

Historic Hall Theater Destroyed by Fire



Above, local fire departments attempt to save the historic theater, located in downtown Cassville. Photo by Adriana Keeton.



Above, Barry Electric crews were on scene to assist local departments with extinguishing the fire. Photo by Adriana Keeton.

Ezra DeVore
The Hall Theater caught fire early Tuesday morning, and was fully consumed over the following hours, despite the best efforts of local fire protection districts. Unfortunately, officials are unsure as to the cause. “It will be very difficult to get inside the building to make a determination,” said Chuck Miner, District Administrator for the Cassville Fire Protection District. “Our department received a page at 7:27 a.m. this morning, Exeter and Butterfield were also paged. We had three departments on-scene, three engines total, and a ladder truck and Mercy Ambulance were here.” Barry Electric was also on scene,

assisting to put out the fire with their equipment. “All power was disconnected to the building,” Miner continued, “there’s no gas in the building, so it was electric only. Upon my arrival, the fire was heavy, extensively coming out of a door and the windows up above. By the time we got here, and we got water on it,

the fire had reached the upper story. The roof collapsed down to the second floor, the second floor has collapsed down to the first. Once it was no longer a theater,” Miner continued, “it was broken into apartments and various businesses. So, there are a lot of hidden voids, entry points, doors, walls put up, false ceilings - so, it’s a very dif-

ficult fire to extinguish until it breaks through the ceiling and roof, which it did.” At approximately 4:20 p.m., a second report was called in, about the fire reigniting, and Cassville Fire was dispatched again to extinguish hotspots that had reignited. No injuries were caused by the fire.

The historic Hall Theater was constructed in 1928, and has been occupied by a post office, city library, and a cafe. In 1938, former president Harry Truman gave a speech to WPA workers in the building.

Opening Day Draws 2,119 Anglers To Roaring River State Park

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Roaring River State Park opened Tuesday, March 1, where a thousand plus fishermen, amateur and storied alike, from all over the mid-west and beyond, waited in the cold twilight’s temporary silence before the gunshot at 6:30 a.m. alerted everyone that Opening Day had truly begun. The opening gun was fired by Roie Hudson, long-time Roaring River volunteer and lifetime Cassville local. Roaring River State Park once again proved the most popular trout park in the state, with 2,119 total tags sold over the course of the day; 1,771 adult, 348 youth. Christopher Moses, of Branson, caught the biggest lunger of the day with a 5.88 pound catch.

Conner Britton, of Branson, caught the largest lunger of any youth, with a 4.69 pound catch. Daily tags are \$4 ages 16 - 65+, ages 1 - 15 are \$3. Catch and keep season will continue through October 31, 2022. Additional photos of Roaring River Opening Day can be seen on page 8 and 9A.



Above, Roie Hudson is preparing to fire the starting gun for catch and keep season 2022 at Roaring River State Park. Photo courtesy of Missouri State Parks. Below, anglers converge near the mouth of the river. Photo by Adrianna Keeton.



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Reducing grass tetany in cattle

“With lush grass growth coming in the spring, it is time to manage cattle and implement mineral supplementation strategies to reduce the incidence of grass tetany in your cattle operation,” says Patrick Davis MU Extension Livestock Field Specialist.

Cattle grass tetany symptoms result from low blood magnesium levels. Low dietary intake, mineral imbalances that reduce absorption and metabolic activities such as milk production that cause high magnesium release can result in low blood magnesium levels.

Lack of grass tetany prevention can lead to cattle sickness and death. Therefore, Davis will discuss management and supplementation strategies to reduce incidence of grass tetany in cattle operations.

“Cattle consumption of lush spring forage growth can cause grass tetany,” says Davis. The combination of high potassium and low sodium in lush spring forage growth reduces absorption and utilization of magnesium. Although magnesium deficiency leads to grass tetany, recent evidence implicates sodium deficiency in grass tetany issues.

Therefore, Davis urges cattle producers to utilize a balanced mineral program that provides proper salt and magnesium supplementation free choice to reduce the incidence of grass tetany in cattle.

Furthermore, it is suggested to begin feeding a high magnesium mineral (12 to 14% magnesium as magnesium oxide) approximately 30 days prior to green up.

“Older cows in early lactation are the most susceptible to grass tetany,” says Davis. During early lactation, cows are producing large amounts of milk which results in high release of magnesium.

This combined with older cow’s reduced ability to mobilize bone magnesium leads to low blood magnesium levels and grass tetany symptoms. Davis urges cattle producers to reduce the incidence of grass tetany by grazing less susceptible animals like dry cows, heifers, stocker cattle and cows nursing calves more than 4 months old on high-risk lush green pastures.

“Plan your treatment in case cattle exhibit signs of grass tetany,” says Davis. Grass tetany symptoms include unusual behavior, muscle tremors, frequent urination, staggers, and convulsions. Davis urges cattle producers to visit with their veterinarian and plan treatment protocols in case cattle exhibit these symptoms because swift action may lead to saving the animal.

“Losses due to grass tetany can negatively impact operation productivity and profitably,” says Davis. For more information on prevention of grass tetany in your cattle operation please contact your local MU Extension Livestock Field Specialist.

WIC implements second infant formula waiver

Missouri WIC announced a new, temporary waiver Friday that will allow the purchase of alternative infant formula types using WIC benefits during the Abbott infant formula recall event. This temporary waiver allows Missouri WIC to issue additional non-contract brands of formula that participants may select if their Similac formula is not available at authorized WIC retailers. Participants may begin to purchase these alternative brands and types of infant formula as early as Feb. 25, 2022, depending on each individual retailer’s completion of the process for preparation of non-contract formula sales.

This waiver allows each WIC participant to select from equivalent brands at the retailer should non-recalled Similac formula be unavailable. Participants are asked to select Similac brand formula first, where available.

Most WIC participants who already have formula benefits issued to their eWIC card will not have to return to their WIC local agency to redeem the alternate formula types at the retailer. If a participant wants to change their issued formula type, they will need to return to their WIC local agency.

The approved alternatives

to Similac products are listed below.

Issued formula type: 12.4 oz. Similac Advance Powder. Alternate formula type: 12.5 oz. Enfamil Infant Powder, 12.4 oz. Enfamil Reguline Powder, 12.5 oz. Parent’s Choice Infant Powder, 12.4 oz. Parent’s Choice Advance Powder, 12.7 oz. Nestle NAN 1 Pro Infant Powder.

Issued formula type: 12.6 oz. Similac Total Comfort Powder. Alternate formula type: 12.4 oz. Enfamil Gentle Powder, 12 oz. Parent’s Choice Gentle Powder, 12.7 oz. Gerber Good Start Gentle Powder.

Issued formula type: 12.5 oz. Similac for Spit Up Powder. Alternate formula type: 12.9 oz. Enfamil A.R. Powder.

Issued formula type: 12.5 oz. Similac Sensitive Powder. Alternate formula type: 12 oz. Parent’s Choice Sensitivity Powder, 12.4 oz. Gerber Good Start SouthePro Powder.

Issued formula type: 12.4 oz. Similiac Soy Isomil Powder. Alternate formula type: 12.9 oz. Enfamil ProSobee Powder.

Issued formula type: 32 oz. Similac Advance Ready To Feed. Alternate formula type: 32 oz. Enfamil Infant Ready To Use.

Issued formula type: 13

oz. Similac Advance Concentrate. Alternate formula type: 13 oz. Enfamil Infant Concentrate.

Missouri WIC will continue to provide updates of any program changes to ensure the program offers the most options possible for WIC infants.

Typically, WIC federal regulations prohibit non-contract formula unless there is a medically-documented need for an exempt formula. Missouri WIC received a waiver to this requirement in response to shortages caused by the Abbott recall.

Missourians interested in learning about the benefits of WIC may visit wic.mo.gov or call TEL-LINK at 1-800-835-5465 to find the WIC local agency in their county.

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

Notice:

Important notice from Roaring River Road District: Farm Road 1162 off of F Highway will be closed until further notice for bridge repairs.

Emerald Beach Drive off Farm Road 2260 will be closed until further notice for bridge repair.

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. 18 and under are free. There is pot luck, 50/50 and door prizes. For more information, call (417) 662-3612.

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.

Cassville Pantry is currently well stocked and offering free food assistance via a curbside method. The agency is a Feeding America Pantry located at 800 W. 10th Street, Cassville. It provides fresh produce, meat, bakery, dry goods, and personal care products. Pantry is open every Monday through Thursday morning from 9 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. and every Thursday afternoon from 3:15 to 5:30 P.M.

The Wheaton Depot Museum in Wheaton will be open on Sundays from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. Visitors are encouraged to check out the history of Wheaton and the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad (M&NA).

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.

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.

OATS Transit is open for regular transportation service, however, face masks are required on the bus due to COVID-19. Please call the OATS Transit office at 417-887-9272 or 800-770-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about service in your area. Visit their website at www.oatstransit.org and click on the bus schedules tab for your county to see the full schedule. OATS Transit is available to the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. They also contract with a number of agencies.

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 \$15. A \$6 shipping fee will be added if you choose to have your soil samples mailed the same day you bring it in. Contact the Extension Office at (417) 847-3161 with any questions.

March 4th

The Stella Senior Center will host a dinner and dance with doors opening at 6 P.M. The center will be serving chili and chili dogs. The dance starts at 7 P.M. Music will be performed by Kelly Kenney and The Back Forty Band. Cover charge is \$5. Refreshments will be available all evening. Please call (417) 628-3314 or (617) 640-6742 for more information.

March 6th

The Veteran's Taskforce of America, Inc. will be meeting at the Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett at 4 P.M. All honorably discharged men, women, war time or peacetime, are welcome.

March 24th

Barry County Genealogical & Historical Society will be hosting a ribbon cutting with the Chamber of Commerce at 11:30 A.M. at the Historic Bayless House, behind the Cassville Post Office. *This event was originally scheduled for February 17, 2022, but rescheduled due to inclement weather in the forecast.*

April 1st and 2nd

Ozark Country Quilters, of Cassville, is hosting a quilt show at Crowder College, 4020 North Main, Cassville, from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Friday, the 1st, and 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Saturday, the 2nd. There will be vendors, demos, special exhibits, items to buy, bed turning, opportunity to win a quilt, and plenty of parking. Admission is \$5. Children under 12 are admitted for free. For more information, contact Karla Kuklaw at (417) 847-7468.

April 9th

The Table Rock Quilt Guild is hosting a fundraiser for the Kimberling Area Library from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. There will be food, a quilt shop vendor, a gift boutique and a presentation of numerous flower themed quilts with discussion on how they were made. The tickets are \$10 at the door.

Save the date

The Southwest Class of '72 is hosting the annual All-School reunion this year. It will be held Saturday, May 28, 2022, at the Southwest High School commons area. Anyone who attended school at or graduated from Seligman/Washburn/Southwest School is welcome to attend the annual All-School Reunion. This reunion has not been held in two years, so the Class of '72 would like to invite all fellow SW Alumni to come and get reacquainted with former classmates. More information will be made available as the date approaches.

Cassville Branch Library Activities

Friday, March 4th
4 pm, 5:30 pm, 7 pm: *Lost Leprechaun Escape Room.* A fun family activity. Reservations required.
Monday, March 7th
2 pm: *Movie Matinee.* Call the library for details.
Tuesday, March 8th
10 am: *Preschool Story Time.*
2 pm: *Homeschool Enrichment*
6:30 pm: *Silent Reading Club.* Don't have time to read? Bring your reading material, grab a warm beverage, and read uninterrupted for 1 hour. Ages 18 and up.
Wednesday, March 9
9 am: *Crafty Creators.* Bring your craft project and socialize with other crafters.
4 pm: *Color Me Calm.* A time for adults to relax and color. Materials supplied, but feel free to bring your own.
Thursday, March 10
10 am: *Preschool Story Time*
4 pm: *B.H.A.* A special club for 3rd graders. Registration required.
Saturday, March 12
9 am: *Adult Painting.* Pre-register and pay \$5 fee by Friday, March 11.
1:30 pm: *Movie Matinee.* Call library for information.
Monday, March 14
2 pm: *Adult painting.* Pre-register and pay \$5 fee by Friday, March 11.

For more information on these events or other services offered by our Cassville Library, call the Cassville Branch Library at 417-847-2121 or visit the library at 301 West 17th Street, Cassville.

School Menus: Mar 7 - Mar 11

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Cassville R-IV High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, peaches or cereal, Nutri Grain bar, apple. L: shrimp poppers or BBQ rib sandwich, mac & cheese, green beans, cookie, peaches or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or mini cini, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail or cereal, banana muffin, tropical fruit. L: nacho supreme or burrito, refried beans, corn, applesauce or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nugget, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, Go-Gurt, apple. L: chicken sandwich or sub sandwich, Baked Lays, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, pears or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: pork chop sandwich or pizza, Sun Chips, green beans, juice or salad meal. Fri: No School.
Cassville R-IV PR-IN-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: corndog or BBQ rib sandwich, mac & cheese, glazed carrots, sidekicks. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, pears or cereal, Pop-Tart, apple. L: spaghetti or shrimp poppers, salad, peas, bread sticks, pears. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, cinnamon toast, pineapple. L: grilled cheese or turkey sandwich, Sun Chips, carrots, applesauce. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, sausage, toast, pineapple or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple slices. L: sloppy joe or country steak, tater tots, pinto beans, peaches. Fri: No School.
Purdy R-II Schools: Mon: B: oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit. L: super nachos, black beans, Mexican rice, fruit. Tues: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: spaghetti with meat sauce, romaine salad with tomato & ranch, ww breadstick, fruit. Wed: B: french toast sticks, syrup, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: chicken nuggets, potato wedges, fruit. Thurs: B: strawberry cream cheese mini bagel, fruit. L: pizzaboli, marinara sauce, broccoli, fruit. Fri: B: apple cinnamon oatmeal round, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: hamburger on ww bun, lettuce & tomato, Sunchips, baby carrots, fruit.

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February Food Service Report

The Health Department divides food service code violations into two categories: Priority and Core items.

Priority items are more likely than other violations to contribute to food contamination, or illness and/or injury.

Core items, although important to the overall hygiene of the establishment, do not necessarily present an immediate threat to food contamination or illness and/or injury.

A report for each establishment that is inspected shows the number of priority items, along with a short statement as to the nature of the violations. The report also shows the number of core items, but doesn't list the nature of those violations.

*Corrected on spot

Burger King
Priority Violations: 1
Cut tomatoes, cut lettuce, and two fish patties all held with time as a public health control, do not have a documented discard time.*
Core Violations: 3
Casey's #2058 Monett
Routine 2/7/22
Priority Violations: 1
Pizza slices and hot sandwiches held with time as a public health control do not have a documented discard time.*
Core Violations: 1*
Casey's #2258 Monett
Routine 2/7/22
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 0
Dollar General #8613 Monett
Pre-Opening 2/7/22
Permit Issued
Kum & Go Monett
Follow-up 2/7/22
Priority Violations: 1
No one ServSafe certified on duty.
Core Violations: 0
Van's Asian Grocery Wheaton
Routine 2/8/22

Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 0
Cubs Café Monett
Routine 2/10/22
Priority Violations: 4
No one ServSafe certified on duty.
Previous inspection is not posted for the public to read.*
WD-40 stored with and above dishes. Pancake mix stored with chemicals.*
Sanitizer at the server station is too strong.*
Core Violations: 2
Lai Lai Asian Restaurant Monett
Routine 2/10/22
Priority Violations: 1
Foods in the prep line cooler are not held at or below 41°F. Ambient temperature of cooler is 53°F.*
Core Violations: 4
Eagle's Lodge #4155 Shell Knob
Routine 2/28/22
Priority Violations: 3
No one ServSafe certified on duty.
Soap, Clorox cleaner, lighter fluid and other chemicals stored above bag-in-box sodas.*
Julienne slicer in kitchen not clean.
Core Violations: 2
Happy House Monett
Routine 2/10/22
Priority Violations: 3
Uncovered employee beverage on the prep line cooler.*
Foods on the salad bar are held by time as a public health control and do not have a documented discard time. *
Ice cream machine has not been cleaned. The machine is on for the public to use but labeled with a notice that it needs to be cleaned.
Core Violations: 4
Rocco's Pizza Monett
Routine 2/10/22
Priority Violations: 5
Previous inspection is half hidden behind the serv-

er handwashing sink.
Employee preparing food is not wearing a hair restraint. (4th repeat)*
Sausage, lasagna, pizza sauces, and alfredo sauces are not labeled with a discard date.
Underside of the meat slicer is soiled by dried food debris.
Both hand washing sinks are leaking.
Core Violations: 3
Cassville Primary School Cassville
Routine 2/14/22
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 0
George's Cafeteria Cassville
Routine 2/14/22
Priority Violations: 1
Two hot dog rollers for public self-serve do not have a sneeze guard to prevent contamination of food.
Core Violations: 1
Happy House Monett
Follow-Up 2/14/22
Priority Violations from 2/10/22 corrected.
Geraldi's Cassville
Routine 2/14/22
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 2
El Mariachi's Cassville
Routine 2/15/22
Priority Violations: 3
No one ServSafe certified on duty.
Tamales on the steam table held at 104°F and salsa cups on the countertop without time and temperature control at 63°F.*
Cold medicines stored on the food prep cooler.*
Core Violations: 2*
Purdy Schools Purdy
Routine 2/15/22
Priority Violations: 1
Gloves stored below comet cleaner in the metal cabinet.*
Core Violations: 0
Wheaton RIII Cafeteria
Routine 2/16/22
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 0
Eagles Roost Purdy
Routine 2/16/22
Priority Violations: 3
Sliced tomatoes left on the counter at 69°F without time or temperature control.*
Employees washing dishes paused to prepare food for an order and did not wash their hands prior to preparing food.*
Sanitizer is too weak to effectively sanitize.*
Core Violations: 2
Big Baldy's Monett
Routine 2/16/22
Priority Violations: 1
Spray bottle of chemical.*
Core Violations: 1*
McDonald's Monett
Routine 2/16/22
Priority Violations: 2
Cleaners stored above bag in box soda in dry storage area.
Sanitizer in the dish machine is only 10ppm, instead of 50-100ppm as required. Sanitizer for wiping cloths is too weak.
Core Violations: 2
Rockin Boutique Wheaton
Pre-Opening 2/16/22
Permit Issued
Doggy Style Mobile
Pre-Opening 2/16/22
Permit Issued
Wal-mart #914 Cassville
Routine 2/21/22
Priority Violations: 2
Previous inspection is posted behind customer service on the wall. Inspection must be easily seen by the public so they can be able to read it.*
Beans held at 132F in the deli hot case.*
Core Violations: 0
Mi Rancho Mexican Rest. Monett
Routine 2/22/22
Priority Violations: 3
No one ServSafe certified

on duty.
Flour stored in a container that is not food grade.
Soda fountain nozzles soiled by bacteria growth.*
Core Violations: 1
Pack n Go Monett
Complaint 2/22/22
Priority Violations: 0
Core Violations: 0
Pudgy Panda Cassville
Pre-Opening 2/28/22
Permit Issued
Eagle's Lodge #4155 Shell Knob
Routine 2/28/22
Priority Violations: 3
No one ServSafe certified on duty.
Soap, Clorox cleaner, lighter fluid and other chemicals stored above bag-in-box sodas.*
Julienne slicer in kitchen not clean.
Core Violations: 2
Casa Maya Shell Knob
Routine 2/28/22
Priority Violations: 6
Knives stored as clean are soiled, prep table heavily soiled with dried food debris, and the shelves in the
Dr. Pepper reach in cooler are heavily soiled.*
Rice bin is heavily soiled with food debris.*
Uncovered employee beverages on food prep table and food handlers eating in the kitchen.*
Several rubber spatulas are stained and damaged and no longer smooth and cleanable.
Vitamins, ibuprofen and hand lotion stored above flour tortillas.
Only one of the two pages of violations from the last inspection is posted for the public to read.
Core Violations: 6
Mazzio's Italian Eatery Monett
Follow-Up 2/28/22
Priority violations from 2/10/22 corrected
Romey's Restaurant Monett
Routine 2/28/22
Priority Violations: 2
No one ServSafe certified on duty.
Bottle of chemical not labeled.*

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As of this writing, week three of rehearsals are underway in this hilarious comedy theatrical offering. A huge cast of twenty-plus actors from Shell Knob and surrounding communities is working diligently to create another memorable production.

Theater-goers will recognize many of the local, seasoned actors who have been participating in SKITS community theater productions over the years including: Anne Hoffman, Don Herbert, Andy Miller, Sue Klassen, Janel Riley, Cliff Przybyl, Craig Burford, Renee Neil, Karin Stanley, JJ Hight, Paula Harris, and Heather Andres.

Both relatively recent as well as new performers add an excellent blending of personnel to the play, including Jeremiah Pendleton, Micah Keeton, Edie Thompson, Heath Andres, Ethan Hoover, Debbie Carpenter, Charlie Phaneuf, Evelyn Andres, and Debbie Lay. Pastor Bill Kenagy of the United Methodist Church of Shell Knob, who has had a number of cameo parts in many of our plays, also has a supporting part in this production.

Cade Keeton, who is directing this very funny play, enthusiastically states, "I'm excited to see how well the play is received by the local community." And, of course, "who doesn't like pirates? P.S.: if you show up dressed like a pirate to watch the play, you will receive a free bag of popcorn," Cade concludes. "Jolly Roger and The Pirate Queen" will be performed at the United Methodist Church in Shell Knob April 22, 23, and 24.

Be Alert for Potholes and the Road Crews Fixing Them

Report pothole locations at www.modot.org

Snow and ice brought their own unique challenges to driving during the month of February. As temperatures warm this week, the Missouri Department of Transportation is focusing on the potholes left in the road with all the fluctuating temperatures and precipitation.

"Crews have already started working on patching potholes and will continue as the weather allows," said Natalie Roark, MoDOT maintenance director. "When you see a MoDOT crew making repairs, please slow down and move over a lane to give them room to work. And never drive distracted. Remember, Buckle Up, Phone Down."

In 2021, MoDOT patched approximately 530,000 potholes spending \$18 million on pothole patching.

Potholes form when rain and snow from winter leave moisture that seeps into cracks and joints in the pavement and later freezes. This frozen water expands within the pavement causing it to bulge and bend. When the ice melts, gaps or voids are left in the surface and structure of the pavement. When cars and trucks drive over the bulging pavement, it weakens the roadway eventually causing chunks of pavement or asphalt to pop out, creating potholes.

The majority of pothole patching repairs are done from late February through the end of April. Short-term repairs are made using a cold

asphalt mix with a priority to fill the deepest potholes first. The long-term fix, a hot asphalt mix, isn't effective until temperatures remain warm for a prolonged period.

MoDOT maintains 34,000 miles of road, including interstates, U.S. and Missouri highways and lettered routes.

If you can't avoid a pothole, try to slow down before you hit it. Here are some other safety tips:

Don't brake directly over a pothole as this can cause more damage.

When driving over the pothole, hold the steering wheel firmly to avoid losing control.

Use caution when driving over a puddle of water because it might be a pothole in hiding.

Make sure your tires are properly inflated. Properly inflated tires hold up better against potholes than tires that have too much or too little air.

Motorists can report the location of potholes on state-maintained roads using the following tools:

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Potholes on city streets or subdivisions should be reported to local city or county maintenance.

Rep. Coleman Leads Effort to Eliminate Sales Tax on Food

State Rep. Mary Elizabeth Coleman wants to help Missourians offset the rising cost of inflation by reducing the price of their groceries. She is the sponsor of HB 1992, which would eliminate Missouri's sales tax on most food sales. Coleman noted that Missouri is one of only 13 states to impose a sales tax on food and groceries. She said by eliminating the state's tax on food, Missourians would save approximately \$144 million each year on their grocery purchases. Coleman said the cut is meant to help families combat rising inflation that is forcing Missourians pay more for everything from gas to groceries.

"Inflation is out of control and costs are skyrocketing to the point that Missourians are losing the equivalent of two paychecks a year," said Coleman, R-Arnold. "Our tax policy should not be designed to hurt the poorest Missourians, and yet the sales tax on food does exactly that. It's time to provide Missouri families with tax relief that

will help them afford the necessities."

Coleman noted that her bill was recently modified by the House Ways and Means Committee in a way that undermines the intent of the bill. She said an amendment approved by the committee would have the opposite effect and in fact result in a tax increase. She is currently working diligently to have the change removed from her bill so it can be returned to its original state. "I have asked our House Rules Committee to return the bill to Ways and Means so the committee can remove the problematic amendment and we can ensure the tax cut on food goes forward as it was intended," said Coleman. "My hope is that my colleagues will join me in doing what is right for the hard-working people of Missouri who are struggling to make ends meet during these difficult times. They deserve tax relief that will make it more affordable to feed their families."

Educational funding opportunities available

Educational funding is currently available for eligible nursing or medical students, or those already licensed and able to work in an underserved area of Missouri. The Health Professional Loan and Loan Repayment programs administered by the Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care are designed to increase access to health care for Missourians in Health Professional Shortage Areas.

The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care is

currently accepting program applications and has extended the application cycle to March 15, 2022. Programs are available for students interested in pursuing careers as nurses, primary care physicians, dentists and psychiatrists. Additionally, licensed practitioners currently working in an underserved area of Missouri or those willing to provide care in an underserved area may be eligible. Depending on the medical discipline, individuals may be eligible to receive \$5,000-50,000 in student loans or a loan repayment award to pay toward existing educational debt.

The following Health Professional Loan and Loan Repayment programs are offered through DHSS:

Nurse Student Loan Program (NSL) awards funding for eligible educational expenses to qualified students pursuing careers as licensed Practical Nurses or Professional Nurses in Missouri.

Nurse Loan Repayment Program (NLRP) awards funding for the repayment of eligible educational loans for qualified Registered and Advanced Practice Nurses in Missouri.

Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP): awards funding for the repayment of eligible educational loans for qualified Health Professionals, Physicians, Dentists and Psychiatrists in Missouri.

The Primary Care Resource Initiative for Missouri (PRIMO) awards funding for eligible educational expenses to qualified students pursuing careers as licensed primary care Physicians, Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Psychiatrists in Missouri.

Those with questions may contact the program at DHSS.LoanRepayment@health.mo.gov or 800-891-7415.

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Roaring River State Park



Above, Jerry Burks, of Mt. Vernon, presents his recently caught lunger.
Photo courtesy of Missouri State Parks.



Above, three generations of Roaring River Opening Day anglers: from left to right, Rob, Brad, and Conner Oehme, of Republic. Rob stated that he had been coming to the park since he was Conner's age, and is very excited to continue to tradition.
Photo by Ezra DeVore.



Above, Hudson Jack, 11, of Cassville, proudly displays his opening day catch.
Photo by Ezra DeVore.



Above, Emmett Budd and Brylenn Boykin, of Aurora, smile as Boykin excitedly displays her first fish of the day.
Photo by Ezra DeVore.



Above, Avery Robertson, of Monett, age 14, shows off the excited young angler's first lunger of the season at the hole in zone one across from the CCC Lodge.
Robertson was one of the many young anglers carrying on the family tradition many from Barry County and beyond hold with Roaring River.
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Above, Donovan Smith brandishes a recently caught rainbow trout.
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Opening Day 2022 Photos



Conner Britton, pictured above, of Branson, caught the largest lunker of any youth, with a 4.69 pound catch.
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Above is shown Christopher Moses, of Branson, who caught the biggest lunker of the day with a 5.88 pound catch.
Photo courtesy of Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce.



Caleb Maestri, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, is shown above with his unique catch: a golden trout.
Photo courtesy of Missouri State Parks.



At left, excited anglers line Twin Falls hoping to land the top lunker.
Photo courtesy of Missouri State Parks.

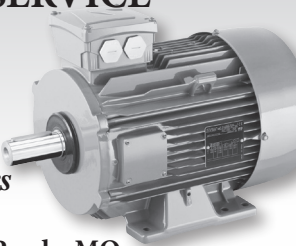


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LARRY EUDELL
AND LINDA LOUISE
(LEWIS) JENNINGS

The family of Larry Eudell and Linda Louise (Lewis) Jennings are mourning the loss of these two very special individuals. Larry Jennings passed away Tuesday, February 8, 2022, and his wife, Linda Jennings, passed away Thursday, February 17, 2022, after a hard-fought battle with Covid.

Larry and Linda were united in marriage in 1969. They will be missed greatly by family and friends.

They are survived by their daughter, Lisa Smith and her husband, Eric, of Ridgedale; son, Larry Jennings, of McAlister, Oklahoma; Larry's sisters, Louise Burgoon and her husband, Jerry, of Osawatomie, Kansas, and Linda Crouch and her husband, Dewain, of Osawatomie, Kansas; Linda's sister, Shirley Steagall and

husband, Danny, of Liberty; four grandchildren: Kirsten, Taylor, Jessie, and Dillon Giddings; six great-granddaughters; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Abner and Maxine Jennings; sister, Barbara Martin; and brother, Terrill Jennings. Linda is preceded in death by her father, Jesse Lewis; mother and step-father, Doris and Robert Long; and her sister, Sharon Burton.

Graveside services were held Monday, February 28, 2022, at Lake Park Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Arrangements are under the direction of Shell Knob Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at shellknobfuneralhome.com.

OLLIE MAE
WILLIAMSON

Ollie Mae Williamson, age 89, of Richmond, passed away Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Shirkey Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Richmond.

She was born November 26, 1932, in Seligman, the daughter of Jim and Mar-

OBITUARIES

jorie (Skelton) Perkins. On December 26, 1951, she was united in marriage to Wayne Williamson, who preceded her in death on December 13, 2001. Also preceding her in death were her parents and one sister, Irene Newell.

Surviving are one son, Jimmie Williamson and his wife, Kim, of Richmond; two daughters, Debbie Legate and her husband, Steve, of Richmond, and Diania Sherrill, of Richmond; one sister, Dortha Amos, of Butterfield; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Ollie grew up and attended school in Butterfield, graduating from Butterfield High School. After graduation, she moved to Richmond where she lived most of her life as a homemaker. Gardening, being outdoors and playing bingo were some things she enjoyed. She loved her family and her dog, Mattie. She was a member of Gunter Methodist Church of Butterfield.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Butterfield under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jerry Nickle will conduct the services.

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DAWN RENEE
(DYKES) GADEBERG

Dawn Renee (Dykes) Gadeberg, a resident of Eagle Rock, was born December 7, 1956, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, the daughter of Charles and Wilma (Hollingsworth) Dykes. She passed away February 6, 2022, in Berryville, Ark., at the age of 65.

Dawn was of the Christian faith. She had a passion for dance and softball growing up. She was always adventurous and loved being the life of the party. Being at the lake, hunting for driftwood and rocks is where you would normally find her. "Grammy" had a heart of gold and loved her family immensely.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles H. Dykes; ex-husband, Roddy Gadeberg; and several other family members.

Dawn is survived by her mother, Wilma "BB" Dykes; three children, Brian Gadeberg, of Mooresville, N.C., Shelley Wilburn, of Eagle Rock, and B. Kyle Gadeberg, of Arcata, Calif.; nine grandchildren, Katelyn Bergen-Dykes, Deanna Frady, Hailey Luper, Byran McIn-

tosh, Annelise Gadeberg, M. Elizabeth Troillett, Brodie Gadeberg, Isley Gadeberg, and Miles Gadeberg; five great-grandchildren, Stella, Kyndal, Karson, Kohen and Violet; as well as two adopted families.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Graveside service will take place at Magnolia Cemetery in Westlake, Louisiana, with interment to follow.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Cremations Only L.L.C. of Springdale, Arkansas.



SHIRLEY JOAN BALL

Shirley Joan Ball, age 87, of Cassville, passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at Mercy Hospital Springfield in Springfield.

She was born February 20, 1935, in Exeter, the daughter of Mark and Clara (Anderson) May. On July 6, 1951, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Lloyd A. Ball, who preceded her in death on September 19, 2020. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one grandson, Robbie; three brothers, Jimmy May, Walter May and Billy May; and one brother-in-law, Willis Ray Ball.

Surviving are one son, Mark Allen Ball, of Cassville; one daughter, Kathy Keene and her husband, Wes, of Cassville; five grandchildren, Clayton Daniel McCracken,

Cristy McCracken, Holly Ann Rivera, Pelon Martinez and Benny Rivera; eight great-grandchildren, Audrianna Danielle McCracken, Michael Rivera, Katia Knott, Marcus Rivera, Myia Rivera, Canyon Daniel McCracken, Kelby McCarty and Shena Knott; one brother-in-law, Eugene Ball, of Eagle Rock; three sisters-in-law, Rosie Lee Ennis, of Seligman, Georgia Hart and her husband, Buddie, of Eagle Rock, and Betty Ball, of Carthage; and lifelong friend, Dimple Lewis.

Shirley grew up and attended school in Exeter. After getting married and starting her family, she and Lloyd owned and operated Main Street Restaurant from the 1960's through the 1970's. She later worked at Service America, FASCO Industries, Jumping-Jacks Shoe Company, Hardee's and she also babysat a lot of children. Shirley enjoyed cooking and baking and everybody always looked forward to drinking her famous sweet tea. She took care of everyone but her grandkids and great-grandkids were her life. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Cassville.

Services were held Monday, February 28, 2022, at First Baptist Church in Cassville under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor James Weaver and Brother Tony Ball conducted the services. Burial was at Antioch Cemetery in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to First Baptist Church in Cassville in memory of Shirley.

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GAIL ANN LANGDON
 Gail Ann Langdon passed away on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the age of 83. Gail is preceded in death by her mother and father, Marie and Charles Brainard, and her husband of 52 years, Robert Ellis Langdon. Gail is survived by her six children: Bob and Monika Langdon, of Elmhurst, Ill.; Dawn and Keith White, of Ozark; Chuck and Jackie Langdon, of Springfield; Barry and Connie Langdon, of Springfield; Mary and Jay Rogers, of Cassville; and Marie and Dale Batson, of Nixa. Also surviving Gail are her two sisters, Pam Hrajnoha and Bonnie Rapp; two nephews; five nieces; her 16 grandchildren; and her 22 great-grandchildren.

Gail and her husband Bob met at Ripon College in 1957, and they married on October 4, 1958. They lived with their family in the Chicago area until 1977, when they purchased Fish ‘n’ Fun Resort in Shell Knob. After many years of bringing joy to visitors of Table Rock Lake, Bob and Gail relocated to Springfield, where they remained until each of them passed.

Gail was a loyal parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Springfield where she also volunteered her time preparing meals, providing transportation, delivering communion, and serving as a comforting friend for all church members in need.

Gail was an avid gardener who tended to beautiful plants, both indoor and outdoor, for many years; more importantly, Gail would happily offer counsel to all those who sought to follow in her skilled footsteps. Gail’s greatest joy, though, was visiting with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Though she was vastly outnumbered by all those who called her “Mom” or “Grandma”, she spent her life dedicated to spending quality time with each family

member, so all were blessed with her boundless and unconditional love.

Services honoring Gail’s life will take place on Monday, March 7, 2022, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Springfield; visitation will begin at 10 a.m. with mass to follow at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Gail requested donations be made to the St. Elizabeth food pantry, organized by their St. Vincent de Paul Society. Monetary donations can be made via SEAS’s website, selecting “Online Giving”, and designating St. Vincent de Paul as the recipient of your gift. Food donations can be delivered to parish offices.



JERRY ALAN BENNETT
 Jerry Alan Bennett, age 58, of Cassville, passed away Monday, February 28, 2022, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

He was born March 11, 1963, in Monett, the son of Jim and Beverly (Bowen) Bennett. On January 6, 1989, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Nyla McEndree, who survives. Also surviving are his father, Jim Bennett, of Purdy; one brother, Mike Bennett and his wife, Valerie, of Purdy; two sisters, Mary Bennett Hall and her husband, Craig, of Republic, and Connie Bennett Scillian and her husband, Jon, of Nixa; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his mother, Beverly Bennett.

Jerry graduated from Purdy High School in 1981. After graduating, he moved to Republic where he and his brother owned and operated Republic Muffler and Tire for several years. In 1991, Jerry and Nyla purchased a poultry farm in Pierce City and later started Benco Red Iron Structures. He liked old cars and the outdoors. He was a member of Arnhart Baptist Church in Purdy.

Services will be at 10:00 A.M. Friday, March 4, 2022,

at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jason Mackey and Bro. Eddie Bowman will conduct the services. Burial will be at Arnhart Cemetery in Purdy.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 A.M. until service time Friday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Arnhart Cemetery in memory of Jerry.

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ERPLE “WINONA” BALL
 Erple “Winona” Ball, age 73, of Cassville, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at Cassville Healthcare and Rehabilitation in Cassville.

She was born April 25, 1948, in Cassville, the daughter of Buford and Marzelle (Jackson) Ball, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are three brothers, Dencil Ball and his wife, Linda, of Eagle Rock, Gary Ball and his wife, Ros,e of Exeter, and Larry Ball, of Marionville; one sister, Lavon Essary and her husband, Dwayne, of Marionville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Winona lived most of her life in this area, graduating from Cassville High School. Some of her childhood was spent living in California. She was self-employed as a caregiver. Some favorite pastimes were fishing at Roaring River, working puzzles, taking the OATS bus to Walmart and recording music and people. As a child, she loved playing sheriff and enjoyed taking care of chickens and rabbits but had a way with all animals. She loved gospel music and was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Cassville.

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 4, 2022, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Tony Ball will conduct the services. Burial will be at Munsey Cemetery in Eagle Rock.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 P.M. Friday until service time at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to The Gideons International in memory of Winona.

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STEVE SCHMIDT
 Steve Schmidt, 58, of Monett, passed away Monday, February 28, 2022. Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Monett, and a Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 4, at St. the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



EDDIE CHARLES KRYSELMIRE
 Eddie Charles Kryselmire, age 79, of Cassville, passed away Friday, February 25, 2022, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

Ed was born May 9, 1942, in Clarinda, Iowa, the son of Leonard and Adaline (Parkhurst) Kryselmire. On June 10, 1978, he was married to Wendie Roney, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Tim Kryselmire and his wife, Carrie, of Salt Lake City, Utah; three daughters: Beth Pieters and her husband, Dave, of Auburn, Nebraska, Mindy York and her husband, Dave, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Kat Tucker and her husband, Dave, of Springfield. He also leaves one sister, Connie Petersen, of The Villages, Florida; thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Ed leaves a wealth of friends at Ozark Christian Church, A.A., and the National Cushman Club of America.

Ed grew up in Clarinda, Iowa, and graduated from high school there. He then went on to graduate from Western Wyoming Community College and Northwest

Missouri State University. He also attended law school in Kansas City for two years. He was employed by the states of Iowa and Wyoming as a social worker for over two decades. Ed owned and operated High Country Energy, a gas well testing service in southwest Wyoming. Ed enjoyed hunting, fishing for trout at Roaring River State Park, collecting Cushman motorcycles, and creating floral arrangements for friends and loved ones.

“This isn’t good bye, it’s see you later because we know we will.”

Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Ozark Christian Church in Purdy. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Randy Martin will conduct the services. Burial will be at Clarinda Cemetery in Clarinda, Iowa, at a later date.

Contributions may be made to Ozark Christian Church in memory of Eddie.

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ROBERT L. MCDONALD
 Robert L. McDonald, 79, of Monett, passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Service arrangements are pending. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Buchanan Funeral Home of Monett.

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Vella Jean Hall

wishes to thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, each text or call, and other acts of kindness.

The flowers, food, and visits were greatly appreciated.

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Paint a picture of a bluebird at March 5 MDC virtual program

Bluebirds will soon be nesting and there’s no better way to celebrate this important event of our state bird than by painting their picture.

People can paint one of the state’s favorite birds at the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual program “Nature Art: Missouri State Symbols Painting Series.” This online program, which will be from 1-2:30 p.m. on March 5, is being put on by the staff of MDC’s Shepherd of the Hills Conservation Center in Branson. This program is suggested for ages six and up. People can register for this program at:<https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/182444>.

At this program, MDC volunteer Gala Keller will provide step-by-step painting instructions on how to paint Missouri’s state bird – the eastern bluebird. Interesting facts about bluebirds will also be provided throughout the program. Participants will furnish their own painting supplies. Small canvases and simple techniques will be used; no painting experience is necessary. The March 5 program is the first in a series of three programs put on by the Shepherd of the Hills staff in which people will get a chance to paint and learn about Missouri’s state sym-

bols.

Though this program is free, registration is required to participate using the link above. Registrants must provide an e-mail, so a program link can be sent to them. For this program, only one registration will be needed per screen for multiple participants at the same location.

Program registrants should note that they now have the option to link their children’s accounts to their own, which will streamline the program registration process. Once a group account is set up, parents will be able to register their children for an event without having to log-off or log-in for each person. This allows parents to register an entire family or select family members for an event at the same time.

To find out more about the March 5 program or other events at the Shepherd of the Hills Conservation Center, call 417-334-4865, ext. 0. The Shepherd of the Hills Conservation Center is part of MDC’s Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery and is located at 483 Hatchery Road on the west end of Lake Taneycomo near Branson.

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

MU announces creation of the Missouri Water Center

By combining two existing university centers, the Missouri Water Center establishes a single source for water research in Missouri.

The University of Missouri today (March 1) announced the creation of the Missouri Water Center, a central hub for research on the state’s water resources. The new academic center will combine existing resources and improve coordination across campus — tackling emerging water quality issues and factors that contributed to record flooding in 2019 and years of persistent drought — as well as facilitate new collaborations among faculty, government and industry partners.

The Missouri Water Center was created by merging two existing centers at MU: The Missouri Water Resource Research Center in the College of Engineering and the Center for Watershed Management and Water Quality in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR). The combined center will bring together the best of the university’s existing water scholarship — all with the goal of protecting and preserving Missouri’s water resources.

“Mizzou Engineering has a proud tradition of helping the state, region and nation solve water problems,” said Noah Manring, dean of the College of Engineering. “We look forward to leveraging that expertise and working with cross-campus peers to further contribute to the health and usability of our water resources.”

The vision for the new center was developed after reaching out to more than

200 faculty members for feedback, as well as hosting discussions with state and federal agency leaders, industry professionals and community members who are invested in Missouri’s extensive network of waterways. The Mississippi and Missouri Rivers run collectively for more than 1,000 miles through the state, and almost half of all residents get their drinking water from these or smaller rivers.

“Our Missouri Water Center will address real and current issues facing our stakeholders,” said Christopher Daubert, vice chancellor and dean of CAFNR. “The collaborations with experts across Mizzou, coupled with ongoing partnerships among industry and agencies, means we will address the most pressing concerns for Missourians when it comes to water quality, quantity and resources.”

The center is guided by an external advisory committee made up of leaders in Missouri’s water management communities. The center will have four core activities:

- Serving as the authority for Missouri’s water research needs through coordination with partners such as the Missouri Departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture — developing new statewide networks that will enhance water quality and provide better protection from floods and droughts
- Coordinating large water-related grants across MU and UM System universities
- Sharing expertise with stakeholders, MU faculty, MU Extension specialists and public agency partners

• Developing new collaborations with other institutes of higher education

“We are blessed to have two of the most important rivers in the world roll through our state, but farming along the Missouri and Mississippi also comes with additional challenges and responsibilities,” Missouri Agriculture Director and advisory committee member Chris Chinn said. “The Missouri Water Center provides a new opportunity to learn from past experience, apply multi-disciplinary expertise, and work closely with partner agencies and stakeholders. We are happy for the collaboration focused on water and its importance. By working together, we can address key issues, including recommendations from Governor Parson’s Flood Recovery Advisory Working Group.”

“The creation of one Water Center at the University of Missouri will complement state efforts, such as Governor Parson’s newly announced Missouri Hydrology Information Center,” Department of Natural Resources Director and advisory committee member Dru Buntin said. “This will build upon the existing strong partnership between MU and state government in solving the water management challenges most relevant to Missourians.”

Among the Missouri Water Center leadership team is Dan Cassidy, executive director of external partnerships for the center, who will join Tom Waters and Brian Klippenstein — fellow members of the leadership team and consultants — in working directly with stakeholder-partners. Cassidy said there is tremendous interest among communities in enhancing flood control and water transportation, as well as using innovative

technologies that build economic opportunity.

“Modernizing infrastructure for the 21st century will prevent continued widespread damage and economic losses throughout the state,” Cassidy said.

The Missouri Water Center is the latest development in MU’s long history of supporting water resource management, said Baolin Deng, William Andrew Davidson Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and co-director of the new center.

“There’s a synergy that’s brought out in uniting our centers,” Deng said. “The Missouri Water Center acknowledges our shared history and complementary faculty expertise while better positioning us to address future challenges, both on water quantity and water quality.”

Damon Hall, assistant professor in the School of Natural Resources with a joint appointment in the Department of Biomedical, Biological and Chemical Engineering and fellow co-director of the center, said the increasing severity of both floods and droughts could be relieved by improving the monitoring and management of the state’s water. Hall added that given the existing collaborations between the MU water centers, the merger will help increase efficiency, better meet regional research needs and provide a platform for greater coordination among faculty research programs.

“While our water faculty are known nationally and internationally for their individual work, the Missouri Water Center is designed to elevate our collaboration,” said Hall. “It will anchor the University as a national leader on water-related issues.”

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It Was Time To Get Away: A Roaring River Story

Max Johnson, of Stillwater, Oklahoma

I loaded my trout fishing gear and made the short drive to one of my favorite trout fishing havens. Roaring River was like a magnet to me and had been for many years. This time was different, as I was going it alone, no plans, no meeting up with anyone, just me and my time. I needed an escape to get a story ready for my outdoor column.

Arriving and getting the required license and daily tag, I was down in the fly only area in no time.

Grabbed my rod and reel, vest, and slowly walked toward the river. The faint sound of the water flowing over the rocks and baffles was already settling in.

A short distance from the river, I stopped. I stopped to watch a tall, gray-haired gentleman. He was fishing, all by himself, in one of the best locations in the fly area. He handled the ultra-light spinning outfit with perfection. Cast after cast, landing the small marabou jig precisely on target.

I stepped closer; with every trout caught, he would say something almost inaudible. Two more steps and I could finally understand his words. They were names, and he continued to say a name after each fish he caught, and carefully released it back into the safety of the gently flowing water.

Curious, I began to write the names on a piece of old paper hidden in my fishing vest.

The names were uttered almost silently, but I was close enough to hear.

As each name was called, I witnessed an apparition appear close to him, yet barely discernible.

In short order, all of them were side by side, slightly shimmering in the fading afternoon light.

They were dressed in their trout gear, some many years older than the others, but it was quite apparent they had been trout fisherman.

Finally, I stepped up to talk to the old fisherman. He turned with a smile and said "Having any luck?"

I stated I was going to fish, but had become totally absorbed in watching his expertise and his gallery.

Looking around he said "But there is no one else here but you and I.

"I heard you naming and releasing the fish and each time, a spirit would appear, faintly, right by your side, until every name called out was present. They appeared and stood by you the entire time you were fishing and I can still see them all around us now. I wrote out all the names on this piece of paper."

"Well," he says, "I'm amazed you are able to see them, it is very, very rare they are seen outside of our group. I don't even see them all the time, just on special occasions."

"Well," I asked, "would this happen to be a special occasion?"

Lowering his head slightly, looking down, he said,

"It is the first time I've been trout fishing here at Roaring River since my last fishing buddy passed on. The spirits can no longer fish, but they are still here and with me every time I come to fish."

Putting the pieces together, I gently exhaled, and realized all these spirits were his fishing buddies who had passed on.

He informed me of the strength of the bonds, and that I should be keeping that piece of paper, and have it with me, and do the same as he had done, each time I come fishing.

Then he asked me to do one thing for him before I left.

He said, "Write my name on the bottom of your list."

"Why would I do that? You are still alive and a really good fisherman."

"I need someone to continue the legacy, call out the names, catch the trout, to remember us all, forever and ever."

I was visibly shaken by his request. I asked, "Your name?"

"Max Johnson," he said.

I wrote it on the bottom of the list, with a shaky hand, and showed him the names.

"Good, thank you. Always remember your fishing buddies. They will always be with you every time you return here to fish."

What it's really all about: family, friends, and fishing.

MU Extension launches Haven Mizzou Crop & Pest News

University of Missouri Extension has launched Mizzou Crop & Pest News, an electronic newsletter for agriculture professionals and extension specialists that provides information on current agronomic challenges.

Mizzou Crop & Pest News is an updated version of the Integrated Pest & Crop Management (IPCM) newsletter. The new format will provide readers with more concise information, including estimated read times and one-sentence summaries of articles, said Mandy Bish, MU Integrated Pest Management coordinator. "The idea to launch Mizzou Crop & Pest News stemmed from a 2021 survey of over 500 Missouri professionals in row crop production," Bish said. "Respondents ranked electronic newsletters as a highly preferred source of information and indicated extension as the most trusted source."

Bish said the newsletter will include new topics as well as content that subscribers to the IPCM newsletter have come to expect, such as state extension weed spe-

cialist Kevin Bradley's weed management articles. "We believe that this newly formatted newsletter will prove to be a valuable source of information for producers and other agricultural professionals throughout Missouri," Bradley said. "We have a series of 'Top Three' newsletters lined up for early March," Bish said, "and we plan to include info on crop insurance considerations, climate, mental health resources and more. These are topics that go hand in hand with crop production and pest management but have not traditionally been covered in the newsletter." Following the "Top Three" series, the newsletter will be published as questions and needs arise throughout the season, she said.

To sign up for email notifications when new issues are published, visit ipm.missouri.edu/subscribe or email ipm@missouri.edu.

Haven Pet of the Week



Meet Duncan, the Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week! Duncan and several littermates are looking for families to love. He's about four months old, is about 20 pounds and growing, likes other animals, and enjoys people of all ages. Duncan has a beautiful brindle coat, but his litter has all different colors and markings so you should be able to find whatever look you prefer! He needs someone to teach him basic dog manners like walking on a leash, housebreaking, and a few commands but he will be a wonderful companion with just a little training. Even a nice shelter is no place for babies to grow up, so come choose your pup soon! We're open 9-4 each day or call 417-835-3647 for more information.

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Saturday, March 12, 2022 • 11:30 AM

Location: Eagle Rock, MO. From the Jcts of Hwy 86 & Hwy E, take Hwy E. Go 3 miles. Auction on left. (20548 State Hwy E, Eagle Rock MO). (Just down the street from our 10:00 AM auction). This auction will start at 11:30 AM. **Real Estate:** 10 acres m/l, mostly wooded with well, septic & electric. There used to be a double wide home here. It burned a few years ago so some clean up required. Then a home could be built here or mobile home site. Table Rock Lake just down the street with public boat launch. The best of everything Table Rock Lake, lots of deer & turkey and all utilities available. Call to preview this property before auction day and to learn how to get qualified to bid. 417-847-2507. **Note:** We have 2 auctions on March 12th in the Eagle Rock Area. They will both be on site. At 10:00 AM, the Estate of Ken Sherman on site, at 11:30 AM the Estate of Mary Ann James Real Estate only 10 acres m/l on E Hwy. See you Saturday March 12th at 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM. **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 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. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material.



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REAL ESTATE HOME & 10 ACRES – OLD BULLDOZER – CARPORT - ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES – MISC WOOD – SCRAP METAL – MISC



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