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Spotlight

License Office closed

The License Office located at the Barry County Courthouse in Cassville will be closed on Wednesday, February 12, in observance of Lincoln's birthday.

Friday Night Movie

The Cassville Library will be showing the movie *Freebirds* (PG) at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 7. Guests can bring their own snacks.

Adult Ag Class

The Cassville High School Ag Department will host their monthly adult ag class on the basics of financial records, led by Kelly Mills of Freedom Bank on February 10 at 6:30 p.m. The class is free. To RSVP, contact Kelin Kruse (417) 847-3137 or kkruse@cassville.k12.mo.us.

Shell Knob Soup Fest

The Shell Knob Soup and Chili Fest will be Saturday, February 15, beginning at 11 a.m. and running until 7 p.m. to benefit the Central Crossing Fire Protection District. It will be in the Viola/Shell Knob Community Building. For more information, see the article on page 10A.

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Missouri Governor Nixon visits Cassville High School

Charlea Mills

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon visited Cassville High School on Thursday, January 30, as part of his "Good Schools, Good Jobs" plan.

Nixon addressed his plans for education in the state during his State of the State address in January, and his stop in Cassville was part of his assurance that he hopes to make changes that will reduce class sizes and protect access to early childhood education in the area.

Nixon arrived around

noon to meet with faculty from the district and Cassville School Board members, visit a couple classrooms and then address the student body during an assembly.

The main points that Nixon addressed when talking to students and faculty was his three point plan for improving Missouri's schools: get more kids into preschool, make high schools more rigorous, and fully fund schools. Under Nixon's plan, Cassville would stand to gain an additional \$654,000. Jill

LeCompte, assistant superintendent for the district, stated, "We had to hire some new teachers this year, and with the funding discussed, we can keep them." Additional funding would also go to upgrading resources at the schools.

Nixon told the group of students gathered in the gym, "I want you to go home and tell your parents that I told you that school is harder for you than it was for your parents due to more technology making school more rigorous and challenging." Nixon explained to the high schoolers that they are competing in a worldwide job market. Nixon went on, "Where you go educationally dictates where you will go fi-

See NIXON on 3A.



Governor Jay Nixon signed a basketball for sophomore Rae-ghan Blisard after their free-throw shooting contest.

Judge Head announces his retirement from BC courts

Charlea Mills

Judge Victor Head, Associate Circuit Judge for Barry County for the last eight years, announced his retirement set for the end of the year. Head is choosing not to seek reelection for another four-year term, stating that he didn't want to serve a partial term when he reached mandatory retirement age in 2018.

Head has been a prolific member of the Barry County community, including acting as the first District Public Defender in Barry County and serving over Drug Court since its inception in May 2008.

After graduating from the University of Mississippi's law school, Head served in the United States Air Force as a Judge Advocate Officer for four years before relocating to Monett to practice law in private practice in 1984. His parents and brothers came to Barry County in 1972 after purchasing Camp Soaring Hawk at the location that is now Camp Barnabas. Head's parents operated the Christian youth camp for 20 years before selling it.

In 1989, Head became the 39th District's first District Public Defender with his office located in Monett. Head stayed at that position until running for judge in 2006.

On January 1, 2007, Head took over the Associate Circuit Judge position for Barry County, including Drug Court Judge. Head stated, "We established the Barry County Drug Court in May 2008, which involves a number of people on our team. I'm proud of the program and I think it's really made a difference."

Head continued, "Drug Court really fills a need here.



Judge Victor Head

I wish that we could help more than we do." Drug Court is a program that people with drug and DWI offenses can participate in to get sober and also avoid jail time. Participants are enrolled for at least 18 months before they can graduate and Head considers his involvement in the program one of his proudest endeavors during his career.

Looking to the future, Head is glad the program is set up for whoever takes his position in the upcoming election. Head stated, "I'm confident that whoever takes my place will continue on with the program and continue to let it grow and help people in the area."

After retirement, Judge Head plans to become a senior judge with the state of Missouri, just taking certain cases offered by Jefferson City. Head's wife, Becky, retired from teaching two years ago, so he plans to spend more time with family at the lake and travelling. Head's retirement will go into effect December 31, 2014.

Head stated, "I would like to sincerely thank everyone for making my time as Associate Circuit Judge and Drug Court Judge a truly meaningful experience."

First Baptist of Purdy plans dedication



The First Baptist Church of Purdy is dedicating their new church home on Saturday, February 8, at 3 p.m.

Charlea Mills

After seven long years, the First Baptist Church of Purdy is finally moving into their new location with a dedication ceremony to take place on Saturday, February 8, at 3 p.m.

Dr. Bill Banks, pastor of the church for the last two years, stated, "It took a lot of dedication. People would come in on Saturday, do as much work as they could, then wait and do it the next week again. It took seven years to raise all of the funds and do the work to get us into the new church."

First Baptist has been a landmark in the Purdy community for 133 years. Their current building was constructed in 1962 and is located at 301 Washington Street, just to the other side of the new building. It was essential to the congregation that they move to a new building, and with a lot of prayer and hard

work, their new building was completed.

Dr. Banks stated, "We could only use the first part of the old church because the last three-fourths was structurally unsound. The congregation will make a decision on what to do with the old building."

First Baptist originally

was organized as a United or Missionary Baptist Church in 1881 at the Long School House. Today, First Baptist is a Southern Baptist church.

The new church has a capacity of around 200 for their regular services. Their current congregation is around

See CHURCH on 12A.

Three more arrested in Washburn kidnapping case

Charlea Mills

Three more people have been arrested in connection with the kidnapping of a Washburn woman in mid-January of this year. The youngest Miller brother, Marc Jeffrey, and the two older brothers' girlfriends have all been charged last week for their alleged involvement in the crime where the woman was abducted from her home, forced into the trunk of her car and robbed.

The two older Miller brothers, Michael and Mathew, were arrested and charged the week following the incident. Mathew is currently being held in the Barry County Jail, and Michael is currently being held in the Allgheny, Pennsylvania, Jail where he was taken into custody awaiting extradition back to Barry County.

Marc was arrested on Jan-

See KIDNAPPING on 3A.

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KIDNAPPING from front.



Marc Jeffrey Miller

uary 24 and transported to the Barry County Jail where he is being held in lieu of a \$25,000 cash-only bond for class B felony kidnapping and class C felony tampering in the first degree charges. Mathew's girlfriend, Shelby Keeler, has also been charged with class B felony kidnapping and class C felony tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree. She is currently being held in the Barry County Jail in lieu of a \$25,000 bond, as well.

Michael's girlfriend, Amanda Rhodes, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was arrested by Allegheny County Sheriff's Deputies on charges of class C felony felonious restraint, class C felony tampering with a motor vehicle, class C felony assault in the second degree and misdemeanor fraudulent use of a credit/debit device. Rhodes bonded out of jail in her hometown of Pittsburgh and is set to appear in court in Barry County on March 25 at 8:30 a.m.

According to Barry County Sheriff Mick Epperly, Michael is still part of an active investigation in Allegheny County, which has delayed his extradition. Epperly stated, "They have him still as a suspect on a case out there."

The youngest brother, Marc, was not initially believed to be associated with the kidnapping, but in light of new evidence, the three new suspects were charged for their involvement in



Shelby Keeler

transporting the older brothers before and after the kidnapping. The suspect's car was also driven into the Roaring River Arm of Table Rock Lake after they allegedly stole \$1,125 from her debit account, assaulted her, and threw her down a hill in rural Eagle Rock.

Epperly said that the new testimony about the girlfriends and youngest brother's involvement was discovered during the investigation following the initial arrests and charges.

Keeler, Mathew and Marc have already had their arraignment hearings, and Michael's hearing will be set following his release into custody of the Barry County Sheriff.

NIXON from front.

nancially."

Part of the reason Governor Nixon visited Cassville is due to the school's high graduation rate, as well as the rate of students that go on to higher education. Nixon commented, "Cassville has 75 percent of students going to a two or four year college after they graduate. Both the graduation rate and the college attendance rate is above the state average, and that is what we want to see."

Nixon continued, "Cassville is a great school, and the evidence is that as schools improve, the economy improves, and that is why education is fundamental to my plan."

Governor Nixon closed the assembly with students by challenging Raeghan Blisard, sophomore basketball player, to a free throw shooting contest before signing a basketball for her to keep.

The goals of Governor Nixon's Good Schools, Good Jobs plan is to fully fund the education system in the state, helping provide for a better economic future for citizens.

Corrections:

In an article in last week's issue about the Celebrate Recovery, the pastor and phone number for Mozark Fellowship were incorrect. MoZark Fellowship's pastor is Kevin Miller and they can be reached at (417) 342-0468.

In the weekly court cases from last week's issue, the sentencing was incorrect for Cynthia R. Cutberth. Her sentencing should have read: 90 days incarceration with the execution of the sentence suspended for one year unsupervised probation.

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Cassville homes, cars targets of break-ins

Charlea Mills

Three residences and one car were broken into in the last week in the neighborhood across the street from JumpStop in Cassville.

Lt. Danny Boyd, of the Cassville Police Department, has been investigating the crimes that targeted the area. Boyd stated, "The thief stole some DVDs, rings, welding leads, a pistol and some personal memorabilia. We don't have a specific suspect, but we are following up on a lot of leads. It's currently an ongoing investigation."

Boyd confirmed that the department has been looking for the items at area pawn shops, but none of the items reported stolen were found.

In one instance, people were in a home when someone attempted to break in. "People were in the home, and they heard someone at the back door. When they opened the door, the man was standing in the doorway and then took off on foot," Boyd stated.

In a smaller area like Cassville, people often don't

realize the threats of a break-in, according to the department. Boyd stated, "It isn't uncommon for these people to target gas stations where a driver is running into the gas station to pay. They'll leave their cars unlocked, knowing that they're just coming right back out, but it makes it easy for a thief to take valuables."

Boyd offered tips for people to help keep their homes and cars safe. He said, "Keep your doors locked on your vehicle. If you've got any valuables, take that extra few seconds to lock them in the trunk so that they aren't in plain sight. A thief will walk down the street, looking in car windows. They might see

loose change or something like that, and that's how they pick the car."

Boyd also recommended that if you plan to go out of town, let your neighbors know that you're leaving. He said, "It helps to have a neighbor looking out for a neighbor."

If you have any information about the recent break-ins in the area, contact the Cassville Police Department at (417) 847-4911.

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Friday, February 7th

- Stella Senior Center will hold a dinner and dance on Friday, February 7, at 5:30 p.m.
- There will be a hootenanny at Clío on Friday, February 7. Doors open at 4 p.m. and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Weather permitting. Everyone welcome. For more questions, call (417) 860-6151 or (417) 229-4715.

Saturday, February 8th

- Bingo will be held at the American Legion Building on Saturday, February 8. Early bird will begin at 5:15 p.m. and regular session will begin at 5:45 p.m.
- Seligman Chamber of Commerce will hold a Saturday night special dance on Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m. at the Chamber Event Center. For more information, call (417)662-3612 or (479)381-2133.
- Stella Senior Center will hold a finger food carry in dinner and dance on Saturday, February 8, at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 9th

- Grace Baptist Church will host Wayne Wipf on Sunday, February 9, at 10:45 a.m. for Country Gospel Music and Ministry.

Monday, February 10th

- Eagle Rock Community Association will

have their theme potluck and meeting on February 10 at 6:30 p.m.

- Corinth Baptist Church will hold their bread ministry on Monday, February 10, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The Purdy Special Road District will conduct a meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 10, at the Purdy District Road Barn.
- SW Missouri Tea Party will meet on Monday, February 10, at 1 p.m. at the Shell Knob VFW. Presentations and discussion will be about current events.

Tuesday, February 11th

- Wayne Wipf will be at Cowboy Church at the Barry County Livestock Marketing in Exeter on Tuesday, February 11, at 7 p.m. for more information, call (417)846-0192.
- The Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District N will hold their regularly scheduled Executive Board Meeting at 11:50 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, at Alice Irene's Restaurant in Marionville.
- Celebrate Recovery will meet weekly on Tuesday at 6 p.m. for a meal, 7 p.m. for worship and 8 p.m. for small groups at the FBC Family Life Center in Cassville. Childcare available.

Saturday, February 15th

- God's Closet in Eagle Rock will hold a free clothes giveaway on Saturday, February 15, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- The Central Crossing First Responders and Firefighters are holding their annual Chili and Soup Fest Fundraiser on Saturday, February 15, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Viola/Shell Knob Community Building.

SCHOOL MENU

Week Of February 10 - 11

CASSVILLE: Mon. B- Pancakes, sausage patty, pears or cereal, nutri-grain bar, orange. **L-** Spaghetti (pork steak), tossed salad, glazed carrots, bread stick, pears or (salad meal). **Tues. B-** Chicken nuggets, hashbrown, gravy, tropical fruit or cereal, graham crackers, pears. **L-** Sloppy joe (submarine sandwich), cool ranch doritos, green beans, beet pickles, orange or (salad meal). **Wed. B-** Breakfast bagel, pecan spins, fruit cocktail or cereal, rice krispy treat, apple. **L-** Chicken crisritos (grilled ham/cheese), broccoli & cheese, nachos or salad meal. **Thurs. B-** Biscuits & gravy, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. **L-** Chicken sandwich (fish sandwich), potato wedge, coleslaw or (salad meal). **Fri. B-** Cake donuts, strawberries or cereal, pecan spins, banana. **L-** Turkey & dressing (BBQ chicken sandwich), whipped potatoes, corn, peaches or (baked potato bar).

CASSVILLE HIGH: Mon. B- Pancakes, sausage patty, peaches or cereal, banana nut muffin, applesauce. **L-** Spaghetti, tossed salad, mixed veggies, bread stick, pears or pizza meal or salad meal. **Tues. B-** Sausage biscuit, gravy, hashbrown, orange or cereal, toast, peaches. **L-** Shrimp poppers, macaroni & cheese, corn, graham crackers or chicken nuggets or salad meal. **Wed. B-** Eggs extravaganza, hashbrown, toast, pineapple chunks or cereal, pop tart, apple. **L-** Cheeseburger, French fries, baked beans, peaches or pizza meal or salad meal. **Thurs. B-** Biscuits & gravy, hashbrown, tropical fruit or cereal, blueberry bagel, blueberries. **L-** Vegetable beef soup, saltine crackers, grilled cheese, beet pickles, tropical fruit or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. **Fri. B-** Cinnamon raisin biscuit, yogurt cup, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, grapes. **L-** Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, cheesecake or baked potato bar or salad meal.

EXETER: Mon. B- Biscuit & gravy, peaches or cereal, biscuit, peaches. **L-** Chicken patty/bun, carrots, green beans, mixed fruit. **Tues. B-** Sausage & egg biscuit, apple or cereal, cinnamon graham crackers. **L-** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, country gravy, yellow squash, mandarin oranges. **Wed. B-** Egstravaganza, toast, orange or cereal, pop tart, orange. **L-** Hamburger patty, gravy, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, tropical fruit. **Thurs. B-** Ham, egg & cheese stick, orange or cereal, nutri grain bar, apple. **L-** Chicken fajita, salsa, refried beans, applesauce. **Fri. B-** Chicken biscuit, banana or cereal, vertical bar, banana. **L-** Ham & cheese sandwich, sun chips, cherry tomatoes, celery sticks, apple.

SOUTHWEST: Mon. B- Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, peaches or cereal. **L-** Orange chicken, brown rice, broccoli & carrots, tropical fruit. **Tues. B-** Biscuit & gravy, sausage links, pears or cereal. **L-** Turkey & noodles, roll, sweet corn, peaches. **Wed. B-** Breakfast sausage, pizza, apple slices or cereal. **L-** Chicken & rice, crackers, baby carrots, brownies, diced pears. **Thurs. B-** French toast sticks, mandarin oranges or cereal. **L-** Taco salad, lettuce & cheese, seasoned pinto beans, mandarin orange dessert, salsa. **Fri. B-** Hot ham sandwich, orange wedges or cereal **L-** Bologna & cheese sandwich, green apple, cranberry salad, celery w/peanut butter.

PURDY: Mon. B- Scrambled eggs, toast, cereal, fruit. **L-** Chicken & noodles, wheat breadstick, tossed salad, ranch dressing, fruit cup. **Tues. B-** French toast sticks, syrup, cereal, fruit. **L-** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, roll. **Wed. B-** biscuit & gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. **L-** Pulled BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans, carrots, fruit mix, chocolate pudding **Thurs. B-** Ham & egg biscuit, cereal, fruit. **L-** Pepperoni pizza, romaine salad w/tomato, ranch dressing, peaches. **Fri. B-** Muffins, cereal, fresh fruit. **L-** Turkey sandwich, lettuce & tomato, sunchips, baby carrots, ranch dressing, grapes.



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Tuesday, February 4
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Wednesday, February 5
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Thursday, February 6
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Friday, February 7
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Monday, February 10
Joplin Iv. Cassville
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Tuesday, February 11
Cassville Iv. Purdy
8:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 13
Cassville Iv. Seligman
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 18
Cassville Iv. Purdy
8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 19
Seligman Iv. Cassville
8:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 20
Rogers Iv. Cassville
8:00 a.m.

Monday, February 24
Joplin Iv. Cassville
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 25
Cassville Iv. Purdy
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Wednesday, February 26
Mt. Vernon Iv. Cassville
8:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 27
Cassville Iv. Seligman
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Cassville Show Choirs rock the house

Charlea Mills

Even with the wintery weather blowing in over the weekend, the Cassville High School's Show Choirs still put on one of their shows for the community on Friday, January 31, at the FEMA Event Center.

The two Cassville show choirs, NBA-No Boys Allowed and Centerstage, debuted their 2014 show choir season performances that they take to competition shows. A variety of solos and duets were also performed, wowing the audience that attended to a meal of soup or chili from McAllister's Deli



Drake Thomas took the audience down to Louisiana with Amos Moses.

and homemade desserts.

Usually, January is the first month that the show choir season is in full swing. Centerstage, the mixed choir, placed second in their last performance, also earning best vocals and best open.

The night began with the Star Spangled Banner performed by the All State Choir members: Audra Shumaker, Levi Pollreis, Mikala Deffenbaugh and Parker Skinner, along with solo performances by Brett Cochran and Bradley Luekenhoff. Audra Shumaker sang Shadow on the Wall while Allen Boston accompanied on guitar.

Crowd favorites of the night were numerous in both solos and choir compilations. The NBA choir's competition show called Heaven featured four different heavenly tunes with choreography and props thrown in the mix. The audience couldn't help but get into the rhythm when the girls rapped, "You down with G-O-D? Yeah, you know me!" The NBA attitude shone through in the performance by the end, showing the hard work the girls have put into their show this season.

After NBA, Bradley



Bradley Luekenhoff and partner Audra Shumaker danced the night away during Centerstage's competition show.

Luekenhoff performed All I Need, showing singing to be just one of his many talents as he played guitar while he sang. While many of the solo performances feature bluesy and slow tempos, like Brooke Cornell and Ledi Pollreis's version of Say Something, a rendition that rivalled what most have heard on the radio, Drake Thomas got the crowd up with the beat on his fun performance of Amos Moses. The performance even

turned into a family affair when Kylie Wolf sang Amazing Grace-My Chains are Gone while her father, Denny Wolf, accompanied on guitar.

Centerstage brought the concert home with their 2014 competition show and also their Christmas song Fruitcake, a number that brought the audience to tears of laughter. The evening proved that the Cassville Show Choirs have earned

Engagement



Ruark-Sampson

Adam Ruark and Amanda Sampson announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding to be held on March 10, 2014.

Adam is the son of Jerry and Jarrie Ruark, of Washburn. Amanda is the daughter of Edwin and Karen Sampson, of Azle, Texas.

A shower will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014, at Exeter Church of Christ. All friends and family are invited to attend.

their reputation with the hard work, dedication and raw talent that so many of the members have.

The weather postponed the

Sunday matinee show, and the group plans to reschedule as soon as possible. The Cassville Show Choirs are led by director Mary Richmiller.

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She was born October 1, 2013 at 2:20 p.m. at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, AR. Lily weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long.

Proud grandparents are David and Judy Brooks of Washburn and Jerry and Marty Young of Washburn.

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LORENA "JOYCE" STOOPS

Lorena "Joyce" Stoops, age 85, of Shell Knob, Missouri, passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Stoops, daughter of Alvin and Maxie (Cooper) Haywood was born on January 16, 1929, in Talladega, Alabama. In 1948, she was married to Fred Hill and to this union four children were born. She was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in August of 1950. Everyone who knew her knew that she maintained her love for Jehovah, Jesus Christ and the Kingdom with intensity throughout her life. Joyce worked as a beautician and enjoyed helping people to look their best. In 1967, she was united in marriage to Jesse W. Stoops in Buena Park, California. He preceded her in death on November 25, 1990.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Clara Vice-Daughtery and Essie Pearl Haywood (infant); three brothers, Alvin Haywood Jr., Paul Franklin Haywood, and Jesse Howard Haywood (age 1); and one daughter-in-law, Kathleen Hill.

Survivors include: two sons, Gene Hill, Jeff Hill and his wife, Chris, both of Shell Knob; two daughters, Joy Johnson and her husband, John, and Julie Johnson, all of Shell Knob; two step-sons, Kenny Stoops of Ozark,

Missouri, and Paul Stoops of Dallas, Texas; one sister, Christine Champion; and four brothers, Doyle, Richard, Ralph and Tommy Haywood. She was proud to say she had 26 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, along with numerous others who called her 'Grandma'.

After making Missouri her home in 1969, Joyce enjoyed the natural beauty of the Ozarks, cooking, gardening, painting, spending time with her friends and family, and sharing her love of the Bible with others. Her generosity and hospitality were well known.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Shell Knob, Missouri, with Ken Welsh officiating.

The family requests that memorials be made to the First Responders in Shell Knob or the Worldwide Work of Jehovah's Witnesses. They may be entrusted to the White Funeral Home, Box 890, Cassville, Missouri, 65625.

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RAYMOND LAVERN THOMAS

Raymond Lavern Thomas, age 86, of Cassville, Missouri, passed away Saturday, February 1, 2014, in Cassville Health Care and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born June 29, 1927, in Cross Hollows in Barry County, Missouri, the son of Earl and Gladys (Johnson) Thomas. On September 7, 1950, in Barry County, he was united in marriage to Lois E. Patton, who preceded him in death on March 23, 2000. Also preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Charles Thomas; and one sister, Carolyn Rose.

Surviving are his two

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daughters, Rayma Garner of Cassville, Missouri, and Kathy Porter and her husband, Larry, of Exeter, Missouri; his significant other, Dorann Hansen and her family, Linda Gabel and her husband, Alvin, of Exeter, Missouri, Nancy Strasburg and her husband, Craig, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Dan Wilderbuer and his fiancé, Sue Beagle, of Cassville, Missouri; one sister, Betty Wallace and her husband, Howard, of Holiday Island, Arkansas; three grandchildren, Ray Garner and his wife, Aya, Matthew Garner, and Ashley Stephens and her husband, Bryce; ten step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, Lorranda, Triston, Sebastian and Luka Garner and Allie Stephens; and 13 step-great-grandchildren.

Raymond received his education at county schools and attended high school at Cassville, where he graduated. During World War II, he joined the United States Marine Corp, serving from October 26, 1945, until October 25, 1946. He then returned to Barry County, where he farmed and retired from MFA in Cassville. He enjoyed playing sports and was on the Cassville Blues Baseball Team. He loved playing the fiddle and guitar and he enjoyed fishing.

Funeral services will be held today, Wednesday, February 5, 2014, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Pastor Doyle Russell conducted the services. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Cassville.

Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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MARJORIE K. SMITH
Marjorie K. Smith, age 95, of Monett, passed from this life on January 29, 2014, at her home with her family by her side.

Marjorie was born on September 10, 1918, to the late Floyd and Nellie Jane (Marshall) Inman near the Easyville Community, south of Monett. She had lived in Michigan from 1936-1945. For the rest of her life, she had

made her home in the Purdy and Monett area. Marjorie was a homemaker and a faithful member of the Ninth Street Church of Christ.

She married Ernest C. Smith in 1936 in Flint, Mich. To this union four daughters were born. Ernest passed away on April 21, 1967. Also preceding her in death: one daughter, Karen Jane Moore; two brothers, Morris Inman and at the age of six months, Herman Inman; two sisters, Virginia Bennett and Fontella Smith.

Marjorie is survived by three daughters, Patsy Smith and Carla Smith, both of the home, and Kathy Abramovitz, and husband John, of Pierce City; four grandchildren, Jana Swaffar, Tim Moore, Michael Moore and Jeni Haddock; six great-grandchildren, Tyler Swaffar, Toni Johnson, Ryan Moore, Jessica Moore, Sam Moore and Gavin King; six great-great-grandchildren, Jaelyn Swaffar, Jeran Swaffar, Breckyn Swaffar, Addybelle Johnson, Dean Moore and Laura Moore; two nieces, Willadean Mele and Janet Mince; three nephews, Jim Bowman, Eddie Bowman and Andy Bowman; and a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Smith were held Saturday, February 1, 2014, at the Buchanan Funeral Home Chapel with Deny Lemaster, Minister, officiating. Interment was in the Arnhart Cemetery, East Purdy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



GERTRUDE P. PENDERGRAFT

Gertrude P. Pendergraft, age 74, of Fairview, Missouri passed away Thursday, January 30, 2014, in her home.

She was born December

6, 1939, in Leavenworth, Kansas, the daughter of Woodrow Balz and Martha (Dalton) Vanderpool, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were her stepfather, Jeff Vanderpool; two brothers, Henry "Podge" Balz and Max Vanderpool; a half-brother, Sam Vanderpool; two sisters, Nina Mae Vanderpool and Patricia Vanderpool; two grandchildren, Shelby Rae Leroy and Michael Douglas Morgan; and two great-grandchildren, Sarah and Jaylee Tyra.

Surviving are six daughters, Pam Halona of Springville, Utah, Kathy Sloan and her husband, Kurt, of Rogersville, Missouri, Shirley Johnson and her husband, Bill, of Fairview, Missouri, Carla Cowgur of Anderson, Missouri, Brenda Bailey and her husband, Kenneth, of Vilonia, Arkansas, and Linda Pippin and her husband, Richard, of Seligman, Missouri; six brothers, Frank Balz and his wife, Louise, of Porum, Oklahoma, Junior Balz and his wife, Margaret, of Willits, California, Charles Vanderpool and his wife, Maria, of Springville, Utah, Allen Vanderpool and his wife, Rhonda, of Pleasant Grove, Utah, Ray Vanderpool and his wife, Julie, of Redwood Valley, California, and Mark Vandepool and his wife, Becky, of Stockton, California; one half-brother, Tom Vanderpool and his wife, Shirley, of Westen, Nebraska; 26 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Gertrude received her education at the OK School at Washburn. She was a homemaker and had resided at Fairview the last three years. Some of her favorite pastimes were sewing, quilting, crocheting, fishing and canning.

Services were held Monday, February 3, 2014, in Fairview Community Center. Pastor Shawn Degonia conducted the services.

Cremation arrangements are under direction of McQueen Funeral Home, Wheaton.

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DARRELL WILLIAMS
Darrell Lynn Williams, age 73, of Hermitage, Tennessee, passed away Monday, February 3, 2014, in Trevecca

Health and Rehabilitation in Nashville, Tennessee.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2014, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville, Missouri. Burial will be in King Cemetery, Seligman, Missouri.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time Saturday in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.

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RUTH A. SMITH
Ruth A. Smith, 80, of Aurora, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014, at Mercy Hospital in Aurora.

Cremation arrangements under direction of White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville. The family requests no memorials at this time.

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CECIL E. MILES
Cecil E. Miles, age 79, of Rose, Oklahoma, formerly of Washburn, Missouri, died Thursday, January 30, 2014, in Hillcrest Hospital, Claremore, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 3, 2014, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Reverend Jim Erwin conducted the services. Burial with military honors was in Roller Cemetery, Washburn, Missouri.

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MARGIE FAYE FIELDS
Margie Faye Fields, age 82, of Cassville, Missouri, passed away Monday, February 3, 2014, in her home.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 7, 2014, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. There will be a private burial at a later date.

Contributions may be made to Hospice Compassus and the Cassville Senior Center in memory of Margie.

A complete obituary will be in next week's paper.

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Community meeting focuses on SWEPCO

Samantha Barberio

On Thursday, January 30, at 6 p.m., a meeting and discussion held by Save The Ozarks (STO) took place in the Auditorium of Eureka Springs regarding SWEPCO, a large electric company wanting to run power lines through southern Barry and McDonald Counties and also northwestern Arkansas, and its recent changes. Approximately 250 people attended the meeting, many came from Missouri and Bentonville, Ark., as STO is reaching a large audience in recent weeks.

Pat Costner, STO Director, began the meeting by discussing what the organization has done thus far and where they plan to go in the future. STO is preparing to file for a rehearing of the APSC Administrative Law judge's decision to approve SWEPCO's transmission line project. If the final decision by the three-member Commission is to approve the project, STO will petition for a review by the Arkansas Court of Appeals. Community members Doug Stowe and Jeff Danos spoke about why they are still fighting this project, even though the routes directly affecting their personal property were eliminated. This served as a reminder that it is important to continue to oppose the project and all routes in order to prevent SWEPCO from affecting any area residents and their properties.

Also on the panel were Glenn Crenshaw, a member of the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, and Heath Rauschenberger, of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Rauschenberger spoke to the audience about the karst topography, waterways and endangered or protected species in the area. The Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce maintains it has concerns about the impact of this proposed project on the economy, real estate market and tourism in all of the areas affected by the routes.

Costner clarified that

the Arkansas Public Service Commission can still deny or modify the judge's ruling. According to STO, none of the routes are safe, including Route 109 that traverses southern Missouri.

The next legal steps, as outlined by Costner, will occur sometime before February 17. At that point, the Commission will reveal whether it will offer its own solution or let the judge's decision stand. During this time, STO will submit their request for a rehearing as a requirement in order for the case to be moved up to the Arkansas Court of Appeals. This also helps relieve pressure on Route 109 for Missouri.

The announcement of STO's plans for appeal brought a resounding applause from the audience. Missouri residents, most of whom have just heard about SWEPCO's proposed transmission line, were invited to go to STO's website for a "No Trespass" letter that they can modify and send to SWEPCO. The letter is aimed at controlling access to their land by requiring advanced written notice, obtaining written permission and signed "hold harmless" agreements.

Missouri residents were also warned that SWEPCO officials will likely be sending land agents into the area. In the event that a landowner is approached in person or by phone, they are advised to seek legal advice before signing any easement agreements and should discuss any offers made by the land agent only in the presence of an attorney. Affected landowners that have not been contacted by SWEPCO can visit <http://www.aeptransmission.com/arkansas/ShipeRoad-KingsRiver/> to receive more information.

The audience was asked to visit the STO Facebook page, sign up for the STO mailing list and volunteer. The meeting lasted approximately 90 minutes with discussion from the audience. The over-

whelming consensus of the meeting was that the line is not needed and is harmful to lives and livelihood.

Since the meeting, STO has learned that SWEPCO hired a company to survey residents about the project. Before that time, the company never asked for opinions from landowners in its six year planning process.

Eagle Rock Lego Club meeting

The Eagle Rock Lego Club will be meeting on Saturday, February 8, at 10 a.m. at the Eagle Rock Community Center. They will be building something Olympic to celebrate the Winter Olympics.

For more information, contact Kara at (417) 846-3059 or the Eagle Rock Library at (417) 271-3186.

SW Waste Management meeting

The Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District N will hold its regularly scheduled Executive Board Meeting at 11:50 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11.

The meeting will be held at Alice Irene's Restaurant in Marionville. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (417) 236-9012.

Polar Plunge dare causes drowning panic



Emergency crews were called out to the pond at the Monett City Park when a City employee saw footprints leading to a hole in the ice on Monday.

Samantha Barberio

The Monett Police and Fire Departments were dispatched to the pond located in the Monett City Park after a call from a city park employee on Monday.

On February 3, at approximately 1 p.m., a city park employee noticed footprints on the pond covered in ice, leading to a small hole. He then realized there were no visible footprints leading away from the hole. He was concerned for a possible drowning and promptly called the police and fire department.

The departments responded to the call, then contacted a diver and rescue officer to survey the pond for

any victims. "The diver was not able to make any determination because the water was very murky," stated Sergeant Dennis Camp of the Monett Police Department. Other searchers attempted to see through the ice on a ladder above the pond to look for a body underneath.

Newton County Search and Rescue were then contacted to assess the scene. "They have use of more and advanced equipment for this sort of situation," stated Camp. Soon after their arrival, the search was called off when a group of teenagers showed up and assured the officers that nobody had drowned.

Camp stated that the

teenagers made a bet with one of their friends late Sunday night for \$3, asking him to do a "Polar Plunge". The teenager walked out onto the pond and fell through the ice. However, he was able to pull himself back up, and with the help of his friends, crawl out of the frigid water. He recorded the whole event on his phone and then showed it to people at school the next day.

"At this point, we are reviewing the incident to determine if any charges will be pursued," stated Camp. There has been no recorded drownings in the pond since it was constructed in the 1920's.



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Barry County Courts send ten to prison in January Law Day cases

• **Eric Michael Akins**, of Monett, pled guilty to tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree, stealing a motor vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, and resisting or interfering with an arrest for a felony. He pled guilty to all four counts and was sentenced to four years incarceration with his sentences running concurrently.

Akins was arrested for three separate crimes stemming the charges against him. The Monett Police Department was investigating a stolen vehicle recovered on Farm Road 1060. Fingerprint evidence was found to belong to Akins.

On December 1, 2012, Akins was pulled over by the Monett Police Department while driving a stolen 2000 Dodge Neon.

On January 25, Akins was driving a 1999 Chevy Malibu pulled over by officer with the Monett Police Department. When officers ordered Akins and his two passengers to show their hands, Akins continued to conceal his hands. Officers found several packages of methamphetamine, a loaded syringe of meth, and two digital scales in the vehicle near Akins.

• **Jacob Myrl Badley** pled guilty to assault in the second degree and burglary in the second degree for a crime committed in April 2010.

On August 15, 2011, Badley was sentenced to four years incarceration with his sentence suspended for supervised probation. That probation was revoked on January 22, 2014, and he is serving his original four years incarceration, due to end January 22, 2018.

Badley's original crime took place on Icehouse Land in Shell Knob where he entered the residence and struck the victim in the head with a beer bottle.

• **Mark Berry**, of Aurora, pled guilty to DWI-Alcohol persistent offender stemming from an arrest in April 2012. Berry was sentenced to two years incarceration with the execution of said suspended in lieu of 45 days shock incarceration to be served February 5 through March 7, 2014, and supervised probation with random drug and alcohol testing.

Berry was arrested on April 3, 2012, when the vehicle he was driving was found to not have a front license plate. Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper Knight detected intoxicant's on Berry's breath, and he failed a variety of field sobriety tests.

• **Andrew Jospher Blueher**, of Cassville, pled guilty to domestic assault in the third degree, assault in the third degree, and resisting/interfering with an arrest. Blueher was sentenced to two years incarceration for each count with sentences to run concurrently. The execution of Blueher's sentence was suspended, and he is to serve 90 days in jail on each count to run concurrently, as well as random drug testing and paying restitution followed by supervised probation for the remainder of his sentence.

Blueher was originally arrested for a domestic assault that took place on Stephens Drive in Cassville on August 10, 2013. Blueher got into a fight with his girlfriend where he repeatedly punched, slapped and choked her, as well as kicking her in the ribs, threatening to hit her with a large liquor bottle and saying that he was going to kill her. Blueher had

to be restrained by two other people present when he was going to hit her with the liquor bottle.

• **Jamie Lee Brooks**, of Exeter, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance and entered an Alford plea for endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree. Brooks received five years incarceration and 100 hours of community service for the charges with a suspended imposition of sentence of supervised probation.

Brooks was originally stopped while driving for expired tags on his vehicle. Officers found a green leafy substance that Brooks claimed to be K2, but smelled like marijuana and a pipe. Officers also found a plastic baggie with a white powdery substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine. Brooks was smoking illegal substances inside the vehicle with his child with the windows rolled up, and the baggie of methamphetamine was within reach of the child.

• **Tony Wade Davis**, of Seligman, pled guilty to hindering the prosecution of a felony and received three years incarceration for the crime.

When officers with the Barry County Sheriff's Department questioned Davis and his associate, Ricky Robinson, Robinson gave a false name. Davis failed to notify officers of Robinson's true name until Robinson fled the scene on foot.

• **John Paul Dzindolet**, of Golden, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance and received an execution suspension of a four year incarceration sentence. Dzindolet is to serve supervised probation for the length of his term.

Dzindolet was stopped while driving for having license plates belonging to a different vehicle. Officer Luckey, of the Cassville Police Department, found methamphetamine and syringes in the car that field tested positive for methamphetamine.

• **Joseph N. Eaton**, of Monett, pled guilty to tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree and received four years supervised probation with the imposition of sentence suspended.

Eaton was arrested following an incident where he attempted to sell a bike he had stolen to another party in July 2012.

• **Kyle Levi Filbeck**, of Galena, had his probation revoked following pleading guilty to tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree and possession of burglary tools in June 2012.

The initial incident occurred in January 2012, when Filbeck was loaned a car by his neighbor. The vehicle was later found with another stolen vehicle on fire at

a property in Purdy.

• **Casey Hood**, of Monett, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance and theft or stealing of more than \$500 but less than \$25,000, resulting in a suspended imposition of a five years supervised probation. He must also serve 100 hours community service by January 15, 2015.

Hood's sentence stemmed from two separate incidents. On February 8, 2013, officers were executing a search warrant at a residence where Hood was inside. Hood had two hydrocodone prescription pills in his pocket that he admitted that he did not have a prescription for. On May 27, 2013, a motorcycle was stolen from the front yard of a house on 1st Street in Monett. While in jail in December 2013, Hood admitted to stealing the motorcycle earlier in the year.

• **Cobby Robert Hood**, of Monett, pled guilty to failing to register as a sex offender.

• **Christopher Earl Hutchason**, of Rogers, Ark., pled guilty to stealing a motor vehicle, receiving four years incarceration with the execution of sentence suspended in favor of supervised probation. He must also pay \$900 restitution to Timothy Vermillion and Dennis Matney.

In December 2010, Hutchason agreed to purchase a vehicle from Timothy Vermillion for \$900. Hutchason never paid the amount, and the vehicle was sold to Tom Barr Recycling, Inc., in Berryville, Ark.

• **Darren Scott Kern**, of Neosho, pled guilty to non-support, total arrears in excess of 12 monthly payments due under order of support. Kern was sentenced to five years unsupervised probation.

• **Jason Carl Mencl**, of Seligman, pled guilty to three counts of burglary in the second degree and two counts of theft/stealing of more than \$500 but less than \$25,000. Mencl was ordered to serve four years incarceration, with shock incarceration ending May 22, 2014.

In May 2010, Mencl and another man stole a lawn mower, cans, tire chains, four chain saws and other scrap metal from a building near Country Package in Washburn. In July 2010, Mencl and the same man also stole a leaf blower, two computers, tools, camping gear and gasoline jugs with gas and kerosene from a residence on Farm Road 2265 in Seligman. In September 2010, Mencl stole six firearms from a residence outside of Cassville, then found selling those firearms in November. In November of 2010, Mencl admitted to stealing copper and other items from a barn on State Highway AA in Barry County.

• **Joe Steven Murillo**, of Monett, pled guilty to October 2013 to a second degree assault charge from December 2008. He is serving a six

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year incarceration sentence as of January 22, 2014.

• **Richard D. Nichols**, of Cassville, pled guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm resulting in a three year incarceration sentence. He was currently on probation for four years from a resisting/interfering with arrest for a felony from May 2010 which has since been revoked.

• **Donald Ray Patton**, of Golden, pled guilty to DWI-Alcohol, aggravated offender, resulting in a five year incarceration sentence with 120 days of shock incarceration.

Patton was driving a motorcycle that wrecked on Missouri Route 39 in Barry County on August 21, 2011. Patton was incoherent and yelling obscenities at emergency room staff after being taken to the hospital following the wreck. Patton had five previous alcohol related convictions, three operating a motor vehicle while revoked

convictions, and one no driver's license conviction.

• **Mahailya Dawnelle Pryer**, of Springfield, pled guilty to theft/stealing of any credit card or letter of credit on July 15, 2013. The probation has since been revoked and she is to serve 120 days shock incarceration.

Pryer broke out the window of an SUV at the Monett Park and stole a purse, containing \$300 cash, two credit cards and a check book. Pryer then attempted to use the credit cards at Walmart where they were denied. She also passed a check at a location in Springfield.

• **Edward Lee Resz**, of Cassville, was placed on supervised probation following a four year incarceration sentence stemming from a DWI-Alcohol, persistent offender, guilty plea in July 2011.

Resz also pled guilty to unlawful possession of a fire-

arm stemming from an arrest from April 2013 where he received seven years incarceration with the execution of the sentence suspended for supervised probation.

The unlawful possession of a firearm charge resulted from an arrest on April 24, 2013, when the Missouri State Highway Patrol investigated a tip stating that Resz had a firearm that he was intending on selling in Cassville. Resz was found with the firearm on his person.

• **Joshua Roberson**, Cassville, had his probation from a possession of controlled substance guilty plea from March 2012.

Roberson will now serve 120 days shock incarceration

of a three year sentence due to end May, 21, 2014.

Roberson was charged following a call received by the Monett Police Department on April 9, 2010, regarding a possible overdose. Roberson was found to have used multiple Fentanyl patches, which are a controlled substance.

• **Randy Lydell Sanford**, of Monett, pled guilty to driving while revoked/suspended and resisting/interfering with a felony ar-

rest, resulting in supervised probation after the execution of his four year sentence was suspended. He will serve ten days shock incarceration.

During a traffic stop by the Monett Police Depart-

ment on May 9, 2012, Sanford was found to be driving a vehicle while his license was revoked. Sanford had five prior convictions for driving

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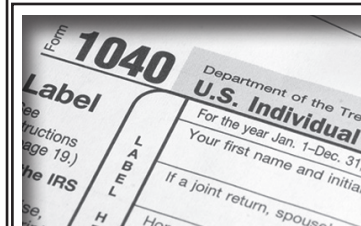
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Seligman Chamber dances draw crowd



Three Hits and a Miss performed at the Seligman Chamber Dance on January 25 for a crowd of around 120 who came out for the event.

Judy Holt, John Sanders, Jerry Hayes and Randy Hight's band, Three Hits and a Miss, entertained at the Seligman Chamber Dance on Saturday, January 25. Over 120 people enjoyed the music, food and dancing. The Chamber will have three dances each month

though April. On Saturday, February 8, Ok Country will perform. On Saturday, February 15, Three Hits & a Miss will be featured. On Thursday, February 20, Harold Simkins and Highway 37 Band will play. All dances are from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Admis-

sion is \$4, and all teens are free. Bring a snack, but no alcohol or smoking allowed. For more information, call (417) 662-3612 or (479) 381-2133. The event is sponsored by the Seligman Chamber of Commerce.

Purdy book club

The Purdy Branch Library is hosting a book club discussion for adults on Wednesday, February 19, at 1 p.m. They will be reading "The Secret Keeper" by Kate Morton.

Interested parties do not have to have read the book to join, just enjoy reading. After the discussion, the group will select the book for the March meeting.

For more information, call the library at (417) 442-7314.

Barry Electric to host membership meetings

Samantha Barberio

Marvin Phipps, Secretary for the Barry Electric Cooperative, announced the schedule for the annual district membership meetings.

District Number One members will meet at the Wheaton School Cafeteria on February 10, 2014. District Number Two members meeting will be held at the Barry Electric Office, 4015 Main Street, Cassville, on February 11, 2014. The Meeting for District Number Three members will be held at the Oak Ridge Baptist Church, east of Cassville on Highway 248, on February 13, 2014. All meetings will start at 7 p.m.

The purpose of the district meeting is to nominate candidates for director to represent members from the district on the cooperative board of directors.

The two candidates re-

ceiving the highest votes from each district nomination meeting will be placed on the ballot for election of one director from each district at the cooperative's annual membership meeting.

The sixty-seventh annual meeting will be held on April 10, 2014, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 5th and West Street in Cassville, at 1 p.m. Directors with expiring terms are Lewis Royer from District One; David Cupps, District Two; and Glen Craig from District Three.

The cooperative's officers are Dr. David Cupps, president; John Marney, vice-president; and Marvin Phipps, secretary-treasurer. Also serving on the cooperative board of directors in addition to Mr. Royer and Mr. Craig are Marlee Edie, Richard Asbill, David Dalton and Ray Manley.

Shell Knob Firefighters Chili and Soup Fest set

Shannon Renfrow

The Central Crossing First Responders and Firefighters are holding their annual Chili and Soup Fest Fundraiser on Saturday, February 15, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Viola/Shell Knob Community Building. The community building is located just off Highway 39, one mile south of Central Crossing Bridge on the east side of the road. This is an "all you

can eat" meal for a small fee.

The first responders and firefighters responded to nearly 500 community 911 calls to assist with accidents, health care situations, automobile wrecks, fires and many other emergency problems this year. The first responders' Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) are becoming obsolete, so the money raised will be used to replace the old units and to purchase other equipment and supplies.

Central Crossing first responders and firefighters serve the Shell Knob area, covering nearly 140 square miles in Barry and Stone Counties.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Shannon Renfrow at (417) 619-2079 or shannon.renfrow@yahoo.com.

LAW DAY from 9A.

while revoked, including one felony conviction from Jackson County.

• **Roy Lee Shaw**, of Neosho, pled guilty to attempted theft/stealing of more than \$500 but less than \$25,000, resulting in supervised probation after his three years incarceration sentence execution was suspended. He was also ordered to pay \$1,500 restitution within 15 days of his January 22, 2014, court date.

On January 9, 2012, Shaw sold junk cars from a property that did not belong to him. The transactions totalled \$1,500.

• **Sherman Richard Starr**, of Galena, pled guilty to failure to register as a sex offender, resulting in supervised probation following the execution suspension of a four year incarceration sentence.

• **Johnathon Destin Stout**, of Monett, pled guilty to burglary in the second degree and violation of an order of protection for an adult. Stout was sentenced to five years incarceration with the execution of the sentence suspended, crediting time for 90 days shock incarceration served and is to have no contact with the victim.

On September 9, 2013, Stout was found by officers with the Monett Police Department to be in a residence that he was not allowed to enter due to an ex parte order.

• **Kaylee Michelle Swinford**, of Purdy, pled guilty to tampering with a motor vehicle in the second degree, resulting in two years unsupervised probation. Swinford must also pay \$390.15 restitution through the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

The incident occurred on May 26, 2012, when Swinford admitted to kicking in four panels of a vehicle and hitting the window with a hatchet with two other people, resulting in \$4,722 worth of damage.

• **Robert Glen Wells** pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, resulting in suspended imposition of a five year sentence.

On January 17, 2013, Wells attempted to enter a residence on Farm Road 2142 in Exeter by kicking in the door, causing \$250 worth of damage. When Barry County Sheriff's officers took Wells into custody, he threw a bag in his possession containing a glass pipe with residue, straws and a baggie of marijuana. The residue field-tested positive for methamphetamine.

• **David Yoho**, of Cassville, pled guilty to trespassing in the first degree and theft/stealing of less than \$500, resulting in a one year incarceration sentence with the execution of sentence suspended. Yoho must serve 30 days in Barry County Jail and not violate the law in any manner.

Yoho entered into the house of his father-in-law on Farm Road 2065 in Purdy on April 6, 2012.

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Exeter claims Homecoming win



The Lady Tiger 2009 State Champion team was honored during Friday night's homecoming activities. The team includes: Kasie (Scott) Hayward, Whitney Edie, Katie Chadd, Peggy Clark, Devin Boyke, Haley Fields, Destani Stensrud, Sydney Newman, Chelbie Kern, Shelby (Bowman) Icenhower, Nicholle (O'Neill) Forgey, Abbey (Scott) Hayes, Sarah Staples, Breanna Varner, Lyndsay Kidwell, Jenny Thomas and Ashton Scott. The team was coached by Jason Cole and Jesse Paulsen.

Lee Stubblefield

The Exeter Tigers, led by Colten Stringer's game-high 26 points, claimed an 82-62 victory over Wheaton on Friday night to highlight the Homecoming activities.

Despite all the fluff of Homecoming, Exeter's Jay Allen had no trouble keeping his Tigers focused on the task at hand. With a chance to go 4-1 in the Ozark 7 Conference race, Allen vowed earlier in the week, "I will not be distracted."

Exeter responded with a strong win over Wheaton, keeping hope alive for a conference championship.

Exeter started every quarter against Wheaton with a run, and the Bulldogs were forced to play catch up all night. Michael Brattin scored the opening points of the night with a slick assist from Ty Pendergraft to give Exeter an early lead, and the Tigers raced to a 12-3 advantage be-

fore Wheaton's Mike Austin called for time.

Exeter enjoyed a rare height advantage in this game and the Tigers used every inch in grinding to a 21-9 lead at quarter's end. Chase Cantwell and Matt Hickman both hit long treys for Wheaton in the frame, but the Bulldogs struggled in the paint.

In the second period, Wheaton collapsed on defense to protect the interior and Exeter responded from outside the arc. Terry Cook, James Kho, Blake Walker, and Stringer all connected with extra value shots as Exeter marched into halftime with a 40-21 lead.

Of Wheaton's 12 second quarter points, 7 came from the free throw line.

The Tigers opened the third period with a 14-8 flurry and Walker's basket at the 3:44 mark established a 25-point lead at 54-29.

The Bulldogs responded with their best run of the game, closing out the period with a 13-4 spurt. Hickman wowed the crowd with a half court buzzer beater to cut the lead to 58-42 at the final break.

"We got away from our style of play there," said Allen after the game. "As long as we were able to dictate the pace, we were in control."

Walker opened the fourth quarter with a long bomb from the left corner to push the Exeter lead to 61-42. Cantwell popped from the right wing for Wheaton, followed by a three-point play

by Tate Banks for the Bulldogs. Then Hickman ripped a corner trey that cut Exeter's lead to 63-50.

But the Tigers seized control with a 12-2 run, ignited by Stringer's fast break layup with 4:55 to play. Wheaton would not challenge again, and Exeter rolled to the 82-62 final.

Exeter scorers: Colten Stringer, 26; Terry Cook, 16; James Kho, 15; Michael Brattin, 8; Blake Walker, 8; Ty Pendergraft, 6; Josh Hood, 3.

Wheaton scorers: Chase Cantwell, 23; Matt Hickman, 14; Michael Priest, 11; Tate Banks, 10; Joey Robbins, 2; Justin Beck, 2.

With just one conference loss coming into Friday's Homecoming tilt with Wheaton, the Exeter Lady Tigers expected a win. But the Lady Bulldogs, despite their youth and inexperience, had one advantage that they relied on to keep this game close for a long time: height.

With a taller front line of Mariah Kochell and Karlee Mason, Wheaton's defense frustrated Exeter early and the Lady Bulldogs scored some easy buckets in the paint with offensive rebounds. Exeter's Rayanna Fare scored 10 points in five and a half minutes to give the Lady Tigers a 14-7 lead at the 2:29 mark. But Wheaton's Shalea Tate scored with a follow on a missed free throw as the quarter wound down, and Exeter led by only 14-12 at the first break.

Exeter's superior guard

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Exeter scorers: Rayanna Fare, 21; Mikayla Meyer, 18; Allison Burnette, 6; Lindsey Henson, 5; Hannah Henson, 5; Caylee Erwin, 3; Rylee Odenbrett, 2.

Wheaton scorers: Mariah Kochell, 12; Karlee Mason, 12; Adison Goostree, 6; Shalea Tate, 4; Haley Beck, 2; Amanda Munday, 2.



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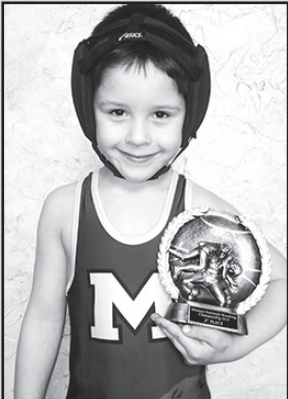
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Thompson takes first



Tristan Thompson, son of Troy and Linda Thompson of Cassville, won first place in the Missouri Nationals Wrestling Championship in Lebanon on Saturday, February 1st.

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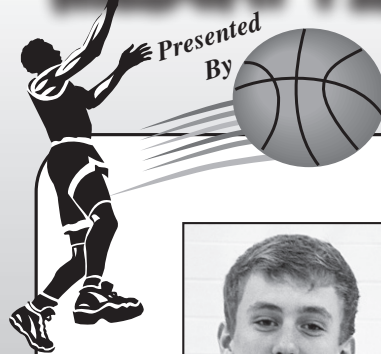


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Purdy’s Project Genesis revitalization



The memorial that sits in the middle of the Project Genesis garden.

Charlea Mills

When it comes to strengthening the economic base in Purdy, there is a unique non-profit that helps make that possible. Project Genesis was founded on the principals of faith, education and economy as a way to help the socio-economic success of the community.

The founders of the project have worked to create a garden that sits between 3rd and 4th Streets on Washington as a way of beautifying the area and as a memorial for veterans. The garden has multiple waterfalls, a large monument, walkways and more.

Project Genesis also helps to open

businesses in the area and renovate downtown, such as the coffee shop that opened two years ago called the Utopian Bean. Each of the projects supported by the non-profit help to improve the financial and aesthetic appeal of Purdy for families and businesses.

By supporting faith, education and economy, Project Genesis helps to improve the draw of commerce to the area by providing revitalization projects that make Purdy a desirable location of businesses and families. Project Genesis was founded by Ed Mareth of Mareth Enterprises.

CHURCH from front.



The new First Baptist Church seats around 200 for their services.



The nursery is just one of many new classrooms that allow dedicated learning and study space for each group that meets there weekly.



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100, which gives the church the opportunity to grow. Banks stated, “We hope that if someone doesn’t have a church family that they’ll come by and visit us.”

The church incorporated new with the old by using some of the furniture from the original church and re-upholstering it. Each of the dedicated classrooms that have been broken down for children, teens, young adults, etc., has been decorated to fit the style of that group. There is also a large fellowship hall with a large kitchen to accommodate any gatherings they will have.

The dedication ceremony at the First Baptist Church will feature a message from

Banks, music from David Everett and special music from Phaedra Clemons. There will also be an invocation by pastor David Salazar, leader of the Hispanic mission at the church. After the service, there will be fellowship in the fellowship hall with light refreshments. The new church is located at Washington and 3rd Streets in Purdy, next to the Project Genesis garden.



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Cassville's Crowder Campus offers many options, new degrees

Samantha Barberio

Crowder College-Cassville has been an instrumental part of the community ever since it opened in the summer 1999 at the Crowder College Watley Center on 13th Street.

The Cassville Campus currently sits at its new location at 4020 N. Main Street, offering six associate and two bachelor's degrees with many transferable credits and certificates. Elementary education with a middle school certification was the first bachelor's degree offered in Cassville through Missouri State University in Springfield. It was introduced two years ago in the fall of 2012 with the first students set to graduate in December 2014. A bachelor's degree in general business began in fall of 2013.

Students can also finish many associate's degrees at Crowder in Cassville, which are nursing, education, general studies, psychology, business administration and, recently added, criminal justice. The campus also offers GED classes for those wishing to get their high school diploma and further their education.

The Crowder Cassville campus hosts around 600 to 700 students year round with 12 full time professors and 55 adjunct. "Community college can cut expenses. It's also a good investment of time and money," stated Angela Seymour, Crowder College Cassville Center Director. "A lot of students are first generation college students, and for some, it is nice to get an education and still be at home. This is also beneficial for people with families," she continued.

Crowder Cassville has none of the on-campus fees such as parking that one might find at a larger university. The lack of extra fees ac-

companied by lower tuition rates results in a relaxing atmosphere for students to finish their education.

Sixty percent of transfer students will earn a bachelor's degree in four years, according to research from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. Another 12 percent of transfers remain enrolled after four years.

"For some students, this is their only chance at attending college, and for others, it's simply a better option compared to other institutions," stated Seymour.

"What I like most about attending school at Crowder in Cassville is the people. You feel like you are a part of a family. The teachers know you by name, and you're not just a number. They actually care about you," stated second year elementary education major Cody Hobbs.

"I chose Crowder Cassville because it is close to home. I like the complexity of my schedule. I love the small classes; this gives me an ability to interact with my classmates and instructors. The faculty we have at Crowder Cassville are amazing and very helpful," stated Jharry Ann, nursing major and addictions counseling minor.

In September 2010, Crowder College in Cassville received the TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) grant for the first time, and Cheyenne Ward was hired in October 2010 as the TRIO Student Support Services Director. The program keeps students involved and on track during their time at

Crowder. The Crowder Cassville site served 140 students with the goal of increasing the college retention and graduation rates of SSS participants.

"There is no official cap on how many students can enroll in the program, but our funding is based on 140 students. As we exceed 140 students, our resources per student decrease. We can place students on a waiting list until a vacancy arises as other students withdraw or graduate," stated director Cheyenne Ward.

To participate in SSS, students who have been admitted to Crowder must fill out an application. To qualify for the program, students must meet at least one of the following guidelines: be a first generation student, have a documented financial need or a documented disability. Once a student has applied, they will be asked to meet with Ward for an initial interview in order to determine a student's acceptability.

"The SSS program provides informative, weekly

workshops, throughout each semester, including math skills, public speaking skills, study tips, goal-setting and financial literacy. However, if space is available, other students can attend as the information will benefit any student attending Crowder," stated Ward.

Advising is one of the biggest benefits of attaining a membership with SSS. Also, students may be eligible for additional aid through the program.

"Though SSS and referrals to the Educational Opportunity Center, students are gaining the education to improve their financial and economic literacy," stated Ward. Jerri Hudson and Ben Lesué, the two Academic Coordinators, offer one-on-one personal and academic advising. Transfer assistance is also available to those students who are transferring to four-year universities.

"Sometimes I am still amazed at how far we've come in the last three and a half years. A lot of students have come to us, and it's ex-



Cody Hobbs, elementary education major in his second year, studying at the Learning Resource Center on campus.

tremely rewarding to see their progress each semester," stated Ward.

After ten years, Crowder Cassville continues to improve its academic stability

in the community and strives to make it a welcoming community, encouraging people from all backgrounds to better their life with a college education.

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45th Annual Monett Dairy Day set for Feb. 18

The 45th annual Monett Dairy Day is set for Tuesday, February 18, at the Monett National Guard Armory, three-fourths mile north of Highway 60 on Chapel Drive, according to Dr. Tony

Rickard, Cassville-based Dairy Specialist with University of Missouri Extension. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with the program to run from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is a \$5 charge for lunch

and advance registration is requested.

Since 1969, this long-running educational event has presented research-based information to area dairy producers to assist them in making management decisions. Highlights of the pro-

gram include adaptation of new milking technology and what the new farm bill means to producers.

Dr. Tony Rickard, Extension Dairy Specialist, University of Missouri – Cassville, will lead off, with Maintaining A Dairy Industry in Mis-

souri. Murray Lane, Field Service, Dairy Farmers of America, Monett, will be discussing Testing Milk For Residues.

Following lunch, compliments of the Monett Chamber of Commerce, How a Robotic Milker Fits in Missouri Dairies will be presented by Duane Ripperda, Arentsen Farm Sales and Service, Albers, Illinois, and completing the program, Dr. Scott

Brown, Program Director for Food & Agriculture Policy Research Institute, University of Missouri, Columbia, will be discussing Dairy Outlook and Farm Bill update.

The dairy day is co-sponsored by Barry County Extension, the Monett Chamber of Commerce and Trade Show Exhibitors and is open to all. For more information, contact Rickard at the Extension office (417) 847-3161.

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Students of the Month



Wheaton named their December Students of the Month. Pictured above are sophomore Vanessa Cook (left), daughter of Clarence and Moneca Cook, and freshman Calista Blades (right), daughter of Stacey Blades and Tracey Butler.

MSU fall 2013 graduates

The Fall 2013 Barry County graduation candidates from Missouri State University in Springfield, as of January 13, 2014, were:

Cassville:
Ethan Emery Couch, BS
John Leslie Lee, MHA
Kenneth Eugene Schieler, BS

Matthew Ryan Stewart, BA, Magna Cum Laude

Exeter:
Dennis Keith Daniels, MHA

Crane:
E. Kathleen Schnelle, MHA

Monett:
Svitlana N Myronova, MACC

Kara B Tinklepaugh, MS

Purdy:
Yeng Lee, BS
Zachery D Rosewicz, BS

Shell Knob:
Chelsea Brittain, MHA

MO S&T Fall 2013 graduates

Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla announced their Fall 2013 graduates.

Benjamin Levi Weldin, of Aurora, earned a bachelor of science degree in geological engineering.

Kyle Benjamin Henry, of Washburn, earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

Barry County natives collegiate honors

Missouri State University -
Springfield
Fall 2013 Dean's List*

Aurora:

Jessica A. Walker

Cassville:

Sarah N. Allen
Courtney D. Beagle
Tracy A. Buntin
Zachary N. Harris
Jessica E. Houskeeper
Jessica M. Lueckenhoff
Donna K. Moore
Sarah K. Sandoval
Christopher Seymour
Ashley K. Speer
Amanda R. Stephens
Matthew R. Stewart
Marissa J. Tucker
Eagle Rock:
Matthew L. Tripp

Exeter:

Peighton S. Johnson
Jessica M. Maloney
Larry A. Meyer
Lora B. Weathers
Mason D. Weston
Fairview:
Linna Lee
Monett:
Brooke K. Chrisman
Whitney D. Dannenmueller
Lara S. Ellis
Cara L. Kerns
Kerry Tinklepaugh
Monica Villa Meza
Jennifer E. Witt

Purdy:

Michaela M. Analla
Jacey E. Staponski

Shell Knob:

Kimberly E. Miller

City: Verona:

Kierstyn D. Evans

Washburn:

Jason C. Cockrum
Jamie A. Gundel
Jerri L. Henry
Missouri University of
Science and Technology
- Rolla
Corey Halsted, of Aurora, made the Honor List as a freshman in engineering.
Kyle Benjamin Henry, of Washburn, made the Honor List as a senior in mechanical engineering.
Brock Michael Jacobs, of Eagle Rock, made the Honor List as a junior in chemical engineering.
Robert Skylar Knoll, of Washburn, made the Honor List as a sophomore in engi-

neering.

Tammy Martin, of Seligman, made the Honor List as a sophomore in chemistry.
Adam John Prier, of Golden, made the Honor List as a sophomore in engineering management.
Andrew Philip Schlup, of Pierce City, made the Honor List as a junior in ceramic engineering.
Jonah Wayne Walker, of Crane, made the Honor List as a freshman in engineering.
Benjamin Ledi Weldin, of Aurora, made the Honor List as a senior in geological engineering.

Southwest Baptist
University - Bolivar

Deborah Breon, of Monett, made the Honor's List.

Andrew Brown, of Monett, made the Honor's List.

Alexis Dibell, of Monett, made the Honor's List.

Jennifer Frazier, of Monett, made the Trustees' List.

Courtney Krueger, of Shell Knob, made the Trustees' List.

Micah Miller, of Monett, made the Honor's List.

Garrett Maxey, of Monett, made the Deans' List.

Rachael Neill, of Purdy, made the Trustees' List.

Emily Pitts, of Monett, made the President's List.

Raigan Ratliff, of Monett, made the President's List.

David Thomas, of Monett, made the Deans' List.

Rylie Wilks, of Golden, made the Trustees' List.

Carissa Willey, of Monett, made the Trustees' List.

Westminster College
- Fulton

Kaylin Dilbeck from Shell Knob, was named to the Fall 2013 Academic Dean's List.

CMS students make SW District Honor Bands



Out of 24 students that travelled with Cassville Middle School's band director Stephanie Montez to the Webb City tryouts for Southwest District Honor Bands, 16 musicians were selected.

Those students travelled back to Webb City on February 1 to have an all-day practice and perform in the evening.

The students selected are pictured above. Back row, left to right: Justin James, 4th chair horn; Matthew Wilkinson, 15th chair clarinet; Alyssa Case, 17th chair clarinet; Grace Schell, 8th chair flute; Marissa Matthews, 7th chair percussion; Emily Sink, 18th chair clarinet; James Curtis, 6th chair trombone; Derek Christy, 8th chair trombone; and Chloe Flowers, 2nd chair baritone. Front row: Kamryn Jaques, 2nd chair flute; Miranda Hang, 3rd chair trumpet; Amber Large, 9th chair flute; Jaia Thao, 2nd chair bass clarinet; Damaris Taylor, 3rd chair horn; and Noah Parsons, 3rd chair alto sax. Not pictured: McAla McManus, 10th chair clarinet.

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Exeter's December Character Kids



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Pictured in the front row, left to right: Victor, Stormie, Leiland, Sarah, Summer and Ashley. Middle row: Gretzky, Adalyn, Rebecca P., Calvin, Corey, Alyssa, Lacy, Owen and Braden. Back row: Tori, Aubry A., Makenzie H., Aubrie G. and Lane B. Jamison. Lindsey N. (not pictured).

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Third Grade B Honor Roll:

Addy Abramovitz, Alexis Aldaba, Joey Billingsley, Tabitha Cowles, Travis Hughes, Xo Lai Lee, Adriana Mathews, Libby Roden, Edith Rodriguez, Rayven Gonzalez, Francis Mathews, Destry Patton, Emilee Pierce, Leanna Roberts, Nancy Salazar and Stephanie Webb.

Fourth Grade A Honor Roll:

Bradley Biloki, Dally Craig, Savannah McGuirk, Lauryn Ramirez, Daniel Aldava, Payton Crumpler, Weston Ellison, Montana Fly, Areli Garcia, Jessica Garcia, Jaden Morgan, Jasmine Peterson, M’Kena Propps, Avalon Rivers and Lara Temple.

Fourth Grade B Honor Roll:

Jesus Aldava, Jomelin Alvarez, Caitlin Brown, Daniel Faires, Anthony Felipe, Zach Henderson, Amelia Hernandez, Jasmine Horn, Levi Maddocks, Kalleah Mossell, Jocelyn Perez, Alan Rodriguez, Michael Stanford,

Grace Stephens, Jarek Tettenhorst, Eli Webb, Trinity Adams, Aubree Bennett, Chase Brattin, Matthew Cornelius, Grace Gardner, Lucas Maddocks and Angel Perez.

• Southwest Elementary

A Honor Roll

4th grade

Ryan Lawrence, Amy Reeves and Elizabeth Ross.

3rd grade

Allen Hendrix, Coy Shrum, James Teal, Tristan Greek, Jordan Martin, Traven Walkingstick, Payton Morris, Nathaniel Salsbury and Shaylea Eggleston.

2nd grade

John Atkins, Kayla Hendrix, Abigail Floyd, Faith Outhouse, Natalie Sanko, Lyric Bernard, Brooklyn Blanchard, Landon Bernard, Conner Force, Tristan Fry, Ben Morris, Brendyn Paulsen, Tehya Ross and Juliauna Sierra.

1st grade

Elizabeth Salsbury, Saige Miller, Tara Hampshire, Hunter Cain, Miles Bowlin, Neveah Stogdill, Jayden Lee, Riley Flippo, Abigale Clark, Monica Houskeeper, Allyson Fry, Brady Brinkman, Hunter Barnes, Raeli Miles, Jesse Holder and Samuel Corn.

A/B Honor Roll:

1st grade

Kaden Kimball, Piper King, Madison Miller, Angel Rocha, Kastor Walter, Bailee Hamilton, Tristan Morgan, Bailey Stephens, Jonas Wright, Tyler Meek and Kaleb Outhouse.

2nd grade

Cameron Decker, Caden Murray, Lilly Wolf, Brooklynn Slye, Emma Brown, Bruce Duncan, Bryan Everitt, Peyton Fixico, Ryder Martin, Charlie Pippin, Aubrey Taylor and Selena Williams.

3rd grade

Gavin Barton, Bryce Hammers, Brittany Trotter, Kloe Bowman, Logan Campbell, Kristal Deans, Marshall Mabry, Devin Sharp, Roper Varner, Olivia Erwin, Hayley Hignite, Lucas Lakey, Alli Shrum, Zak Starr, Kaydence Gabbard, Signe Suchowski, Rachel Willer, Brandon Brooks, Katie Catron, Alli Fosse, Kara Myddelton, Larry Sheppard, Anna Church, Mason Harling, Axel Keener, Cameron Pendergraft and Dylan Trimble.

4th grade

Tierney Ash, Chelsea Blount, Braley Tharp, Evon Conrad, Tristan Fry, Christian Long, Sawyer Varner, Stacy Barber, Kyla Deans, Molly Atkinson, Samuel Jennings, Andrew Cornell, Austin Peterson and Madeline Workman.

B Honor Roll:

1st grade

Ella Taylor, Jasmine Everitt, Julie Cabrillo, Addison Cotton, Rosey Hess and Piper Knighten.

2nd grade

Shaelynne Dewitt, Alexis Raucstadt, Aspen Skidmore, Sophia Wyman, Jesse Brooks, Braden Garcia, Garrett Hill,

Morgan Slaughter, Serenity Black and Marcus Lakey.

3rd grade

Chloe Hodge.

4th grade

Elizabeth Long, Mason Bernard, Shelbie Pendergraft, Anabella Woodruff, Abbie Saunders, Michelle Foster and Eva Doody.

• Southwest Middle School

Principal's list:

5th Grade

Hannah Hougland, Tanner Joyner, Travis Sickles and Isaac Starr.

6th Grade

Jayda Ladd and Karlea Holder.

7th Grade

Liana Brown, Lane Cargile, Lacey Reeves and Heather Windes.

8th Grade

Bailee Aldridge, Kaitly Bernard, Caitlin Blevins, Courtney Broyles, Blanche Kirk, Tanner Leonhardt, Devan Maleki, Emily Snyder, Taylor Swindle and Crystal Trinh.

A Honor Roll:

5th Grade

Austin Gideon, Dusty Hendrix, Mackinlee Kellogg, Laney Moore, Celeste Nelson, Danielle Reed and Bonnie Robbins.

6th Grade

Carley Black, Alice Cannady, Leland Colf, Keisha Corter, Devon Decker, Jesse Foster, Angel Gregrich, Ry-lie Hill, Rachel Jimenez, Trevor Lakey, Hiley Littrell, Lindy Mabry, Shelby Morgan, Bryson Murray, Kaite-

lyn Resz, Ashlenn Robbins, McKenzie Smith and Mollie Wheeler.

7th Grade

Jared Alverson, Madelyn Ashby, Amber Cannady, Hannah Cypret, Michael Foster, Gracelyn Gentry, Rachell Hedden, Mariah Munday, Maggie Robbins and Alexis Thomas.

8th Grade

Brayden Aday, Sarah Atkinson, Jay Fields, Kristen Hendrix, Landon Hendrix, Mariah Long, Lane Morgan, Brianna Roller, Allison Serrano, Jacob Stephens, Vincent Suchowski and Bryten Zeigler.

B Honor Roll:

5th Grade

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6th Grade

Shelby Blevins, Kayleigh Booher, BJ Corn, Aubrey Cornell, Allison Curry, Miranda Kellogg, Shelby Pike, Eric Pirri, Tyler Swadley, Jake Taylor, Kristin Teague, McKaile Teal, Cameron Tobar,

Faithann Townsend, Anna Trimble, Nathan Wallace.

7th Grade

Harley Anderson, Chance Black, Caitlin Broyles, Stevie Cline, Sadie Dunegan, Reid Fosse, Shaylin Hendrix, Zane Moore, Liliana Outhouse, Mason Owens, Makenzey Reed, Kaitlyn Roberts, Conner Teters and Rhianna Wilis.

8th Grade

Juanita Andrews, Deecan Barnes, Aaron Beeson, Zachary Blair, Cody Brooks, Joshua Clay, Myka Cook, Kinzie Daniels, Madison Decker, John Durossette, Dylon Hamilton, Charlie Henderson, Alexa Hudgins, Tyler Lakey, Wyatt McKeever, Evan Still, Heidi Sutter and Kaylea Young.

• Southwest High School

A Honor Roll

Jymme Ash, Justin Ballard, Jerod Black, Mikaela Black, Hannah Brown, Haven Brown, Alison Carnes, Josh Corn, Chris Craig, Holly Crow, Whitney Curry, Damita Davis, Sydney Delosantos, Kaleigh Ennis, Hailey Foster, Hayden Fox, Kaitlyn Gentry, Jessica Henderson, Hayley Hendrix, Jay Henry, Alex Jimenez, Autumn Johnson, Haley Ladd, Hunter Laney, Jerica Lawrence, Sa-

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Exeter Dance Team places at Invitational



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Purdy's Spelling Bee winner



Sixth grade student Shana Whisman will represent Purdy Schools at the Joplin Globe Spelling Bee on March 17. Whisman, who won the Purdy School Spelling Bee for the second consecutive year on January 31, is the daughter of Shane Whisman of Purdy.

HONOR ROLLS from 7B.

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7th Grade
Elijah Atkinson, Jacey Ball, Randy Cannady, Cameron Corter, Hannah Cy-

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8th Grade
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