

Cassville Schools break ground on state of the art performing arts center

By Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com



Cassville R-IV School District broke ground for the district’s new state of the art performing arts center last week. The 28,000 sq. ft. facility will connect directly to the south end of the high school and will not only provide a much needed space for performing arts, it will also provide additional classroom space and storage for students in the fine arts programs. Construction is expected to be complete in

approximately fourteen months. Shown above, left to right, are Cassville Schools Superintendent Dr. Merlyn Johnson, Director of Facilities and Operations Dusty Reed, and Cassville School Board Members Dr. Chad Johnson, President Jeremy Marple, Vice President Wade Hermansen, Jill LeCompte, Jon Horner, Steve Henbest and Chad Yarnall. Photo by Mindi Artherton.

Cassville R-IV School District approves sale of \$9 million general obligation bonds

From Cassville R-IV School District

The Board of Education of the Cassville R-IV School District of Barry County, at a regular meeting on July 25, 2023, approved the sale of \$9,000,000 General Obligation Bond Issue to its Municipal Bond Underwriter, L.J. Hart & Company of St. Louis. “We appreciate the strong vote of confidence we received from local patrons at the election and want to lock in interest rates that are

still favorable in the current rate environment,” stated Jeremy Marple, President of the Board of Education. These new money General Obligation Bonds were approved by about 62.59% of the voters at the April 4, 2023, election for the purpose of providing funds for a new Performing Arts Center, energy improvements, and safety upgrades. The bond marketing process provided the first opportunity to invest to local financial institutions and according to Courtney Wegman, Vice President of L.J. Hart & Company, Freedom Bank of Southern Missouri purchased \$250,000 of the bonds. This local support was helpful to the success of the financing. “It is nice that our marketing procedures facilitated this local involvement while still receiving attractive reoffered yields,”

commented Dr. Merlyn Johnson, Superintendent of Schools. The Board of Education selected the negotiated sale of the bonds in order to capture current market conditions, to be certain that local banks received an opportunity to purchase the bonds, and because the proposed interest rates and yields were fair-based upon

See Bond Pg. 8

Cassville wastewater rehabilitation begins next phase

By Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com



According to David Brock, Cassville Public Works Director, a new phase of the city’s wastewater rehabilitation began last week. Construction began with an open trench in the 1300 block of Park Avenue and will progress southwesterly to Fair Street within the next seven to ten days. Construction will then move southwesterly on Fair Street to 10th Street. A lane closure at the intersection of Fair Street and E. 12th Street will also be necessary to accommodate the discharge of a bypass pump. Traffic will be prohibited when excavation is in progress. Traffic patterns for the elementary and middle school campuses will be impacted; drivers should be prepared to find an alternate round around the construction. Barricades will be located at the ends of the block where construction is present to redirect through traffic, but local traffic will be able to access their home/business. Local traffic must approach and depart on the appropriate side of the work area. Other active construction areas will be along Farm Road 1120 and continue progress towards town. Road closures for all traffic will be necessary on Farm Road 1120 in the next week, and 13th Street will see closures this week, weather determinant, with a detour for the Wildwood area and East 13th Street to and from Hwy 248. To sign up for updates, contact the Cassville City Hall at 417-847-4441.



Do you have school sports or activities to share?

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Annual Demolition Derby brought a bangin’ good time

By Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com



It was a beautiful evening for family fun watching cars gets demolished at the annual Demolition Derby at Bill Hailey Arena in Cassville last Saturday. The event, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cassville and Soroptimist International of Barry County, saw over 32 cars entered with 1,500 plus in attendance.



Liam McCoy, 7, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, participated in the powerwheel division, which kicks off the annual event. Liam currently races four wheelers and will have his first dirt bike race this week.

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A poem by Jean Dodge

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Who looks at all of us below
And though He loves His children so
Asks why as in years past rebel?
Do I delight in death and hell?
I sent My Son
'Twas no enough?
Do mockers seek to call His bluff?
Wake up! Wake up! It is a must!
And once more say In God we Trust.

Pearls of Production celebrates 10 years with events in Kirksville and Mount Vernon

From Barry County MU Extension

Pearls of Production, taught by University of Missouri Extension women specialists to women producers, is celebrating its 10th year and offering two one-day events, Sept. 30 and Nov. 4.

Pearls began in 2013 to offer women hands-on training in agriculture production practices.

“With two events in different regions of the state this year, we are hoping to reach a larger audience,” said Heather Conrow, MU Extension livestock field specialist. “For some women it’s a struggle to get away from home and the farm to attend an overnight conference, so we’re hoping these one-day events closer to their homes will accommodate more women.”

The first event is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Truman State University in Kirksville.

Topics include:

- Feeding livestock in a forage shortage.
- Internal parasite control.
- Practical biosecurity updates for the farm.

The second Pearls of Production event is 1-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the MU Southwest Research, Extension and Education Center in Mount Vernon.

Topics include:

- Basic cheese lab.
- Sheep production – the FAMACHA system and five-point check for small ruminants.
- Elderberry – what you need to know.

“We want to meet women where they are by bringing the learning close to their farms,” said Reagan Bluel, MU Extension dairy specialist. “Pearls of Production is about helping women who want to get their hands dirty learn how to produce food.”

The number of women involved in agriculture in Missouri and across the U.S. continues to increase, and more women own and operate farms and ranches, Conrow said.

“Women are also increasingly playing larger roles in livestock production, as nearly half of our country’s women-operated farms specialize in livestock production,” she said.

Conrow says women offer a unique perspective on ag. Through programs like Pearls of Production, they can learn and share new ideas on raising livestock that can benefit one another.

“It’s imperative for women producers to learn these skills in a safe, non-stressful environment where they can understand and practice hands-on techniques,” she said. “That’s what we are happy to provide at Pearls of Production.”

Register at <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/pearls-of-production-in-the-field>. Cost is \$40 per event. For more information, contact Reagan Bluel at BluelRJ@missouri.edu or 417-847-3161.

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We are still experiencing some really good terrestrial fishing. Ants, beetles, small hoppers, crackle backs, with the green holographic tinsel, have been very good. Pheasant tails, burlaps, copper johns, black, red, and zebra midges work well.

7X is needed for dries; 9' leaders are best, longer if you can throw them. 6X is good when using nymphs or woolly buggers; black, olive, tan, and brown all work well.

Spinners in the mornings are still pretty good; dark colors seem to be working best.

Plastics are very good right now. The 1" yellow and pink crawlers caught a bunch of trout this week. Plastic eggs in white, natural fish oil, and shrimp eggs are working great right now. Plastic worms in white, orange/white, cheese color, and pink were very good this week.

The water is very clear. Use 2lb. line for best results, water is to clear for 4 lb.

Good luck this week.

Wildcat XC Results

From Erin Flehmer

The Wildcat runners competed at the Seneca Invitational Meet last Thursday. The Varsity girls placed 3rd, Varsity boys placed 4th and both Middle School teams placed 3rd.

Individual Results: Top 25 medal

Varsity Girls 45 total runners 3.1 miles

Jadyn Williams 3rd 22:59
Tori Mitchell 8th 24:48
Kayli Anderson 19th 26:14
Lydia Cupps 29th 29:28
Evelyn Elliott 32nd 29:46
Claire Reuter 35th 32:10
Layla Bailey 36th 32:19

Varsity Boys 76 total runners 3.1 miles

Ethan Bohmke 8th 19:20
Trevor Garnett 12th 19:44
Michael Butts 21st 20:00
Tyson Bohmke 30th

20:49
Evan Butler 42nd 21:45
Jacob Hudson 48th 21:58
Simon Gates 64th 23:56

Middle school girls 46 total runners 1.5 miles

Briley Artherton 12:18
Kynzleigh Scott 13:21
Addy Ramaeker 13:48
Molly Cox 14:38 25th
Peyton Vogt 19:01 42nd

Middle school boys 59 total runners 1.5 miles

Preston Driskill 10:34 5th
Jameson Barnes 10:58 9th
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All of our pets are fixed, up-to-date on their vaccinations, and micro-chipped. The Haven of the Ozarks is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., seven days a week. For more information, please email us at havenozarksanctuary@gmail.com, or give us a call at 417-835-3647. Come out and meet Duckie today!

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Notice:
Butterfield Special Road District Farm Road 1112 off of U Hwy. will be closed for bridge repair until further notice.

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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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Thursday Sept 14
"Everyone Can Grow Orchids" with Bob Berger will be presented at the Monett Branch Library at 2 P.M.

Friday Sept 15
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. with music by The Red Dirt Duo. Cover charge is \$5. Refreshments are always available.

Friday Sept 15 continued
Annual Potluck Picnic will be held at 6 P.M. at Rocky Edmonson Park, Cassville. This event is being hosted by the MU Barry County Extension Office. Please RSVP by calling (417) 847-3161 or email barry-co@missouri.edu.

Saturday Sept 16
Patriots of Southwest Missouri will be meeting 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).

Tuesday Sept 19
The Barry County Genealogical and Historical Society will be traveling by car caravan to Claremore, Okla., to visit and tour The Belvidere Mansion - the home John Bayless built in the Oklahoma Indian Territory after he moved his family from Cassville. The group will leave from the Methodist Church parking lot at 8 A.M. Please contact Phillis at (214) 679-3617, benhamphillis@gmail.com or Lynn at (417) 847-7917, hlhilburn@hotmail.com for more information if interested in joining.

Wednesday Sept 20
The Eagle Rock Library and Eagle Rock Community Center will be hosting a program on how to protect yourself and your bank account from the current scams that are making the rounds. All are welcome to join in at 3 P.M. at the Eagle Rock Library, 27824 State Hwy. 86, Eagle Rock.

Monett Library Activities
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School Menus:

Sept. 18th to Sept. 22nd

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Cassville R-IV High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or cherry frudel, yogurt cup, tropical fruit or cereal, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail. L: pork patty sandwich or chicken strips, Sun Chips, broccoli, fruit cocktail. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, pears or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: corndog or shrimp poppers, mac & cheese, mixed vegetables, peaches. Wed: alfredo or spaghetti, salad, green beans, bread stick, pears. Thurs: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, tropical fruit or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: grilled ham & cheese or grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, crackers, glazed carrots, fruit cocktail. Fri: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, tropical fruit or cereal, banana muffin, peaches. L: chili or little smokies, crackers, green beans, cookie, juice.

Cassville R-IV Pri. Int. Mid.: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy, oatmeal, toast, blueberries or cereal, cinnamon toast, fruit cocktail. L: pizza or alfredo, bread stick, salad, green beans, peaches. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, strawberries or cereal, teddy Grahams, applesauce. B: chicken & noodles or chicken nuggets, potatoes, broccoli & cheese, fruit cocktail. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, orange or cereal, blueberry muffin, pears. L: sloppy joe or country steak, Baked Lays, pinto beans, corn, peaches. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, peaches or cereal, graham crackers, pears. L: nacho supreme or quesadilla, mixed vegetables, refried beans, juice. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or cinnamon bun, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail or cereal, graham crackers, applesauce. L: little smokies or sub sandwiches, potato wedge, baked beans, crackers, pineapple.

Purdy R-II Schools: Mon: B: breakfast burrito, fruit. L: chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, peas, fruit. Tues: B: wg biscuits & gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: pizza, salad, Shape Up, fruit. Wed: B: french toast sticks, syrup, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit. Thurs: B: mini cini, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: fajitas, refried beans, fruit. Fri: B: apple cinnamon muffin, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: ham-burger, chips, baby carrots, fruit.





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Photos and story by Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com



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Quentin Enriquez traveled from Kansas City to help with staining of the bed frames.



There is not an age limit for those that volunteer, only that parents are present. Abel Vanzandt, 5, of Washburn, assisted with punching of guide holes for the drill press.



Shown above is a completed bunk bed frame. Single and bunk style beds are available for children in need.

The Cassville Wildcats (2-1) traveled to Seneca last Friday and took their first loss in their first district conference game against the Indians, 44-0.

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Fri: Soup and sandwich bar, buckeye brownie

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WILLIAM THEODORE “BILLY” THOMPSON, JR.
William Theodore “Billy” Thompson, Jr., age 89, of Monett, passed away Thursday, September 7, 2023, at Lacoba Homes in Monett.

He was born December 10, 1933, in Glen Echo, Maryland, the son of William Theodore Thompson, Sr. and Lillian Thompson, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were one son, John; one brother, Pee wee; and three sisters, Thelma, Francis and Betty.

Surviving are three sons, Craig Thompson and his wife, Francis, of Bend, Oregon, Robert Thompson and his wife, Diana, of Cassville, and Paul Thompson, of San Diego, California; two daughters, Teresa Thompson, of Phoenix, Arizona, and Edith Thompson, of Cassville; 13 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Billy owned and operated Tommy Thompson Masonry while living in San Diego, California. He moved to this area in 1990 coming from San Diego. Billy was a minister at Mt. Olive Baptist Church and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing and playing

his steel guitar. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

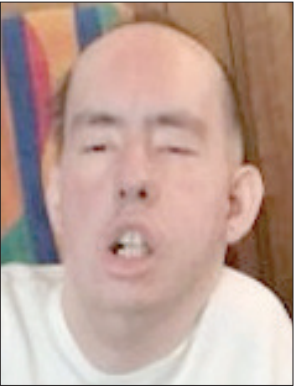
Graveside services with military honors will be held at 1:00 P.M. Monday, September 18, 2023, at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Richard Cummings will conduct the services.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. Sunday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Emmanuel Baptist Church in memory of Billy.

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TRAVIS WAYNE HARRISON

Travis Wayne Harrison, age 34, of Exeter, passed away Sunday, September 10, 2023, at Mercy Hospital Cassville in Cassville.

He was born October 9, 1988, in Springfield, the son of Robert R. “Bobby” Harrison, Jr. and Jennetta (Brattin) Harrison, who survive. Also surviving are his extended family, Mike and Theresa, Whitney and

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Clay, Paul and Karen, Josh and Emily, Sean, Lisa and Brian, Ashley and Steven, Rachel and Stephen, Taylor and Mark, Trevor, David, Julieanne and Brett, Brooklyn, Daymian and Kolten.

Travis enjoyed playing video games, counting down the days until Christmas year-round and listening to gospel music, especially the Gaither Vocal Band.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at Creason Cemetery in Ridgely, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Bobby Harrison will conduct the services.

Contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association in memory of Travis.

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ANITA “GAIL” BALL

Anita “Gail” Ball, age 70, of Aurora, passed away Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at Mercy Hospital Springfield in Springfield.

She was born April 25, 1953, in Cassville, the daughter of Ellis Edward and Betty Jean (Burbridge) Ball.

Surviving are her mother, Betty Jean Fisher, of Aurora; one son, Shawn Darst and his wife, Theresa, of Aurora; one daughter, Janel Kraft and her husband, Marc, of Aurora; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Preceding her in death

were her father, Ellis Edward Ball, and stepfather, Bill Fisher.

Gail attended school in Aurora, graduating from Aurora High School. She was employed as a secretary for Ellis, King and Ellis Law Firm in Springfield. She enjoyed researching genealogy but family was what was important to her.

Services were held Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Terry Bailie conducted the services. Burial was at Corinth Cemetery in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Isaiah 58 Ministries, Incorporated in memory of Gail.

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KEVIN LESLIE WISE, JR.

Kevin Leslie Wise, Jr., age 36, of Cassville, passed away Sunday, September 3, 2023, at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He was born November 30, 1986, in Bartow, Florida, the son of Kevin Leslie Wise, Sr. and Whitney Allison (Silcox) Wise. On October 9, 2014, he was united in marriage to Laura Hart, who survives. Also surviving are his parents, Kevin Leslie Wise, Sr., of Kalona, Iowa, and Whitney Allison Smith, of Cassville; and two sons, Sherlock Wise and Atticus Wise, both of the home.

Kevin attended school in Marshfield. He then attend-

ed OTC earning his associate degree and later attended Missouri State earning an accounting degree, a master's degree in accounting and his tax certificate. He was employed by Marck Industries in Cassville as CFO since 2021 and had his own CPA business. Spending time with his boys was very important to Kevin. He enjoyed playing poker and Mario Party with his family.

A celebration of life will be held from 11:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Saturday, September 30, 2023, at Living Memorial Park in Springfield. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Least Of These, Incorporated Food Pantry, Christian County, in memory of Kevin.

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JIMMY LEE SPARKS

Jimmy Lee Sparks, age 59, of Cassville, passed away Sunday, September 10, 2023, at Mercy Hospital Cassville.

He was born October 21, 1963, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Monett to James and Sharon (Grimes) Sparks. Proceeding him in death were his beloved parents; eldest brother, Doyle Ray Sparks; nephew, Morgan James Murphy; best friend, Leah Moss; and his loyal pet, Curly.

Surviving is his baby sister, Teresa Lynn Boxley and her husband, Karroll Boxley, of Cassville; his sister-in-law, Madonna Sparks; three nephews, Levi Boxley, Logan Boxley and Dakota Sparks; six nieces, Jessica Roque, Kamala Harris, Kaylee Long, Emerald Murphy, Tiffany Swanigan and Brittany Sparks. He

also has several great nieces and nephews that adored him.

Jimmy grew up and attended school in Cassville. In his youth, he enjoyed hunting with his grandfather, father and brother. His many hobbies included mechanics, music, collecting comics, movies and art - specifically drawing. He found joy in caring for any and all animals. Despite his shy demeanor, he always had a story to share, a joke to lighten your day, open arms without judgment and a piece of candy to offer.

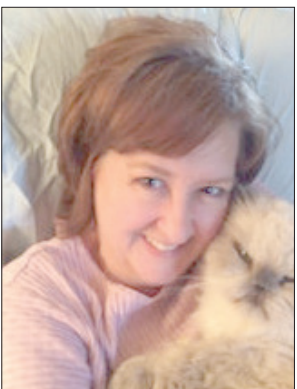
A special thanks to Cox South, Eagle Transportation and Ozark Dialysis; Jimmy truly found a sense of family with the staff during his health journey. He felt love and comfort in his final days at home.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Monday, September 18, 2023, at Russell Cemetery in Butterfield under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Tony Ball will conduct the services.

Contributions may be made to Haven of the Ozarks in memory of Jimmy.

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BRENDA LOUISE PIERCE

Brenda Louise Pierce, age 59, of Eagle Rock, passed away Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at her home.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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LINDA ANN (LOMBARD) BELISLE
Linda Ann (Lombard) Belisle, age 81, of Neosho, passed peacefully on Monday, September 4, 2023, at Freeman Neosho Hospital after a brief stay.
A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. at Wheaton Methodist Church in Wheaton, under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Lindy Lombard will conduct the services.
Linda and family would greatly appreciate donations in her memory to your local no kill animal shelter in lieu of flowers.

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BETH ELLEN TALLANT
Beth Ellen Tallant, age 79, of Seligman, passed away Friday, September 8, 2023, at Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas in Rogers, Arkansas.
Private services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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GERALD DEAN FLETCHER
Gerald Dean Fletcher, age 90, of Cassville, passed away peacefully at his home on September 9, 2023. Gerald, son of Howard and Zola (Cline) Fletcher, was born on September 29, 1932, in Washburn. He was a 1950 graduate of Southwest High School, and subsequently served in the U.S. Air Force. Gerald retired from Armour-Dial, Inc. after a long, successful career, receiving many awards for outstanding performance.
He married Mary Jo Owens in 1978; they were married for 44 years. Together they owned and operated many successful businesses in Southwest Missouri, including Fastrip and 4-Way Mini Mart in Cassville, and the Junction Quick Stop in Wheaton. Gerald was known for his kindness to everyone. He was a loving husband, proud father and a cherished Papa.

Survivors include Mary Jo; one son, Terry Fletcher and his wife, Emily, of Springfield; three daughters, Gerrie Fletcher, of Chesterfield, Jo Ellen Todd and Alta Easley, both of Cassville; grandchildren, Todd Henry, of Springfield, Brandy White and her husband, Brian, of Tontitown, Arkansas, and Stephanie Collins and her husband, Brian, of Omaha, Arkansas; great-grandchildren Malachi, Makenzi, Colton, Kes-

ton, Braelyn, Laekyn, and Elijah; and many friends.
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two brothers, JD Fletcher and Jim Fletcher.
Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday September 15, 2023, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory in Cassville with Pastor James Weaver officiating; burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cassville. Visitation will be one hour prior to funeral at the funeral home.
Arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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TERRY ALLEN HURST
Terry Allen Hurst, age 74, of Cassville, passed away Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Aurora Nursing Center in Aurora.
Graveside services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, September 15, 2023, at Hazelgreen Cemetery in Boulder City under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Tony Ball will conduct the services.

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Good Fences
Make Good Neighbors

by David L. Burton, community development specialist,
University of Missouri Extension

"Good fences make good neighbors" is a quote normally used to justify building a fence and keeping neighbors at arm's length. But that was not the author's recommendation.
In Robert Frost's 1914 poem, "Mending Wall," the writer describes two neighbors working together to repair a fallen stone fence separating their properties.
One neighbor is keen to rebuild the gap in the wall, while the other fails to see why it is needed in the first place. Of this, he writes:
*There where it is we do not need the wall:
He is all pine and I am apple orchard.
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.*
The neighbor's response is, "Good fences make good neighbors."
The author intends the statement to be an indictment against our culture's collective failure to be hospitable and neighborly, where we only share a commitment to not sharing anything.
Frost's poem is a metaphor for the walls we build that keep people out and apart. Walls that keep us from being hospitable. Social media has exacerbated the problem but isn't the root cause. The real problem lies with us and our failure to be connected and engaged neighbors.
Instead of developing relationships, we build a fence so we never have to see the neighbors. Then we build a wall around our time and activities and our hearts. We build a fortress of solitude! (But since we are not Superman, this will fail because we need social connections).
Granted, cattle need fences to stay in their field and dogs often need fences to stay in their yard. Fences can be a necessity in agriculture.
But fences do not help create healthy neighbor relationships. We are now learning that positive and healthy neighbor relationships lead to strong neighborhoods.
Strong neighborhoods foster diverse relationships, connect residents with opportunities, promote human capital, and support children's growth. If we can strengthen America's neighborhoods, we can improve people's well-being and access to the "American dream."
This week, why not remove the metaphoric fence from around your heart and home?
Let me encourage you: invite someone over this weekend. Prepare a big meal. Use good dishes. Wear something nicer than a T-shirt. Go the extra mile! As you gather, do so with a deep desire to share your lives with others. You'll be amazed at what can happen if you let people in, not only to your homes, but your hearts as well.
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current conditions in the municipal bond market.

Dr. Johnson stated that the District did compare proposed interest rates with the national bond indexes and other Missouri issues with a similar rating quality sold at competitive and negotiated sales to be certain that rates for the District's bonds were favorable.

"Based upon pricing of these other financings, and the national indexes for AA rated General Obligation Bonds our rates were as good as or better than some public sales and other negotiated sales for a similar quality level of bond issue," Dr. Johnson remarked.

The information shared by L.J. Hart & Company indicated that the bonds are scheduled to mature on March 1, 2032, through March 1, 2043, with reoffered yields ranging from 3.50% to 4.10% which produces additional funds for the projects in the amount of \$322,701.50. The interest income from the bonds is exempt from federal and state of Missouri income taxes and the bonds were available in \$5,000 denominations.

These bonds carry a "AA+" rating from S&P Global due to the District's participation in the State of Missouri Direct Deposit Program coordinated through the Missouri Health and Educational Facilities Authority.

The bonds do contain optional redemption (call) provisions on March 1, 2028, at no penalty that will facilitate the reduction of future interest expense in the event of prepayment or a future refunding to lower rates if market conditions make it economically feasible. The financing proceeds were made available to the District on August 16, 2023, and were promptly reinvested by the District to earn additional interest for use in the completion of the projects. CS Bank was approved to hold these bond funds. The legal documents to complete the issuance of the bonds were prepared by Lori Lea Shelley, Esq. of Lathrop GPM in its role as bond counsel for the District.

Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting

From Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce



In May the Cassville Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at Hair, Skin & Scales Salon, located at 97 Smithson Drive, in Cassville. Shown above, left to right, are Amara Hall, Kayla Hall, Rhonda Stockton, Phoenix Meier, Isaiah Hall, Joretta Pratt, Betty Meier, Megan Meier, Marty Meier, Susan Lukehart, Sheila Harris, Cindy Kirk, Morgan Williams, and Dr. Merlyn Johnson.

Barry County Master Gardeners hold Let's Get Growing Fall Workshop

By Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com



Tim Schnackenberg, University of Missouri Extension Field Specialist in Agronomy, discussed how to maintain turf grasses for a healthy lawn during the workshop last Saturday.

The Barry County Master Gardeners held their annual Fall Workshop last Saturday at the Family Life Center, in Cassville.

Master Gardeners are trained volunteers in partnership with the University of Missouri Extension, with more than 2,000 active Missouri Master Gardeners in towns and cities throughout Missouri, who educate others about safe,

effective and sustainable horticultural practices with unbiased, research based gardening information.

This year's Fall Workshop discussed how to maintain turf grasses for a healthy lawn, how to create and maintain a water garden and seed saving.

For more information on the Master Gardeners program, visit <https://extension.missouri.edu/publication/mg1>.

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Real Estate: Enter this historic home under a covered wrap around front porch with white porch columns into a nice size living room with lots of windows, double ceiling fans & a wood burning fireplace insert, then on into the nice size country kitchen that features Kenmore smooth top elec range w/built in Goldstar microwave/hood, double SS sink, Kenmore dishwasher, side by side Frigidaire Refrigerator/Freezer, lots of cabinets and counter top space & new laminate flooring. The kitchen is open to a large dining area or what could be a family room, den, etc w/pantry or walk in closet, a French door leading out to a nice screened in deck, large full bathroom w/linen closet, shower and double vanity & whole house fan. Bedroom #1 has ceiling fan, double closet and windows, down the hall where there is linen closet, utility room and a full bathroom w/double vanity, large bedroom w/ceiling fan, double closet, lots of windows and a outside entry door. This home has central heat/air. **Outside Amenities:** Chain link fence around back yard and a 12x20 storage building. A large metal building 48x24 w/concrete floor, elec, large 11.5x12 overhead door w/automatic door opener and a 36x34 pole barn attached to the back. Large shop building 32x72 w/side room 35x12 insulated, concrete floor, elect, office area, bathroom (3) large 12x14 overhead doors, 2 walk doors, sky lights and has its own entrance. This building was used in the past for Joe's trucking business. All this on a nice 5 acres m/l with Hwy 37 frontage and FR 2140 frontage with entrances from both the State Hwy 37 & the Fr 2140. **Note:** The Hopkins have owned this property for many years and operated their trucking business from this location as well. Nice old historic home, large shop buildings, great for any business with lots of State Hwy 37 exposure. If a person wanted to they could sell the large shop building with its own FR 2140 entrance and its own electric meter to someone wanting a nice shop building or keep it and run your own business. Lots of opportunities here. Call to learn how to pre register to bid at the auction or to preview the property before auction day. 417-847-2507. **Real Estate Terms:** Qualified buyers only w/pre-approved bank letter of approval. Nonrefundable 10% paid day of auction w/balance due in cash or certified funds within 30-45 days. Buyers and sellers will be responsible for their own portion of their closing cost. Taxes will be prorated to the date of close. Sells as is where is with no warranties or guarantees. Bidders, buyers, or agent of the buyer is responsible for conducting own inspection of property prior to auction and should rely solely upon their own due diligence and inspection. This property is offered with absolutely no contingencies of any kind, no contingencies on financing, surveys, appraisals, or final walk throughs. Seller has the right to accept or reject final bid. A 10% buyer's premium will apply on Real Estate. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material.

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TABLE ROCK LAKEFRONT REAL ESTATE – BOAT SLIP – JOHN DEERE TRACTOR – SUZUKI MINI TRUCK 4WD – JOHN DEERE RIDING MOWER – LOG SPLITTER – 5TH WHEEL RV – AUTO – PADDLE BOARDS – TOOLS – TRAILERS – FURNITURE & APPLIANCES – HOUSEHOLD – MISC




John Deere Tractor: John Deere 1025 R, 4x4, hydrostat, tractor w/front loader, belly mower & weights (only 125 hrs.) Looks new!! – **John Deere Mower:** John Deere 22 hp hydrostat riding mower (only approx. 100 hrs.) nice – lawn bag push mower. **Suzuki Mini Truck:** Suzuki Carry, 4 wd, 5 sp, mini truck, with heat & air, nice (no title) –RV: 2005, 36' Fleetwood Prowler, 5th wheel camper w/4 slides. **Paddle Boards:** (2) lifetime stand up paddle boards w/paddles – kneeboard – wakeboard – water ski's – water tube – life jackets. **Log Splitter:** Huskie 22 ton log splitter. **Trailers:** 16" tandem axel flat bed – 6'x12' Haul Rite utility trailer w/ramps, rear load or side load, no title. **Auto:** 2002 BMW 3 series convertible 325 Ci 2D 6-2.5L, super clean and neat, only 75,900 miles. **Tools:** Craftsman roll around tool chest – Powermate 6.5, 150 mph gas blower – Craftsman 2400 psi pressure washer – Craftsman 1.5 hp air compressor – air hose & reel – 2 ¼ ton floor jack – Craftsman tool chest – aluminum ramps – electric cement mixer – 8 hp generator – elect chain saw sharpener – vice – bench grinder – dual shop light – jack stands – limb trimmer – portable tool box – central machine 5 sp bench top drill press – Craftsman contractor series 10" 3 hp table saw – Craftsman shop vac – Craftsman 16" scroll saw – Craftsman rotary tool bench – Craftsman belt/disc sander – Craftsman workbench w/vice – Craftsman 12" two sp band saw – Craftsman 2.0 hp 10" radial arm saw – Craftsman router & table – Craftsman chain saw – air hose – Ryobi battery powered tools – ext cords – wood step ladder – gas cans – sm hand tools such as open wrenches, hammers, screwdrivers, oil cans, grease guns, etc – asst air tools – battery chargers – sm power tools such as framing nailer, reciprocating saw, sanders, etc – asst clamps – misc long handle tools – nippers – elect pole saw – organizers – nuts, bolts, screws, nails, etc – sm parts cabinet – heat gun – 12v sprayer – misc oils, cleaners, etc – stock tank heater – tarps – many more tools not listed. **Oldies & Collectibles:** Buck saw – scythe – sad iron – old galvanized oil can – Cuckoo clock – old cream can – old wood paddles – Keen Kutter wheel sharpening stone – (2) nice old wood school desk – old wash stand – old buffet – camel back trunk – treadle cabinet – old radio in wood cabinet – old wood chairs – sm old tables – sm trunk – Nostalgia popcorn machine cart – old horse drawn disk, rake & planter – horse drawn sickle mower – old iron wheels – (2) old lights. **Gun:** Western field mdl 30 bolt action 12 ga. **Furniture & Appliances:** log wood rocking chair with wildlife pattern & matching sofa & coffee table – sofa w/recliners on both ends & matching loveseat – rocking/recliner – coffee table – wood tv stand – wood stereo cabinet – queen bed – sm bookcase – sm rocking chair – day bed – high top patio table & 4 chairs – sm patio table & 4 chairs – floor lamp – matching bedroom suit, queen bed, dresser w/mirror, chest and night stand – sm drop leaf dining table & 4 chairs – (4) bar stools – oak dining table & 4 chairs – table lamps – quilt rack – wicker table & chairs – old green dresser – card table & chairs – ice cream table & 4 chairs – pool table & pool cues & misc – wood tv trays – pictures & wall hangings – sm Samsung flat screen TV – Toshiba TV – Anwa stereo – park bench. **Appliances:** Maytag matching washer & dryer – GE side by side refrigerator/freezer – apartment size refrigerator – microwave – sm. refrigerator. **Household & Misc:** home décor – regulator wall clock – kitchen wares such as, sm kitchen appliances, Pyrex, corning ware, pots & pans, silverware, utensils, etc – linens – lawn chairs – rod & reels – bicycles – Christmas items – storage cabinet – misc lumber – sm decorative wind mill – concrete yard ornaments, deer, birdbath, etc – welcome bear statue – electrical & plumbing supplies – metal yard wagon – Rubbermaid yard wagon – Agri Fab leaf bagger – wood ring – many more items not listed. **Table Rock Lake Front Real Estate:** 3 could be 4 bedroom, 3 bath, log sided with stone accent home, lakefront overlooking Table Rock Lake. Enter this home under a covered front porch into the foyer with coat closet, to the left is the kitchen. Kitchen features Amana side by side refrigerator/freezer, beautiful counter tops, custom oak cabinets, pull out drawers, double sink, built in Maytag dish washer, built in Frigidaire smooth top range, bar area & appliance bar, open to the living room w/hardwood flooring, ceiling fan, wood burning stove and a door leading out to a nice screened in porch. Also adjoining is a breakfast nook w/skylights & lots of windows looking out to the lake. Nice screened in porch overlooking the lake. Down the hall where there is a full bath with nice walk in shower, bedroom #1 with windows, closet & ceiling fan. Bedroom #2: Lg master bedroom w/his & hers closets, sitting area or office area w/lots of windows lakeside and a door leading out to the screened in porch and master bath w/a nice walk in shower. Just off the kitchen is a door leading out to the attached 1 car garage w/automatic door opener & the stairs leading to the full finished basement with gas log fireplace in a nice living room w/wet bar & patio bar leading out to the back patio lakeside. Large utility room, Bedroom #3w/ceiling fan & closet, full size bathroom, a 4th bedroom or game room or den, etc w/closets, windows and outside entry door leading out to the back patio. **Outside Amenities:** Nice large shop with 3 garage doors, 2 car garage has heat, air and bathroom plus another shop area used to store lawn mower, tractor, etc. Concrete & asphalt driveway, outside deck setting area overlooking Table Rock Lake. This home has central heat & air, well and septic on 5.8 acres m/l. **Boat Slip:** We will offer the boat slip separate, Slip will be offered only to people who live in Sunshine Acres Subdivision or new buyer of the home. It is slip #6 in Sunshine Acres dock #3 Permit #8193. 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Roasted Pumpkin Soup With Pumpkin Crisps

Serves 6 to 8

- 3 to 3 1/2 pounds pumpkin
 - 6 tablespoons olive oil
 - 2 onions, chopped
 - 3 garlic cloves, chopped
 - 1 3-inch piece of fresh ginger root, grated
 - 1 teaspoon ground coriander
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric
 - Pinch of cayenne pepper
 - 4 cups vegetable stock
 - Salt and ground black pepper
 - 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
 - Fresh cilantro leaves, to garnish
- For the pumpkin crisps*
- Wedge of fresh pumpkin, seeded
 - 1/2 cup olive oil

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Prick the pumpkin around
the top several times with a fork. Brush the pumpkin with
plenty of the oil and bake for 45 minutes or until tender.
Leave until cool enough to handle.

2. Take care when cutting the pumpkin, as there may
still be a lot of hot steam inside. When cool enough to
handle, scoop out and discard the seeds. Scoop out and
chop the flesh.

3. Heat about 4 tablespoons of the remaining oil (you
may not have to use all of it) in a large pan and add the
onions, garlic and ginger, then cook gently for 4 to 5
minutes. Add the coriander, turmeric, and cayenne, and
cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the pumpkin flesh and stock.
Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer for about 20
minutes until tender.

4. Cool the soup slightly, then puree it in a food proces-
sor or blender until smooth. Return the soup to the rinsed
out pan and season well.

5. Meanwhile, prepare the pumpkin crisps. Using a swiv-
el-blade potato peeler, pare long thin strips off the wedge
of pumpkin. Heat the oil in a small pan and fry the strips
in batches for 2 to 3 minutes, until crisp. Drain on paper
towels.

6. Reheat the soup and ladle it into bowls. Top with the
pumpkin crisps and garnish each portion with sesame
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Stock Market Insights

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Setting the Table for Year-End Markets

“Will you set the table?” When my wife says this, I know I’m about to do a little work, but soon it will be time to eat. The market blues of August and September hopefully set the table for good times ahead.

Stocks snapped a five-month winning streak in August after the S&P 500 ended negative 1.8%. And while the monthly stock winning streak is over, upside momentum may continue.

Although stocks went negative, they did so in an orderly fashion, which is a good sign of healthiness for the market. The market’s overall trading volume was low, telling me investors were not panic selling.

While the stock’s monthly winning streak has ended, there might still be some solid months ahead. Historically, after the end of a five-month positive streak, the market has gone up an average of just over 7% over the next six months. Interestingly, this same scenario has happened six times since 1950, and all but one were positive over the next six months, according to LPL.

Don’t get overly worried about September because it is generally a dud. September is historically the worst month of the year for stocks since 1950. Stocks have averaged a negative half percent and have finished negatively more times than not. The good news is that historically, stocks have rebounded from a weak September with a pretty strong October. The October-November-December period is the strongest part of the year for the market. This and the fact that the market usually does well just leading up to the US presidential election gives me optimism.

While the next few weeks’



outlook is mixed, I am encouraged by the historical market trends around the presidential election cycle and the frequent strong returns of the year’s final quarter. With this short-term outlook, I’m maintaining a slight overweight to fixed income (bonds) over stocks in the accounts I manage. I’m not negative or bearish towards stocks but more neutral to them with an expectation of upcoming buying opportunities.

I had a table-setting misstep while doing a college internship in England. I was trying to be helpful and set the table but was quickly corrected on how the “British do it.” In my mind, I was thinking, “This from a country that doesn’t even know which side of the road to drive.” I didn’t say it because I still wanted to eat. Let’s hope the market isn’t as picky about the table setting and serves up something great for the year’s end.

Have a blessed week!

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OZARKS HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Judith Lewallen
Retired F.N.P

Increasing cases of West Nile Virus have been in the national news lately. The total number of cases in the US this year so far has been 552, and cases have been reported in 38 states. According to the CDC West Nile Virus Data and Maps, no cases have been reported in Barry County or surrounding counties.

Colorado has experienced a higher-than-normal number of cases this year. They attribute this to a wet winter and spring, allowing Culex mosquitoes to thrive. Higher infection levels of West Nile Virus follow increased numbers of Culex mosquitoes. The West Nile virus season typically runs from May to October, with increased numbers of Culex mosquitoes during mid to late summer when the temperatures are highest and it is drier. West Nile virus is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes then spread West Nile virus to people and other animals by biting them.

Eight to ten people infected with West Nile virus do not develop symptoms. One to five people develop a fever with headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash. They usually recover entirely but may experience fatigue and weakness for weeks or months.

A few people, about 1 in 150, develop a serious illness that affects their central nervous system, such as encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord). Symptoms include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness, and paralysis. People over 60 years of age are at greater risk for severe illness. People at greater risk have conditions such as cancer, diabetes, hypertension, and kidney disease, and those who have had organ transplants. Recovery from severe illness may take several weeks or months, and some effects may be permanent. About 1 out of 10 who develop severe illness may die.

If you think you or a family member might have West Nile Virus, contact your health care provider. Diagnosis is made based on signs and symptoms, history of possible mosquito exposure, and laboratory blood and spinal fluid testing.

There is no vaccine or specific medication. Antibiotics do not treat viruses. Rest, fluids, and over-the-counter pain medications may relieve mild or moderate symptoms. Severe cases will most often require hospitalization for intravenous fluid, pain medications, and nursing care.

Most people infected with West Nile Virus are believed to have lifelong immunity from getting the disease again.

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

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According to a MoDOT (Missouri Department of Transportation) Southwest District Traffic Alert, pavement sealing work on Route W between Route A in Wheaton and Old Business 37 Highway in Butterfield will begin on September 15 and last until September 18, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Crews will seal the existing driving surface as part of a pavement sealing project along various routes in the Southwest District.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane where crews are present. Drivers will encounter flaggers and pilot cars directing them through work zones. Drivers are asked to use caution and reduce speed when traveling over recently sealed sections.

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



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