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Callaway Connections

FOSTERING COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS TO LAST A LIFETIME

A publication of Callaway County Special Services

Callaway County Special Services New Executive Director Mike Lederle



Dear Friends of Callaway County Special Services,

I am honored to have been chosen as your new Executive Director and am excited to join the Callaway County Special Services team. As I begin my new role, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and share a little bit about my background.

I have had the privilege of serving my country and community for many years, starting with my service in the Missouri Army National Guard and

later with the Columbia Police Department. My military career spanned the first Gulf War up to our conflict in Afghanistan while completing my law enforcement career.

After retiring from the military and police department, I joined Columbia College. While at Columbia College, I held several positions, including Assistant Dean of Military and Federal Programs, Director of Military and Veterans Services, and Director of the Rolla campus. Throughout my various careers, I have gained valuable experience in leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving, which I believe will be instrumental in leading Callaway County Special Services.

As your new Executive Director, I am committed to maintaining the high standards of excellence that have become synonymous with the Callaway County Special Services name. I believe that our team's dedication to our clients and our unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional services is what sets us apart, and I am eager to continue this tradition.

I look forward to getting to know you and working together to provide high-quality services to our clients. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Warm regards,

Mike

Message from the CCSS Board Chair

In March of 2023, CCSS Board Chair Jacob Baumgartner announced the retirement of Executive Director Julia Kaufmann. Mr. Baumgartner shared in his announcement that under Ms. Kaufmann's leadership since 2011, CCSS enrolled in Missouri's Partnership for Hope, creating service opportunities for more than 50 people. Another funding initiative, the Individual and Family Support Pilot, has provided more than 234 individualized services to Callawegians in the past decade. In 2022, children and youth in Callaway school districts benefited from the addition of adaptive learning supplies and includes playground equipment, all funded from the Pilot. In the year 2023, recreational scholarships for people include Wonderland Camp, Special Olympics events, and week-long camping. The Life Enrichment Center, built in 2020, will offer services well into the future.

Prior to Ms. Kaufmann's tenure at CCSS, Julia devoted over 20 years to the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Please join us in congratulating Julia and wishing her the best in future endeavors. Julia's experience and knowledge of the mental health profession is unmatched, and we will miss her leadership.

World Suicide Prevention Day History



World Suicide Prevention Day seeks to prevent suicide through the use of mental health awareness. This day encourages taking a look at the problems within society that may cause suicide or the desire to commit suicide. It aims to promote a worldwide message of hope by creating a movement to help those struggling.

World Suicide Prevention Day was established in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention. It is observed annually on September 10th.

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Upcoming Community Summer Events – Free Entry Fees!!

Fulton Country Club Fireworks Display July 4 9 p.m.

Mokane Lions Club Fall Festival September 1-3

Summer Cinema Series Memorial Park July 14 and August 18 8:00 p.m.

Fulton Water Works Glow and Splash Memorial Park July 15 8:00 p.m.

13th Annual Big Bubble Blowout City Hall Fountain August 16 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Family Movie Nights Auxvasse Community Center third Thursday of each month 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Health Matters



[Serve, Inc. in Fulton](#) - Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00-12:00

[Shiloh UMC in Holt Summit](#) - 2nd Thursday of the month from 1:00-3:00

[AmVets in Mokane](#) - 2nd Thursday of the month from 12:00-1:30

[Pleasant Grove UMC in Hatton](#) - 3rd Thursday of the month from 1:00-2:30

[New Testament Church in Auxvasse](#) - 3rd Thursday of the month (need to call to get on a list, most of these get delivered to seniors, but could also be picked up if informed ahead of time)

Tasty Treats

Peanut Butter Cereal Bites



Ingredients:

- 1 Crunchy Cereal
- 2 Creamy Peanut Butter
- 3 Sweet Honey

Preparation:

- 1 Put 1 part peanut butter and 1 part honey in a bowl
- 2 Microwave for about a minute, stir until combined
- 3 Add 3-4 parts cereal, stir
- 4 Scoop into bit size pieces and place on wax paper to cool
- 5 Enjoy!

SUMMER FUN

Word Search Puzzle



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FAIRGROUND	LEMONADE	VACATION
FIREWORKS	OUTDOORS	WATER PARK

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**SPECIAL OLYMPIC
BOWLING 2023**

SIGN-UPS WILL BE SATURDAY AUGUST
26TH AT 11:30 A.M.

FIRST PRACTICE WILL BE SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2ND AT 11:30

THERE WILL BE 2 GAMES WITH SHOES
PROVIDED EACH SATURDAY FOR 10
WEEKS. WE WILL SKIP 2 SATURDAYS,
OCTOBER 28TH AND NOVEMBER 4TH AND
WILL RESUME NOVEMBER 11TH. LAST
PRACTICE WILL BE SATURDAY NOVEMBER
18TH.

TOURNAMENT WILL BE EARLY
DECEMBER. NO DATE YET

FUNDING WILL BE AVAILABLE. THERE
WILL BE 50 SIGN-UP SPOTS AVAILABLE.

PLEASE BE EARLY ENOUGH TO GET FOOD
OR DRINKS BEFORE YOU GO TO YOUR
LANE TO START THE FIRST GAME.

CALL ME, FACEBOOK ME OR EMAIL ME
WITH QUESTIONS. MOST QUESTIONS CAN
BE ANSWERED AT SIGN-UPS.

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