

Baxters awarded June Yard of the Month

Staff reports

Congratulations to Gayle and Dennis Baxter, who have been selected as the Bella Vista Garden Club Yard of the Month.

The Baxters have been in Bella Vista since 2007 but moved to Perth Drive in July of 2022. Dennis Baxter is the director at a large national transportation company and Gayle Baxter retired last year from JB Hunt as a network engineer and is originally a farm girl from Kansas who raised rabbits and chickens and milked cows each morning.

Gayle is also a runner and has qualified for the Boston Marathon in the past. Bikes are fun for her as well.

Gayle is working on totally transforming their yard and the adjacent side yard. She said there is still a lot to do — plans include installing a dry creek bed and raised beds to create a serene setting for entertaining and relaxing.



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Gayle Baxter relaxes by a beautiful flower bed in the yard of the home she and her husband, Dennis, enjoy on Perth Drive in Bella Vista.

The Bella Vista Garden Club thanks Gayle and Dennis for producing yet

another example of a well-kept yard and for helping to keep Bella Vista beautiful

all year long.

The Bella Vista Garden Club promotes and rewards



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The Bella Vista Garden Club's June Yard of the Month, located at 91 Perth Drive.

exemplary yard care in Bella Vista and recognizes neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, which contributes to the overall appearance of the community at large.

All homes and businesses in Bella Vista are eligible. Nominations are for the front and side yards jointly. One yard is chosen

each month by members of BVGC who select the yard that best exemplifies uniqueness, beauty and curb appeal.

To nominate a yard today, email JB Portillo at portillo.jb@gmail.com. Please provide the address and the homeowner's name if known. All nominations will be in the running for future recognition.

Broadway sampler subscriptions available now

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FAYETTEVILLE — Broadway Sampler Subscriptions, the Walton Arts Center's most flexible Broadway subscription, are now available for the 2023-24 season at Walton Arts Center.

Broadway Sampler Subscriptions give patrons early access to all Broadway shows in the season including both the P&G Broadway series and add-ons. Just select three or more shows to curate your package including

SIX, Sept. 12-17; The Cher Show, Nov. 19 & 21; TINA: The Tina Turner Musical, Dec. 12-17; Les Misérables, Jan. 2-7; Jagged Little Pill, Jan. 23-28; Company, Feb. 20-25; Aladdin, March 26-31; To Kill A Mockingbird, April 16-21; and Hairspray,

May 3-5.

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as low as \$147 for three shows. Broadway Sampler subscribers also have no exchange fees for one performance and get discounts and reduced fees on Broadway tickets.

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at waltonartscenter.org or by calling our box office at 479.443.5600. Full subscriptions for the six-show P&G Broadway Series are also still available. Single tickets to all shows in the 2023-24 season will go on sale in August.

Altrusa receives, gives



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Altrusa of Bentonville/Bella Vista recently received a donation of 5,800 books about dogs and the Altrusa Dog Squad was formed. On Tuesday, May 23, club members affixed gift labels to the books and sorted them for distribution to local schools, libraries and dog rescue sites. Five hundred of those books, along with a \$500 check, were delivered to Decatur Elementary for its "One School, One Book" program next semester. Pictured at the Decatur delivery are (from left) Karen McAuley; Decatur Elementary School Principal Devan Courtney; Gay Kiker; Decatur School Librarian Allyson Carter; Pat Schrad; and Karen Robbins.

Lake Windsor Parade of Boats planned

Staff reports

Lake Windsor residents are planning a 4th of July weekend boat parade. The parade will take place on Monday, July 3, beginning at 6 p.m. The theme for the parade will be all-American or free-style. An all-American theme offers boat parade participants an open creative slate for decorating their boats. Ideas are endless: think red, white and blue, baseball, a home/favorite state, athletic team (local or national), favorite U.S. landmark, to name a few. Please, no politics. Past boat parades have been a wonderful experience for boaters and residents.

Residents who don't live on Lake Windsor can watch the parade at the lake's dam area. Parking is available at the Tanyard Creek Trail and/or the nearby driving range.

Registration is free. Participating boat owners must possess a current Bella Vista Property Owners Association boat registration permit and be a POA member. Boats of all crafts are welcome to join the parade. Boats must be registered with the organizing committee.

For additional information and to register, please send an email to lwboatparade@gmail.com.

Bingo donation to Care and Share



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Saint Bernard's Charity Bingo presented a check for \$500 to Care and Share in Gravette on Thursday, May 18. Dr. Donald R. Miller (left) receives the check presented by Ruth Schroepfer of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church. Charity Bingo is played every third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Bernard in Bella Vista. A snack bar is available at bingo events.

Radio Club to host Field Day

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The Bella Vista Radio Club, the largest Amateur Radio Club in Arkansas, will celebrate its 30 years of existence and hold a public demonstration of "ham" radio portable emergency communications capabilities on Saturday, June 24, at Metfield Skills Park in Bella Vista. The demonstration, called "Field Day" by amateur radio operators nationwide, will begin with opening ceremonies at 12:30 p.m., with a proclamation by Bella Vista Mayor John Flynn declaring the week of June 18 "Amateur Radio Week in Bella Vista." Also attending the opening ceremonies will be Bella Vista Property Owner Association Chief Operating Officer Tom Judson and JB Portillo, Bella Vista Com-

munity Television host.

Throughout the "Field Day" demonstration, the public will be invited to "get on the air" talking with other ham operators nationwide under the guidance of a Bella Vista Radio Club member. Another activity, sure to be fun for children and adults alike, is radio direction finding or "fox hunting" where small radio receivers are used to find hidden transmitters around Metfield Park.

"Hams have a long history of serving our communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, including cell towers," said Tom Northfell W5XNA, Bella Vista Area Radio Club Field Day Coordinator. "Ham radio functions completely independent

of the internet and phone systems and a station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes." Amateur Radio (ham radio) is a popular hobby and service that brings people, electronics and communication together. People use ham radio to talk across town, around the world, or even into space, all without the Internet or cell phones. It's fun, social, educational, and can be a lifeline during times of need.

Field Day is ham radio's

open house. Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio.



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