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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

VIETNAM VETERANS NO. 1014 ANNUAL SWEET POTATO SALE starting today until all sold, except Sundays at East Elm & Crescent Drive and The Flower Basket on S. Hwy. 5 across from the airport.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH OPEN HOUSE — 1-3 p.m. to celebrate 150th year anniversary and new addition to the church. on becoming a better researcher.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS NEW BEGINNINGS OPEN MEETING— 6 p.m. at Southern Heights Christian Church, across from airport.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

HUGHES CENTER DANCE — 7-9:30 p.m. with Johnny Mace County Line Band. \$5 cover charge. Bring a snack.

Contact Kirk Pearce to have your event in the Community Calendar.
kirk@laclede-record.com

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

HERMAN STRICKLEN 2023 FALL FESTIVAL — 5 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Parish Center, 345 Grand Ave. Roast beef dinner. Tickets \$15 (2 for \$25). Ages 5 and under free. FFI: Steve Norris (417) 288-9116.

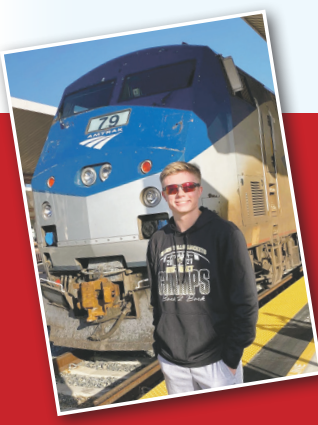
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Trinity Episcopal Church to celebrate 150th anniversary with open house

Event is set for Sept. 30 from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Trinity Episcopal Church is celebrating 150 years of worship with an open house next Saturday.

The event will show off the new and remodeled church at 100 Harwood in Lebanon.

The Rev. Jerry L. Miller provided these comments on the church's anniversary.

"I came to Trinity Church as the priest-in-charge on November 1, 2012. At the time, almost all of the members were retired, and there were no younger adults with children. Over the last 11 years, the congregation began to attract new members, most of whom actually live in places other than Lebanon. Several years before I arrived, Trinity Church purchased the building and lot adjacent to it, with the hope of one day expanding."

As the congregation began to grow again and serve younger adults with children, the leaders of Trinity renewed the dream of adding another building and off-street parking.

"After over a year of planning with an archi-

tect who specialized in church architecture it was decided to approve plans for remodeling and new construction. The actual work began in 2020.

"On the occasion of the sesquicentennial celebration this fall, Trinity Church has much to be grateful for as it looks forward to the future," Miller said.

"The Open House on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. is an opportunity for us to show off (I hope in a good way) our new and remodeled church. I hope the people of Lebanon and Laclede County will take a few minutes to visit us on Saturday," he said.

According to a history provided by the church, the congregation was founded in 1873 when the Rev. William Johnson was appointed as Missionary by the Rt. Rev. Charles F. Robertson, Bishop of Missouri. The building, at the corner of Harwood and Washington, was dedicated to the glory of God by the Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle on February 2, 1888. Today the congregation is part of the Diocese of West Missouri.

In 1883 a project was

begun to erect a church building.

"The building was completed within a year at a cost of \$1,400. It has been in continuous use as a house of prayer ever since. There have been additions, enlargements and improvements over the years, but the original structure remains essentially unchanged, making it one of the most historic buildings in Laclede County," according to the history. "One of the additions was the American Women's League building, which had previously been the public library across the street; it was moved and adjoined to the church. The lot next door was purchased and used to create a parking lot and an addition to the building in 2020, giving us new office and classroom spaces.

"A Gift Shop, open to the community, was established in 1973 at Trinity. It also sponsored an Annual Soup Supper that invited numerous members of the community into our walls. This ministry supported the church and its outreach until the early 2000s."

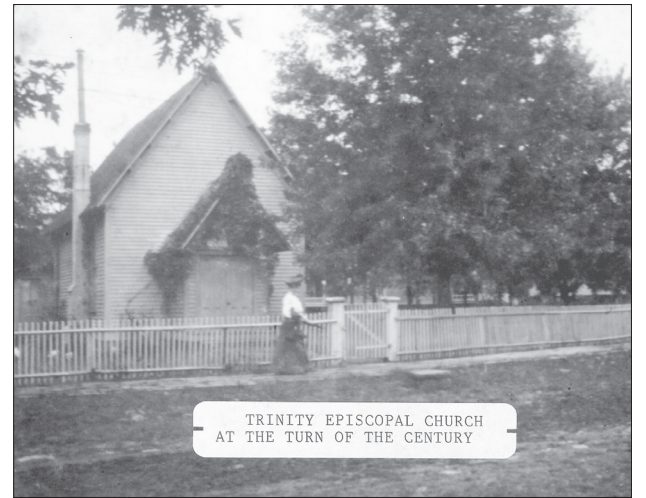


LCR photo/Steve Smith

The Trinity Episcopal Church is holding an open house next weekend. Above is the church as it appears today. Below is a photo of church taken at the turn of the century.

Members of Trinity are active in charitable organizations throughout the community, including Project 360/Sound House, Crosslines, Cope, Elevate Lebanon and Share Your Christmas.

The church can be contacted at its website, <https://trinitylebanontcl.org>, email: trinityepiscopalm@gmail.com and Facebook: Trinity Episcopal Church in Lebanon.



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

Submitted photo

BUCKSKIN OF THE WEEK

Shelby Angelly

Activity: Cheerleading

Coach: Coach Marina and Sadey

Graduating Class: 2024

Highlight for the week: Hopefully passing my math test.

Why I got interested in this activity: I wanted to do a sport but I'm not good at basketball or football.

Athletic Honors: A-B Honor Roll

Other Activities/Clubs I am involved in: Track, hopefully volleyball this year.

Favorite Subject: Communication Arts

Individuals most helpful to me: Conner Revelle and Drake Montgomery.

Activity Role Model: My mom.

Favorite School Moment: The conversations at lunch.

Parent: Jennifer and Christopher Angelly

Siblings: Chevelle Angelly

Plans after Graduation: Graduate and get a scholarship to a good college.

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Route 66 Association takes control of Gasconade Bridge, ending yearslong effort

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ROUTE 66 SOCIETY

The Route 66 Gasconade River Bridge — an international tourist attraction for Laclede County — has been saved.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved conveying the century-old bridge and 0.80 acres of adjoining “excess property” to the Route 66 Association of Missouri at a commission meeting in Rolla Sept. 7.

The association’s goal is to rehabilitate the bridge for pedestrian and bicycle use — not for vehicles — although President Rich Dinkela said the first priority is to stabilize the structure.

The approval concludes a nearly nine-year struggle to save the Route 66 landmark from demolition, a struggle that began almost immediately after the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) closed the bridge unexpectedly for safety reasons Dec. 20, 2014, following a routine inspection.

The highway commission’s vote came after years of lobbying by the Route 66 River Bridge Guardians, the Route 66 Association of Missouri, other Route 66 organizations and pres-

ervationists. The conveyance was lumped together with four other routine items on the commission’s “consent agenda,” which was approved on a single vote without discussion near the start of the meeting.

The contract to build the four-span, steel-truss bridge was awarded 100 years ago last December — four years before Route 66 came into existence — on what then was called the St. Louis to Springfield primary road. By the time the bridge was completed in 1924, the gravel road was known as State Highway 14. It became Route 66 in 1926.

After the bridge was closed in 2014, the Route 66 River Bridge Guardians formed in an effort to save it from demolition. In 2017, an Iowa-based nonprofit, Workin’ Bridges, showed an interest in restoring the bridge but backed out after five months. The Laclede County Commission also declined to add the bridge to its road-and-bridge network.

The Route 66 Association of Missouri then proposed in early 2020 that it assume ownership of the bridge with the goal of rehabilitating it for pedestrian and bicycle use. On Feb. 2, 2021, MoDOT

rejected the association’s first proposal, saying it failed “to adequately demonstrate a plan for the preservation and maintenance of the bridge or meet MoDOT’s requirements for assuming ownership and liability for the bridge.”

But negotiations continued. By 2023, it appeared possible that MoDOT and the Route 66 Association of Missouri could reach agreement.

One sticking point had been whether the association could buy satisfactory insurance to protect MoDOT bridges downriver, including the two Interstate 44 bridges, if the old Route 66 bridge collapsed. But the Federal Highway Administration supported the association in its position that the insurance MoDOT wanted wasn’t possible to buy. Dinkela said the association now has a \$5 million policy on the bridge, rather than the \$3 million policy originally proposed.

Another sticking point was the amount MoDOT will pay the Route 66 Association of Missouri in lieu of paying a contractor to demolish the bridge. The agreement sets that amount at \$180,000. “I thought it would be \$600,000,” Dinkela said.



LCR Photo/Chris Roden

The Route 66 Association of Missouri has taken control of the Route 66 Gasconade River Bridge. The Association plans to erect fences to keep trespassers off the structure, which they say is unsafe.

Although that was a significant concession for the association to make, “I’m at peace with it,” Dinkela said.

“In essence, we won the war,” he said, referring to the battle to save the bridge. “They did not want us to win the war. We won the war. . . I’m looking forward to getting started.”

Dinkela said the association’s No. 1 goal is to stabilize the bridge, which, following a recent inspection, no longer is safe for tourists to walk on.

“The bridge is in critical condition,” he said. “It needs to get some work on it in the next 18 months.”

He added: “I wouldn’t get on that bridge.” No-trespassing signs now appear at both ends, and fences

will be erected shortly.

Dinkela estimated that stabilization will cost \$500,000. “To me, that’s doable,” he said. “Half a million, that’s doable. I don’t think it’s far-fetched.”

He said the state’s new Route 66 license-plate will generate revenue for the bridge, and the project already has \$20,000 in donations, not including the \$180,000 due from MoDOT. A new website making it easier to donate for the project is expected to launch next week.

“Time is of the essence,” Dinkela said.

After the bridge is stabilized, the association will need to raise \$3 million to \$5 million for its rehabilitation for pedestrian and bicycle use. Dinkela is opti-

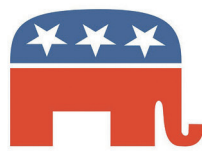
mistic that can be accomplished but noted that there won’t be a deadline, that a stabilized bridge isn’t going anywhere.

Saving the bridge in place means that the sides of the “pony truss” will not be destined for Lebanon’s Route 66-themed Boswell Park, nor will other bridge remnants go to the Lebanon Route 66 Museum. MoDOT had promised both if the bridge came down.

But the Lebanon-Laclede County Route 66 Society, which asked for the bridge remnants, always has had a goal of the bridge remaining in place.

For more on efforts to save the bridge through the years go to: <http://www.lebanonroute66.com/bridge>.

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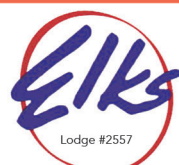


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Candidate for Missouri Governor Bill Eigel campaigns at Lebanon Tea Party meeting

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Missouri Governor candidate and state Senator Bill Eigel made a stop in Lebanon Thursday evening.

Eigel, a Republican who announced his candidacy in the 2024 governor's race two weeks ago, spoke at a meeting of the Lebanon Tea Party held at the Lebanon-Laclede County Library.

Two well known Republicans, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft and Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe, have already announced their campaigns for governor, but Eigel said he believes he offers a real alternative.

"The thing that I have that neither of those guys have is message," he said. "Both of those individuals represent the status quo. Mike Kehoe has been in Jefferson City a lot longer than I have. He's been voting for bigger government and higher taxes. I think the only way he could win this race is if Republicans decide en masse that policy doesn't matter any more."

Eigel described Ashcroft, the son of former governor and U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, as "a generational status quo kind of guy."

"Both of those guys are way out of touch," he said.

Eigel said he believes

Missourians are supportive of his ideas, but elected officials are not following through.

"I've been talking about my vision of a bold conservative Missouri," Eigel said. "We've been electing supermajorities of Republicans now in Missouri for more than a decade, yet I think there's a real sense of frustration among Republicans that despite all these Republicans that we send to Jefferson City, we're not getting the big, red policies ideas that we've seeing in other states done in the state of Missouri."

He said those policies include getting rid of personal property tax, protecting the state's farmland from foreign ownership and making changes involving election machines.

"If you look at the population growth trends across this country, they're going to places not named Missouri, and that's a real surprise given how big of a mandate there is by the people of this state to implement small government ideas, less taxation and less spending," he said.

Eigel said he is frustrated by increased state spending and what he sees as a poor job of protecting people's rights during the COVID pandemic.



LCR Photo/Steve Smith

Republican candidate for Missouri Governor Bill Eigel, left, visits with people attending Thursday's meeting of the Lebanon Tea Party at the Lebanon-Laclede County Library.

"I think that's reflected in the passionate frustration I'm hearing from Republicans as they look forward to 2024. They're looking for somebody who's really going to bring a reckoning to Jefferson City and start kicking over all these apple carts of the powerful who are benefiting from the grift that's been set up on the backs of the taxpayers of this state," he said. "I'm

here because I'm going to change all that."

Eigel is a state senator who represents the 23rd district in St. Charles County.

Senator Eigel is a United States Air Force military veteran and has owned a small business in St. Charles County for more than 10 years.

Senator Eigel, who held the rank of Captain while serving in the Air Force, completed assign-

ments in Louisiana, Arizona, and most recently at Whiteman Air Force Base. He is a decorated veteran for service overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, as he was awarded commendations for his service in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

After leaving the service in 2006, Sen. Eigel purchased St. Louis Skylights, a small residential and commercial

remodeling company.

Eigel is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Rifle Association. He is also a volunteer for the Missouri Veteran's Retirement Home in North St. Louis County.

Eigel lives in Weldon Spring with his wife, Amanda, and their two children. They are all members of St. Joseph's Catholic Parish in Cottleville.

LC ANNIVERSARY

60th wedding anniversary



Eddie and Sue Hawkins

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Docs on Rocks plans fundraiser for breast cancer patients

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The ninth annual fundraiser for Docs on Rocks is slated for Friday, Oct. 6 at the Lebanon Shrine Club on Madison and Second Streets.

Docs on Rocks raises funds to help breast cancer patients.

The event kicks off with a pulled pork dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with a silent auction running from 5 to 7 p.m.

An auction begins at 7 p.m. with Lance Vestal doing the auctioneering.

Board member Teresa Davis said the local Docs on Rocks events have raised approximately \$60,000 in the eight years since the organization began.

"Each one of our recipients we give a check, no questions asked. They can use that money for whatever when they're di-

agnosed for breast cancer," Davis said.

Davis herself is both a six-year breast cancer survivor and a past recipient of a check from Docs on Rocks. It inspired her to serve as one of the 15 members of the board.

"I was one of the recipients, so it is really heartfelt for me," Davis said.

Donations for the auctions come from individuals and companies locally.

She remembered receiving her own check from Docs on Rocks.

"Well, I cried, heartfelt, because it's no questions asked, and you can use that money," Davis said.

And she gets to relive the experience.

"I presented three people a check this year, three recipients that just found out several months ago that they have breast cancer, so I have been able to present a check to three

people from Docs on Rocks. It's a very heartfelt, wonderful feeling," Davis said.

Scott McBride founded Docs on Rocks in 2008. His inspiration was his mother Eva McBride's 1990 diagnosis with breast cancer. Eva McBride was a teacher at Conway for many years. She survived and is still a board member of the organization today.

McBride estimated Docs on Rocks raised \$10,000 to \$15,000 last year alone.

She said each one of the 15 board members had either had breast cancer or had a family member that had breast cancer have distributed at least one check.

"We understand what everybody has been through," McBride said.

She said being a part of Docs on Rocks has been rewarding.

"It may have been years

since we gave somebody a check, but they still remember and still want to support us, and some of those people are our board members now," McBride said.

She said she was looking forward to the upcoming auction especially because Lance Vestal makes it fun.

This non-profit organization originated with Scott McBride in Alaska with mostly physicians as its members. They raised funds by climbing one mountain each year, becoming "Docs on Rocks," with the funds going to those struggling with breast cancer.

These doctors wanted to show their patients and the patients' families the true depth of their commitment to the care of their patients.

Docs on Rocks has provided funds for over



LCR Photo/Chris Roden

Teresa Davis is a board member for Docs on Rocks, an organization that raises funds for breast cancer victims. Docs on Rocks' ninth annual fundraiser happens Oct. 6.

56 breast cancer patients without predetermining how the patients should spend the funds.

With none of the contributions being used for administration purposes, all the funds go to benefit

the breast cancer battlers in Laclede County and the surrounding area.

Anyone interested in donating items for the auction may do so at Vintage Flower Market at 118 E. Commercial.

LC LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LACLEDE COUNTY, MISSOURI JUDGE OR DIVISION: HONORABLE MATTHEW P. HAMNER

In the Interest of: R.F.M. MARY SCHMIDT, Juvenile Officer, Plaintiff vs. SHADAIRA FAYE MARLER, Mother and JACOB CLAY MILLSAPS, Father Defendants. Case Number: 23LA-JU00071

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

The State of Missouri to defendants, Jacob Clay Millsaps natural father, and Shadaira Faye Marler, natural mother, of the above-named juvenile.

You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Laclede County, State of Missouri, at Laclede County Government Center 200 N. Adams, Lebanon, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is the termination of your parental rights in and to the above-named juvenile.

You are further notified, pursuant to Section 211.462.2 RSMo., of

your right to have counsel, and if you request counsel and are financially unable to employ counsel, counsel shall be appointed by the Court.

The names of all the parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the plaintiff is Mary Schmidt, Deputy Juvenile Officer, 200 North Adams, Lebanon Missouri. The name and address of the attorney for the Juvenile Officer is Robert J. Seek, 603 E. North Street, Eldon, MO 65026.

You are further notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading within 45 days of the first publication of this notice, or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition on October 19, 2023 at 9:00am at the Laclede County Government Center, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court on September 5, 2023.

/S/Heather Officer, Circuit Clerk /S/Heather Mings, Deputy Clerk
(9) 9, 16, 23, 30

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Mary B. Mesimer and Antonio D. Tureaud, wife and husband Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Mary B. Mesimer and Antonio D. Tureaud, wife and husband dated May 24, 2018 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Laclede County, Missouri in Book 273, Page 7792 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 1:00 PM), at the Adams Avenue Front Door of the Court House, City of Lebanon, County of Laclede, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Laclede County, State of Missouri, to wit: ALL OF LOT 11, BLOCK 2 OF CRESTLINE ADDITION TO LEBANON, LACLEDE COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDING

TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

to satisfy said debt and cost. MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 216075.100423.433874 FC

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Sharon Harkness, a single person. Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Sharon Harkness, a single person dated April 26, 2016 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Laclede County, Missouri in Book 267, Page 8027 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 1:00 PM), at the Adams Avenue Front Door of the Court House, City of Lebanon, County of Laclede, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Laclede County, State of Missouri, to wit: ALL OF LOT 12, BLOCK 3, CRESTLINE SUBDIVISION IN LACLEDE COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Waynesville R-VI School District will be accepting bids for a FUNOC Cobot to be utilized at the Waynesville Career Center. Bids are due no later than 12:00 p.m., Friday October 6, 2023.

To request a copy of the RFP please contact: Ashley Walker awalker@waynesville.k12.mo.us (573) 842-2005
(9) 23, 30

REQUEST FOR BIDS MATERIAL FOR THE WYOTA AND MOHAWK (INDUSTRIAL PARK) WATER PROJECT #F01 BID NUMBER: WT-87-231003-F-788

The City of Lebanon, Missouri ("The City") invites bids from qualified organizations for the purchase of material for the Wyota and Mohawk (Industrial Park) Water Project #F01 as outlined in the specifications. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 3, 2023. For more information, contact Jessica Meiners, Purchasing Agent, 417-991-2321 or jmeiners@lebanonmo.org or download it from the City of Lebanon webpage at www.lebanonmissouri.org.
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Garden Club announces September Yard of the Month



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The Sunbonnet Garden Club's Yard of the Month for September was Melody Ming's yard. She decorates her porch with eye-catching color.



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By Laura L. Valenti

Shawna Bradley

The current wisdom says to improve one's health, a person needs to change their lifestyle and stay with that change. Shawna Bradley took that to heart over a year ago when she went to work for the local YMCA.

"I started teaching a class called Pound," she explained recently while seated in her office at the Y. At the time, Bradley had been a graphic designer at the Laclede County Record for 13 years.

"It's a full-body cardio workout that combines drumming and cardio with Pilates and yoga-inspired movements using special drumsticks called Ripstix. I still teach it on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"My husband, Kevin and I both wanted to get into better shape, to get healthier. When I started teaching, I found I liked the people and the environment here at the YMCA. I really liked working on getting healthier and doing the fitness training," she said.

When a position opened at the YMCA, Bradley was ready. She has thoroughly enjoyed her current job as the local Y's program director.

In this role, she is tasked with implementing, building, running and maintaining the many programs and special events that the Y has to offer.

"I do a little bit of everything," she shared. "My main focus is on our adult sports programs — volleyball and basketball are the big ones, but also pickleball. We also have our youth swim team and bitty basketball for 3-to-5-year-olds and bitty futsal, a game for the same young ages. We try to work within the community, filling the needs, so for instance, we don't do gymnastics here because there are already gymnastic groups in town. We look to fill the gaps, areas that are not offered.

"We did an Achievers swim lesson program recently, which was specifically tailored to kids with disabilities, teaching them safety around water and swim basics. I'd love to expand on the Achievers program to include not only swim lessons, but a Special Olympic type sport package. We do group swimming lessons for kids of all ages, May through August, and pri-

vate lessons year round for kids and adults. Some adults don't get that opportunity as children, and now they realize they really do need to learn to swim. It is so heart-warming to see that sense of achievement they feel when they learn to take care of themselves in the water.

"This area has too many bodies of water — rivers, lakes, swimming pools — for anyone not to know how to swim. That's really dangerous for anyone not to know how," Bradley said.

Shawna and her husband, Kevin, who works at G3 Boats have been married for 15 years and have two daughters, 13-year-old Madison and 8-year-old Natalie.

"These days we are working to keep up with them as Madison is refereeing for Lebanon Soccer Association and Natalie is in cheerleading. As a family, we like to swim, go hiking and play with our two family dogs," she said.

Finally, Bradley also shared that the local YMCA offers Kids Zone, a childcare service, while parents work out, Monday through Thursday afternoons from 5-7:30.

"All of our childcare workers are first aid and CPR certified and have had a full background check. I know as a mom, that is a huge thing, knowing qualified persons are taking care of the kids. We offer scholarships, financial aid for individuals and families. We use the same sliding scale as the schools, so if a family qualifies for free or reduced school lunches, they will probably qualify for financial assistance here," Bradley said.

She is enthusiastic about her job, what it offers and her future there.

"Here at the YMCA, we want our community to know we are more than a gym. We welcome all ages, encouraging them to come and learn and get healthier. I've spent the last year learning what goes on behind the scenes, how these programs work, what can and will go wrong. Now I'm ready to dig my heels in and see what I can do to build better programs and relationships here at the YMCA," she said.

She encourages anyone interested in YMCA programs to come by the Y in the Cowan Civic Center Monday through Friday.



Shawna Bradley



Collin Wilson lives out his dream as a train conductor

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It was not the blast of a train's horn or the clickety clack of an engine hauling cars down the tracks that made Collin Wilson, 19, into a train enthusiast.

It was a TV show he watched as a toddler that made him a certified fan of trains.

Today, Wilson is a certified train conductor working for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

A train named Thomas started it all.

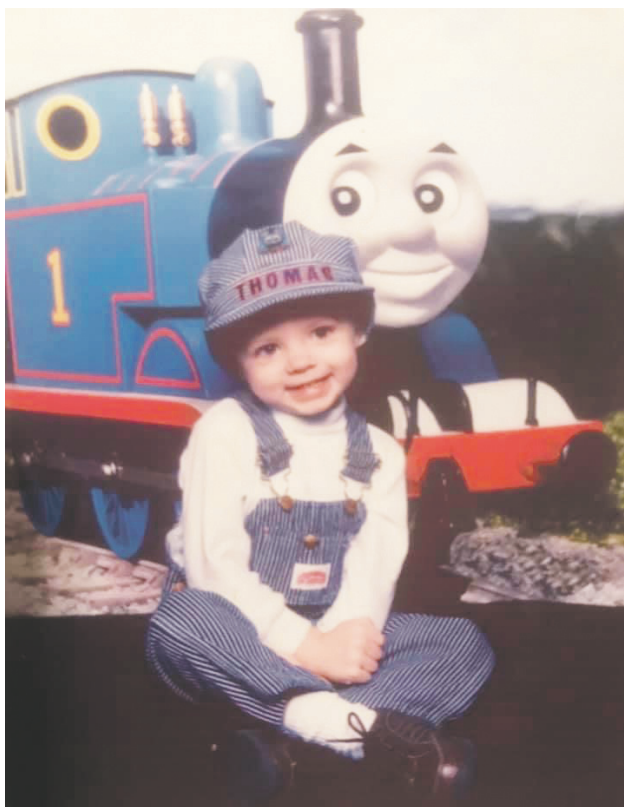
"One day, when I was really young, I was sitting at home watching TV and Thomas the Tank Engine popped up, and then from there on, it just took off," Wilson said.

Thomas the Tank Engine is the main character in the Railway Series of books by Wilbert Awdry and his son, Christopher, and was featured in the popular "Thomas & Friends" television show. People like George Carlin, Alec Baldwin and Ringo Starr served as narrator of the show.

Soon, Wilson had all the Thomas the Tank Engine toy sets he could find and convince his parents to buy.

From there, he branched out to going on scenic excursions, model railroading and traveling the country to take photos of the different types of trains.

"I grew up running to the crossing in Lebanon any time a freight train came through, and all I ever saw



was BNSF, so I knew that was exactly what I wanted to do and work on the network that comes through my hometown," Wilson said.

He does not get far from home. He works out of Springfield and travels as far north as Kansas City.

As a conductor, his responsibilities are many and important.

He is in charge of keeping track of what is being shipped and whether it contains hazardous materials or not.

He makes sure the cars are connected and that the brake pipe is traveling the length of the train and providing adequate braking.

"I am in charge of, basically, our orders all the way there — if we have to set out cars, if we have to pick up cars, making sure we have the right amount of cars, making sure our axle count is good, making sure we're all in one piece, keeping track of our footage in case we have to get into a siding so we can fit, making sure we're working off the right signals that tell us what to do and just making sure we're traversing the route safely," Wilson said.

Many of these tasks if done poorly can result in damage or loss of life. Consequently, Wilson carries a lot of responsibility as a conductor, but he enjoys it.

"Yesterday was a really fun day. We picked up a train, and it was cut for a crossing, so I got to put it back together, lace it up, cut the air back in," Wilson said.

None of his friends have entered his profession.

"I've always been so passionate about it they thought I was a little crazy. I knew exactly what I wanted to do, so I just chased after it," Wilson said.

In railroad parlance, those who are fans of trains are "foamers" because they foam at the mouth when they look at trains. Wilson is a foamer.

"I just wear it on my sleeve, because I waited 19 years to do this. I'm just going to come out here and enjoy it," Wilson said.

He said his family was proud of him for going after what he wanted and getting it.

He has plans to eventually begin wearing the classic train engineer hat that the old hands wear.

From his position as conductor, he can advance to certified Class 1 Engineer after completing a locomotive engineer class in Kansas City.

He is taking online classes from Missouri State, and once he has earned a degree, he can use it to advance to management as a yard master, train master or terminal manager.

Wilson is on call 24/7 with two hours to get to work after receiving the call.

He is limited to working a 12-hour shift. If the end of those 12 hours happens while he is on the train, he

becomes a passenger lacking authorization to touch any equipment, even his horn.

Once he is off the train, he is off for 12 hours and others get called out ahead of him.

He gets home to Lebanon about every two weeks and keeps a car at the Springfield depot so he can make a quick run home.

He said on his first day a fellow employee gave him some sage advice: "There's guys that suffer around here, and then there's guy that bring snacks. Always bring snacks," the man said. Wilson found it to be good advice.

"You definitely want to bring snacks. That's for sure," Wilson said.

He said the trains ride differently with the different types of engines and with their speeds, which is often determined by what they are hauling.

"You can definitely feel every bump in the track when you're going 70. That's for sure," Wilson said.

Wilson said that while some of his co-workers look forward to the end of their shift to go home and relax, he goes to work to relax.

"I really enjoy that swaying feeling. It's relaxing to me. It's therapeutic," Wilson said.

He said that when speed is required, the multiple engines a person sees at the front of train may all be running to pull the load quickly. When speed is not needed, some engines are just along for the ride, waiting to be dropped off down the line.

Here is some sad news for model train folk or anyone who enjoys a red cabooses: They have been replaced by a detachable end of train device or ETD, which is a simple blinking red light fastened to the last car in a train.

It serves as a rear marker and as an indicator of air flow.

However, he said local trains may place cabooses between the engine and a hazardous material car because of regulations.

Not surprisingly, Wilson's interest in trains includes collecting train memorabilia.

"I just love anything Frisco. I have a departure board from the Lebanon depot. I snagged the Springfield yard blueprints from a real estate auction one time," Wilson said.

One reason he was happy to be hired by BNSF was that it uses old Frisco trackage.

"I'm literally running down a living piece of history every day, so I just enjoy that," Wilson said.

He makes his train crew a little peeved since he does not hesitate to use his horn button: That might be all it takes to encourage another kid to follow their dream.

"If I see anybody waving, I will give them a toot for sure, because I've been on the other end of that," Wilson said.



Submitted Photos

Left page, top, Collin Wilson lets his mom and the rest of his family know when he was coming through Lebanon so a photo could be taken of him in his new favorite ride passing his now second favorite ride. He said he had a lot of family and neighbors present when he came through and gave them a few blasts on the horn. Bottom left, Collin Wilson was just a toddler when he met a tank engine named Thomas who would help decide his future. Right page, top four photos, after becoming, potentially, the biggest little train fan west of the Mississippi, Collin Wilson began seeking out trains and train-riding opportunities. Above left, Collin Wilson said his family supported his dreams of working in trains while some of his friends thought he was a little crazy. Above right, Collin Wilson wears a Thomas the Tank Engine outfit to visit this Thomas mockup and with his train whistle.

Lady 'Jackets volleyball teams fall to Kickapoo Chiefs

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The lady 'Jackets volleyball teams all three fell to Kickapoo Sept. 19 at home.

Kickapoo's varsity team was second in the state last year and remains a very competitive team this year with a 17-4 record coming into the match Tuesday.

The 'Jackets battled but lost in three sets, 22-25, 13-25, 16-25.

"I'm not sure that our set scores necessarily painted a true picture of our performance against Kickapoo. Kickapoo had us outsized at every position along the net, and carrying a roster of 11 seniors also brings in a lot of experience and mental toughness on their end," coach Jenny Collins said.

She said the lady 'Jackets varsity players made Kickapoo work hard to earn their points with the 'Jackets performing well in several areas.

"I thought, overall, we serve-received the ball well, giving us ample opportunities to send aggressively attacked balls over the net, pulling Kickapoo out of system and off the net," Collins said.

Despite the loss, she saw improved play from her players.

"Saylor Helton has led us overall in our serve receive attempts, meeting our team goal rating the past few matches, and along with Addy Rebmann and Addy Collins, we have been able to be stronger in our first ball side out attempts," she said.

As she often does, Rebmann had a standout performance.

"Addy Rebmann had a great night at the net earning 19 kills in the match. She played really smart ball, mixing up her shots, earning kills off of off-speed as well as attacking around a big block to earn the hard court kill. Her kill per-

centage on the night was a .380, which is a very solid kill percentage, especially playing such a high caliber team," Collins said.

She found the positives in this match against a tough team.

"I'm proud of our team's tenacity and grit that we displayed. We picked up some tough balls defensively and covered our hitters well, giving us multiple opportunities at the net to score. We can definitely continue to build upon the efforts and play that were on the floor tonight, and with us being at the midpoint in our season, it's always good to feel optimistic about the remaining weeks," Collins said.

Morgan Durbin and Rebmann each had an ace while Rebmann and Helton had 19 and 4 kills respectively. Durbin also racked up 27 assists and 14 digs with Rebmann having 13 and Collins, 8.



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Raylee Quick goes up for a kill against the Kickapoo Chiefs Sept. 19.

Jacket swimming team finishes fourth of eight schools

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The boys 'Jacket varsity swim team finished fourth out of eight schools competing against Kickapoo Sept. 19.

This followed last week's Hillcrest dual meet where more time-shaving performances by the team.

Junior Benjamin Nelson led the way, improving by 11 seconds in the 500 freestyle, which was good for third place.

He dropped his 200 free time by 5 seconds to take fifth place. Both qualified as his personal best times.

Sophomore Eli Havens took sixth place with a 2 second improvement in the 100 butterfly and scored 10th in the 100 backstroke.

Freshman Jackson Fisher improved just under 1/2 second to break the one-minute mark for a 100 free.

Sophomore Levi Price, Freshman

Adam Keen and Hunter Fore combined with Nelson, Havens and Fisher to capture two sixth place and a seventh place finishes in the relays.

"These six swimmers did great today. They keep working hard and getting better. I am looking forward to the next meet and the results of their efforts," stated Coach David Krev.



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The boys varsity swim team continued to shave time in their events against Kickapoo. On the front row, left to right, Adam Keen, Hunter Fore and Benjamin Nelson. On the back row are Levi Price, Jackson Fisher and Levi Havens.

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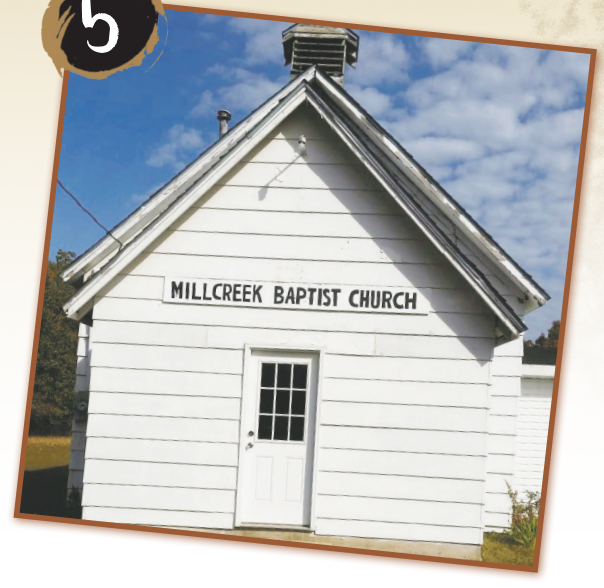
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Mill Creek School District was organized in 1880s era.

1 Mill Creek School District No. 43 was located east of Lebanon on what is now known as Ranch Drive, off Route MM. The first school was made of logs, and later another school was built in the 1880s era. The third building was frame and built by Herman Eilenstein. Mill Creek consolidated with Cook School in 1959. Through the years, there were 44 teachers. Silas Green taught the last year and Grace Hooper had taught the most number of years. After the school closed, the land and building was purchased by the

Laclede County Baptist Association in 1961, and the Mill Creek Baptist Mission was started. The mission was sponsored by First Baptist Church of Lebanon. Four years later, the Mill Creek Baptist Church was organized and is now closed. Mill Creek School is shown here in 1940.

2 Mill Creek School in 1912 with Omer Sterling, teacher.

3 The school in 1950-51, grades 1-4 with Hazel McClure teacher.

4 Reunion of Mill Creek students in 1967, who had attended school together in 1912.

5 Mill Creek Baptist Church before it closed.



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Lady 'Jackets hand Parkview a heavy loss

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The Lady 'Jacket varsity tennis team smashed the Parkview Vikings team 8-0 on Sept. 20.

Parkview came into the match with a 1-11 record for the season, having scored its only win in tournament play.

Consequently, it was unsurprising that the lady 'Jackets did well against them.

However, holding them scoreless in all the singles and doubles play except for one set meant keeping their focus throughout.

The Record spoke with Crowell while the match was ongoing.

"The kids are doing a really good job of keeping their focus. The focus and intensity were good. We came out and played well and played smart because sometimes it's easy to go for big shots early and then you get frustrated. They haven't really done that. They just played their game, which is what we want them to do whether they're playing

a strong team or weak team, and they're doing that right now, so they're really doing a nice job," coach Ron Crowell said.

As always, Crowell had nothing but positives to say about his team and further commented on his number one player, Olivia McGruder.

"When Olivia plays, since she's our number one, she plays every team's best player. For her to do what she's doing and playing every team's best player is really tough, so she's really done a good job. She's really having a fantastic season," Crowell said.

McGruder was asked how she stays in a game mentally when she is up 4-0 or 5-0 and a winning outcome looks definite. A good memory helps her do this.

"I remember a match I lost as a freshman when I was up 5-1 and blew it 6-8," McGruder said.

She also remembers it was teammate Carly Miller who had that come from behind win over her.

"They played well. We're proud of them for that," Crowell said.



LCR Photo/Chris Roden

Mary Oberdieck sends a forehand shot to her Parkview singles opponent she defeated in Sept. 20 action.



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Number one player Olivia McGruder serves up some trouble against Parkview.

Jerry Clyde Nelson

OF WAYNESVILLE, MISSOURI

Jerry Clyde Nelson, 72, of Waynesville, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, in the Cox Health Hospital of Springfield.



He is survived by his wife Barbara Nelson of the home in Waynesville; one daughter, Adriane Avrett (Ryan) of Chesterfield; one son, Brian Nelson (Christina) of Waynesville; one granddaughter, Violet Nelson; grand dog, Louie; one brother, Gene Nelson (Mary) of Springfield; two sisters, Cheryl Brougham of Oldsmar, Fla. and Yvonna Bays of Waynesville; stepsister, Sonya Howard-Raya of the state of Pennsylvania; several other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert. Burial will follow in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery of Waynesville. Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m. Friday in the funeral chapel. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jerry Nelson to the Gasconade Christian Service Camp or the Missouri Young Birder's Club and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert. Sign guest book at www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com.



Arica Lynn O'Quinn

OF SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Arica Lynn O'Quinn, 27, of Springfield, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, in Springfield.



She was born Oct. 1, 1995, in Kansas City to Jerry Lynn and Carla Jean Gillham O'Quinn.

Arica was preceded in death by her infant brother, Clinton; her paternal grandparents, Jim and June O'Quinn and by her maternal grandparents, Carl and Leola Gillham.

She graduated from Lebanon High School in the class of 2014. She attended Missouri State University and later OTC, where she received an Associate of Arts degree. She recently graduated from Paul Mitchell The School, after completing their Esthetician Program.

She is survived by her parents, Jerry and Carla Jean (Jeanie) O'Quinn of Lebanon; her sister, Angela Harshman and her husband Adam of Springfield; nephews and niece, Braden, Caleb and Norah Harshman; by her half siblings, David, Christina and Amber Mendez and their families; many other special aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Arica O'Quinn will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, at Southern Heights Christian Church with Kyle Arnold officiating. Burial will be in Competition Cemetery. There is no scheduled visitation.

Memorials have been suggested in memory of Arica to Missouri State Christian Campus House or to Competition Cemetery. Donations can be left at or mailed to Shadel's Colonial Chapel, P.O. Box 948 or 1001 N. Lynn, Lebanon, Mo. 65536.

Arrangements are under the direction of Shadel's Colonial Chapel of Lebanon. Sign guest book at www.shadelscolonialchapel.com.



Charles "Dwight" Moody

OF STOUTLAND, MISSOURI

Charles "Dwight" Moody, age seventy-six of Stoutland, passed away on Friday, September 15, 2023, in his home.



He was born to the late Adrice Moody and Ethel Langston Moody on September 11, 1947 in Grovespring.

Dwight grew up in the Lebanon area, but enjoyed spending time in the country with his granny. He attended Lebanon Schools.

He was a truck driver for nearly fifty years. He was a kind hearted person and a hard worker. He logged millions of miles, including thousands of miles with his dog, Angel.

Dwight is survived by his children, Kendall Moody of Springfield, Caleb Moody and wife, Courtney of Eldon, Kristen O'Connell and husband, Tim of Kansas City, and Kimberly Benz and husband, Marc of Lebanon; three siblings, Cynthia Ann Moody Gibson and husband, John of Lebanon, Carl Dickens and wife, Denise of Sunrise Beach, and Wayne Dickens and wife, Glenda of Conway; nine grandchildren, Kole Hardey, Layton Moody, Adrice Moody, Charley Moody, Claire Williams, Kendall O'Connell, Declan O'Connell, Jill Benz, and Zac Benz and wife, Takeela; and two great-grandchildren, Leah Grace and Brayli Nicole.

He was preceded in death by his wife Tammy, and his great-grandson, Bryson Allen.

Dwight was known as an outlaw legend as a trucker. He loved driving through Pennsylvania, but loved coming home more. He supported St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for many years and was proud to be able to do that.

Dwight had so many interests. He enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and watching hummingbirds. He also liked model cars, especially Corvettes, and he liked motorcycles, horses, and hunting. He prayed often. His life was colorful and he knew a lot about a lot of topics. He had stories for days and when you were with him, it was never boring.

He was a sharp-witted man who brought humor to every situation. He would use his quick wit to comfort and enlighten and has made an eternal impact on many lives. Though he may no longer be physically present, his spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

"Life ain't easy for a boy named Dwight"

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, 2023, at Holman-Howe Funeral Home in Lebanon. A memorial to Cox Cancer Center has been established and donations may be made through the funeral home.

Arrangements were under the direction of Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Lebanon.

For more information or to visit the website go to www.holmanhowe.com.



Dorothy "Dot" Warthen

Dorothy "Dot" Frances Warthen, 92, of Springfield, was born April 27, 1931, in Oklahoma City, Okla. to Henry and Maude Ganz and died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, in Springfield. She is survived by three sons, David Warthen and his wife Debra, Rick Warthen, and Russell Warthen; one daughter, Kathy Francavilla and her husband Robert; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, at Shaddy Cemetery, south of Grovespring, under the direction of Craig-Hurtt Funeral Home of Hartville. Visitation will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Shaddy Cemetery through Craig-Hurtt Funeral Home, P.O. Box 236, Hartville, Mo. 65667.

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Marvin Bernell Naugle

OF LEBANON, MISSOURI

Marvin Bernell Naugle passed into eternal rest on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023 at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. At the time of his passing, he was eighty-four years, five months and seven days of age.



Marvin was born to Osborn William Naugle and Alvest Pearl Fleetwood on April 12, 1939, in Sidney, Iowa. At six months of age, he moved to Ava, Mo. and attended school there. He grew up picking fruit from Missouri, to Washington and California, helping out with living expenses.

Following his schooling, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he was a SeaBee and learned so much about construction. He was a wonderful "fix-it" man and his family said he could fix anything. While in the Navy, he was stationed in Ventura, Calif. While in the Navy, he married his long-time sweetheart, Louise Johnson in Ava, Mo. They were married on July 2, 1959, and together they shared over fifty-five years of happiness and memories while raising their four children.

Marvin owned and operated the first rural paramedic service in Southwest Missouri. He had locations in Ava, Mansfield, West Plains, Cassville, Aurora and Mountain Grove. He had a heart for helping others.

In the early nineties, he and Louise moved to Lebanon.

Marvin was a faithful and devout man. He taught Sunday School and attended First United Methodist Church.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents and his dear wife, Louise, who passed away Feb. 12, 2015.

He is survived by his three daughters, Marlene Pyeatt and husband, David of Bolivar, Diane Dye and husband, Leslie of Nixa, and Valerie Massey and husband, Doug of Strafford; one son, Bruce Naugle and wife, Lorie of Lebanon; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his special friend, Deana Korpon of Lebanon.

Marvin loved doing crossword puzzles and doing research on the computer. He liked being outdoors and enjoyed fishing in the beautiful Missouri Ozarks.

Marvin leaves his loved ones a legacy of love and devotion to God and his country. We celebrate the profound impact he had on the lives of those he touched.

All services will be private.

Arrangements are under the direction of Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Lebanon.

For more information or to visit the website go to www.holmanhowe.com.

James "Jamie" Herman

James "Jamie" Timothy Herman, 63, of Rogersville, was born June 7, 1960, in Marshfield to John Leo Herman and Priscella Mae George, and died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, in Cox South Hospital in Springfield. He is survived by his life partner, Loreta M. Faulkner; his children, Cassandra Clark (Jared) of Ozark; Herman (Nate Palmer) of Springfield, Jesse Herman (Sarah) of Ozark; his siblings, Joseph Herman (Teresa) of Bolivar, John Herman (Joyce) of Marshfield, Ernie Herman (Vonda) of Springfield, Sue Anne Cottrell (Wayne) of Collins, Tina McNelley (Richard) of Centerton, Ark., Katrina Letterman of Marshfield; his father, Leo Herman (Delma "Dee") of Marshfield; his stepfather, Ray Fowler of Marshfield; his stepsisters, Bonnie Brinkley of Marshfield; Coral Lea Myers of Republic, and six grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, in Fraker Funeral Home, Inc. of Marshfield. Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. before funeral services Saturday. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the family and may be left in care of Fraker Funeral Home, Inc., P.O. Box 85, Marshfield, Mo. 65070.

Silas S. Temple

Silas S. Temple, 3, of Springfield, died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. He is survived by his mother, Alexandra Fosberg; his father, Robert Temple; his siblings, Lilliana Temple, Luka Temple, and Nicholas Temple, all of Springfield, and his grandmother, Ginger Routh. Arrangements will be announced by Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Lebanon.

Randy Dean Butcher

Randy Dean Butcher, 65, of Lebanon, was born May 8, 1958, in Lancaster, Calif. to Ray Dean Butcher and Peggy Louise Weaver Butcher, and died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, in his home. He is survived by his wife Rose Butcher of the home; six children, Nathan Butcher of Lebanon; Cori Wagoner of New York, Brian and Jeff Smith, both of North Carolina, and Jay and Sloan Whittley of Lebanon. All services for Randy Dean Butcher will be private, under the direction of Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Lebanon. A memorial has been established and donations may be made through the funeral home.

City of Lebanon sets work projects for the week

CITY OF LEBANON

The City of Lebanon Public Works Department has scheduled the following work projects for the week of Sept. 25-29:

Street Division:
Street maintenance crews will be:

Installing street striping in various areas of the city.

Ward 2 will undergo street sweeping.

Street construction crews will be engaged in the following tasks:

Excavating in the Legacy Trails subdivision.

Installing concrete and doing dirt work on Ice Cream Way.

Traffic control measures will be implemented in these work areas and all work will

causing his vehicle to travel off the east side of the road. Yeary's vehicle continued north in the southbound lane and struck a southbound 2019 Lincoln MKC driven by James P. Baldwin, 65, of Davenport, Iowa.

Tadlock was airlifted to University Hospital in Columbia. Yeary was airlifted to Mercy Hospital in Springfield. The Highway Patrol described their injuries as serious.

All were reportedly wearing seat belts.

be subject to change pending weather conditions.

Electric Division:
The maintenance crew will be:

Installing new permanent upgrades and new service installs on Adams, Washington, Sunset, Fairfax, Jessalynn and Twin Maples streets.

Moving hardware around the city to facilitate the new fiber installation going on around Lebanon.

Responding to service orders as needed.

The construction crew will be:

Installing streetlights along Cobb Street.

Installing underground primary wire and transformers along Kay Avenue.

Two hurt in three-vehicle wreck

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Two people were hurt in a three-vehicle wreck at 2:50 p.m. Wednesday on Missouri 5 at Spencer Creek Road.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Melody Yeary, 68, of Pontiac, Ill., the driver of a northbound 2015 Chevrolet Impala, crossed the center of the road and struck head on a southbound 2015 Ford Escape driven by Aaron Tadlock, 32, of Chillicothe, Ill.,



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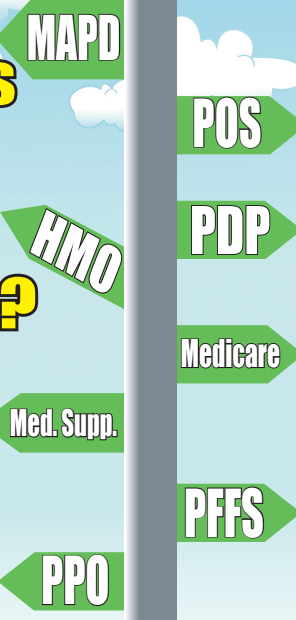
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For many retirees, the biggest perk of this season of life is getting to spend more time with grandchildren. While there's a lot to be said for the simplest moments spent together, it's also fun to incorporate some special activities into your time with them.

Here are a few of our favorites to help you create lifelong memories with your grandchildren.

Share a Family Recipe

Most grandparents have a few recipes that kids look forward to having when they are at Grandma or Grandpa's house. Rather than just making family favorites before they arrive, schedule a time to make the recipe with your grandchildren. Not only will they enjoy being in the kitchen with you, but you'll also have a great opportunity to pass down a family recipe.

Let Them Share a Favorite Activity with You

They'll also enjoy sharing something that they're passionate about with you. Let them pick something that they want to share with you and then be prepared to



Memorable Things to Do With Your Grandchildren

dive in. It might be a board game, a new dance move, or even a favorite video game, but if you take interest in what they enjoy, you'll both have a great time.

Enjoy Nature Together

Being outdoors in a beautiful place inspires creativity, exposes kids to new things and offers an opportunity to enjoy a special experience with loved ones. Look for a nearby nature trail, bike path, canoe trip or hike to experience with your grandchildren.

Teach Them a Hobby You Love

You probably think that your grandchildren aren't interested in your hobbies, but you might be surprised. Not only will they be happy to get a glimpse at something you're passionate about, but they'll also be excited to learn something new. Whether it's golf, gardening or fishing, let them give it a try.

Go to a Show Together

Whether it's live theater, a movie or a concert, you'll all

enjoy the opportunity to go to a special event together. Keep an eye out for local events that you think you all would like and plan an outing. You can make it even more special by taking them out for a lunch or dinner date beforehand!

All time with grandchildren is precious, but a little extra planning and preparation can ensure that even the simplest activities turn into lifelong memories that you both will cherish.

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SAVORY MEATBALLS WITH GRAVY

INGREDIENTS

- Meatballs**
- 1lb ground beef
 - 1 packet of dry onion soup mix
 - 1 cup of oats
 - 1 egg
 - Season as you wish

Gravy

- 2 packets of instant gravy
- 2 cans French onion soup

It can be served with rice or mashed potatoes, as well as steamed veggies of your choice.

DIRECTIONS

- 1 Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 2 In a large bowl, combine ground beef, the packet of onion soup mix, 1 cup of oats and one egg. You can add diced onion or garlic if you want and any other seasoning that you desire.
- 3 Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper and form the meatball mixture into 1 and a half-inch balls. Place them evenly spaced, so they are not touching on the baking sheet. Bake 22-24 minutes until they are



- 4 thoroughly cooked through. The outsides should be nicely browned.
- 4 In a large pot, make your rice or mashed potatoes, and in another, steam your veggies. Do this while the meatballs are baking, and make the gravy about 5-10 minutes before the meatballs are done. This way, everything should be ready to go when the meatballs are out of the oven.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

There is nothing wrong with a bit of self-indulgence, Aries. But you do not want to go overboard with your treats and other must-haves. Moderation is key in everything.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

You have a no-nonsense bearing that immediately has people drawing close to you and trusting you, Taurus. Put that out in full force as you try to win favor on the job this week.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, don't let your quest for excitement pull you in too many different directions right now. You need to stick to one plan for a certain amount of time and see things through.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Everyone wants a piece of you right now, Cancer. It is equally flattering and exhausting. You'll have to be choosy regarding where and with whom to dedicate your time.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Listen to the messages swirling around in your head right now, Leo. Your intuition has been on target so there is no reason to doubt yourself now. Keep moving forward.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, is a particular relationship getting too intense for you? It might be the time to ease up a bit and take a step back. Distance could provide the clarity you need.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you do not need to struggle if you simply call in a few favors. Reach out to your network of people and figure out how you can make things work.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, do not chase people down, simply wait for them to come to you with your natural magnetism. You don't want to exert energy this week unnecessarily.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, rather than showing people all of your cards, hold some information close to the vest and maintain a bit of mystery. Others likely will be intrigued.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you may find that things are very profitable for you this week. If you are an entrepreneur, business will be solid. If you perhaps sell on the side, money will flow.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, for quite some time you have been focusing on everyone but yourself. You have to change your ways if you can get the rest and healing that you need right now.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

There is no doubt that you've earned a few commendations, Pisces. But this week you need to accept congratulations without being boastful. Exhibit both humility and pride.

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Dear Abby
HUSBAND IS A DRUNK DRAG WHILE ON VACATION

DEAR ABBY: I love to travel, yet I loathe traveling with my husband. He gets anxious and extremely mean on the days leading up to the trip and especially while en route. I do all the planning and pay for everything, and I regard it as not only ungrateful and rude, but unnecessary. Is it wrong for me to not want him to come on the next big trip I plan?

Also, while we travel, all he wants to do is sleep, eat and drink. I'm all about taking in the local culture and making sure to not miss anything. I also enjoy a glass of wine with dinner, but I don't want to drink into oblivion, and I'm definitely not up for sleeping my vacation away. My husband does have a drinking problem as well (a topic for another letter).

Before I booked our last trip, I begged him to please not ruin it (our children were with us), and he promised to be on his best behavior. That lasted until the day before we left. Then it was like the mean switch flipped on. Before we even left for the airport, all he did was yell and complain about the airline, parking, packing, etc. I'm at my wits' end. The one time I did travel alone, he told the kids I didn't like any of them and that's why I went alone. He refuses counseling and seems to not understand why I don't want to be around him. He also "spares no expense" on my dime when we are on vacation. He acts as if we are loaded. Help! -- UNHAPPY TRAVELER

DEAR TRAVELER: Traveling is stressful, and some people don't handle it well. Your alcoholic husband appears to be one of them. If you want to enjoy your travel experience, consider taking another vacation trip without him. Include the children, if they are old enough to appreciate the exposure they are being given, and always assure them that you love them without measure. If you leave your husband at home, you and your children may enjoy the experience more than if you drag him along.

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to getting organized.

B G E R A A G

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Answer: Garage

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to being eco-conscious.

L R O S A

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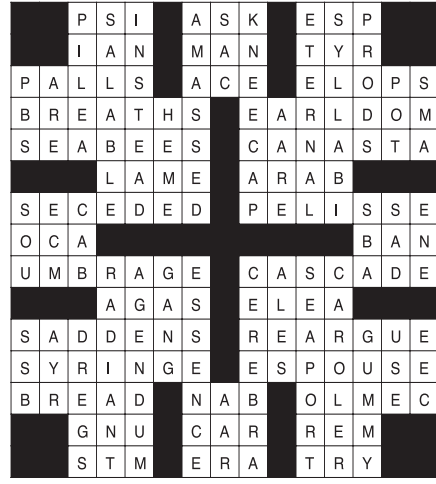
Answer: Solar

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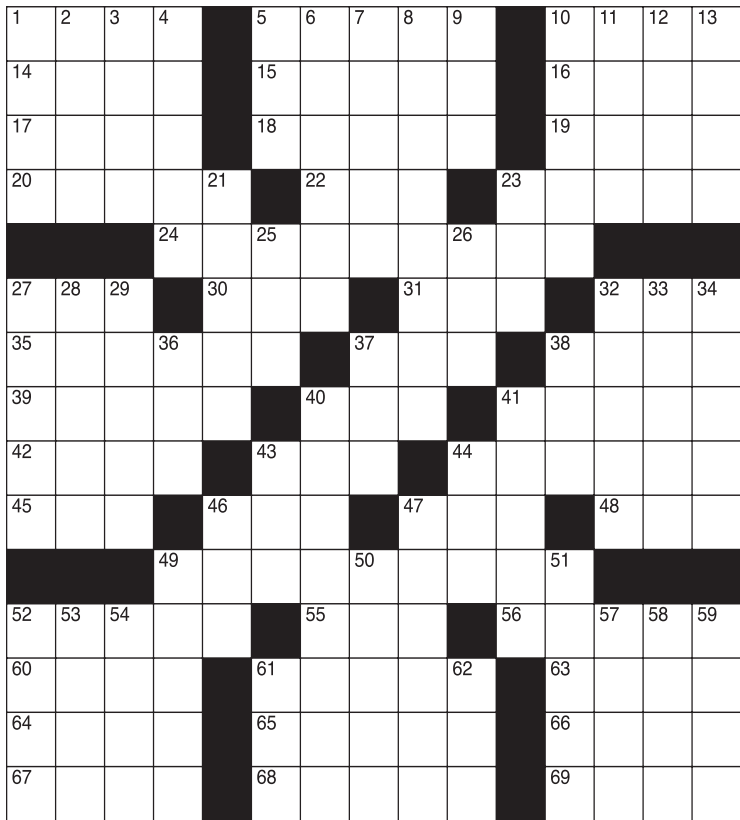
- ACROSS**
- A way to pick up
 - Presents
 - Type of guitar
 - Actor Idris
 - A citizen of Iran
 - Creative
 - Harness
 - Weight unit
 - You better call him
 - Utterly devoted
 - Male cat
 - Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - Risk-taker
 - A team's best pitcher
 - Cool!
 - Women's ___ movement
 - Georgia rockers
 - Step-shaped recess
 - The princess could detect its presence
 - Type of truck
 - Butterhead lettuces
 - Angry people see it
 - Lines where two fabrics are sewn together
 - Soviet city
 - Carpet
 - Traveled all over
 - Thin, straight bar
 - Body art (slang)
 - Congressman (abbr.)
 - No seats available
 - Breaks apart
 - Arabic name
 - Ballplayer's tool
 - Type of sword
 - Baseball team
 - Upper bract of grass floret
 - Italian Seaport
 - Ancient Syrian city
 - Shoelace

- tube
- The Miami mascot is one
 - South American nation
 - Popular video game "Max ___"
 - Body part
- DOWN**
- German courtesy title
 - Ancient Greek City
 - Ancient Hebrew calendar month
 - Long-legged frog family
 - Photo
 - Delivered a speech
 - Lute in classical Indian music
 - Decorated
 - Take a seat
 - Belonging to a bottom layer
 - Member of a Semitic people
 - Part of a ticket
 - Defunct Guinean money
 - Challenges
 - Popular BBQ food
 - Subway dweller

Last Issue's Answers

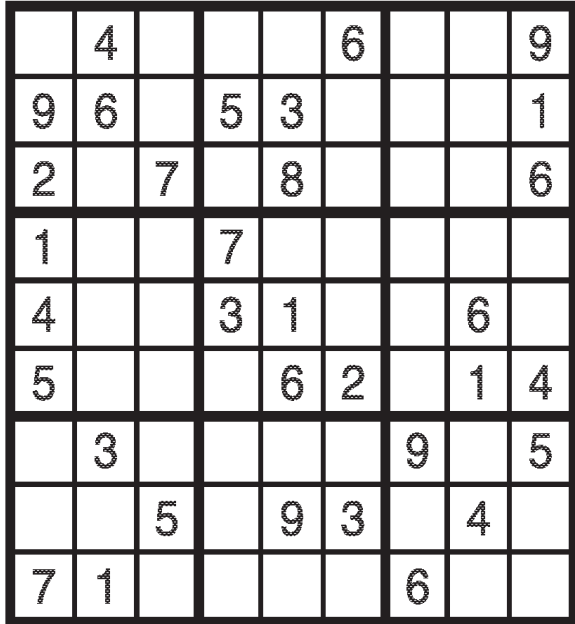


- By way of
- Shady garden alcove
- Egyptian city
- Partner to "flowed"
- Widens
- Old Eurasian wheat
- Act incorrectly
- European pipeline
- Al Bundy's wife
- Ocean
- Root eaten as a vegetable
- Sound units
- Style of music
- A way to drench
- Hot beverage
- A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- Rumanian city
- Urge to action
- Vaccine developer
- Canadian law enforcers
- Wings
- "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
- Small fry
- ___ Clapton, musician
- Take a chance
- Bland food
- Consumed



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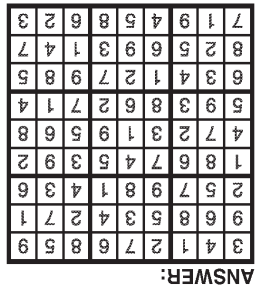
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ANSWER:



NINETY PERCENT OF THE EARTH'S POPULATION LIVES IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

ANSWER: NORTHERN

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Globe
- SPANISH:** Globo terráqueo
- ITALIAN:** Mappamondo
- FRENCH:** Globe
- GERMAN:** Globus

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