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House severely damaged in fire

Blaze determined to have been an accident

BY STEVE CHAPMAN
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A house in Monett was severely damaged when it caught fire around 3:43 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5. Nobody was hurt, but the family residing in the house was forced to evacuate from the back of the house.

COLLECTIONS

What: A house on the 1000 block of 6th Street was severely damaged by fire in the early morning hours on Wednesday, July 5.
Who: Monett City Fire Department responded to the fire with mutual aid from the Monett and Pierce City Rural Fire Departments.
Also: Nobody was hurt in the fire, which was ruled as accidental.

Stephanie Renae Lopez, one of

the homeowners, said she and her family were sleeping when the fire started.

"We were just asleep in bed," she said, "and my husband woke up and saw the smoke, and we got our boys out the back door."

Firefighters from Monett City Fire Department responded to the blaze, with the Monett and Pierce City Rural Fire Departments providing mutual aid. Monett City Fire Department Chief John

Vincent said the fire began in the front of the house, adding no foul play was suspected.

"The front porch caught on fire somehow," he said. "It was ruled as accidental though, no reason to believe that there was any suspicious activity in that."

Vincent said the fire was put out in 15 to 20 minutes; afterwards, the firefighters remained on scene, where they investigated the blaze and

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CAR SHOW COMING

Who: Brad Hill State Farm
What: Cruising' Car Show
When: 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 15 in Monett

Brad Hill State Farm hosts car show

Event to benefit Monett students through Care to Learn

BY MIKE GERVAIS

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Community members have an opportunity to check out some of the coolest rides in town as the Brad Hill State Farm Insurance Agency in Monett plans a car show fundraiser from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 15 at 845 E. Highway 60 in Monett.

Esther Hightower, the new marketing manager at Brad Hill State Farm said she and the agency staff wanted to host a community event as a way to give back.

"We went through the calendar and found a date that works and decided to have a fundraiser," Hightower said. "We are going to donate whatever funds we get back to the community. This year, we decided to donate to the Care to Learn Backpack program."

Anyone who would like to enter their vehicle into the car show may do so for \$20 prior to the event by calling Hightower at 417-235-1200, or for \$25 the day of the event.

Hightower also said those who would like to pre-register, may do so over the phone with a credit card.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three fan favorite vehicles at the event.

Community members will have a chance to choose the winners while donating money to the Care to Learn Backpack program.

Hightower and event sponsors have come up with a

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Pierce City School Board approves budget

Board also votes to put out bid package on new preschool addition

BY STEVE CHAPMAN

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The Pierce City R-6 Board of Education voted during their meeting on Wednesday, June 28 to approve the district's preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024).

The budget projects estimated expenditures at about \$8.27 million. With a beginning balance of over \$4.6 million and over \$7.6 million in estimated revenue, the district's ending fund balance on June 30, 2024 is expected to be over \$3.97 million.

As a result of passing the budget, the district's employees will receive a 1.5 percent raise for the 2023-24 School Year.

"For teachers on the Certified Teacher Salary Schedule, this 1.5-percent increase includes your step on the salary schedule in addition to the insurance contribution increase," Dr. Kelli Alumbaugh,

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Celebrating Independence



Zoey Jones, 10, tries to hang on while riding the mechanical bull during the Monett Independence Day Celebration on Tuesday, July 4. Carnival rides and games were a major component of the day's events. Steve Chapman/timesreporter71@gmail.com

Purdy prepares to party with annual festival

Purdy Festival slated for this Saturday

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Purdy is preparing to party with the annual Purdy Festival scheduled for Saturday, July 15 in the city park.

The Purdy Festival features live music, a craft and vendor fair, carnival

PURDY FESTIVAL

Who: All are welcome
What: Carnival rides, craft fair, live music and much more
Where: Downtown Purdy
When: This Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

rides, pony rides, a petting zoo and a car show, among many other activities for

residents and visitors to enjoy.

This year's car show has a special guest slated to appear. According to Purdy Festival Organizer Renae Neill, Actor Butch Patrick, famous for his role as Eddie Munster on "The Munsters", will be on hand with the titular family's unique car.

"I've heard people who are really excited," Neill said.

Registration for the car show begins

at 8:30 a.m., with the Purdy Festival scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to the car show, the Purdy Festival boasts a number of carnival rides, a petting zoo and pony rides, all offered free of charge for attendees.

"This year we have increased our inflatable zone and we've added a new toddler-only inflatable zone for the little kids," Neill said. "I'm excited to see

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Pierce City is searching for food trucks to participate in its **Food Truck Friday** event Friday, July 28. The event will feature free swimming from 4 to 8 p.m. Anyone who would like to set up their food truck is invited to call 417-476-2323 to reserve a space. There is no charge for food trucks to set up at the event.

Monett is one of 35 Missouri communities with a population of less than 10,000 people nominated for Missouri Humanities 2024 **Small Town Showcase**. Voting began May 15 and will continue through July 15. The five communities receiving the most votes will be chosen for the showcase and will receive a short video about their community, an hour-long podcast and a feature in the bi-annual Humanities publication. All five communities will also be featured in a highlight reel that will be shown at the Missouri Humanities annual gala. Community members can vote for Monett by visiting <https://mohumanities.org/small-town-showcase/>.

Recovery with Crochet, a meeting for people in recovery, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Life360 Resource Center located at 801 N. Lincoln Ave. in Monett. This meeting is for people ages 18 and up and will be a different approach to a mid day (less formal) meeting to crochet and discuss topics of life and recovery.

The **Monett area Fuller Center for Housing** (formerly Monett/Purdy Habitat for Humanity) is accepting applications for its next house. Interested residents wishing to partner with the organization may pick up an application at the Monett Chamber of Commerce, Life360 and The Monett Times. Applications are also available by calling 417-235-3333 and leaving a name and phone number.

The **Lawrence County Historical Society** will meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 16. Mark Conn will lead off the program by sharing material on Zion Church located near Honey Creek between Aurora and Mt. Vernon. It will include information on the Rev. A.A. Young's early years, Cumberland Presbyterian beliefs and the church itself. There will also be items from LCHS's collection to view and discuss. People are invited to show and tell about their own collections.

The Monett Senior Center, located at 405 N. Dairy St. in Monett, will host a **country dance with live music** by the Long Time Runnin' Band from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 18 The cost is \$5 and attendees are invited to enter through the double doors at the front of the building. Those planning to attend are invited to bring snacks and a non-alcoholic drink.

The **Kings Prairie Special Road District** will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 18 at Angus

Branch Steakhouse in Monett.

The **Capps Creek Special Road District** will meet in regular session at noon Tuesday, July 18 at the home of Garry and Pam Bartkoski located at 5086 Farm Road 2057 in Monett. The public is welcome to attend.

Brad Hill State Farm will host a **Cruisin' Car Show** from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 15 at the office located at 845 E. Highway 60 in Monett. Registration is \$20 prior to the event and \$25 the day of the event. The top three fan favorite vehicles will receive awards. To pre-register, contact Esther Hightower at 417-235-1200. All proceeds from the event go to Care to Learn, which benefits students at Monett schools.

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Stones Prairie Parish, of rural Purdy, will host the annual **Stones Prairie Picnic** beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, July 21. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 22. The traditional menu consists of hamburgers, chips, hot dogs, bratwurst sandwiches, ice cream and an abundance of homemade desserts. The event will also feature games, baked goods a country store, many handcrafted items, bingo and a handcrafted quilt will be awarded to the holder of the winning ticket. For more information, call the church on Wednesdays at 417-442-3836.

The Springfield Cardinals will host a **Monett Community Night** beginning at 6:35 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26. During the event, Monett community members will get into the ball park for \$9. Community members will also receive a free Springfield Cardinals cap when they sign up for the Cardinals Text Club at the game. For more information, contact Michael Gassman at 417-863-2143.

The ninth annual **Stomping' Out Hunger 5K** Color Run/Walk will be held Saturday, Sept. 9 at Harvest Fellowship Church in Aurora. Sign-in for this event will begin at 9 a.m., with an optional Zumba workout with Kala Brown at 9:15 a.m. and a color blast at 10 a.m. The race begins at 10 a.m. with Christian Rock Band Seeds of Agape performing at 10:30 a.m. There will also be face painting from 9 a.m. to noon and hot dogs, chips and a drink will be served for \$2 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Water, fruit and healthy snacks will be provided free to all runners at the finish line.



Happy Birthday

JULY 14

Mike Bennett

CORRECTIONS

The Monett Times corrects factual errors promptly and courteously. If you have a correction or clarification, please email Editor Mike Gervais at mgmonettnews@gmail.com.

Pierce City to hold city's first-ever Food Truck Friday

Event to take place in south park, near the pool

BY STEVE CHAPMAN
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Pierce City will host a Food Truck Friday in the south park, near the swimming pool, on Friday, July 28. It will be the first time such an event has ever been held in Pierce City.

Julie Johnson, city clerk, said she decided to schedule the event to not only give people in the area a new variety of foods to choose from, but to also show visitors

FOOD TRUCKS

What: Pierce City's first Food Truck Friday
When: Friday, July 28, from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. or later
Where: Pierce City's South Park, near the city pool

some of the attractions at south park.

"I thought it would be nice to offer everyone a variety of foods to choose from and show off our beautiful park and pool," she said.

Johnson said there is room for eight food trucks in the park, and it is possible they could find room for a ninth. So far, she added, four

food truck owners have already confirmed they will be at the event: Victoria's Old School Smoking, Wild Cat Ice Cream, Los Panchos Taco Truck and Ellie's Burgers. Johnson said there is also a possibility that London Calling may also be there.

The food trucks, Johnson said, will arrive about an hour before noon.

"The food trucks were told to come in around 11 a.m.," she said. "That way they could do lunch and maybe even dinner."

Food Truck Friday will involve more than just food. The pool will hold a free swim from 4 to 8 p.m. Johnson said she is

also considering having a local DJ provide musical entertainment.

While the Food Truck Friday on July 28 will be the city's first, Johnson said there is a strong chance it won't be the last as she suggested it could be continued in August, September and October.

"We've considered, even after the pool closes, having (Food Truck Friday) ... down here on the bandstand," she said.

Food truck owners who would like to take part in the Food Truck Friday, or anyone seeking more information, should contact Julie Johnson at (417)476-2323.



Firefighters respond to the blaze at the house located on the 1000 block of 6th Street in Monett. Contributed photo

Fire: Family hopes repairs can be made

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overhauled the ground to make sure the fire didn't start up again.

"Total time on scene was almost three hours," he said.

Lopez said she and her family were staying with relatives for right now, adding that she doesn't know whether the house can be repaired or not.

"We're hoping that we can repair and move back in," she said. "We're still unsure."

Car Show: Here to help students

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unique way for residents to participate and vote on their favorite vehicles at the show.

Hightower said event organizers will have donation jars for each car entry in the show and residents will be able to vote on their favorites by putting money in the jar. At the end of the event, organizers will count up the totals, and the top three vehicles will be awarded prizes.

The event will also feature live music, a food truck and more.

"It's going to be a family-friendly event, with family friendly music," Hightower said.

In addition to Brad Hill State Farm, the car show is sponsored by Matt Hess and Payless Rentals, which is providing the space.

"We are going to try to do two events each year, in the spring and the fall," Hightower said.

Purdy Fest: Cultural performamnce scheduled

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that."

Also new this year is the return of the FFA Alumni livestock show.

"They're going to be back," Neill said. "They haven't been able to participate for the past couple years, so we're excited to have them again. It's great, because you can go see the smaller animals at the petting zoo, then head over to the livestock show to see some of the bigger animals."

Another highlight of the festival is the craft and vendor fair hosted in the Purdy School gym.

"The gym is full," Neill said. "We have 55 vendors that are craft or food related."

Having the craft fair in the gym also offers residents and visitors the opportunity to cool off and do some shopping during the heat of the day, as air conditioners will be operating.

At noon, the festival has scheduled a special cultural performance in front of the school, featuring a traditional Mexican dance group.

All are invited to attend and there is no charge for entry at the Purdy Festival.

The Purdy Festival began in 2011 when a group of community members and local teachers gathered to discuss creating a community event for residents. The dream was to have something that would bring residents of all ages together for some good, old fashioned community fun, at little or no cost.

After several meetings, and with the financial help of local businesses, churches and individuals, the Purdy Festival was born.

Neill said that tradition continues today, with the event operating on local community donations.

"This is basically a chance for us to get together and do something as a community, no matter your age," she said.

School Board: Considering preschool addition

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superintendent of schools, said in a separate e-mail detailing the meeting.

"For non-certified staff, it is the insurance increase plus an addition to your hourly rate, which totals a 1.5-percent raise."

In her e-mail, Alumbaugh also said that the board approved Career Ladder for teachers during the 2023-24 School Year, and the district will now also contribute \$570 per month for insurance.

During the meeting, the board also approved a motion to put out bids on the construction of the preschool addition, which will also serve as a FEMA shelter. A conceptual estimate of the building prepared by NABHOLZ Construction Corp. estimates that the cost of the construction at \$2,152,195, but the actual cost will be determined by the winning bid.

In other business, the board also amended the district's 2022-23 budget to reflect the end of year revenues, expenditures and transfers. They also approved the annual Scott Regional Technology Center Contract for the 2023-24 School Year, and also approved the Safe to Return to Schools Plan.

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SWMO Wild Game Feed in Monett



Attendees of the SWMO Wild Game Feed are seated while waiting for the dinner to begin. An estimated 150 people turned out to take part in the Wild Game Feed held at the VFW 4207 on Saturday, July 8. The meal served as a fundraiser for a spoonbill fishing trip to Grand Lake for kids and veterans; enough funds were raised to take 20 children and three veterans. Steve Chapman/timesreporter71@gmail.com



Guests help themselves to some of the dishes at the Wild Game Feed. The meal featured dishes made from several kinds of wild game, including wild boar, deer, catfish, crappie, goose, chucker, ornyx, alligator and racoon. Steve Chapman/timesreporter71@gmail.com



Brock Hoyer, 11, (left) and Beau Barbre, 8, play a game of cornhole before the meal begins at the Wild Game Feed. Steve Chapman/timesreporter71@gmail.com

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VIEWPOINT

STAFF VIEW

Looking back on Dog Days gone by

I hate the heat. I've always been fond of the saying that you can always bundle up when it gets cold, but when temperatures hit triple digits, there's only so much you can do to cool off.

No matter how much I kick and scream, summer always comes.

As we look down the barrel of the dog days of summer, with temperatures reaching for the triple digits, I find myself looking back at dog days gone by and the things I used to do to pass the time and stay cool.

Many readers know I'm a relatively recent transplant to Monett, coming here just a few years ago after growing up, attending school and starting my career in California.

What may surprise many is that I actually learned how to swim at the Monett pool. I spent many evenings as a boy roller skating at the Monett skating rink. As a teenager, I spent many afternoons and evenings trap shooting with my grandfather in Aurora. I caught my first bass on Table Rock Lake.

I was fortunate enough to be able to spend my summers as a child in the Ozarks.

Many summers of my youth were spent in Aurora with my grandparents and playing in the woods with my cousins and watching as my aunts and uncles set off fireworks on Table Rock Lake for Independence Day.

All of this was a treat, and I remember being aware even as a boy, in California, we didn't have woods or trees. We lived in the high desert, with plenty of sage brush, tumble weeds and sand, but little shade.

We also didn't get fireworks. And while I had my siblings, and our cousins lived several hours away, some of my best memories come from my grandfather's property in Aurora.

One summer, my grandfather taught my brother and I to bend, string and shoot bows. That's also the first summer I saw an animal shot by a bow, but that's a different story for another time.

Another year, grandpa took my brother and I, as well as our cousin, out to the woods and taught us to build a lean-to. As excited young boys, we begged and pleaded to be allowed to spend the night in the woods in our new shelter.

Little did we know our grandparents and aunts and uncles had all placed a friendly wager about exactly how long we'd stay out there.

I think we made it to just about 9 p.m. Which, coincidentally, was our bed time.

We returned to a roar



MIKE GERVAIS

of laughter and I, as the youngest, shouldered the blame for our early return.

In my memories, grandma and grandpa's property was a huge, sprawling estate. The woods went on for what seemed like forever. I'd set out in the morning and walk until I found a new place. There, I'd build a fort, read a book or play with grandpa's dog until I was hungry enough to head home.

Ultimately, I grew up and these memories grew fuzzier. A few years ago, after my grandfather passed away, a cousin, my brother and I drove out to the property to have a look around. The owner of the home was more than happy to let us back into the woods and I was devastated.

It looked much the same, with some of the underbrush cleared to provide better sight lines. What got me emotional was that this huge playground of my youth was no more than a few acres. Those afternoons that I trekked far into the wilderness, never found me out of shouting range of my grandmother's kitchen.

It's odd how our memories morph.

Another thing I cannot seem to recall is the heat of summer. I do remember how cool the house was, and that unique smell of my grandparents' basement. But as a child, the heat and humidity of a Missouri summer never seemed to bother me – at least, not that I can remember.

While these past few weeks have seen me hesitant to leave the house or the office, I can't help but think I had a pretty cool childhood, and a large part of that is where I got to be.

It's easy to forget that you live in an exceptionally beautiful place. And if you've spent your life in Monett or the surrounding area, you may not know that in many places, kids are no longer running up and down the street playing, or riding bikes, or building forts in the woods.

Today, in major cities, they're confined to their homes, sitting in front of televisions, computers, phones and tablets, because it simply isn't safe to go outside.

I can't help feel like I grew up in the right time and place, a time when I was able to have so much fun, I think I was simply distracted from the unbearable heat of the summer.

I'll take it.

Man 'dating' estranged wife is unsure what future holds

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been together more than 20 years. Our relationship grew stale over time, and a couple of years ago, she decided to leave me. However, over the few years, even though she has had several lovers, we have started to get close again.

The problem is, I really love her and want her back as my GIRLFRIEND, but she sees this as a casual relationship, which leaves me feeling hurt. For example, she doesn't see a problem with having a long conversation with another lover while she's at my house. When she realizes that I'm hurt, she gets exasperated and says she feels like she has to "walk on eggshells" around me. Is it me? Is there a path forward?

– **STRANGE SITUATION IN FLORIDA**



JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY

DEAR STRANGE SITUATION: Your problem is you have allowed yourself to be put in the "friends with benefits" category when what you really want is an exclusive relationship with your ex. IT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN. If she's talking with other men while she's at your house, it means she's not interested in how her actions affect you. The path forward is one that's as far away as you can get from this person because your agendas are polar opposites.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a widow who recently became engaged to a man who, I'm realizing

after two years, has a gambling addiction. He recently lied to me about his whereabouts, and I found out this same thing went on during his first marriage. I can't say for sure this was the first time he was untruthful, but I had a gut feeling.

We had developed what I thought was a good relationship based on mutual respect and trust. I could use some advice about what I should do going forward. He has become my friend and family since I have no children and have lost not only my late husband, but also a brother and recently my father.

– **THROWN IN NORTH DAKOTA**

DEAR THROWN: I know you are lonely. But if you love your fiancé, continue the relationship as it IS, and do not plan on marrying him. Realize that should you marry a person with a gambling addiction, commingling your assets could ruin you financially and affect

your retirement.

If he has a desire to change, there are 12-step programs he could join, Gamblers Anonymous being one of them (gamblersanonymous.org). But please be aware that compulsive gambling is an addiction, and your fiancé could fall off the wagon at any time.

DEAR ABBY: My husband texted a graphic nude photo of himself to his ex-girlfriend. I am shocked and hurt. Should I leave this man?

– **CAN'T UNSEE IT IN WEST VIRGINIA**

DEAR CAN'T UNSEE: Yes, I think you should, because the naked truth is that your husband isn't finished with his former girlfriend.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear community,

It is so hard to believe the year is half over already! We have been so blessed this year I can hardly wait to see what God has in store for the rest of the year. Recently I have had the privilege of running into a couple of our former clients. Both have come out of a life of addiction, and both are now clean, regularly attending church and working full-time jobs. They both mentioned how thankful they were for Crosslines and the help and encouragement they received even when they were not at their best. I just want to share to all who have a part in Crosslines that you are an encouragement to so many in our community. Every time you give, shop or even pray for Crosslones you are such an encouragement. Thank you.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are

doing."

– **Thessalonians 5:11**

We have been busy here at Crosslines helping many families with utility bills, food, clothing, household items, diapers, medicine and many other needs. We have also helped with new steel toe shoes for those just starting a job and gas for those with Dr. appointments or just starting a job. Our Easter food box helped families to have a blessed Easter. We also gave 80 hygiene bags to the Barry County Youth Camp.

We are getting ready to start the sign-ups for our back-to-school event. Last year we handed out school supplies, backpacks, clothing vouchers and new shoes to over 120 local children in our area! We expect the number of children to grow this year. Last year, each child tried on the shoes before they left to make sure they fit well. We had extra sizes available if we needed

to exchange them for a better fit. Each child also received a bag of school supplies that were made up for each individual school and grade. The older children received a hygiene pack with their supplies in a drawstring backpack and the younger children were all able to choose their own backpacks.

We are thankful to the churches, businesses and local families that joined with us last year to make the event such a great success. We are looking forward to seeing who will be partnering with us this year. If your church, organization or business would like to help, we have a few options on how you can be part of this great opportunity to help local children. Last year some offered to buy and hand out one item on the school lists – earbuds, Kleenex, or notebooks. They were able to set up a table to hand these items out along with information about their church or

organization. We had some adopt a family to buy new school shoes for the children. We had some that just gave a monetary gift to help buy supplies or shoes. Or you can just donate new school items. If you or your organization would like more information, please feel free to call Crosslines.

Thank you again for all you do for the community. God Bless!

– **Malinda King Administrator**

Dear Editor:

Recently an anonymous donation of \$10,000 was given to the Monett Lions Club in memory of Mr. Jack Henry, founder of Jack Henry and Associates. This donation was in honor of Jack's long-standing tradition of providing tickets for the Fourth of July Lions Club chicken barbecue to all associates and their families.

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OBITUARIES



Genevieve (Genny) L. Hammers

Genevieve (Genny) L. Hammers, age 77, of Republic passed away July 5, 2023. She was born Oct. 29, 1945, in Freistatt to Norman and Regina (Kottmeyer) Doss. Genny married Patrick Hammers July 16, 1966. In this marriage two daughters were born, Christina Hammers and Pamela Hammers.

Genny went to St. Johns School of Nursing. Upon graduation in June of 1966, she started working at St. Johns Hospital, now Mercy. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in nursing a few years later. Genny worked in many areas in nursing. She worked in psychiatrics, medical surgical care, home health and many other areas. Genny was Nurse Administrator at St. Johns for many years. She was the first infection control nurse at St. Johns Hospital. Genny was the Director of Nursing at Smith Glynn Callaway Clinic for 20 years. She retired in 2001. Genny worked part time for Mercy evaluating clinics.

Nursing came naturally to Genny. She was always a nurse. Genny found opportunities to teach younger nurses wherever she was. She was a very active person and was a natural leader. Genny had an endearing spirit. Wherever she went someone she knew would greet her. She left a caring impression on people throughout her years as a nurse and in social settings.

Genny had a strong faith in God. She was a founding member of Hope Lutheran Church in Republic. She was a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and a volunteer at the Council of Churches of the Ozarks.

Genny is preceded in death by her parents, and her husband Patrick. Survivors include

three daughters, Christina Hammers, Pamela Hammers, and Deborah Jackson; and her brother, Douglas Doss and his wife Kathy.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 10, at Meadors Funeral Home, at the Republic chapel. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, at the IOOF Cemetery, Monett.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



Walter L. Hartman

Walter L. Hartman, age 88, of Neosho, formerly of Monett, entered into eternal rest on Monday morning, July 3, 2023, while at Freeman Hospital in Joplin with his wife at his side.

Walt was born on July 22, 1934 in Kansas City, son of the late John and Velda Gertrude (Williams) Hansford. He graduated from Amity High School, Amity, Ore., with the class of 1952.

For over 27 years, Walt owned and operated Gliedt Electric in Monett. Walt was a wonderful husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa. He enjoyed trains, traveling, going to casinos and eating a fine dinner. Walt especially loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Walt was a member of Liberty United Methodist Church.

On July 18, 1953, Beverly Alice Murray and Walter Louis Hartman were united in marriage in Mountain View. They were blessed with five children and over 60 years together before Beverly's passing on Jan. 20, 2014. On Nov. 17, 2015 in Miami, Okla., Walt married Margaret Ann "Peggy" Friel. They have shared countless wonderful memories made together.

Walt is survived by his wife, Peggy, of the

home; three sons, Mike Hartman, and wife Cristina, of Auburn, Wash., Russell Hartman, and wife Ruby, of Monett and Keith Hartman, and wife Sharrie, of Monett; two daughters, Elaine Hartman, of Monett and Ann McCully, and husband Steve, of Monett; two step-children, Vickie Stuart and husband Mark, of Neosho, and Glen Maxton and wife Kim, of Neosho; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; six step-grandchildren; 10 step-great-grandchildren; two dogs, Peaches and Mariah; one granddog, Bentley; and a host of extended family and friends.

Walt was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; and his sister, Lucille Chowning.

A service to celebrate the life and times of Mr. Hartman will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 8 at Liberty United Methodist Church, 21034 F.R. 1090, Monett, with Reverend Nancy DeJager officiating. Friends may pay their respects for a time of visitation from noon until 7 p.m. on Friday evening at the funeral home. Memorial contributions have been suggested to Show-Me Christian Youth Home. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Buchanan Funeral Home of Monett.

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Ernest Eugene Baney
Ernest Eugene Baney, age 82, of Springfield, passed away at 4:50 a.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at the Mt. Vernon Place Care Center in Mt. Vernon. He was born Jan. 25, 1941, in Mountain Grove, the son of the late Hansward Rufus and Pearl Anna (Roberson) Baney.

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No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fossett-Mosher Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon.

Online condolences may be shared at www.FossettMosher-FuneralHome.com.

Glenda Kaye Bowman

Glenda Kaye Bowman, age 81, of Mt. Vernon, passed away at 7:15 a.m. Thursday, July 6, 2023, at the Lacoba Nursing Home in Monett. She was born Sept. 21, 1941, in McKinley, the daughter of Wallace and Opal Marie (Watson) Bolin.

A visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, at the Fossett-Mosher Funeral Home, in Mt. Vernon with a funeral service to follow at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Blue Eye Cemetery on State Line Road in Blue Eye.

Online condolences may be shared at www.FossettMosher-FuneralHome.com.

Lewis Neal Brown

Lewis Neal Brown, age 90, of Aurora, passed away at 5 a.m. on Monday, July 3, at the Missouri Veteran's Home in Mt. Vernon. He was born Oct. 18, 1932, in Kansas City, Kan., the son of George and Gladys (Johnson) Brown.

A private family burial will be held at a later date at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Kan. Arrangements are under the direction of the Crafton-Cantrell Funeral Home in Aurora, Missouri.

Online condolences may be shared at www.CraftonCantrell-FuneralHome.com.

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Nelda Kay Clinkenbeard

Nelda Kay Clinkenbeard, age 80, of Marionville, passed away at 4:10 p.m. Monday, July 3, 2023, at the Ozarks Methodist Manor in Marionville. She was born April 6, 1943, in Galena, the daughter of Clarence Lester and Ernestine Irene (Corlee) Clinkenbeard.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, at the Williams Funeral Home in Marionville. Burial will follow at the Marionville IOOF Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made payable to the American Breast Cancer Foundation, in care of the funeral home.

Online condolences may be shared at www.WilliamsFuneral-HomeMo.com.

Trix Elizabeth (Smith) Long

Trix Elizabeth (Smith) Long, passed away Thursday June 29, 2023.

Visitation for Trix is being held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday July 6 at the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 7 at the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett, with Rev. Lee Neill officiating. Burial next to her husband Billy will follow services at the Bethel Cemetery in Monett.

Memorial donations for Trix may be made to Bethel Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at www.bennettwormington.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett.

Randy Pace

Randy Pace, age 51, of Marion, Ill., formerly of Aurora, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2023, in Landmark Hospital, Cape Girardeau.

He was born on June 7, 1972, in Evansville,

Indiana, the son of Tom and Frances (Pace) James.

Visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 9 at the Crafton-Cantrell Funeral Home in Aurora, with a funeral service to follow at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow at the Clío Cemetery, near Jenkins.

For those who prefer, memorial contributions may be directed to "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital" in care of the funeral home.

Online condolences may be shared at www.CraftonCantrell-FuneralHome.com.

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Olen Yutzy

Olen Yutzy, 41, of Monett, unexpectedly left us to be with the Lord on July 8, 2023.

Olen was born Nov. 5, 1981, at Keosauqua, Iowa.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, at the Church of Monett, and the funeral service will be at the same location at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, with David Keeling officiating. Interment will be held in the church cemetery. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of the Buchanan Funeral Home of Monett.

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Steve Chapman
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News Reporter



I am from Springfield, son of Joan and the late Harmon Chapman. I have one brother, David and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.
My wife is Sabina and we live in Monett.
My education includes a bachelor of arts in English at Southwest Missouri State University and a master of science in education at Drury University.
My journalism experience includes: 10 years as a freelancer for Sarcoux Publishing, Squibb Media and other media outlets/publications. I also spent nine months as a reporter and ad sales person at the Barry County Advertiser. I have also been a high school/middle school teacher, a college instructor, a bank clerk, a bill collector, a grocery store stocker and just about anything else you can think of.
My hobbies and interests include, reading, traveling, movies, fishing, working out, despite appearances to the contrary, internet games and being outdoors.
My favorite color is blue; favorite food is Indian; favorite sports teams are the St. Louis Cardinals and the Kansas City Chiefs. My favorite band is Pink Floyd.

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Farmers Market nutrition programs

Providing food purchasing assistance for seniors, WIC participants

BY STEVE CHAPMAN
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Two new programs will help low-income Missouri senior citizens and WIC participants to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from farmers or other local food growers in their areas. The Missouri Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) will provide \$50 in benefits annually for the purchase of fresh fruit, vegetables, honey and herbs sold by an authorized farmer at a Farmer's Market or roadside stand. For WIC participants, the Missouri WIC Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (WICFMNP) provides \$20 in benefits annually for fresh fruit, herbs or vegetables.

The benefits will be issued to eligible seniors or WIC participants through Saturday, Sept. 30, and they must be redeemed by Tuesday, Oct. 31. The benefits can only be used to purchase foods from an authorized farmer, and the food must have been raised in Missouri or a county in Illinois or Kansas that borders Missouri.

For more information on how to apply for benefits or how to become an eligible farmer, go online to www.agriculture.mo.gov/abd/fmkt. More information on how to apply for the benefits, what foods are eligible for purchase or how to become an eligible farmer, go online to www.agriculture.mo.gov/abd/fmkt. More information on the SFNNP is also available by calling the SeniorAge AAA Office in Springfield at (417)862-0762.

Waldensians host picnic



Members of the Waldensian Presbyterian Church of Monett invited friends and fellow community members to its annual ice cream social on a hot, Thursday, June 29 evening. Mike Gervais/mgmonettnews@gmail.com



Amy Matlage, Shayla Dozz and Mr. Zippy the dog enjoyed good company and homemade ice cream at the Waldensian Ice Cream Social June 29. Mike Gervais/mgmonettnews@gmail.com



Robyn Drake, Evan Fugitt and Nicole Arnaud enjoyed dinner and dessert at the Waldensian Picnic Thursday, June 29. Mike Gervais/mgmonettnews@gmail.com



Karen Hamer, Betty Arnaud, Victor Arnaud, Elnor Medlin, Mary Scott and Ralph Scott enjoy dinner and great company at the Waldensian Presbyterian Church last week. Mike Gervais/mgmonettnews@gmail.com



Brock Gilmore, 11, Ronnie King, Malinda King and Stella Gilmore, 4, of Monett, made the Waldensian Ice Cream Social a family affair last week. Mike Gervais/mgmonettnews@gmail.com



Dave Paragon and Josh Lowry serve up some homemade ice cream for Brenda Burgherr at the Waldensian Presbyterian Church's annual ice cream social. Mike Gervais/mgmonettnews@gmail.com



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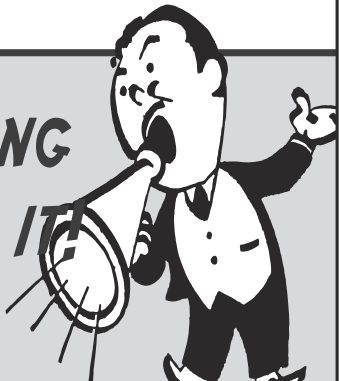
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Monett celebrates First on Front



Wentworth residents, from left, Adalynne Bonnow, 5, Lynne Breazzeal and Breann Bonnow, 7, take it easy at First State Bank of Purdy's July 7 First on Front Concert in Monett. Mike Gervais mgmonettnews@gmail.com



The Jessica Horn Band performs live at First State Bank of Purdy's First on Front concert Friday, July 7 in downtown Monett. Mike Gervais mgmonettnews@gmail.com



Danny Hensley holds young Aligha Paul during the Jessica Horn Band performance at Monett's First on Front concert last Friday as Cathy Hensley looks on Mike Gervais mgmonettnews@gmail.com



Jamie and Presly Lynn got to spend some time on the playground at the Friday, July 7 First on Front held at the Jerry D. Hall Memorial Pavilion located at the Glen and Sharon Garret downtown park in Monett. Mike Gervais mgmonettnews@gmail.com



Keeli, 6 and Waylon Hartin, 8, of Monett were deputized for a day at First on Front in Monett thanks to the Monett Police Department, which had officers on hand to show off some of their equipment and meet with local youngsters. Mike Gervais mgmonettnews@gmail.com



Jake Stringer performs live as the sun sets on the Jerry D. Hall Memorial Pavilion at the Glen and Sharon Garret downtown park in Monett. Mike Gervais mgmonettnews@gmail.com



Gary Bass receives his order from Paul Kinney of London Calling, one of Monett's favorite additions to First on Front. Mike Gervais mgmonettnews@gmail.com

Celebrating in Purdy



From left, Connie Jarvis, Betty F. Brandt and Nina Sloan relax and listen to live music in Purdy last Monday. Mike Gervais mgmonettnews@gmail.com



From left, Gary Rickman, Ken Terry, Bryson Terry and Mike Goetz enjoy an afternoon at the Gathering Place in Purdy during their annual Independence Day celebration. Mike Gervais mgmonettnews@gmail.com



Gary Rickman and Mike Goetz man the grill during Purdy's Fourth of July celebration. The Terry family always offers hot dogs, beans, chips, a cookie and a beverage during its annual Independence Day celebration held July 3 Mike Gervais mgmonettnews@gmail.com



The Keener girls, Abigail, 10 and Isabel, 6, were serving ice cold lemonade at Purdy's Independence Day celebration last week. Mike Gervais mgmonettnews@gmail.com



Juliana Robles, 2, grabs a snack and listens to some live music during the Purdy Fireworks display Monday, July 3. Mike Gervais mgmonettnews@gmail.com

Fuller Center Trivia Night



Representing DOC Pinkley (That's Disciples of Christ), Patricia and Richard Stanton work to calculate how many hours are in one billion seconds. Participants in the Monett Area Fuller Center for Housing's Trivia Night ponder the trivia questions posed to them. The Monett Area Fuller Center group said that the trivia night was a huge success and appreciated all of the sponsors, team leaders, participants and volunteers. About 100 people took part in the event, which served as a fundraiser to raise funds to build a house. Steve Chapman/timesreporter71@gmail.com



Finalists try to keep from being eliminated in the Heads and Tail game. During the game, a coin would be flipped, and participants would try to predict whether it would land on heads or tails. If they thought the coin would land on heads, they put their hands on their heads, and if they thought the coin would land on tails, they put their hands on their "tails". Those who guessed correctly moved on to the next round. Steve Chapman/timesreporter71@gmail.com

Riordan killed in crash

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One person was killed and three others injured over four separate vehicle crashes between Tuesday, July 4 and Monday, July 10, according to crash reports filed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The fatal crash was a single-vehicle wreck that happened at 5:55 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5 on MO 86, one mile south of Eagle Rock. According to the crash report, James E. Riordan, 53, of Eagle Rock, was driving his 1194 Chevrolet GMT-400 truck eastward when he ran off the right side of the road, then returned to the road and went into a skid. His vehicle then crossed and ran off the left side of the road, hit and embankment and a tree and then overturned. Riordan, who was not wearing a safety device, was pronounced dead at the scene by Deputy Coroner Todd McCoy at 6:45 p.m. and taken to Fohn's Funeral Home in Cassville. The truck received total damage and was towed from the scene. This was Troop D's 68th fatality for 2023.

The second and third crashes happened within a minute of each other one mile west of Golden, Mo. on MO 86 on Tuesday, July 4; two people were injured. According to the second crash report, Juan M. Morales, 18, was driving his 2005 Nissan Sentra eastward when he traveled off the left side of the road and overturned at 7 p.m. Morales, who was wearing a safety device at the time of the crash, suffered moderate injuries and was taken by EMS to Cox South Hospital in Springfield. The vehicle sustained total damages and was towed from the scene.

According to the report of in the third crash, Jose A Perez Sacalxot, 20, was driving a 2012 Honda Civic westward when it skidded and ran off the right side of the road, striking a 2014 Mazda 2 being driving westward by Mario A Hernandez DeLeon, 31, at 7:01 p.m. DeLeon's vehicle then struck a pedestrian whose name was also listed as Mario A Hernandez DeLeon, 31, in the report. DeLeon suffered serious injuries in the collision and

was taken by air ambulance to Cox South in Springfield. Both DeLeon and Sacalxot were wearing safety devices at the time of the crash. Sacalxot's vehicle received total damage, while DeLeon's received extensive damage; both were towed from the scene. All those involved in the accident were residents of Berryville, Ark.

In the final crash, a Verona woman was injured when her car collided with another vehicle on Farm Road 1247, two miles west of Crane on Monday, July 10 at 4 p.m. According to the crash report, Tammy L. Stephens, 53, was driving her 2000 Toyota RAV 4 northward when she met a 2015 Ford Focus being driven southward by Lois J. Reavis, 57, of Crane; the vehicles struck each other head on. Stephens, who was not wearing a safety device, received moderate injuries and was transported by a private vehicle to Cox Hospital in Monett. Reavis, who was wearing a safety device, was not injured. Both vehicles received total damage and were towed from the scene.

Barrientos fined \$1,500

BY STEVE CHAPMAN
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A Verona woman was fined \$1,500 after pleading guilty to resisting arrest and drug possession. Maria De Los Angeles Barrientos pleaded guilty to the charges at the Lawrence County Justice Center on Thursday, July 6.

According to the probable cause statement in the case, Barrientos was stopped by a Lawrence County deputy sheriff on Feb. 18, 2022 after dark; at the time, Barrientos

was riding a bicycle with no lights.

After the deputy asked Barrientos for her information, she gave him multiple false names and birthdays; however, once he located her true information, the deputy was able to see that she had multiple warrants.

While the deputy was waiting for the warrants to be confirmed, Barrientos attempted to flee on foot and was stopped with a tazer. She was then searched, and the search yielded a

methamphetamine pipe in her boot. The pipe had a substance on it that field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Online records show that Barrientos was originally scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 26, 2022 to be arraigned but she failed to appear; a warrant for her arrest was issued on Oct. 20, 2022.

Barrientos was taken into custody on Wednesday, July 5; she was released after her court hearing the next day.

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Wilkerson in head-on collision

Other driver, Lueders, remains hospitalized, facing DWI and other charges

BY STEVE CHAPMAN
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One Aurora resident died from injuries he suffered in a fatal car wreck on Thursday, July 6, while another remains hospitalized.

According to a crash report filed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP), Jared J. Lueders, 38, was driving a 2013 Ford F-150 eastward on US 60 in Verona at 9:46 a.m. when his vehicle crossed the center line and struck a 2004 Ford F-150 head-on as it was being driven westward by Mance Wilkerson, 82. Wilkerson, who was wearing a safety device, was airlifted to Mercy Hospital in Springfield; he was pronounced deceased later on Sunday, July 9 by Dr. Bernardo Diaz, Jr. at Mercy Hospital at 6:25 p.m. This was Troop D's 69th fatality for 2023.

Lueders, who was not wearing a safety device, was seriously injured in the crash and was also taken to Mercy Hospital in Springfield, by ambulance. Both vehicles received total damage and were towed from the scene.

According to an arrest report on the MSHP's website, Lueders was arrested for felony DWI resulting in serious physical injury, careless and imprudent driving resulting in a crash and failure to wear a seatbelt; he was allowed to remain in the hospital for medical care.

As of press time, Lueders had not been formally charged in the courts and remained a patient at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.



The Ozark Amateur Radio Society participated in the North American Ham Radio Field Day in June, setting up a camp in the Mark Twain National Forest and making contact with radio operators from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Contributed photo

Community Helpers



Paige McCollough, youth services librarian, reads to children from a book about paramedics. The Community Helpers Children's Program gave children a chance to see how community helpers such as paramedics, maintenance workers, firefighters, police officers postal employees and bus drivers contribute to the community. Steve Chapman/timesreporter71@gmail.com

Ham Radio for the masses

Local club participates in national field day

BY MIKE GERVAIS
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The Ozark Amateur Radio Society reached out to thousands of Americans last month as part of the North American Ham Radio Field Day.

OARS, which is based out of Aurora, joined more than 40,000 hams throughout North America when it set up temporary transmitting stations in public places in June to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to communities throughout

the nation.

The Ham Radio Operator Field Day combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach and technical skills in a single event.

Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

"We use these skills when we help with events such as marathons, bike-a-thons, parades, and exhibits at fairs," said OARS member Klista Parnell. "Ham radio has also been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters."

She went on to say that Amateur Radio people

(also called "Hams") are well known for their communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

This year the OARS club setup a portable radio station in the Mark Twain National Forest, running on battery power. The event included camping out, a picnic, swimming and of course operating the radios.

In all, 24 people showed up to the two-day event and contacts were made with similar stations all over the United States and Canada.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a ham radio operator contact Bob at bhmyer@suddenlink.net.



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