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Spotlight

Butterfield Chili Supper

The Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary will hold a Chili Supper and auction on Saturday, February 22, at 5 p.m. in the Butterfield Community building. For more information, see the ad on page 4A.

Purdy Open House

There will be an open house at the Purdy Elementary School gymnasium with vendors on Saturday, February 22, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, see the ad on page 4A.

Chamber Luncheon

The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce will host their quarterly luncheon on Tuesday, February 25, at noon at the Barry County Museum. The topic will be graphic design for businesses. For more information, call (417) 847-2814.

SW Project Graduation Auction

Southwest's Project Graduation will have a lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. and an auction beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 23. See ad on 4A.

Barry Co. Republicans meeting

The Barry County Republican Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at Steak Inn in Shell Knob.

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Five felony charges filed for fatal Hwy W crash

Charlea Mills

Jennifer Moerer, 34, of Fairview, was charged in connection with her involvement in a crash on Route W, 0.8 miles west of MO-37 near George's on October 23, 2013.

Moerer was arrested on Thursday, February 13, at Mercy Hospital in Cassville by Cpl. John Lueckenhoff with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Barry County Prosecuting Attorney Johnnie Cox filed three counts of class C felony involuntary manslaughter and two class C felony assault in the 2nd degree charges for the wreck that killed three people and seriously injured two more.

According to the statement of probable cause, Moerer was travelling 72 miles an hour, attempting to pass a vehicle on Route W when



Jennifer Moerer

her view of oncoming traffic was obstructed by a hillcrest.

The crash caused a chain reaction that involved four vehicles.

Moerer's 2003 Chevy Trailblazer was travelling east and struck a westbound 2003 Ford Ranger driven by Antonio Luna, age 73, of Rocky Comfort. Morer's vehicle then struck an eastbound 2005 Chevy Malibu driven by Amanda Walker, age 27,



Four cars were involved in the crash on Route W that killed three and seriously injured two others.

of Purdy and her husband, Lukas Walker, age 34, of Wheaton. Lastly, the Walkers' Malibu was struck by a 1998 Dodge Durango driven by Suzanne Morin, age 34, of Butterfield, with passenger George Luna Nunez.

Three fatalities occurred as a result of the crash. Lukas Walker was pronounced dead on the scene. Amanda Walker passed away on February 12 as a result of injuries from the wreck. The Walkers

left behind three children. Antonio Luna died in the week following the crash from his injuries.

Morin and Luna-Nunez were also seriously injured the crash and were airlifted to Springfield hospitals along with Luna.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, Morer had passed another vehicle at high speeds a few minutes before the crash that killed three people and seriously

injured two. It was stated that she had a pattern of reckless driving that repeated regularly in the days and week prior to the crash, as well.

Morer's three year-old son was also in her vehicle, but only experienced minor injuries.

Moerer was released from the Barry County Jail on a \$10,000 bond. As of time of press, no court dates have been set.

Prosecutor Attorney Cox seeks Circuit judge position



Johnnie Cox

Charlea Mills

Barry County's Prosecuting Attorney Johnnie Cox announced his intention to run for the portion of Barry County Associate Circuit Judge - Division I in the upcoming 2014 primary.

Victor Head, the current Circuit Judge, announced his retirement that will go into effect on December 31, 2014.

Cox has been the Prosecuting Attorney for Barry County for three terms, his first elected term being 2002.

Cox stated, "It's a unique opportunity that the judgeship opening is available, and I've considered it before, but the timing didn't seem right. However, this time, everything seems to fall into place."

Cox worked as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney since his graduation from the University of Missouri - Kansas City law school in 2000. Cox feels that his experiences in those positions makes him a qualified candidate for the judgeship opening in Barry

County.

"Serving the people of Barry County has been a very rewarding experience. I've appreciated the trust that has been placed in me in the Prosecuting Attorney position, and I will do all that I can to see that I continue to work hard for the citizens of the county."

One of the most memorable and challenging cases of Cox's career with Barry County was the Christopher Collings case in the slaying of young Rowan Ford.

Cox detailed the ways in which serving as the Prosecuting Attorney has helped to prepare him as a candidate for the judge opening. "My duties already require me to keep a level of impartiality and represent the public. I also have to weigh evidence when assigning charges to cases. As a prosecutor, you are charged with ensuring the rights of all people are protected, even with a defendant. I have to make sure all defendants are given a fair trial, even if it hinders my case against them."

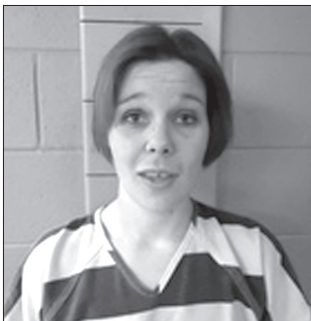
The Barry County election will in April, and if elected, Cox would take over the judge position January 1, 2015.

Cox would assume all of Judge Head's duties in the county, including his involvement with Drug Court.

Cox graduated from Cassville High School in

See COX on 3A.

Gun-toting senior holds thieves at bay, two arrested



Homewood

Charlea Mills

An Exeter couple are in custody following a home invasion where a 73 year-old woman pulled a pistol on one of them.

The break-in occurred around 12:48 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, according to the Barry County Sheriff's Department. A burglar broke into a garage door at a residence on Farm Road 1085, then broke into two more doors to gain access to the home.

The woman in the home then asked, "Who is in my house" while pointing a pistol at the man, according to Sheriff Mick Epperly. At that point, the man, wearing a black hoodie, shined a flashlight in the woman's face and left the premises on foot to a vehicle waiting.

Sheriff Epperly stated, "He must have decided he



Kovanda

was in the wrong place when he saw her with her gun. Some could have been shot in this circumstance, and it would have been justified according to Cassville's new law with breaking through three different doors."

The thief took an unknown amount of meat from a freezer in the garage along with some tools before he left. The Sheriff's Department has more deputies patrolling the area since the incident.

Megan Homewood, age 28, and Preston Kovanda, age 25, were arrested at their home in Exeter on Tuesday, February 18, around 10:30 a.m. Three children were removed from the home by the Department of Family Services at that time, as well.

According to Sheriff Mick Epperly, tools, food, and mis-

See BREAK-IN on page 8A.

Cassville welcomes new judge

Samantha Barberio

Cassville municipal court welcomes new judge, Randee Stemmons after seven years with judge Andrew Hager.

Stemmons was hired as municipal judge after applying for the position when told of Hager's plan to retire. She has been familiarizing herself with the court system in order to prepare for the position, "I met the court staff on Monday [February 10] and observed Judge Hager presiding over the docket. I plan on adapting to the procedures in place because the court seems to run very smoothly. I was given a tour of the city offices and was very impressed," stated Stemmons.

Stemmons graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in 1983. She then joined Stemmons Law Firm, P.C. in Mt. Vernon. "The firm was started by my grandfather in 1915, my father joined in 1951, and I began in 1983," stated Stemmons.

Judge Stemmons is no stranger to the courtroom,

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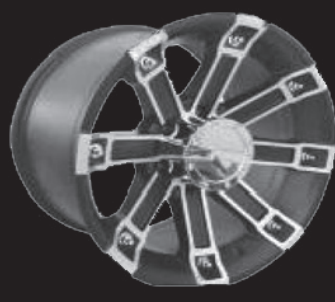
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Plaque presented at Valentine's dinner Barry County man still missing



Pictured above, from left to right: David Shockley, Ralph Lamberson, Betty Lamberson and Becky Roskob.

The Annual Valentine's Party and dinner sponsored by The Wheaton Historical Society turned out a capacity crowd last Friday night. More than 100 people were in attendance.

Ceremonies were presided over by David Shockley, President of the organization, and entertainment included a comedy skit with religious overtures performed by Lindy Lombard, of Security Bank in Wheaton, and Kay Hughes, along with musical selections by Sheila Young, Donna Watkins and Shelly Dennett.

Honorees for the occasion were Ralph Lamberson and his wife, Betty Higgs Lamberson, both of whom are Wheaton natives with Betty having long standing ties to the Higgs family. The Higgs family settled in the area in the early days, long before the Civil War days of 1861 to 1865. The Lamberson family also came in the early days and settled on "Oliver's Prairie," where Wheaton is now located.

The emcee for the dinner was Ralph Lamberson (who

much to his and Betty's surprise) was honored by the group.

In brief remarks at the end of the presentation, former Sen. Emory Melton of Cassville, a known scholar of Barry County, noted that, "Your honorees, Ralph and Betty, have made sure that those who come after us have been adequately informed about the history of Wheaton and adjoining communities."

"I didn't really understand the wide range of information until I took my 534 page copy of the Wheaton Echoes from the shelf earlier today and went through it page by page. If you don't have one, you should get one. It is a treasure trove of information, and it was compiled by Ralph and Betty Lamberson. It contains over 700 photo reproductions," Melton added.

"It is mind boggling to consider all the help they had in putting the book and the Centennial Celebration in 2007 together. In the book are the names of the Wheaton Centennial Committee, Kay Lombard, Naomi Young, JoAnn Jump, Joe Higgs,

Floyd and Ann Hughes, Sandra Tinsley, Jill Paden, Rebecca Roskob, Jason Navarro and Gary Cartwright. Dozens of others assisted in putting the whole thing together and the names appear throughout the 534 pages," Melton stated.

"But in any organized effort there must be leaders, and we have to conclude the spark plugs, if you will, were Ralph and Betty Lamberson," Melton concluded.

The restoration of the railroad station on the Missouri-North Arkansas, at its original site from 1907 to 1957, is present evidence of ingenuity of Wheaton. It houses historical items and is open to the general public at scheduled times.

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Charlea Mills

Jeffrey Ingram, a 31 year-old man from Cassville, is still missing, according to Barry County Sheriff Mick Epperly.

Ingram originally went missing on January 16 around 8:30 p.m. after telling family that he was going to harm himself. Ingram left the residence driving a white 2013 Toyota Tacoma with a dent in the rear bumper with tag number 6YR123.

Epperly said that the department has checked his bank records as well as talked to his family and friends, but they haven't had any success locating him. Epperly stated, "It's crazy what happened with this case. He just vanished."

Ingram was raised in the Taney County area, accord-

ing to Sheriff Epperly. Deputies have been in contact with the Taney County Sheriff's Department and shared his photo and vehicle description, but they have been unable to locate him as well.

Epperly continued, "We have spoken with his mother, and he appreciates all we have done to try and find him, but she doesn't know where he could be, either."

The Sheriff's Department has scoured the county looking for him and pouring through records, hoping to find some trace of him, to no avail.

Epperly stated, "We know we've got a missing person, we just don't know where to look at this point."

If you have any informa-



Jeffrey Ingram

tion about the whereabouts of Jeffrey Ingram or have seen his vehicle, call the Barry County Sheriff's Department at (417) 847-6556.

COX from front page.

1993 and Missouri Southern State College in 1997 with a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice.

Cox lives in Cassville with his wife, Megan, and their three children, Chaney, Mol-

ly and Hale. Cox is a member of the Cassville First Baptist Church, also attends the United Methodist Church and is a member of the Cassville Rotary Club and the Missouri Farm Bureau.

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CASSVILLE HIGH: **Mon. B-** French toast sticks, sausage patty, tropical fruit or cereal, banana nut muffin, applesauce. **L-** Sloppy joe, sun chips, mixed vegetables, baked beans or pizza meal or salad meal. **Tues. B-** Breakfast burrito, hashbrown, pineapple chunks or cereal, PB&J, apple. **L-** Pork steak sandwich, lettuce/tomato, french fries, vegetable mix, peaches or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. **Wed. B-** Breakfast pizza, pecan spins, applesauce or cereal, cinnamon toast bar, orange. **L-** General chicken, fried rice, glazed carrots, egg rolls, fortune cookie, pineapple chunks or pizza meal or salad meal. **Thurs. B-** Biscuit & gravy, hashbrowns, pears or cereal, toast, applesauce. **L-** Turkey and dressing, whipped potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. **Fri. B-** Honey bun, banana, fruit cocktail or cereal, rice krispy treat, banana. **L-** Fish sandwich, broccoli & cheese, scalloped potatoes, tropical fruit or baked potatoes or salad meal.

SOUTHWEST: **Mon. B-** Oatmeal & raisins, cinnamon toast, apple slices or cereal. **L-** Frito pie, lettuce/cheese, broccoli, fruit cocktail. **Tues. B-** Biscuits & gravy, sausage links, apple slices or cereal. **L-** Chili, saltines, baby carrots, apple crisp. **Wed. B-** French toast, strawberries or cereal. **L-** Chicken & noodles, wheat roll, mixed veggies, pears. **Thurs. B-** Grilled cheese sandwich, bananas or cereal. **L-** Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, celery sticks, peaches. **Fri. B-** Hot ham sandwich, grapes or cereal. **L-** Hamburger, lettuce & tomato, sweet pickles, potato chips, jello w/fruit.

PURDY: **Mon. B-** Pancake wrap, cereal, fresh fruit. **L-** Frito pie, peas & carrots, apricots, wheat breadstick. **Tues. B-** Pancakes, syrup, cereal, fresh fruit. **L-** Popcorn chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit. **Wed. B-** Biscuit & gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. **L-** Spaghetti and meat sauce, wheat breadstick, tossed salad, ranch dressing, fruit cup. **Thurs. B-** Skillet omelet, wheat toast, cereal, fruit. **L-** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, apples, sliced bread. **Fri. B-** Breakfast pizza, cereal, fresh fruit. **L-** Grilled chicken sandwich, sunchips, baby carrots, ranch dressing, orange.



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Community Calendar

Thursday, February 20th

- Ozark Country Quilters will meet at 9:30 a.m. for a workshop at the Old Fields Photo Archive, room 8, behind Papa Vito's in Cassville.
- The Alzheimer's/Dementia support group will meet on Thursday, February 20, at 2 p.m. at TrueCare Assisted Living and Memory Care in Shell Knob.
- Seligman Chamber of Commerce will hold a dance on Thursday, February 20, at 7 p.m. For more information, call (417) 662-3612 or (479) 381-2133.

Friday, February 21st

- There will be a hootenanny at Clio on Friday, February 21. Doors open at 4 p.m. and it begins at 6:30 p.m. Weather permitting. Playing country, bluegrass, and gospel. For more information, call (417)860-6151 or (417)229-4715.

Saturday, February 22nd

- Bingo will be held at the American Legion Building on Saturday, February 22. Early bird will begin at 5:15 p.m. and regular session will begin at 5:45 p.m.
- Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary will hold a chili supper to benefit the Fire Protection District on Saturday, February 22, at 5 p.m. at the Butterfield Community Building.
- Stella Senior Center will have a dinner and dance on Saturday, February 22, at 5:30 p.m.
- Washburn First Baptist Church will host a Sportsman's Banquet at their Activity Center on Saturday, February 22. The Whitetail Seminar will begin at 5 p.m., followed by a dinner at 6 p.m.
- The Purdy FFA Chapter will host a fish fry and labor auction on Saturday, February 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.
- New Life Tabernacle in Seligman will hold a spaghetti dinner and Southern Gospel singing on Saturday, February 22, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All are welcome.
- Making Memories tours will hold a tour preview and get together to learn about their 2014 tour season opportunities on

Saturday, February 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Crowder College in Cassville. For more information, see ad on page 7A.

Sunday, February 23rd

- Southwest Project Graduation will hold a spaghetti dinner and auction on Sunday, February 23, at 11:30 a.m. Auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the SW High School commons area.
- Golden Baptist Church will hold The Gathering on Sunday, February 23, for youth grades 7 through 12. Fun and games will begin at 3 p.m.
- Wheaton Southern Baptist Church will hold revival beginning Sunday, February 23, at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. nightly through Wednesday, February 26.
- Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church will have a missionary from Indonesia in services on Sunday, February 23, at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. For more information, call (417)847-2552.

Monday, February 24th

- Corinth Baptist Church will hold their bread ministry on Monday, February 24, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The SWMO Tea Party meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, at 1 p.m. at the Shell Knob VFW. Discussion will be on current events.

Tuesday, February 25th

- The Barry County Republican Club will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Steak Inn in Shell Knob.
- The Barry County Council on Aging will hold its board meeting on Tuesday, February 25, at 1 p.m. at 111 Fair Street in Cassville.

Friday, February 28th

- Arvest Bank in Cassville is holding a blood drive on Friday, February 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in their lobby.

Saturday, March 1st

- Cassville Little League baseball sign-ups will be March 1 and March 8 at the Family Life Center in Cassville from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 3 to 15.

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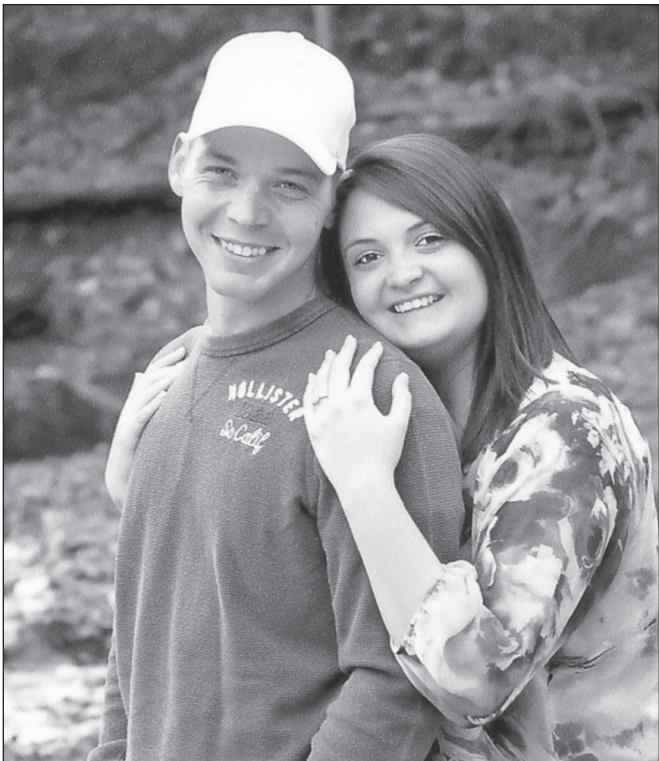
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Engagement



Stephens-Spencer

Raven Alice Spencer, of Cassville, and Bo James Stephens, of Washburn, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Raven is the daughter of Don and Robin Kier, of Cassville, and Richard and Kristin Spencer, of Joplin. She is a 2011 graduate of Cassville High School and 2013 graduate of Crowder College.

Bo is the son of Ronnie and Becky Stephens, of Washburn. He is a 2008 graduate of Southwest High School and is employed with Precision Pipeline.

The wedding ceremony will take place on April 26, 2014, at Avondale Chapel and Gardens in Bentonville, Ark.

90th birthday



Opal (Carden) Coberley, of Washburn, will be 90 years old on Friday, Feb. 21. Her three children, Helen Catron, Bonnie Morgan and Junior Carden, along with other family members and friends, will join her to celebrate the day.

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Mrs. King graduated from Aurora High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She served as Barry County PTA President, as well as President of the Purdy PTA. She was employed by the Barry County Library for

27 years. For many of those years, she was the beloved Children's Librarian who baked thousands of sugar cookies to serve at the Story Hours she held in the Children's Room of the library. Mrs. King was also Supervisor of the Cassville Branch Library for the last years before her retirement.

After her retirement, Edna enjoyed several years of square dancing and crocheting afghans for weddings and births before deciding to return to work as a Greeter when Walmart came to Cassville. For the next 18 years, she was known as the store's official "hugger", giving hugs unreservedly to anyone needing a kind touch

or lift in spirits. Following some serious health problems, at age 90, she made the decision to retire, much to her own regret and that of her co-workers and management. Walmart recognized her contributions when they asked her to cut the ribbon when the new Walmart Super Store was completed in Cassville.

In honor of this special birthday, Mrs. King's family is hosting a reception on Saturday, March 1, 2014, from 1-4 p.m. at the Barry County Museum in Cassville. All friends and acquaintances are invited to come and wish Edna a happy birthday and give her a hug.

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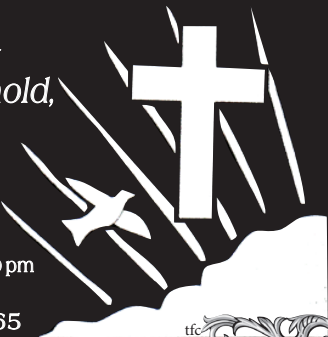
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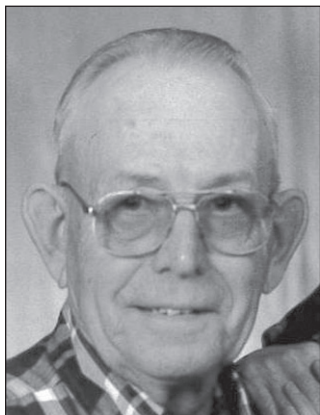
James Allen Whited, 50, of Exeter, passed away on Monday, January 27, 2014.

He was born June 28, 1963, in Fresno, California, to Herman and Virginia Whited. James enjoyed working with his hands, fishing, but he especially loved spending time with his family and granddaughter.

His parents and one son, James Allen Whited Jr. preceded him in death. James is survived by his wife, Cindy Whited; daughter, Samantha Hopkins and husband Mikal; granddaughter, Ceceillia Hopkins; brothers, David, Kevin and Jerry; and sisters, Patsy and Sherry.

A memorial service was held Monday, February 3, 2014, in

the Word and Spirit Revival Tabernacle, Goodman. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Midwest Cremation and Funeral Services, Springfield.



ELZY GLENN FLETCHER

Elzy Glenn Fletcher, age 91, of Purdy, Missouri, passed away on Thursday, February 12, 2014 in his home.

Full military graveside services were held Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at the Dent Cemetery, McDonald County, Missouri, with Bob Mizer officiating.

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Obituaries

MICHAEL DWAYNE "MIKE" PERIMAN

Michael Dwayne "Mike" Periman, age 44, of Mt. Vernon, Missouri, passed away Monday, February 17, 2014, in Lebanon, Missouri.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2014, in Mineral Springs Cemetery, Cassville, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Pastor Doyle Russell will conduct the services.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. Friday in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.

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WILLIAM "MR. BILL" YATES

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54, Aurora, went home to rest with Jesus after a courageous battle with cancer.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Midwest Cremation and Funeral Services, Springfield.

R.L. TICHENOR

R.L. Tichenor, age 81, of Kansas City, Missouri, passed away Thursday, February 13, 2014, in North Care Hospice, North Kansas City, Missouri.

Graveside services with

military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 20, 2014, in Rocky Comfort Cemetery, Rocky Comfort, Missouri, under direction of McQueen Funeral Home, Wheaton.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m. Thursday in McQueen Funeral Home, Wheaton.

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cellaneous were recovered from the couple's home. He suspects that there were other burglaries committed as well as there are tools that remain unclaimed. There was also methamphetamine found at the residence.

If you have any information or suspect that some of

your property was stolen by the couple, contact Detective Henry or Detective Evenson with the Barry County Sheriff's Department at (417) 847-6556.

Homewood and Kovanda are each in the Barry County Jail on 24-hour holds pending official charges.

Washburn native promoted within accounting firm

John Wanamaker, managing partner of the Springfield, Branson and Joplin offices of BKD, LLP, announce the promotion of two team members from the firm's Southern Missouri practice, one of them a native from Barry County.

Cody Sapp, native of Washburn, was promoted to senior associate II. He is a member of BKD National Health Care Group, providing an array of audit and

consulting services to community health center clients. His experience includes serving as an in-charge on health care-related audit, review and compilation engagements. Sapp is a CPA and graduate of College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, with a B.S. degree in business administration, as well as a graduate of Missouri State University, Springfield, with an M.B.A. degree.

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Soroptimist Club welcomes new member



The ladies of the Soroptimist Club of Barry County installed Karen Brattin during the January Business meeting. New member Karen Brattin was installed by First Vice President Leslie Smith (absent from photo) and Stacy Runnels. Photo, left to right: Runnels and Brattin.

Soroptimist is an organization for business and professional women participating in community and world-wide service. The ladies of Soroptimist are committed to improving the lives of women and girls in Barry County and throughout the world.

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CASSVILLE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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Cassville R-IV School District held the February school board meeting on the 13th at 6:00 p.m. Many announcements and changes were discussed and addressed during the meeting.

Two resignations were approved by the board during the meeting. Connie Bishop, who graduated from Cassville R-IV, returned to teach at Cassville Middle school in 2001 as a choir teacher. She has been working with middle, high and elementary school students since. Bishop has decided to retire at the end of the school year. "She has had a unique and creative influence on our students and developed lasting relationships with her colleagues. Good luck, Connie," stated Richard Asbill, superintended of Cassville R-IV school district.

Chris Redmon came to the Cassville R-IV school district in 2010 as the high school principal. Redmon is looking to relocate due to family needs, and will be moving to Montgomery County School District. "Redmon has been a true asset to our administrative team. His leadership and work with our high school staff to continue high levels of performance have been appreciated. Thank you Chris, and good luck," stated Asbill.

The district also approved employment recommendations for the following teachers: Dixie Henry will be accepting a kindergarten

position at the district. She is currently teaching in the Purdy School District. Jordi Miller will be accepting a high school counseling position. Miller is a current counselor in the Seyour School District. The board approved the transfer of Michelle Bright to high school counselor. Bright is currently teaching communication arts and publications.

The board then took action on amending the current school calendar in order to include student attendance days for April 18 and 21. These days will be used as make-up days for inclement weather that has effected the area. The last school day will be May 23, and graduation is set to occur on May 18.

Discussion regarding water damage to the rock gym and future repairs to the area took place. On January 7 at 6:45 a.m., it was discovered that a water line, approximately 25 years old, broke and leaked a large amount of water into the gym. The water line was used for a shower in the upstairs room which is now used for storage.

Extensive damage occurred when the water flooded many different areas. The effected areas included the storage area, board room, bathrooms, central office, and the gym floor. The ceilings in the gym collapsed and damaged electrical components and walls. The price has not been estimated on the damages as of now.

Barry Co. Democrats meeting


Barry County Democrats will meet on Thursday evening, March 6, at the Cassville Branch Library meeting room. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A representative from Senator Claire McCaskill's office will be the featured speaker. Following this will be a dessert fellowship. All interested individuals are invited to attend.

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House demolished for firefighter training Drug Court celebrates graduation



The house that sits on 11th and Main Street in Cassville was demolished and used for training for Cassville firefighters on building collapse.

Samantha Barberio

The Cassville Fire Department has been actively training in many different areas after receiving a grant from Springfield for their department. They have currently completed certified training in trench rescue and high angle rescue.

Cassville firefighters are now participating in a 40 hour class on building collapse through the University of Missouri. They have currently completed 20 hours of training, using a house

on 11th and Main Street in Cassville. Since that house is now demolished, they will be using another on Highway 248 to complete the remaining 20 hours of their training.

The building collapse classes will teach the firefighters to properly shore up a house, or to support by placing against something solid or rigid. Also, how to rescue victims from a fire so it's safe for the fire fighters is covered. The grant that Springfield received was

broken up into quadrants. The Cassville department is quadrant number four response team, which means they're light duty rescue. The higher the quadrant number, the more equipment each team will have and amount of training and rescue.

Cassville fire department has a wide range of protection in the area being quadrant four. This includes Monett north to the Arkansas line west towards Wheaton and east towards Exeter. The department hopes to



The Barry County Drug Court held a graduation on February 13 for Matt Cooper, the program's only graduate for the session. Pictured above are: Marty Stearns, program coordinator; Scott Fitzpatrick, Missouri State Representative; Matt Cooper, drug court graduate; Judge Victor Head, Barry County Circuit Court Judge; and Earl Best, treatment counselor.

Couple arrested for squatting in local home

Charlea Mills

Two are in custody for allegedly squatting in a residence in Barry County last week.

On February 10, the Barry County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to a residence located at 19785 Hidden Valley, in Cassville, for two persons occupying a property that did not belong to them

Deputies arrived and found that Rita and Jason

Ponder had entered the residence though a bedroom window and were living there. The Ponders are thought to have broken into the property sometime in between February 8 and February 10.

Sheriff Mick Epperly stated, "We received a report that a male and female were in a camper without permission. When deputies arrived, it was Rita and Jason Ponder, and we have had both of them in jail on numerous occasions."

The property owners, Glenna and Marc Edmonson, claimed that the Ponders stole propane and electricity while they were there in the amount of less than \$500. Epperly stated that the pair had moved personal items into the residence, as well.

Sheriff Epperly stated, "With the belongings inside, it was clear that they were essentially squatting there without permission."

Both Jason and Rita Ponder have each been charged with class C felony burglary in the second degree. They are being held in the Barry County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 cash-only bonds.

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Abandoned horses seek refuge at local farm

Charlea Mills

When people hear of dumped animals needing homes, most people wouldn't think that horses are the animals in question. However, according to a local horse trainer, Mary Fenske, that is exactly what is happening all too often in the area.

Fenske, of Purdy, has taken in 12 horses in the last six months when people were unable to care for them. Seven of those horses she took in after speaking to their owners, but the other five were just dumped without her permission.

Fenske stated, "Last week, I got a phone call telling me that some of my horses had gotten out. When I went out to see, three horses were outside of my fence, but they weren't mine."

Fenske thought she knew who owned the horses, but when she asked them, they claimed they didn't belong to them. So now, Fenske is taking care of the vet bills and food to rehabilitate the three. She stated, "As soon as I took them in, they drank 20 gallons of water first off."

This is the second time that abandoned horses have shown up at Fenske's farm, either because they had been dumped or gotten out of their owners' fences. The first two horses that showed up were in really poor health, but the three from last week weren't as bad.

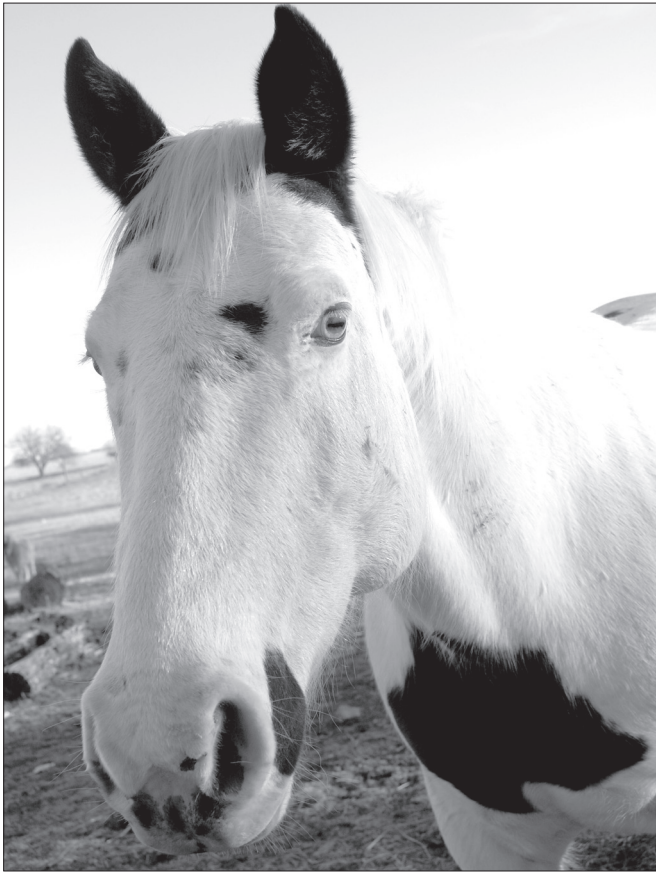
She said the vet checked them and said two were foundered, and all were extremely hungry and thirsty. Fenske speculated that part of the problem could be that some people might not realize that the grass left on the ground after the snow doesn't have enough nutrients in it for horses due to the harsh conditions of the winter.

She stated, "They have to be supplemented with minerals and some sweet grain. They can't just dig for grass in the snow. The horses that showed up had obviously gone through fences because they were hungry."

Fenske placed an ad in the newspaper for the horses in case someone is looking for them, but she isn't expecting to get any calls. She stated, "The

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Many horses have been abandoned by their owners lately due to poor market conditions for selling horses and rising care costs, according to a local horse trainer.

market isn't good for horses right now, and people just can't afford to care for them."

For a woman who has been raising, riding and training horses since before she could walk, the challenges of caring for horses are not new. However, for someone who isn't as experienced, the care can be overwhelming. Fenske said, "If someone has to have a vet come out to castrate, that might be \$150 in a single vet bill for a horse that, right now, will probably only bring \$50 at an auction. It isn't practical to raise them."

Many livestock auctions have imposed a minimum tariff to sell a horse to cover costs of sale. Fenske said it isn't uncommon for a horse to sell and the owner owe more to the auction than what the horse brought because of the poor market.

When faced with horses that were obviously not being cared for, Fenske said her reputation is at risk as a trainer if she didn't do what she could for them. The pos-

sibility that someone would think that Fenske would let her horses live with health issues like some of them had. Fenske isn't the only one who has had horses just show up at her property. She stated, "Several people, including a good friend, have had the same problem. People assume that since you have horses, you will want a few more, but that isn't always the case."

Fenske added, "I used to be able to sell horses as fast as I could train them. It's just not profitable to take care of horses the way they need to be cared for anymore."

However, Fenske summed up her feelings, "You have that horse, you need to take care of them. I can't stand to see something innocent hurt."

As far as the horses that showed up, Fenske said she will continue to care for them and work on rehabilitating them. She explained, "I wouldn't let them starve. No matter how you look at it, it's wrong."



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Monett hosts 45th Dairy Day

Samantha Barberio

The 45th annual Monett Dairy Day took place Tuesday, February 18, at the Monett National Guard Armory.

This educational event has been available for local area dairy producers since 1969 in order to assist them in making management decisions and provide them with research-based information. Highlights of the program included: adaptation of new milking technology and what the new farm bill means to producers.

Dr. Tony Rickard, Extension Dairy Specialist, University of Missouri, Cassville, started off the event with a presentation on maintaining a dairy industry in Southwest Missouri and providing ideas for new equipment and how to properly feed your cattle in order to get the most and best quality milk out of your farm. Murray Lane, from Dairy Farmers of America, Monett, then discussed testing milk for residues.

Following lunch, which was sponsored by the Monett Chamber of Commerce, Commercial Exhibitors and Participants, Duane Ripperda, from Arentsen Farm Sales and Service, Alberts, IL, spoke about, how a robotic milker fits in Missouri dairies. Completing the program, Dr. Scott Brown, Program Director for Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute, University of Missouri, Columbia, spoke of the dairy outlook and Farm Bill update.

Mark Fellwock, an area dairy farmer and Lawrence County Farm Bureau president, was one of many at the event. "I was born and raised on a dairy farm," stated Fellwock. He continued, "My wife and I took over the farm from my father when he passed away eight years ago.

It's great coming to this event to get new ideas. Even if it's just one, you can take it back and put it to use." Fellowock went on to state, "We home-school our children," who were present at the event. "Bailey, Riley and Hayden work on the farm as well. In my opinion it's the best way to raise a family, to have them with you. It's tough to make money in the dairy business, so tweaking your management can help, and people can learn that here."


Miandra Schoen was another area dairy farmer present at the event. "We have been to the event almost every year we've farmed. It's great to pick up new information, new good programs, ideas, and to see what's coming down the line next," stated Schoen.

The 45th Annual Beef Cattlemen's area of the event took place after the dairy. It began with things you need to know about farm liability insurance, with Todd Schubert, Farm Bureau Insurance Agent in Monett; reducing big bale waste, presented by

Dr. Justin Sexten, University of Missouri Extension State Beef Nutrition Specialist, Columbia; Missouri Cattlemen's Association Report, given by Jim McCann, President MCA, Miller.

Next was a break where participants could visit the trade show and a chili supper prepared by the Southwest Missouri Cattlemen's Association. The last two events were Herd Expansion, Is It Time, by Dr. Scott Brown, University of Missouri Extension Agricultural Economist, Columbia. Wrapping up the event was Wesley Tucker, University of Missouri Extension Agricultural Business Specialist, Bolivar, with a presentation on controlling costs and other tips on improving the bottom line.

Many booths were at the event providing information that would be beneficial for the dairy and beef cattle farmers of the area. The annual Monett Dairy Day hopes to continue informing the dairy farmers of the area for years to come.




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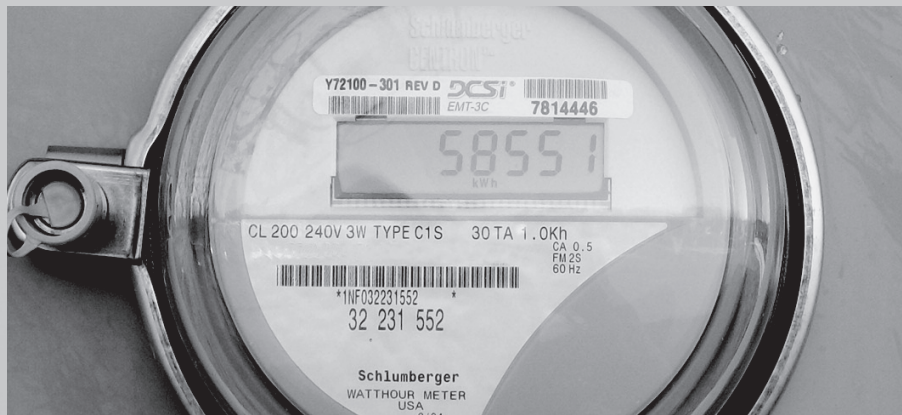
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Southwest Trojans survive Purdy upset bid

Lee Stubblefield

After posting resume'-builder wins against Monett and Cassville, and then winning a tough conference game on the road at McAuley, the Southwest Trojans returned home on Thursday, February 13, to grind out a 62-57 win over Purdy. The comeback victory vaulted Southwest into first place in the Ozark 7 Conference standings, with only games against Thomas Jefferson and Verona standing between the Trojans and a championship. Purdy came to town looking for a fight, and for most of three quarters, the Eagles were the more aggressive team. Brent Cornman shredded the Southwest defense for 11 first-quarter points as Purdy shot out to a 15-12 lead at the first break.

After too many close games in too few days, the Trojans were unable to match the intensity level of the Eagles. Blake Barnes and Brad Daniels, who scored at will against Cassville and McAuley, could not find the range

early on. Although Daniels scored with a pretty one-handed jumper to open the second quarter, Purdy rushed to a 23-14 lead with an 8-0 run. Alex Mareth canned a pair of free throws and drained a midrange jumper to key the outburst. With the race cars sputtering, Southwest turned to the old reliable Diesel. Big center Robbie Randall took over the paint, scoring 7 unanswered points with a power move, a jumper, and an old school three-point play to cut the Purdy lead to 24-18 at the 3:00 mark. Mareth and Cornman responded to push the lead back to 28-21, but Barnes connected from the deep right corner for three points as Southwest climbed back to trail just 32-28 at the half. Randall bullied his way into the paint to open the third quarter, and the Trojans pulled within a single score. Barnes and Daniels scored 6 apiece in the frame, but Purdy answered with big

shots from Kelton Mattingly, Cornman, and Mareth to hold the hosts at bay. Mareth's baseline jumper gave Purdy a 44-40 lead with just 54 seconds left in the quarter, but Seth Delossantos rolled in his only field goal of the night, and then Barnes swished two free throws to establish a 44-44 tie at the final break. Barnes missed to open the last period of play, but Randall followed to give the Trojans their first lead since 3:25 on the first-quarter clock. The lead grew to 49-46 before Mareth hit a trey from the left corner to tie with 5:32 to play. The Eagles then regained the lead when Mareth came up with a steal and rambled coast-to-coast for a layup. Daniels tied the game at 51-51 with a baseline drive, then Mareth scored again from the right block. Barnes drew a foul, and his free throws created a 53-53 tie with 2:54 to play. Brad Daniels owned the final two and a half minutes of this game. His steal at half court and subsequent layup put Southwest in the lead, 55-53. Cornman's free throws tied the game momentarily, but Daniels smoked an answering jumper to put Southwest in front for good.

Barnes then fed Malon McIntire for a fast break lay-up that gave the Trojans a 59-55 lead in the final minute. Brent Cornman kept Purdy alive, scoring on a baseline drive with 18 seconds left and cutting the lead to 60-57. Then the Eagles gained the ball following missed free throws, and Purdy's Tommy Egan called timeout to draw up the potential tying play. On the inbounds play, Daniels contested the pass and knocked the ball off a Purdy player out of bounds with 13 seconds left. It was the biggest play of the game. Daniels closed out the win with a pair of free throws and Southwest prevailed over Purdy, 62-57. Southwest scorers: Brad Daniels, 21; Blake Barnes, 20; Robbie Randall, 11; Seth Delossantos, 4; Malon McIntire, 4; James Sellars, 2. Purdy scorers: Brent Cornman, 27; Alex Mareth, 21; Kelton Mattingly, 4; Robby Moody, 3; Jonatan Salazar, 2. The Purdy girls opened the night with a stunning 47-44 win, handing the Lady Trojans their first conference loss of the season. The Lady Eagles flew to a 17-3 lead in the first quarter with a 17-0 run to answer Jessica Morgan's game-opening trey, and



Southwest High School celebrated Homecoming festivities last Friday evening. SWHS crowned seniors Seth Delossantos and Tristen Cain as King and Queen.

then never relinquished the lead again. Southwest, a team known for deadly accuracy outside the arc, struggled mightily to score against an aggressive Purdy defense. The Lady Eagles outran, outhustled, outrebounded, and just flat outplayed Southwest in that ugly first period. But in the second quarter, it was Purdy that suddenly couldn't find the basket. Southwest's Jaime Shrum finally connected from the coffin corner for three points to open the period, and the Lady Trojans gained momentum and confidence following her shot. Shannon Mitchell poured in a short jumper, and then drained back-to-back treys as Southwest fought back to trail by only 20-16 at the half. While Jayse Henderson softened the Southwest defense in the first quarter,

Courtney White overpowered it in the third quarter, White scored 11 points in the frame, including a rare three and a running left-handed hook over Mitchell. Montana Hendrix scored 5 for Southwest in the quarter, and Mitchell scored the last points of the period with a long trey, but Purdy led 36-26 at the final break. In a tense final eight minutes, Southwest chipped away and pulled within 46-44 with just 36 seconds left when Hendrix hit a clutch trey. Shrum jumped in and tied up White with 15 seconds left to give Southwest a chance to tie or lead. But the Lady Trojans could not score on that critical possession, and White hit the second of two late free throws to establish the 47-44 final score. Purdy scorers: Courtney White, 19; Jayse Henderson, 17; Desirie Ennes, 6; Ashton Young, 5. Southwest scorers: Shannon Mitchell, 18; Montana Hendrix, 12; Jaime Shrum, 8; Jessica Morgan, 6.

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Pictured above, front row, left to right, are: cheerleader Emily Brewer, Lady Cat Katelyn Pitts and cheerleader Jerrica Russell.

Back row: Wildcat Ethan Lowery, Wildcat managers Elisha Michael and Jade Null, and Wildcat Marcus Weatherman.



Bullets N Bow announced their Show Me the Money Week 2 winners. Winners were: Chase Higgs and Justin Brattin tied for first place with 236 points; Rod Mattingly, third place with 234 points. Higgs and Brattin had a shootoff and Higgs won the shootoff.

Swadley hits first collegiate home run



Brooke Swadley, the sophomore second baseman for the MSSU Lady Lions softball team and 2011 graduate of Purdy High School, shined Sunday in the final day of the six-game Eight-State Classic tournament held in Bentonville, Ark.

The Lions lost their first game on Sunday, falling to William Jewel 6-1, where Swadley had one single.

It was during the second game against Southwestern Oklahoma that Swadley and the Lady Lions found their offensive stroke. Missouri Southern defeated the Lady Bulldogs 7-2.

Swadley was a force at the plate with a double, 2 RBI's and her first collegiate home run.

The Lady Lions will host Drury University on Saturday.

Brooke is the daughter of Jeff and the late Angie Swadley of Purdy.

Lady Cats fall to Aurora Lady Houns

The Lady Cats fell to Big 8 Conference rival the Aurora Lady Houn Dawgs on Monday evening.

A scoreless first quarter plagued the Lady Cats for the remainder of the game caus-

ing Cassville to lose 48-25.

Lady Cat Britani Long scored in double figures for Cassville with 11 points.

Also scoring for the Lady Cats were: Raeghan Blisard 6; Macey Parsons 4; Kate-

lyn Pitts 2; and Makenzie Durossette 2.

The Lady Cats record fell to 6-15 and 0-5 in Big 8 Conference play.

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Seligman Council hopes to change city chicken ordinance



Seligman City Aldermen hope to change the current city ordinance to accommodate chickens within the city limits while also protecting neighbors from offensive sounds and odors.

Charlea Mills

Feathered friends in Seligman might be subject to different rules later this year pending a decision by the Planning and Zoning committee.

The Seligman City Council meeting on Monday, February 10, included an item on their agenda about the possibility of changing the

city’s ordinance related to chickens kept within the city limits. However, discussion was postponed since the decision’s approval is in the hands of Planning and Zoning, a committee that won’t meet again until April to discuss the matter.

The current code regarding chickens in the city of Seligman states that there

can be no more than 50 chickens within the city limits as part of their Animal Regulations City Code. However, the Nuisance City Code restricts chickens to the agricultural zones only.

The Aldermen that sit on City Council want to allow chickens, according to Brian Nichols, City Clerk and member of the Planning

and Zoning committee, but they also want to establish guidelines. Currently, they are checking with other cities to establish what an appropriate ordinance might look like.

The cities of Cassville and Wheaton do not allow chickens within their city limits at all. Cassville only allows for cattle and horses within city limits, and then only in agriculturally zoned areas. The City of Exeter also has an ordinance limiting livestock in the city limits. However, according to Myrna Eisenbraun, Exeter City Clerk, that ordinance is outdated and not the way they feel about it today.

Eisenbraun stated, “We have many people with chickens and other animals inside the city limits. As long as no one complains, we don’t do anything about it. As far as I know, we haven’t received any complaints about anyone.”

Purdy’s city ordinance reads that chickens cannot be running loose, but doesn’t restrict the number allowed otherwise. Purdy, like Washburn, would use their Nuisance ordinance

if someone’s backyard fowl were getting out of hand.

Larger cities, like Springfield, have drawn a lot of heat in recent years on both sides of the issue after the City Council allowed for no more than five chickens per household within the limits, as long as they did not have any roosters. With Barry County being a more rural area, most people don’t question their neighbors keeping a small backyard brood within reason.

Seligman’s discussion was sparked by a citizen complaint within the city. Nichols stated, “The neighbor was breeding chickens, and the odor was offensive. They could not resolve the issue between themselves, and they reported it to the Police Department.” After the Police Department responded, they property owner was notified that they were in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance.

Nichols went on, “They were given 10 days to comply, which they did by removing the chickens.” The Aldermen on council don’t want everyone to have to remove their chickens, but

obviously there need to be guidelines in place to control noise and odor issues related to livestock within the city.

Currently, if someone fails to comply to a Nuisance violation within the 10-day period, they are ordered in front of the Board for a public hearing. Nichols stated, “If the nuisance is valid, they will be given a time frame to comply. If they fail to comply, a special tax bill (tax lien) will be issued on the property for the cost associated to abate the nuisance. In the instance that the Board of Aldermen cannot resolve the issue, a citation could be issued by our Police Department and the property owner would have to appear in court.”

Seligman’s Planning and Zoning committee will meet in April to discuss the matter and how the ordinance would be best changed to protect chicken owners and their neighbors. There currently isn’t a time frame for when the changes might go into effect.

Assault charge stems jail time

Samantha Barberio

One man was sentenced to jail time following an assault that took place over the summer.

On June 25, 2013, an assault took place just off of Y Highway at the low-water bridge, inside of Barry County. Richard Nichols punched Scott Brophy in the face with a closed fist. The injuries to Brophy were superficial and no medical attention was necessary.

Evenson believed there was probable cause for the issuance of a warrant, or summons, for the arrest of Nichols.

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Animation book features Purdy students' art

Charlea Mills

Dr. Martin Greer, Jr., former art teacher at Purdy Schools, recently published an animation book featuring artwork of students from the area.

Animation in the Schools is the second edition of the eBook geared for Kindle users and focuses on how Greer taught basic animation skills to students over the years when they have little to no experience. Greer's students at Purdy focused mostly on animation for a zoetrope, a circular animation tool that was the forerunner of the motion picture machine. Students drew twelve images with small differences, then when they were placed in the zoetrope and spun, it created a simple animation.

However, Greer's accomplishments extended far beyond the zoetrope animations. Greer went on to teach students more complicated animation, including short films to Ray Stevens hits like "Guitarzan" and "Harry, the Hairy Ape" with his Van Buren, Ark., High School students. Ray Stevens gave special permission to the Van Buren students to use his songs, even going as far as to compliment them on the work once they were done and had sent him copies of their movies.

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment that Greer gained from working with the students wasn't the animation, although it was impressive for students with no experience, but the way the students worked together and how Greer supported the art programs in schools where funding was an issue.

Greer stated, "We only had maybe \$350 in the budget for the entire year for supplies, so we started showing the films we made to other schools, charging ten cents admission to raise the money for the art department. Over 2,500 kids saw the film *The Emperor's New Clothes*." It isn't uncommon for schools with fund-



Dr. Greer working on his own cartoons during the time he was working as a teacher.

ing problems to cut the arts program first because they draw less alumni support than sports programs. However, Greer made sure that students were provided the means to make their art and give it their all.

Some of the students who worked on the films went on to become heads of art departments or work for large companies doing graphic design.

When the kids worked on the films, there was not a segregation for students who were very talented or lacking experience. Instead, they worked together. Greer stated, "From the very best student to the very worst, they all contributed. It was theirs."

Greer went on, "The kids

loved it, and they worked together. They weren't doing it for a grade, just for the love of doing it, making the film. They were proud of what they made."

Today, Greer no longer teaches, but loves to publish books to help others on the path of supporting students through art education. He has some of the films available to watch on his YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/users/DrMartinGreer>. His eBooks are available for purchase through Amazon for Kindle.

CMS FCCLA compete at regionals



Members of the Cassville Middle School FCCLA competed at the FCCLA Regional Competitions at MSSU in Joplin with their projects.

Students are pictured above, left to right, in the front row: Coleman Hoppes and Lisa Lam-bel, silver medal for the shoe drive they organized to send donations to Mozambique. Back row: Carley Klewer and Brittany Nowak, silver medal for their project on preventing bullying at the elementary level; Laura Stringer, silver medal for her project on identifying and reducing bullying at the middle school level; and Megan Richter and Savannah Lawrence, gold medal for their project on the importance of handwashing for kindergartners.

Megan Richter and Savannah Lawrence will be competing at the state level.

JUDGE from front page.

she became municipal judge in Verona 20 years ago, and has been working as a judge in Mt. Vernon since 2006. "I enjoy interaction with the staff and, during court sessions, there is always someone or something that is 'interesting,'" Stemmons stated about working as a judge.

In her time not working as a judge or practicing law, Stemmons is interested in preserving old buildings. "I recently remodeled my office building on the square

in Mt. Vernon, circa 1886, and built two loft apartments upstairs," stated Stemmons. "My latest project is the Telephone Building on the square that was built in 1923. I am restoring it to its original splendor but adapting it for a residence. I am pleased to see that there has been activity on the Cassville square remodeling/restoring old buildings," Stemmons

continued.

"I have always enjoyed going to Cassville. I have had cases in Barry County since I started practicing law, and always went shopping around the square after my cases were over," stated Stemmons. "I look forward to serving the people of Cassville."

Stemmons first day in the Cassville municipal court will be February 24.

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The Cassville FFA Chapter has had a busy and successful year so far. The Cassville FFA Chapter kicked off the year with our annual open house and Barnwarming in August. Since then, our members have participated in events such as the Area 11 Barnwarming, Area 11 Greenhand Conference, Ozarks Fall FarmFest, fruit and meat sales, and the National FFA Convention. This year, 16 members attended the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY. The members were able to attend convention sessions, participate in the FFA career show, tour local agricultural businesses and the Louisville Slugger Factory and Museum. Our chapter was proud to watch our very own, Marissa Tucker, receive her American FFA Degree and our Stussy Stephenson perform in the National FFA Band.

Cassville FFA members have been anticipating FFA week where we will be participating in activities like

Greenhand Day, Muddy Truck Day, Teacher Appreciation Day, Official FFA Dress day, Throwback Thursday, and then concluding the week with a game night. We also look forward to a successful and rewarding spring.

The Cassville FFA Chapter will host the Area 11 FFA Banquet, where we prepare and serve over 600 FFA members, parents, and guests during the awards banquet. Our members have already started practicing for Career Development Events this spring. Our FFA members are hoping for success and a chance to attend the State FFA Convention in Columbia and compete at the state level.

We also have a busy summer ahead including attending FFA camp and officer and member leadership trainings as well as our new officers planning and preparing another busy year next year.

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Brandy Garcia Southwest FFA Reporter

The Southwest FFA chapter has really had a fun filled calendar this year. They started off the year with a back-to-school bash whose main attraction was a huge slip and slide. After an evening filled with yells and laughs, not one person went home dry, including both advisors.

In September, the FFA also gave students a chance to go to the PBR in Springfield for a much cheaper price. In celebration of Halloween, the FFA chapter took a trip to local corn mazes and haunted barns. When the night ended, all FFA members were glad to have gone.

October was a busy month also including National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Ten students worked hard for a spot to get to go and it paid off with a week almost 600 miles away. Students came back just in time to start planning for Barnwarming the very next month.

All the planning and hard work paid off when the Southwest FFA had a larger turnout for Barnwarming than they have had in years. The chapter got busy right away again preparing their float for the annual Christmas parades. Unfortunately, due to weather conditions, Southwest was only able to be in the Cassville parade.

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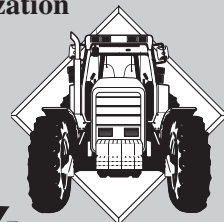
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Exeter FFA Chapter



The Chapter had a busy year last year. The chapter attended Missouri State FFA convention, where Cotton Reed, the Chapter's 2012-2013 president, was awarded his State Degree. Soon after the convention, the chapter held their Annual FFA Banquet, where the members were awarded for their hard work they had put in over the year.

Over the summer, the officers went on an officer re-

treat at Beaver Lake where they worked long and hard on planning out the new school year. In August, the officers cooked and served a meal for back to school night. In September, the FFA hosted their second annual Exeter FFA Rodeo.

Soon after the rodeo, they had their Chapter Barn Warming. The candidates participated in several contests, such as the haybale toss, chubby bunny, post driving,

and the three-legged race. The FFA danced and enjoyed refreshments. At the end of the night, Billie Belt and Pake Long were crowned Barn Warming King and Queen.

At the end of October, the Chapter made a long trip to FFA National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. While in Kentucky, the chapter also toured the Darby Dan Thoroughbred Farm, attended a hypnotist show, and toured the Louisville Bat Factory.

On November second, the Chapter headed home. Although they had a great time, they were ready to be home with their families. Some of the other activities of the year included Farm Fest, Area Greenhand Conference, and a booth at Hill-billy Chili Bash. Even after all the snow days, the Chapter is still working hard and preparing for contest season starting the first of March.

Members: Brooke Baldwin; Billie Belt, secretary; Jamie Blankenship, sentinel; Allison Burnette; Lanna Burnette; Nathan Denayer, second vice-president; Sheldon Heatherly; Dylan Henry, president; Pake Long, treasurer; Bailey Lyons; Mikayla Meyer; Alex Newman; Casey Oxford; Chase Patty; Travis Raney; Baili Resz; Gus Robbins; Rusty Robbins; Brook Sorensen, vice-president; Colton Stringer; Kelly Utter; Tayler Wales; Blake Walker; and Hannah Woods, reporter.

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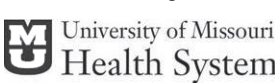
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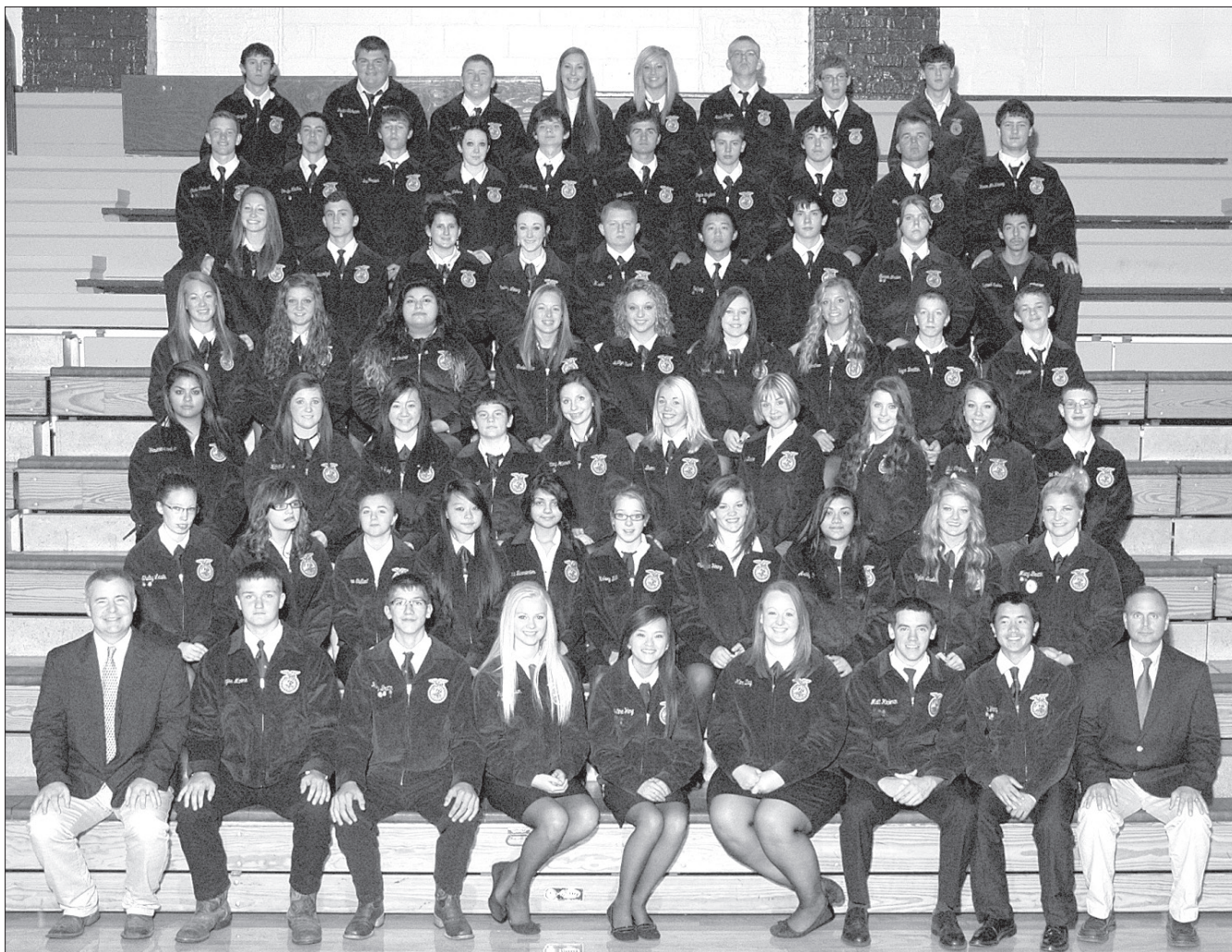
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The Wheaton FFA Chapter has had another busy and successful school year thus far, and the busiest time of the year is quickly approaching.

The 2014 FFA Week will consist of the following activities: Sunday will be FFA Day at Church at Ridgley Southern Baptist Church; Monday will be Red, White and Blue Day in honor of Presidents' Day and respect for our Nation; Tuesday will be 8th grade recruitment day and movie and pizza

after school for the eighth grade; Wednesday will be Camo day; Thursday will be the Faculty/Staff Breakfast; Food for America and Official Dress Day; Friday will be drive your tractor to school day and Cowboy Day; and FFA week concludes on Saturday with a trip to the Wild Hog Judging Contest in Fayetteville.

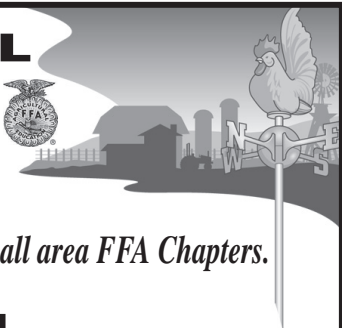
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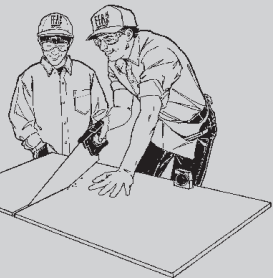


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tend multiple activities, such as leadership conferences, Greenhand conferences, National FFA Convention, State FFA Convention and many others. We are currently preparing for this year's Career Development Events (CDE). These events include: FFA Knowledge, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Foods, Meats, Poultry and others. These activities help prepare students to be competitive and knowledgeable about Agricultural Careers. We also participate in National FFA Week

by dressing up and playing games throughout the week. Examples include a muddy truck and tractor contest and Duck Dynasty Day. We host the only air conditioned Livestock Show in the area. During the blazing summer heat of July, spectators at the Purdy Livestock Show watch from comfortable bleachers in the air conditioned gym.

The chapter also participates in State FFA camp and Washington Leadership Conference during the summer. Purdy has a rich

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