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Measles case confirmed in Missouri

By Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), the St. Louis County Department of Public Health, and the St. Charles County Department of Public Health have advised of a possible measles exposure in the greater St. Louis area from July 21-25.

According to a press release from DHSS, they were notified of an internationally-imported confirmed case of measles and are awaiting the completion of tests to determine the strain of the disease from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Measles is a highly-contagious, acute viral illness transmitted by contact with an infected person through coughing and sneezing. Patients are considered contagious from four days before until four days after the rash appears. The measles virus can remain infectious in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves an area. Measles is a vaccine-preventable disease.

Though the confirmed case is not in Southwest Missouri, now is a good time for individuals and families to ensure their immunizations are updated with their healthcare provider.

The CDC recommends that children get two doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR), beginning with the first dose at age 12-15 months and the second dose at ages 4-6 years of age. Teens and adults who do not have presumptive evidence of immunity need two doses of the MMR vaccine, separated by at least 28 days apart.

According to Renee Bohns, R.N. with the Barry County Health Department, the public is offered vaccinations at their Cassville location at 65 Main St., on a walk-in basis Monday

through Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Though there is a limited supply of adult vaccines, all childhood vaccines are available. For more information, contact the health department at 417-847-2114. For more information on the MMR vaccine specifically, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/mmr/public>.

Aurora License Office Open

From Missouri Department of Revenue

The Aurora License Office, located at 316 E. Church Street, Aurora, opened July 24. For office hours and days of operation for the Aurora License Office, please visit the License Office Location Map at dor.mo.gov/license-office-locator/ or call 417-678-3003.

The management contract for the Aurora License Office was awarded to Dandelion Fields, LLC on May 4. All license office contracts in Missouri are awarded through a competitive bid process. License offices are operated by independent contractors but overseen by the Missouri Department of Revenue.

CHS graduate awarded JD Riddle scholarship



Jacob Martinez is the recipient of the J.D. Riddle Educational Trust Scholarship.

From Community Foundation of the Ozarks

Jacob Martinez, a 2023 graduate of Cassville High School, has received the JD Riddle Educational Trust Scholarship, administered by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

Martinez, the son of Maria and Filipe Mendoza, will attend Missouri Southern State University this fall, where he plans to pursue a degree in secondary education.

"I'm so grateful for the opportunities that this scholarship has provided me — not only will I be able to further my education, but I'll be able to reach my future goals and help many communities around me," Martinez said.

The JD Riddle Education Trust Fund was established by the Cassville R-IV School District in 2020 to benefit graduating seniors of Cassville High School who intend to pursue a career in K-12 education. The \$5,000 award is renewable for up to three additional years.

The CFO and its regional affiliate foundations hold about 480 scholarship funds, established by generous donors to help students from across central and southern Missouri achieve their goals of higher education. The application period for the 2024-25 school year will open Jan. 1, 2024, and run through mid-March. For more information, visit cfozarks.org/scholarships.

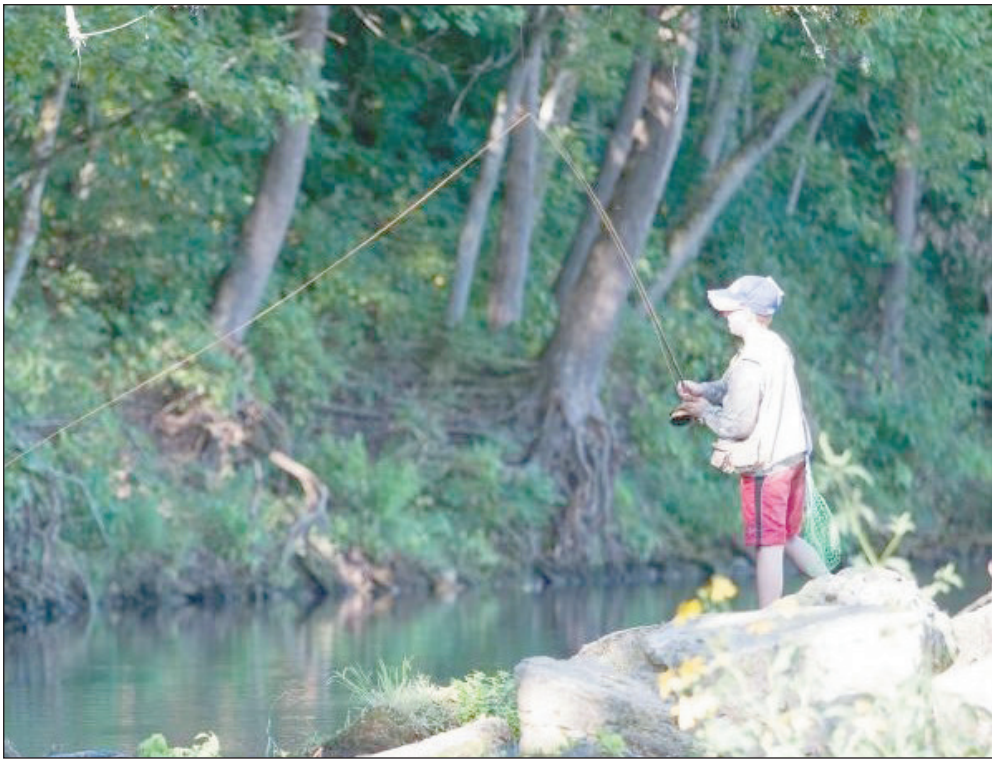
Founded in 1973, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks is marking its 50th anniversary in 2023 as the region's largest public charitable foundation serving a network of donors, regional affiliate foundations — including the Cassville Community Foundation — and nonprofit partners across central and southern Missouri through its mission of resource development, community grantmaking, collaboration and public leadership.

RRSP hosts Kids Free Fishing Day Aug. 19

From Missouri State Parks

Make your way to Roaring River State Park on Saturday, Aug. 19, for Kids Free Fishing Day. Everyone 15 and under will be able to get free tags the day of the event from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

From the first low-water crossing up toward the hatchery, a section of the river will be specially designated for youth to fish in throughout the day. Adults will not be allowed to fish by themselves in this area. Parents and guardians are welcome to help the children as needed, but only one pole between the helper and the kid may be used at any time. Volunteers also will be present to help. A free lunch of hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided by the park concessionaire in the lower section of the CCC Lodge.



Roaring River State Park will host the annual Kids Free Fishing Day on August 19.

So, visit beautiful Roaring River State Park to connect with nature and watch the kids catch some fish. The event will be held rain or shine, assuming conditions are deemed safe. Regular

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Patriots of SW Missouri



By Dianne Painter and Jean Dodge

On July 29, several of the Patriots of SW Missouri attended a Meet and Greet in Cassville. Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, who is running for Governor of the State of Missouri, was the main speaker.

We were all very impressed with his knowledge and caring about what is happening in our local communities and state. Jay Ashcroft answered many questions and said he would return to Cassville again. If any of you missed this important meeting, you are welcome to hear Jay Ashcroft speak at the Patriots of SW Missouri meeting on September 16 at 1 p.m. at the VFW Post on Highway 39 in Shell Knob.

If you have yet to hear Jay Ashcroft speak, you are missing a treat, as he is very informative and knowledgeable, and you can tell he cares about the people and our state. Keep up your prayers, and continue to fight for our state, country, and communities. God Bless all of you who care and let's keep learning about our candidates running for office that will be representing us.

It will be time for another great meeting at the VFW Post on Hwy. 39, in Shell Knob, at 1:00 p.m. on August 19.

We hope to see all of you who have been attending our meetings that want to learn more about issues that concern each individual, their families, and our communities, as well as our state officials. Come and learn about each one of them who is running for office.

"We The People" can and do make a difference when we show that we care and want to know more about our elected officials. We often have state officials that attend our meetings unannounced when they are in the area. Now is the time to make a difference, and all of you that take the time to make our monthly meetings are making a difference by letting your voices be heard.

May we all keep up our prayers and remember, "In God, We Trust," and the Constitution says, "For the People, By The People."

On August 19, Joan Roberts will speak on mental health and transgender issues affecting our children and schools. Roberts is a military Veteran with a BS degree in Criminal Justice. She has published articles on fraud and false claims. State Representative Scott Cupps will be speaking as well.

Also in attendance for questions and concerns are as follows: Jeff Mark, Chief of Staff for Mike Moon; Barry County Sheriff Danny Boyd; Northwest Commissioner Gary Schad; and Commissioner Steve Blankenship.

May Heavenly Father continue to bless all of you.

For further information, contact Dianne Painter at 417-858-2100 (no texting to this number) or email Jean Dodge at dodgejean13@gmail.com.


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fishing hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in August.

This joint event is held in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). If you have any questions or concerns, please call the park office at 417-847-2539, the MDC hatchery at 417-847-2430, or the park store at 417-847-4971.

Roaring River State Park is 7 miles south of Cassville on Highway 112 in Barry County.

For more information on state parks and historic sites, visit mostateparks.com. Missouri State Parks is a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.



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Notice:

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

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.

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 Aug 11

The Stella Senior Center is Hosting a Dinner and Dance with doors opening at 5:30 P.M., and a buffet style meal at 6 P.M. The Dance will start at 7 P.M., and Timberline Country Band will be playing. Cover charge is \$5. Refreshments are always available.

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

Saturday Aug 12

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

Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary Country Breakfast will be held from 7 A.M. to 11 A.M. at the Butterfield Fire Station. Menu includes pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. The cost for ages 12 and over is \$5, for children 11 and under is \$3.

The Pythagoras Lodge 383, located on the corner of Bus. Rt. 37 and 18th Street, in Cassville, will hold a 150th anniversary celebration beginning at 11 A.M. Refreshments will be served and Grand Lodge Officers from Kansas City will be in attendance. This event is open to the public.

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

Thursday Aug 17

Let's Get Cooking 2 will be hosted at the Monett Branch Library, 2200 Park St., Monett, at 1 P.M. Guests are invited to learn how to make salsa with Eden Stewart.

Saturday Aug 19

Patriots of Southwest Missouri will have their monthly meeting from 1 to 3 P.M. at the VFW, Hwy. 39, Shell Knob. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Diane Painter at (417) 858-2108 (please no texts).

A Candlelight Memorial Service for the African Americans killed in the race riot in Pierce City in 1901 will be held at 9 P.M., the hour and date of the anniversary, in the parking lot of City Hall in Pierce City, Walnut and Commercial Streets, where the lynching of Will Godley took place. Murray Bish-off will recount the story. Those attending are asked to bring candles and lawn chairs. The program takes approximately one hour.

The 2nd Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser will be hosted by New Life Temple of Cassville from 6 to 8 P.M. The menu includes all you can eat fish, chicken, hush puppies, cole slaw, dessert and drink. Cost for ages 7 and older is \$10, and \$5 for kids 6 and under. New Life Temple is located 1/2 mile north of Crowder College at 15941 Business Highway 37, Cassville. All proceeds benefit the building fund. For more information, please call (417) 342-3587.

Saturday Aug 26

Play Music on the Porch Day will be hosted at the Monett Branch Library, 2200 Park St., Monett, all day. Various musical artists will play during the day on the patio.

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., Wheaton, 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.

Cassville Branch Library Activities

Thurs., Aug. 10

• 6pm: Toastmasters (adults)

Mon., Aug. 14

• 2pm: Taking Care of You Session 1 (adults) Pre-registration required, space is limited, may register online <http://bit.ly/3NqSUSZ>

Tues., Aug. 15

• 10am: Storytime (pre-school)

Registration is now open for Fall Preschool Storytime and for Homeschool sessions.

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.

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

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Cassville Chamber ribbon cutting held at Happy Hippy Wellness



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Shown above, front row, left to right, are LaDon Vanzandt, dispensary nurse; Liam Mills, Happy Hippy staff; Alisha Madison, Happy Hippy/Cassville Dispensary staff; Lisa Roark, Happy Hippy/Cassville Dispensary owner; Charlea Estes-Jones, Happy Hippy/Cassville Dispensary General Manager; Maggie Grimes-Drake, Happy Hippy store manager; Frederick Tackett, Cassville Dispensary staff; and Isaac Estes-Jones, Happy Hippy/Cassville Dispensary Assistant General Manager.

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Water is running low right now. It is at 13.5 CFS. The fishing is still really good, and the dry fly fishing is exceptionally good.

We are catching trout on elk hair caddis, blue wing olives, Griffiths gnats, parachute Adams, and crackle-backs and have been very good the last few weeks.

Beetles, ants, and hoppers are still catching trout every day.

The water being very clear does have some challenges.

You are best right now fishing a 9' 7X leader when you are fishing dries.

There are still good numbers of fish caught on mop, flies, mega worms, Saiyan, one worm, and head-on glow balls. Orange and yellow have been the best colors.

If you want to fish traditional nymphs, pheasant tails, sow bugs, burlaps, gold ribbed hairs ears, scuds, and a black zebra midge is a good choice.

A black or an olive green wooly bugger is always good first thing in the morning.

Plastic worms in orange, white, cheese yellow, and pink have been good. Plastic eggs in white, pink, and fl. Yellow was good all last week.

Black spinners are good in the mornings, and brown and green have also been good. Water is very clear, so use a two-pound line for your best chance of catching trout. You can usually get away with a four-pound line in the morning.

Good luck this week.

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JOHN ROBERT THOMAS

John Robert Thomas, 64, died suddenly on July 27, 2023. He was a beloved son, brother, father and uncle.

John Robert, the youngest child of Aubrey and Eunice Holman Thomas, was born August 20, 1957, and raised in Cassville, with an extended family of Holman

and Thomas aunts, uncles and cousins. He attended Cassville High School, and graduated from Missouri State University with a degree in Business. Before retiring, he was employed by Carlton Cards, a division of American Greeting.

From his Eagle Scout experiences, he became a naturalist, and relished his time exploring and caring for his land on Roaring River. His beloved place on this land, where he fished and hunted, was his great joy and provided a family gathering place for his nephews and their families as they enjoyed time together and learned to fish with their favorite uncle.

John's courage, determination and strength of character is captured by Jennifer Portman in the article, A Walk in the Woods Becomes a Test of Grit, published in the Springfield NewsLeader,

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December, 1999. An excerpt of that article follows:

.....this week I heard a story that tops anything I could possibly experience firsthand, and encompasses many of the things I hold most dear: the Ozarks, family, perseverance and most of all, courage.

One Saturday, two weeks before open deer season began this year, John Robert Thomas, Cassville native, decided to head down to the woods near Roaring River where he has hunted all his life to fix up deer stands.

Thomas, 42, had thought about going fly fishing that day, but instead, parked his truck on a logging road and tromped down the steep face of a hollow into the tall and uncut, boards in his arms, nails in his pocket.

He set off on his journey about 3 p.m. wearing a new fleece jacket, T-shirt, jeans and boots. The temperature

was around 55 degrees, the skies cloudy with a little rain. He was alone.

Thomas was nearly to the bottom of the ravine when he lost his footing. Maybe it was one of the many loose rocks, maybe a hole. He's not sure, since he couldn't see his feet. But what he does know is this: the bone in his lower left leg snapped. It didn't break the skin, but his leg below the knee just flopped. It felt as if it were floating like a buoy in a bathtub.

He stayed on the ground a while, not believing he was really at the bottom of a hollow with a broken leg, the day waning. He yelled for help. No one answered. That's when he began crawling, dragging himself up the hill that even in the best times requires all fours to scale. He relied on a board he pounded a nail into for leverage, his elbows and sheer force of will. His fractured leg slithered over the brush and rocks.

Rain started pouring. He thought about dying. No one knew where he was and he likely wouldn't be missed for days. Of all things, he

thought about presidential candidate John McCain and decided if that son of a buck could survive his prisoner of war ordeal he would not be beaten by an Ozarks hill.

He called on the Good Lord for help, careful to not make any promises he couldn't keep. "I just had to take it in little steps," he says. It took six hours to traverse what would take 20 minutes on two feet, but by 9 p.m. he made it to his truck—a stick-shift.

He worked the clutch with his right foot, managed to turn the truck around, got it up on the highway and made it to the hospital in Cassville, about 12 miles away. When staffers finally responded to the honking in the parking lot they were greeted by the Creature from the Black Lagoon, shaking, wet and covered with leaves.

Two weeks later, Thomas was back on the logging road. This time he stayed in the back of his truck, a cast on one leg, a walkie-talkie in one hand. On the other end of the two-way radio was his nephew, out hunting in the very same woods on the first day of deer season. "He wasn't down there 30 minutes, then "Boom" Thomas recalls, now resting with his

leg up in his Springfield urban cabin. The eight-point buck was his nephew's first. "There was a deer down there, we know, and he got him, Thomas says proudly. "It was fate, I guess. You can't believe how fortunate I feel."

John Robert was caring and loving, with a great sense of humor, who was devoted and loyal to his family and friends.

He will be greatly missed by his sisters, Jo Ellen Henderson and Sara Nell Lampe; his niece and nephews, Anne Jestadt, Matthew Henderson, Thomas, William, and Michael Lampe; his daughter, Jamie; and their children and grandchildren and all those who knew him.

Our family thanks James Bryant and Mark Thomas for their loyal friendship and assistance.

John Robert's family will honor his life in a private memorial. Memories of John Robert may be shared with Sara Nell at snlampe@gmail.com.

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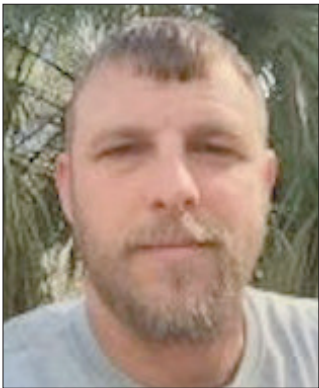
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NANCY G. COX
 Nancy G. Cox, age 81, of Rocky Comfort, passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at Mercy Hospital Springfield in Springfield.
 Private services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton.

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JUSTIN ROBERT MCCOMB
 Justin Robert McComb, age 43, of Wheaton, passed away Friday, July 28, 2023, at his home.
 He was born May 15,

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1980, in Apple Valley, California, the son of Robert McComb and Debra (Palmer) Heffington, who preceded him in death.
 Surviving is his daughter, Kaylee McComb, of Wheaton.
 Justin moved to Wheaton from California with his mother in 1987. He grew up and attended school in Wheaton. Justin had been employed by a striping company traveling across the country striping parking lots for over a decade; he then worked at Opal Foods in Neosho for several years before going to work at Mis-

souri Sugars, LLC in Neosho where he was currently employed. Justin enjoyed fishing and being outdoors among his many other niche hobbies.
 Services will be held at 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at Wheaton Southern Baptist Church in Wheaton, under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Jessie Garrison will conduct the services.
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Missouri State University student Kensie Darst was elected National Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow's (NACT) president for the 2023-24 school year.
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 From Aurora, Darst will graduate from Missouri State in December with an agricultural communications degree. She will continue her education at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.
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