclables, including plastic waste, as a sustainable solution to fix America’s fracturing road system.

In partnership with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), researchers from the Mizzou Asphalt Pavement and Innovation Lab (MAPIL) recently created a real-world test road using recycled materials like scrap tires and plastic waste along a portion of Interstate 155 in the Missouri Bootheel. By increasing the sustainability of asphalt mixes, this innovative method can help

reduce the number of items going into landfills or leaking into the environment, said Bill Buttlar, director of MAPIL.

“Missouri is the Show-Me State, so we take a very pragmatic view,” Buttlar said. “The science can be thorny and difficult, but we are up to the task. We’re excited that while our approach is com-

plicated in the lab, its simple to execute in the field, so it makes it easily adaptable, scalable and cost-effective to incorporate into many types of road environments.”

The I-155 project takes the group’s previous test road, installed along a stretch of Stadium Boulevard in Columbia, one step further. Instead of just testing four different types of recycled materials, the I-155 project will evaluate the real-world effectiveness of nine different types of recycled materials in the creation of asphalt pavement. This includes three different types of polyethylene (PE) — a material commonly found in plastic grocery bags — and ground tire rubber, which is a newer way of disposing scrap tires.

“These projects afford us an opportunity to intentionally build the next generation of roads with these materials not as a type of linear landfill, but to also help the environment while making the value of dollars spent on transportation infrastructure like this stretch farther into the future,” said Buttlar, who is also the Glen Barton Chair in Flexible Pavements.

MU is on the leading-edge of this type of work in the U.S. because its team has addressed most of the translational research questions like durability and safety that could prevent a general contractor or department of transportation from adopt-

ing this ground-breaking strategy.

“We don’t just live in the laboratory,” Buttlar said. “In the field of transportation material research, we need to see how all the various materials used to construct a road — the rock, the asphalt and the recycled materials — behave in the real world and gel together to build a road. Asphalt is liquified with heat, and when you put an additive in like a plastic or rubber material, you must get everything to bond together with good adhesion. But we’re only going to know if that happens successfully when we produce it on a full-scale level and then expose it to elements, such as different weather conditions and heavy traffic.”

MAPIL specializes in a dry process, which allows the researchers to easily add the recyclables directly into the mixture before it’s applied to a road surface.

“The form, shape and size of the plastics bring different challenges in how the material flows, how it behaves and how it mixes,” said Punya Rath, an assistant research professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering who works at MAPIL. “So, we did extensive small-scale testing for almost an entire year before we moved to a larger scale out in the field with contractors.”

One advantage of this process is that the research-

ers can test the mixtures in the field using a mobile research lab, which they developed and used for both the Stadium Boulevard and I-155 projects.

“It helps the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) immensely to have a mobile research lab on-site in the field that has the ability to rapidly test samples and provide results within 24-48 hours to better inform the process,” Rath said.

Citing environmental concerns, Buttlar said the team makes sure everything they do is within the current limits as established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

“We are designing the material to be able to hold or capture the environmental by-products at the highest percentage for the longest amount of time. It’s not going to be a 100% containment,” Buttlar said.

“Everything built in a natural environment will degrade over time, so that’s why EPA has standards for everything, and we make sure we are safely within those standards.”

MU Editor’s Note: Both the Stadium Boulevard and I-155 projects were developed in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) as part of their ongoing partnership with the University of Missouri System’s Missouri Center for Transportation Innovation (MCTI). While both projects only involved repairing an existing road surface, Buttlar said there have been some preliminary talks between his team and MoDOT on how to incorporate more sustainable asphalt pavement mixtures into the building of a third lane on Interstate 70 across Missouri.

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Accreditation Assessment Team invites public comment on Missouri Highway Patrol

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announced today an assessor from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc., will arrive on August 7, 2023, to examine all aspects of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. Verification by the assessor that the Missouri State Highway Patrol meets the Commission's stringent standards is a vital part of a voluntary process to maintain accreditation — an esteemed recognition of law enforcement professionalism and excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, the Missouri State Highway Patrol seeks feedback regarding its services and performance. The public is invited to visit the Patrol's website www.statepatrol.dps.mo.gov to register a comment. On the Patrol's website, choose the Show-Me Accountability Portal to access a link located under the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. icon. The link

provides a comment form for feedback regarding the CALEA standards. The public may also access the CALEA comment portal via this link <https://cimrs2.calea.org/98> or through the Patrol's social media accounts.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the ability of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 160, Gainesville, VA 20155.

"Our employees are true professionals who are held to high standards," said Col. Olson. "Adhering to the CALEA standards is a way for the Missouri State Highway Patrol to be accountable to our stakeholders."

Ms. Jessica Mealy, accreditation manager for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, said the assessor, Ms. Caren Sterling, of Richmond, VA, is a law enforcement practitioner from a similar, but out-of-state, agency. The assessor will review written materials, interview individuals,

and visit Patrol facilities and other locations where compliance can be witnessed.

The assessor will report back to the Commission after completing their review of the agency. The Commission will then decide whether the Missouri State Highway Patrol is to be granted continued accredited status. Accreditation is for four years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which they were initially accredited. The Missouri State Highway Patrol has been accredited since 1992.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc., inquiries may be addressed to the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 160, Gainesville, VA 20155, by telephone at (703) 352-4225, or by visiting their website at www.calea.org.

Building Resilience in the Beef Industry meetings offered in SW Missouri Aug. 4

Poor forage stands carried over from last year's drought, lower hay yields, less fertilizer used and a drought again for 2023 have created major uncertainty in the Missouri beef industry.

These challenges will affect livestock producers preparing to feed cattle this winter with little forage and hay on hand, says Tim Schnakenberg, a University of Missouri Extension agronomy specialist based in Galena.

MU Extension councils in Lawrence and Christian counties will hold informational meetings on Friday, Aug. 4, at two locations for cattle producers who want to discuss this issue and gain tips for building resilience and surviving the drought.

The free programs will focus on the cattle market outlook, assessing hay prices, using alternative feeds, feeding silage, nitrate concerns, tips for culling the herd, early

weaning, assessing the need for forage renovation, forage options for the fall and beyond, and a look at the economics of forage irrigation.

"Back-to-back droughts have taken a major toll on livestock farms and ranches in the area," Schnakenberg says. "Short hay supplies will continue to plague these farms as we go into winter. Producers need to evaluate if they should continue to sell down, look into new options for feeding and what they can do to make themselves more resilient if these weather patterns continue."

In addition to Schnakenberg, state beef nutrition specialist Eric Bailey, livestock specialists Patrick Davis and Andy McCorkill, and agricultural business specialists Joe Horner and Wesley Tucker will be on hand for the discussion.

Times and locations for Aug. 4 meetings:

Lawrence County. 8:30-11:45 a.m., MU Southwest Center, 14548 Highway H, Mount Vernon.

Christian County. 2-5:15 p.m., First Baptist Church, 105 Kennedy Ave., Clever.

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The Barry County affiliate is currently seeking donations for the program. Every \$2.10 raised provides one new book to a child each month. According to Phillips, there are now 642 children enrolled in the program, which continues to grow. Donations can be submitted through the imaginationlibrary.com website. When you arrive at the site, click the donate button, and under the 'designate to a specific affiliate' box, select the country and look for the MO-Barry County Missouri affiliate code. Donations can also be mailed to Imagination Library, PO Box 660, Cassville, MO, 65625, or dropped off at a local Security Bank of Southwest Missouri branch. You can also find them on Facebook: Imagination Library Affiliate 2778-Barry County.

News from Patriots of SW MO



Shown above, left to right, are Danny Boyd, Barry County Sheriff; Samanta Rose, Clark Center; Jeff Mark, Chief of Staff for Senator Mike Moon; Jay Ashcroft, Secretary of State; and Brad Hudson, State Representative.

Dianne Painter

Our monthly meeting held on July 15th at the VFW Post on Hwy. 39 in Shell Knob was well attended with ten new members, and our local newspaper The Rattler,

attending, along with the photographer Bill.

One of our main speakers, Joan L. Roberts, was unable to attend the meeting due to bad weather but will be speaking on August 19th.

However, we were blessed by Heavenly Father to have State Representative Brad Hudson and Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, who is running for Governor of Missouri. Jeff Mark, Chief of Staff for Senator Mike Moon, spoke to us all by phone. Samantha Rose from the Clark Center and Sheriff Danny Boyd were very enlightening about mental health and what is going on in our local area and communities.

Our next meeting will be held on August 19th at the VFW Post at 1:00 P.M. in Shell Knob. We will continue to get state and local offi-

cials which “you the people” requested as they become available. Our goal is to try to keep all of you informed as much as possible. It is all of you who care and attend our meetings that make the difference.

May Heavenly Father continue to bless each and everyone of you. See you at our next meeting on August 19th!

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Belching Bob
 Dear Bob,
 Almost everyone experiences heartburn or acid reflux from time to time, but frequent episodes can signal a much more serious problem. It's estimated that more than 60 million Americans experience heartburn at least once a month, with around 15 million people who suffer from it daily.

Heartburn symptoms show up in a variety of ways – as a burning pain behind the breastbone, indigestion, or a sour or burning taste in the back of the throat. Other symptoms may include chest pain, excessing belching, a long-term cough, sore throat or hoarseness.

If you're plagued by heartburn two or more times a week, and it's not responding well to over-the-counter antacids you need to see your doctor, who may refer you to a gastroenterologist. Frequent bouts may mean you have gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERDs, which can severely irritate and damage the lining of your esophagus, putting you at risk of Barrett's esophagus and esophageal cancer if it's not treated.

Lifestyle Adjustments
 Depending on the frequency and severity of your heartburn, there are a number of lifestyle adjustments you can make that can help provide relief and avoid a more serious problem down the road, such as:

Avoid trigger foods: Some foods can trigger heartburn symptoms like citrus fruits, tomatoes, fatty foods, chocolate, garlic, onions, spicy foods, mints, alcohol, coffee and sodas. You should keep a food diary to track which foods cause you the most problems and avoid them.

Eat smaller, slower and earlier: Smaller portions at mealtime and eating slower can help reduce heartburn symptoms. You should also wait at least three hours after eating before lying down or going to bed.

Lose weight: Having excess weight around the mid-section puts pressure on the abdomen, pushing up the stomach and causing acid to back up into the esophagus.
 Quit smoking: Smoking

ing on the left side may also help keep the acid down.

Treatment Options

If the lifestyle adjustments don't solve the problem, or if antacids (Tums, Rolaids, Maalox, Mylanta or Alka-Seltzer) aren't doing the trick, there are a variety of over the counter (OTC) and prescription medications that can help, including:

H-2 Blockers: Available as both OTC and prescription strength, these drugs (Pepcid, Tagamet, Axid and Zantac) reduce how much acid your stomach makes but may not be strong enough for serious symptoms.

Proton-Pump Inhibitors (PPI): If you have frequent and severe heartburn symptoms PPIs are long-acting prescription medications that block acid production and allow time for damaged esophageal tissue to heal. They include Nexium, Prevacid, Prilosec, Zegerid, Pro-

tonix, Aciphex and Dexilant. Prevacid, Nexium, Prilosec and Zegerid are also available OTC. But be aware that long-term use of PPIs can increase your risk for osteoporosis and chronic kidney disease.

If the medications aren't enough, there are also surgical procedures that can tighten or strengthen the lower esophageal sphincter so gastric fluids can't wash back up into the esophagus.

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

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Board members include Corky Stehlik, Barbara Warren, Wilma Hilburn, Susan Eschbach, Carl Eschbach, Anna Shaw, Merle Rogers and Larry Frakes.

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LYNN ALLEN DILBECK

Lynn Allen Dilbeck, age 75, passed away peacefully in his home on July 21, 2023, surrounded by his family. Lynn, son of Lloyd Oren and Eunava Belle (Stever) Dilbeck, was born on August 9, 1947. He was a man of great faith, and had been saved and baptized at an early age. Lynn was a graduate of the 1966 class of Purdy High School. He married Donna Thomas on July 15, 1966; she survives.

Education was very important to him; he felt an education was something no one could take away from you. He served on the Wheaton School Board for several years. Lynn farmed most of his life; he and Donna owned a dairy farm in Wheaton for several years. He enjoyed being on a tractor in the hayfield bailing hay and spent many summers doing so.

Following his move from the farm, he worked at Fritz Implement Company and Tractor Supply Company. Lynn never met a stranger and was a man of his word. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his children and grandchildren.

Additional survivors include two sons, Brad Dilbeck and his friend, Faith, and Rusty Dilbeck and his wife, Staci; one daughter, Lori Videmschek and her husband, Kirk; four grandsons, Blake Dilbeck and his wife, Tori, Cody Videmschek and his fiancé, Cortlynn Ray, Dusty Videmschek, and Colton Dilbeck and his wife, Olivia; five granddaughters, Dr. Kaylin Dilbeck, M.D., Schauna Dilbeck, Justin Roberts, Lai-ken Dilbeck and her fiancé, Avry Malone, Ally Dilbeck, and Makenzi Dilbeck; three great-grandchildren, Briggs and Taite Dilbeck, and Emma Roberts; one brother, Eugene Dilbeck and his wife, Lynette; three sisters, Sharon Henderson and her husband, Rex, Sue Matlage, and Debbie Aldridge and her husband, Randy; and several nephews, great-nephews, nieces, and great-nieces, and Java, his special companion.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in

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death by his brother-in-law, Terry Matlage; his father-in-law, Lawton Thomas; and his mother-in-law, Gertrude Thomas.

Funeral services were held Tuesday July 25, 2023, at White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville. Burial was at Mount Pleasant Cemetery Butterfield. Minister Dayton and Joe Brattin officiated. Memorials go to Childrens Miracle Network, entrusted to White Funeral Home.

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RICKIE ALLEN CARTER

Rickie Allen Carter, of Washburn, stepped into glory and the arms of Jesus on July 19, 2023, after a valiant battle with cancer. Rickie was born January 23, 1953, to James Samuel and Delores Belle (Shultz) Carter in

Springdale, Ark. Rickie grew up in Port Lavaca, Texas, where he graduated High School in 1971 and began a welder and pipefitter apprenticeship after graduation. Rickie was a welder and fabricator for over 50 years.

In 1970, Rickie met the love of his life, Connie Sue (Gregurek). Rickie and Connie were high school sweethearts and wed on June 27, 1972. In 1976, they moved to Missouri to fulfill Rickie's lifelong dream of becoming a hillbilly. They bought property and built a home and lake full of love and laughter. Rickie was in the camp ministry for ten years when God gave him the vision to turn his lake into a camp. In 2002, Faith Hollow Lake Christian Youth Camp began and has hosted hundreds of children, youth and adults, teaching them about the Gospel of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Connie; three children and their families, Christopher Carter and his girlfriend, Valerie, grandsons Axel and Isaac; Ivy Flippo and her husband, Scotty, grandchildren: Riley, Ayden and Katy along with her husband, Aulston Minnie, great-grandchildren: Kensley and Dierks Minnie; Erin Jennings and her husband, Rusty, grandchildren, Samuel, Case and Lyla. Survivors also include his brother, Lonnie Carter, as well as many nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews that

he loved dearly. Rickie was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Kenny Carter.

Rickie was a member and Deacon at Mountain Bible Church. He was an avid reader of all books and a daily Bible reader. He enjoyed playing Boggle, creating beautiful items from wood and metal, and being outdoors. Rickie will be greatly missed by all.

Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to continue his ministry at www.faith-hollowlake.com or can be mailed to Faith Hollow Lake 1140 FR 2272 Washburn, Mo 65772.

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JAMES AARON "JAY" LUNEY

James Aaron "Jay" Luney, age 47, of Rogersville, passed away Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at his home.

He was born July 21, 1975, in Monett, the son of Larry Gene Luney, Sr. and Beulah Bernice (Withnell) Luney.

Surviving are his mother, Beulah Walters; two sons, Lex Luney, of Rogersville, and Oliver Luney, of Rogersville; two brothers, Larry Gene Luney, Jr. and his wife, Helen, of Purdy, and Jason Luney, of Cassvill; four sis-

ters, Michele Holanda and her husband, Michael, of Cassville, Falisha Turner and her husband, Jeremy, of Sarcoxie, Heather Jones and her husband, Matt, of Reeds, and Alicia Jackson and her husband, Samuel, of Granby.

Preceding him in death was his father, Larry Gene Luney, Sr.

Jay grew up and attended school in Cassville. He was employed as a truck driver and had driven for several different companies and had served in the United States Army National Guard. Jay enjoyed watching baseball, especially the St. Louis Cardinals as he was an avid fan. Being outdoors, going to the area lakes and rivers and camping were some of his favorite pastimes.

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

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VERA JANICE (NUTTING) BESHEARS

Vera Janice (Nutting) Beshears, 93, of Monett, passed away on July 18, 2023. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

JULIE ANN (BREMER) TERRY

Julie Ann (Bremer) Terry, of Clinton, Ill., formerly of Freistatt, passed away July 14, 2023. Memorial visitation will be held Friday, July 28, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Buchanan Funeral Home in Monett.

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RUBY KAROLYN BLACK

Ruby Karolyn Black, 70, of Aurora, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2023, surrounded by her family. Ruby, daughter of Tom Gennings and Joyce (McKee) Myers, was born on January 18, 1953, in Independence.

She married her best friend, Jesse Black, on April 8, 1972; they spent 51 loving years together. Ruby loved her children and grandchildren fiercely, and enjoyed traveling to all their sporting events, and making dinners to enjoy with them. Ruby will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved her.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse Black; two daughters, Wendy Williams and her husband, Jesse, of Aurora, and Amanda Gilstrap and her husband, Dave, of Smithville; four grandchildren, Beau Williams and his wife, Megan, Blake Williams, Trey Hoerl, and Abby Williams; two brothers, Kevin Myers and his wife, Beth, and Ronnie Quick and his wife, Alice; two sisters, Kim Heflin and Michelle Six and her husband, Mike; several nieces, nephews and cousins;

and a host of friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Rick Genning and his wife, Pam, Robbie Gennings, Dewayane Quick, and Keith Myers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the America Cancer Society of Southwest Missouri, in care of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

Services were held Monday July 24, 2023.

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

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MARTIN EUGENE HESTON

Martin Eugene Heston, age 62, of Cassville, passed away Thursday, July 20, 2023, at his home.

He was born January 30, 1961, in Osceola, Iowa, to Franklin Eugene and Myrna Floy (Querrey) Heston. On October 6, 1995, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Angela Kay Brown, who sur-

vives. Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Myrna Buehler and Charles Ray; two sons, Marques Eugene Heston, of Cassville, and Courtlon Jay Heston, of Cassville; one daughter, Kimberly Dea Anfinson and her husband, Marty, of Purdy; one brother, Franklin Heston and his wife, Sonya, of Holiday Island, Arkansas; one sister, Marla Simpson and her husband, Jeff, of Rogers, Arkansas; one stepbrother, Wesley Buehler and his wife, Dani, of Clever; one stepsister, Stephanie Schaffer and her husband, Jamie, of Kansas City; five grandchildren, Riley, Dylan, Ashton, Angeli and Alexandria; and one great-granddaughter, Maya.

Preceding him in death were his father, Franklin Eugene Heston; one brother, Jeffrey Heston; and his grandparents.

Martin graduated from Cassville High School in 1979 and attended Missouri Southern State College for a short time. For 24 years he worked for the United States Postal Service as a mail carrier in Cassville and later as post master at Eagle Rock from where he retired. Martin enjoyed playing basketball, bowling and his dogs. He liked to stay busy so he was always doing something.

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OBITUARIES

Martin was always available for his family at all times. He was a member of Antioch Baptist Church where he was baptized November 2, 1980.

Services were held Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Henry Long conducted the services. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Antioch Baptist Church in memory of Martin.

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PRESTON ALLEN “PAT” PATTERSON, SR.

Preston Allen “Pat” Patterson, Sr., age 90, of Billings,

passed away Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at his home.

He was born December 26, 1932, in Grady, New Mexico, the son of Perry Patterson, Sr. and Hattie Belle (Branch) Patterson. On September 21, 1958, in Maricopa, Arizona, he was united in marriage to Elda “Jewell” McElhannon, who preceded him in death on January 25, 2020. Also preceding him in death were his parents; one daughter, Frances Louise; two grandsons, Mark and James; two brothers, Perry and Paschell; and a great-granddaughter, Jayci.

Surviving are one son, Allen Patterson and his wife, Debi, of Reeds Spring; two daughters, Joyce Shrum and her husband, Lynn, of Washburn, and Donna Lambert and her husband, John, of Winter Springs, Florida; one sister, Betty DeWitt, of Washburn; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Preston moved with his family to Washburn at the age of two, coming from Texas. He grew up and attended school in Washburn, graduating from Southwest High School. After graduation, he joined the United States Army, serving from February 2, 1954, until January 11, 1956. Upon returning, he and Jewell lived in several different areas and finally settled in Washburn in 1974 where he began his farming career raising cattle, chickens and crops. Preston enjoyed fishing, trapping, hunting and searching for arrowheads. He always had a huge garden when he was younger and continued to grow tomatoes and strawberries as long as he was able. He also loved his roses and lilies. He was of the Christian faith.

Services were held Monday, July 24, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Brett Arrasmith and Phillip Garcia Osorio conducted the services. Burial was at Roller Cemetery in Washburn.

Contributions may be made to Roller Cemetery in memory of Preston.

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JUNE EVELYN BRANDT

June Evelyn Brandt, 93, of Monett, passed away Wednesday, July 19, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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NANCY PATRICIA (MOORE) LEDUC-RIFFE
Nancy Patricia (Moore) Leduc-Riffe, age 72, passed away peacefully at her home in Cassville. Nancy, daughter of J.L. and Edna Moore, was born on January 26, 1951, in Plainview, Texas. She attended school in Tulia, Texas, but graduated from Aurora High School in 1969.

Nancy loved our Lord with all of her heart. She was unashamed of her faith and would witness to all who would listen. She had a beautiful heart and smile. All who knew Nancy loved her. She had an eye for fashion and a knack for decorating. She saw beauty everywhere and loved playing in the dirt “gardening.” She loved good food and her specialty was baking German Chocolate

Cake. She loved traveling and taking road trips. She was thrifty and always found a good deal. She was a giver; if anyone was in need she was ready and willing to help. She will be missed.

Additional survivors include her husband, Jeff Riffe; one son, Danny Leduc; her brother, Jimmy Moore; five stepchildren, Christopher Riffe, Laila Clark, Katie Martinez, Levi Riffe, and William Riffe; and many grandchildren.

Nancy was preceded in death by three brothers, Don Henthorn, Kerry Joe Henthorn, and C.R. Henthorn; and two sisters, Betty Starnes and Gena Hart.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at the Realife Worship Center, 709 W. 10th Street, Cassville. All who knew and loved Nancy are welcome.

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SHIRLEY M. GARNER
Shirley M. Garner, 78, of Monett, passed away July 25, 2023.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



WILLIAM “BILL” HERALD, JR.

William “Bill” Herald Jr., age 74, of Cassville, passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at his home in Cassville. Mr. Herald, son of William Sr. and Nora (Taylor) Herald, was born on January 13, 1949, in Bloomington, Illinois. On July 22, 1974, he was united in marriage to Nadine Angevine; she survives. Bill was a heating and air contractor, and a past pastor of the United Methodist Church in Monett. He enjoyed woodworking and electrical work, and could fix just about anything.

Additional survivors include two sons, Joshua Herald and his wife, Lisa, of Monett, and Jeremy Herald, of Cassville; one sister, Kathy Teague, of Amarillo, Texas; and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to

the First United Methodist Church Food Pantry in Monett.

Memorials can be made to Recon V, c/o Vincent Eastwood, 108 Clive Street, Berryville, Arkansas.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Monett.

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RICHARD GENE “RICK” LEE

Richard Gene “Rick” Lee, age 75, of Springfield, passed away Friday, July 21, 2023, at Cassville Healthcare and Rehabilitation in Cassville.

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

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HERBERT LONG

Herbert Long, 77, of rural Pierce City, passed away Monday, July 24, 2023. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Waymark Church in Monett. The family will receive friends from 5-7:00 p.m. on Friday at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

Stock Market Insights

By Dr. Richard Baker, AIF®
<https://www.facebook.com/Dr.RichardBaker>
Founder & Executive Wealth Advisor at Steadfast Wealth Management

Gas Prices
As a child, my gorgeous wife couldn't hit a softball, but she did master the Yo-yo “walk the dog” trick. Somehow that talent never came up on our first date. Maybe not walk the dog, but we have seen a Yo-yo effect with gas prices in the last few years.

In the spring of 2020, gas prices dropped to their lowest levels in decades because of a lack of demand during the pandemic. Shortly after, oil and gas prices rose sharply through the economic recovery and shipping problems in 2021.

In early 2022, production problems and the war in Ukraine pushed prices even higher because there were more buyers (demand) than sellers (supply). According to AAA, this led to the highest recorded national average regular price of \$5.016 for regular unleaded on 6/14/22.

Thankfully, oil prices, the main ingredient in gasoline, have dropped this year by roughly 40% from last year's peak. The current national average for regular unleaded is \$3.58, a significant improvement from the \$5 a gallon in mid-2022.

The lower gas prices aren't because of a lack of demand. JPMorgan says oil demand is about the same, but the oil supply has increased considerably, leading to lower prices at the pump. There is more oil flooding the market, mainly coming from the US.

Though Saudi Arabia and Russia are trying to drive up oil prices by reducing their oil exports, the strong increase in US production is ruining their plans. The OPEC nations hate that the US oil producers are uncontrollable and market-driven.

In the long run, oil and gas prices should continue dropping as increasing inventories continue to drive down the market. This should be considered good news for most of the market, as fuel prices are a major part of shipping expenses and inflation.

Shockingly, my sweet little wife wasn't always so wholesome with a yo-yo. Her grandparents caught her swinging it above her head and almost hitting her sister, leading to the only spanking she ever got from her grandparents. She needed to play with it nicely like it was supposed to be used. OPEC also needs to play nicely and allow the market to work like it should.

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A hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., on August 17, 2023, in the Board of Education Room, 529 East Pineville Rd., Washburn, Missouri, at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Southwest R-V School District, a political subdivision.

The tax rates are set to produce the revenues which the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, shows to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100, so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

| Assessed Valuation (AV) (by categories) | Estimated Current Tax Year 2023 | Prior Tax Year 2022 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Real Estate | \$36,068,088 | \$33,801,648 |
| Personal Property | \$14,496,139 | \$13,481,203 |
| Combined Real Estate & Personal Property | \$50,564,227 | \$47,282,851 |
| New Construction & Improvements (Included in AV Total above) | \$1,187,731 | \$1,077,870 |

| | Estimated Current Tax Year 2023 | | Prior Tax Year 2022 | |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
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| Residential | \$22,671,269 | \$5,069,630 | \$20,679,252 | \$4,918,500 |
| Agriculture | \$3,078,721 | \$510,800 | \$3,069,231 | \$526,510 |
| Commercial | \$4,195,961 | \$503,300 | \$4,083,028 | \$486,720 |
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| Total Real Estate | \$29,984,358 | \$6,083,730 | \$27,869,918 | \$5,931,730 |
| Personal | \$12,187,467 | \$2,308,672 | \$11,383,369 | \$2,097,834 |
| Total Personal Property | \$12,187,467 | \$2,308,672 | \$11,383,369 | \$2,097,834 |
| Assessed Valuation Total | \$42,171,825 | \$8,392,402 | \$39,253,287 | \$8,029,564 |
| Total New Construction and Improvements: | \$1,047,471 | \$140,260 | \$892,130 | \$185,740 |

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Students must submit an original two-dimensional piece
of artwork. Coloring sheets, digital art and photography
are not accepted. The entry must have completed during
the current school year and the application must include a
parent or guardian signature.
Students begin by competing at the local VFW Auxiliary
level. The first-place winner from each Auxiliary advances
to the Department (state) competition. The contest con-
sists of three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. The Depart-
ment (state) first-place winner in each grade division will
be forwarded to the VFW Auxiliary National Headquar-
ters. There are awards for first, second and third place in
each grade division. All state winning entries are judged
at National Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri in July
and will be displayed at the VFW Auxiliary National Con-
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VFW Auxiliary Announces Kick-Off of National
Anthem Singing Contest

VFW Auxiliary Tom Wolfe Memorial Post 4207 is excited to announce the kick-off of the VFW Auxiliary's national anthem singing contest, Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue! Local youth in grades K-12 can showcase their talent, display their patriotism and express their creativity while competing for their share of \$2,000 in national awards.
Contestants must submit a video of their solo vocal performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Video must be uploaded to YouTube and submitted to a local Auxiliary for judging. The video must be recorded between July 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024 Entry will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value.
Contestants begin by competing at the local VFW Auxiliary level. The first-place winner from each Auxiliary advances to Department (state) competition. The contest consists of two grade divisions: K-8 and 9-12. The Department (state) first-place winner in each grade division will be forwarded to Auxiliary National Headquarters. There is one National winner in each grade division, with awards for first, second and third place in each grade division. Winners will be notified via the email address provided on the winners' entry form.

The contest is designed to promote patriotism and encourage youth to learn the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner" while displaying their creativity and vocal talent.
Contestant entries must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary Tom Wolfe Memorial Post 4207 by March 31, 2024 Interested youth, parents/guardians and teachers should contact Karen Cypret at kcypretdist7vfwa@gmail.com for more information.
Visit <http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities> for eligibility requirements, contest rules and an entry form.

Seed for an 'annual pasture within a
perennial pasture'

Producers looking for ways to grow forages during drought might consider planting an "annual pasture within a perennial pasture," says University of Missouri Extension state forage specialist Harley Naumann.
Naumann says this is a good year to add cool-season annual grass seed to perennial pastures. Cool-season grasses can extend the growing season, provide excellent nutritive value and complement thin pastures.
He might not recommend this in years with normal precipitation. But back-to-back drought years in most of the state lead Naumann to suggest new ways to grow grass. He notes that all suggestions come with the caveat that it takes rain to bring seeds out of dormancy.
"We can add annuals to perennial pastures this year because our perennial base is so thin right now," he says. By drilling or broadcasting cool-season grasses into existing perennial stands, producers will get a much-needed pop of vigorous growth.
Naumann says spring oat is ideal for producing quick growth. It may sound confusing, he says, but you seed spring oat in late summer to get fall forages. Seeding can begin in late July to early August and, at times, even as late as September.
The key to doing this is to have seed on hand and ready to go into the ground when rain is in the forecast.
Naumann recommends late-maturing seed varieties of spring oat, which produce quality forage throughout fall and into winter.
Like any forage, the longer you let it grow without grazing it, the more forage pro-

duced. Patience rewards the producer with more tonnage. A Wisconsin study showed that yield quadrupled when harvest was delayed from September to November on August-planted oat.
As a rule of thumb, allow 60 days between planting and grazing, Naumann says. This means delaying grazing until October or early November on pastures seeded in late July to early August.
Brassicas such as turnip, radish and rape-seed can be drilled, or broadcast and harrowed in, as a companion forage to oat before anticipated rainfall. Brassica seeds are small and easily broadcast. Broadcast 2-5 pounds of seed per acre for an expected 3-5 tons of forage per acre, says Naumann.
He urges caution when grazing brassicas. They can have low mineral content, low fiber and high nitrate levels. They also can cause bloat, among other issues. Supplement brassicas with minerals and dilute with other forages to mitigate these downsides.
Naumann says another option in drought is to add cool-season small grains like cereal rye, wheat, triticale and barley to thin pasture stands in September to October.
Small grains won't provide feed until late winter to early spring. Grazing these forages can begin in the southern part of the state as early as late February and by mid-March in the northern part of Missouri.
"The value of these annuals is they give you forage before fescue is ready to be grazed, and they will complement thin fescue yield," says Naumann.

\$3 million grant awarded to MU researcher for leading biomedical and agricultural innovation

In a new study funded by a \$3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), University of Missouri researcher Kiho Lee, an associate professor in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, will use gene editing to investigate the building blocks of disease. His ultimate goal — to discover clinically significant explanations for human diseases like Alzheimer’s, cancer and infertility, while working on solutions to global food insecurity.

Common diseases, such as Alzheimer’s, are widespread in humans, plaguing an estimated 11% or 6.7 million Americans over age 65, according to The Alzheimer’s Association. Some Alzheimer’s diseases, specifically early onset cases, are highly linked to a person’s genetic background, of which gene editing could be a future solution. This dual-purpose grant will encourage scientific innovation not only in the biomedical realm, which would focus on human disease, but also in agriculture, where Lee is hopeful this research will improve pig welfare as well as increase food production for farmers.

Working toward this outcome, Lee and his team will evaluate the efficacy and safety of genome editing technology — known as the CRISPR/Cas system — to improve the gene-testing process and design approaches that help researchers make the most of a targeted genome editing event. The study objective involves investigating three specific aims:

Develop a method for the global detection of unintended outcomes from gene editing in genetically engineered pigs.

Design a method for ensuring the integrity of the genome when gene editing.

Establish a strategy for rapidly phenotyping genetically engineered pigs in utero and modifying the genome of wild-type adult pigs to ensure favorable traits for agriculture and biomedicine.

“Ultimately, the goal is to generate founder pigs that have fewer unintended modifications, which we call ‘off-targeting events,’” Lee said. “This way, the founder animals — those with modified genomes — would present the phenotype or trait that we intend to generate, making the whole process more effective.”

This study will help scientists refine the mechanism of gene editing to streamline what traits the animals will exhibit. Because breeding genetically engineered pigs often takes a significant time commitment, this is an important component to this study.

“Obviously, this research has both biomedical and agricultural implications,” Lee said. “As such, one of the phenotypes we are interested in is growth because we want our pigs to grow bigger in a shorter period of time, which would help maintain food sustainability worldwide. Making these models helps patients who are suffering from these diseases. And, although my passion is directed more toward biomedical research, when I sit down and think about it, the agricultural component has a deep impact. For example, population growth and the amount of food we need to secure in the face of climate change means we need these technologies to ensure we can respond to uncertainties and still feed everybody. Hopefully, my work will have an impact on both.”

A USDA-ARS scientist, Bethany Redel, will bring her expertise to this research, which highlights not only

the existing collaboration between the University of Missouri and USDA-ARS but also an ongoing commitment to finding solutions that support the future of agriculture. This funding was awarded as part of the Dual Purpose with Dual Benefit program, which is a collaboration between the NIH and the USDA.

MU Editor’s note: This study’s principal investigator is Kiho Lee. Co-investigators include Bethany Redel, John Driver, Sehwon Koh, Randall Prather, Kevin Wells, Bhanu Telugu and Wes Warren.

Webinar helps specialty crop growers with organic production

University of Missouri Extension is offering a nine-part webinar series on organic production of specialty crops.

The series, which runs Sept. 26 to Nov. 28, begins with an overview of the organic certification process. Other topics include soil and fertility and management of weeds, insects and diseases in organic systems. There also will be individual classes on organic production of tomatoes, leafy greens and berries.

“MU Extension horticulturists work with many fruit and vegetable growers who have an interest in organic production,” says MU Extension horticulturist Justin Keay. “Some want to work towards USDA organic certification, while others are

interested in implementing organic practices but not seeking certification.”

Because organic growers have fewer effective crop sprays to deal with insects, diseases and weeds, raising crops organically requires an increased emphasis on integrated pest management (IPM) practices. “IPM involves thorough planning to prevent the problems that may come, rather than a reactive ‘see and spray’ approach,” Keay says.

“Adopting and integrating IPM practices into crop production systems is a keystone of successful organic producers,” he adds. “It is a systems approach that involves an understanding of the life cycle of pests and the farm as an ecosystem, rather than a ‘do-

nothing’ approach that some may associate with organic production.”

Attendees will walk away with a deeper understanding of what is required to successfully produce organic crops, Keay says.

This series will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays via Zoom.

To register, go to <http://muext.us/OPSC23> or call the MU Extension Center in Jefferson County at 636-797-5391 by Sept. 24.

There is a fee, but scholarships are available to Missouri Beginning Farmers to cover a portion of the registration cost. Scholarships can be redeemed at registration. Call Keay at 573-324-5464 for more information.



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A whopper zucchini



Ethan Paul, 7, recently harvested an 11.34 lb. zucchini at his family's farm, L and B Produce, in Seligman. His family sells produce at the Garden Sass Farmer's Market in downtown Cassville every Saturday through the growing season.

New study uses gene prediction tool to select premium grade Angus herds

In his latest research study, University of Missouri's Jared Decker proves a new genomic prediction tool can help select best-in-class commercial cattle for superior breeding characteristics. Ranches across the Show-Me State manage approximately two million cattle — a significant number of which are Angus, a top-tier breed that has unrivaled success in the commercial beef market. In a new study, University of Missouri researcher Jared Decker and Thompson Research Farm tested a group of commercial Angus cows using a commercial genomic

prediction tool called Zoetis GeneMax Advantage to investigate the ability of the test to predict their calves' performance and profitability. This project demonstrates an important step forward in helping inform the selective breeding of commercial cowherds and giving Missouri cattle producers a competitive market advantage. While testing a sample of commercial Angus females and their offspring at MU's Thompson Research Farm, Decker found significant relationships between the cows' genetic merit and the performance of their calves. For the study, researchers focused on specific traits, such as weaning and carcass weight, marbling, fat, and ribeye area. "In prioritizing the use of this technology, Thompson Research Farm recently harvested a set of 35 steers, 70% of which graded prime, the highest quality grade that the Department of Agriculture (USDA) ranks meat," said Decker, Wurdack Chair of Animal Genomics in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. "Compared to the industry, which grades Prime at a rate of 6%, this is really excellent." Decker believes this success stems from the technology that makes genomic predictions possible. In practice, DNA testing allows farmers to select better

cows and refine the herd with good genetics on top of good management. As a specialist in the ways technology can streamline farming practices, Decker sees it as his calling to help producers corner the market. "It's a goal of mine to help producers innovate in ways that get them closer to harnessing a competitive advantage in this market," Decker said. "I want to help them adopt new technologies like DNA testing and genomic prediction. For a while now, we've had historical data on the performance of calves in terms of growth and carcass performance. So, a key goal of this study was to demonstrate to farmers, ranchers, extension professionals, veterinarians and academics that this technology does, in fact, work. There is a significant relationship between calf performance and the cow's genetic merit." Although genomic prediction has a legacy of success in seedstock cattle — purebred animals with documented pedigrees — this is the first time it's shown to work in a sample of commercial cattle. For Missouri's beef industry, a leading driver of state revenue, genomic prediction technology represents an opportunity for growth, both for producers and the economy.

"Genomic prediction tools allow farmers to go from not knowing the pedigree or any of the animal's performance data to taking a DNA sample and receiving a very accurate prediction as to the heifer's genetic merit," said Decker, explaining that this technology opens doors for commercial producers to be more aggressive in selecting the right females to go back into the herd. "This gives farmers a chance to make informed decisions that enhance sustainable profitability." For family run farms, genomic prediction technology is not only affordable, but also provides opportunities for small operations to document calf crops that boast superior genetic score cards. This allows farmers to either hold on to the calves through their feeding period and make a greater profit off their carcass merit or to market the weaned calf at a premium based on their first-rate genetics, instead of at typical commodity prices. "Evaluation of Zoetis GeneMax Advantage genomic predictions in commercial Bos taurus Angus cattle" was published in Livestock Science. Co-authors include Brian C. Arisman, Troy N. Rowan, Jordan M. Thomas, Harly J. Durbin, William R. Lamberson and David J. Paterson.

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