

\$1.5 Million branch plan progressing for Shell Knob Library

Charlea Estes-Jones

With fundraising efforts still underway, the reality of a new Shell Knob Library branch gets nearer. The estimated \$1.5 million branch will be located on a bluff overlooking the lake.

Barry-Lawrence Regional Library director Gina Milburn said the library has plans for the new branch, but the timeline on getting the building completed depends on fundraising efforts to supplement donations already collected.

The reality of a new branch began in November 2014 when the donation of around three acres was offered to the library system by Charles W. Singleton III and the Danny and Catherine Street Income Only Trust. She said the land is worth about \$158,000. Singleton will have naming rights of the branch, which will be in honor of his parents.

Now, plans are made and it's a matter of fundraising to make the branch a reality. Milburn said, "We hired an architect firm [Paragon Architecture in Springfield] to do preliminary drawings for us. We have those baseline drawings to show people to help in fundraising. The patrons in Shell Knob can see what we are doing; we want them to know we are serious about building a branch."

She continued, "The community has passed raising half of what we think it's going to cost to build. They are going to have to raise

about \$750,000, and we think it's going to be about \$1.5 million to build.

"Once we raise the funds, and if the district is able to get the tax levy increase, we'll get the rest of the money and go out to bid and start building."

The Shell Knob community currently has a library branch in the Bridgeway Plaza on Highway 39, however, Milburn says a lot of the space isn't usable in the branch. She said, "The existing branch is about 3,000 square feet on two levels and really, with the staff we have there, we're only really able to use the upper level which is about 1,500 square feet. They can only really do programming on the bottom level with the staff we have. It's an older building and there isn't a lot we can do with it without gutting it."

The state of the current branch and the parking limitations are what led the library to pursue a new branch instead of attempting to renovate the existing branch. Milburn said most branches in the library system are newer and not in need of major repairs or renovations except for the Shell Knob and Monett branches.

She added, "We're excited to do this and have a building that is easy to maintain."

The new library will be approximately 4,500 square feet all on one level with a handicapped accessible parking lot. There will also

be four computers, which is two more than the current branch, wifi for patrons and an outdoor covered patio for programming. Having

the building and parking lot handicapped accessible was paramount to the library board's decision regarding the new building.

Milburn said, "The community is predominantly senior citizens. We need a building that is accessible for our seniors and a usable building for all ages. You try to have a branch that fits the community."

Milburn added there will also be a dedicated meeting

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Families board the Santa train for holiday magic

Vinnie Roberts

Each year, the Seligman Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Arkansas and Missouri Railroad, puts on the Santa Train, an event that takes parents and children on a festive ride down the rails filled with carols, cookies, cocoa, and merriment.

Parents and children lined up at Seligman City hall on Saturday, December 15, for both 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. rides from Seligman to Rogers, Ark. As they boarded the train, they were treated to a festive scene with the luggage racks overhead adorned with tinsel and sparkling bulbs and orchestral renditions of Christmas carols coming over the P.A.

Just a little after 9 a.m., once all were aboard, the train disembarked to the joyous chorus of "The Polar Express". Children and parents sang along with the chorus as the train shook and the horn whistled. The smell of cocoa filled the car as the train began to creep toward it's cruising speed. Cheerful attendants offering commemorative ornaments and passing out candy canes lined the car as their colleagues in the back of the car prepared the morning's refreshments.

As the train embarked on it's journey across state lines, children snapped to the windows, in awe of the natural beauty of the wintery rural landscape rushing past them. They flew above and through the dense tree line that dots the countryside along the state line. Children called out at the deer, the squirrels and all of the other forest life that flew by in a flash.

One child called out excitedly once he had realized that the train had crossed the state



Santa greeted children on the train with warm high fives and festive cheer.

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City of Cassville earns accounting award

Vinnie Roberts

Jennifer Evans began working for the City of Cassville in 2013 as an accounting clerk. In 2015, she was promoted to a dual role as City Finance Clerk and City Finance Officer. In 2017, Evans' work for the City was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This year, her work with the city was rewarded for the second time.

Evans was awarded the certificate due to her work on the City of Cassville's CAFR or Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, a report that compiles all of a government entity's financial statements and makes the information within more accessible to the reader.

"The reward is for our comprehensive annual financial report or, CAFR," said Evans. "Basically, every government entity is required to produce financial statements. That's part of the law.

"A Comprehensive Financial Report is, as the name suggests, more comprehensive. It has a little more in it that's supposed to make it easier to read, so that a person can more easily figure out the financial state of that entity."

Evans went in to describe the complexity of putting together a CAFR.

"Whether you're looking at the financial statements for the State of Missouri, the City of St. Louis, or the City of Cassville, they're all supposed to

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Herrin Animal Hospital hosts annual toy drive



Reinna Robinson, Cassville Intermediate



Herrin Animal Hospital, in Cassville, held its annual toy drive to collect gifts for kids this Christmas. Each year, the animal hospital holds the toy drive and a holiday open house to benefit OACAC's Share Your Christmas program. Dr. Herrin and his staff are pictured above with the donations, from left to right: Chynna Ashbaugh, Dr. Brent Herrin, Sara Crass, Kendra Nance and Jori Dodson.

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Boxx selected for Attorney General transition team

LOCAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEY WILL BE PROVIDING INPUT INTO NEEDS

Charlea Estes-Jones
 Barry County's local prosecuting attorney was selected to be part of an advisory team for incoming Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt. Schmitt's office announced the transition team at the end of November.

Barry County's prosecuting attorney Amy Boxx said she was surprised that she was asked to serve on the advisory team. She said, "I was surprised. I haven't had any previous dealings with Mr. Schmitt. I don't know him any better than anyone else. I'm happy to help, but I certainly wasn't expecting it."

According to a press release by Schmitt's office, the transition team be reviewing the attorney general's office and gathering information for Schmitt to prioritize his duties.

Schmitt released the following statement: "As the state's next Attorney General, I look forward to serving as the lawyer for all six million Missourians. I am grateful to the exceptional group of leaders who are assisting with this transition and are committed to protecting Missouri's families."

Boxx is one of 12 people involved in some form of law enforcement who will be serving as advisors as Schmitt takes over as new attorney general.

Boxx said she believes the advisors were selected based on their location in the state and position in the judicial

system. She said, "From looking at the list, it looks like he's attempting to get folks from different areas of the state to get a more complete picture of issues in different areas and how to deal with them as a whole throughout the state."

As far as what the advisory committee will do, she said, "What was described to me by the chief of staff, he indicated the thought was in order to make the transition from one attorney general to the new one was to have a transition team which would be made up of various folks with different disciplines that have something to do with

law enforcement. We are going to be used as sounding boards on issues from various parts of the state that would give an idea of what would be needed in across the state. It's going to be conference calls amongst us to talk things over and give advice."

She continued, "We've had good relations with the past AG office and they have been helpful to us in the past. I'm happy to help out. That office does good work."

Chairs for the team are Todd Graves, of Graves Garrett law firm, and Jerry Hunter, of Byran Dave Leighton Paisner. Honorary cochair

are John Ashcroft and John Danforth.

Boxx joins fellow advisors: Ben Butler, Cass County Prosecuting Attorney; Bill Corrigan, partner at Armstrong Teasdale LLP; Blake Hurst, Missouri Farm Bureau president; Daniel Isom, Executive Director of the Regional Justice Information Service Commission and former Chief of Police for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; Tim Lohmar, St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney; Brian Munzlinger, farmer and for-

mer Chair of the Missouri Senate Agriculture Committee; Kathy Osborn, Regional Business Council Executive Director; Joe Patterson, St. Louis County Police Detective and President of St. Louis County Police Association; Rev. B.T. Rice, Pastor of New Horizon Christian Church; Mark Woolbright, 2nd District International Association of Firefighters Vice-President; and Danny Whiteley, City of Poplar Bluff Police Chief

Boxx graduated from the University of Missouri

in 1992. She graduated law school in 1995 and was in private practice in Monett from 1995 until her election as Barry County prosecuting attorney in November 2014 and taking office in January 2015. She resides in Cassville with her family.

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December 21st

A Special Christmas Lunch will be served at Central Crossing Senior Center. All ages are welcome.
Music will be held at the Clio Community Building beginning at 6:30 p.m.

December 22nd

Fundraiser Breakfast will be held at the Eagle Rock Fire Station from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

December 24th

A Free Christmas Eve Meal of baked potato bar, salad, dessert and drinks will be served at Cassville United Methodist Church at 7th and Gravel between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. All are invited.

December 27th

A Dance with The Fun Timers Band will be hosted at the Pierce City Senior Center, 104 N. Locust, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$4. Finger foods are welcome. For more information, contact (417)476-5800 or (417)737-4900.

December 28th

A Blood Drive will be hosted by Arvest Bank, 503 Main Street, Cassville. The Bloodmobile will be there from noon until 4 p.m. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcross-blood.org and enter: ARVESTCASSVILLE to schedule an appointment.

December 29th

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January 4th

Music will be held at the Clio Community Building beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Notice:

Seligman Food Bank will be open Thursday, Dec. 20, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Proof of Seligman address is required.
Cassville Farmers' Market will be on the square every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. (417) 652-7308.
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Tips to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season

Families big and small typically celebrate the holiday season together. For some, celebrating the holidays with family requires traveling, while others stay put and welcome family and friends into their homes.

At some point during the holiday season, celebrants who host family and friends will no doubt prepare a home cooked meal for their loved ones. Cooking for a crowd can seem like a daunting task, especially for first-time hosts. However, there are various ways for hosts to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

1. Prepare a familiar dish.

Hosts may agonize over their holiday menus, and some may feel compelled to prepare a family specialty or the same dishes their parents or grandparents prepared for holiday dinners when they were children. But holiday hosts can make things easy on themselves by choosing dishes they've made in the

past, regardless of their place in family history. Chances are the ingredients for hosts' own specialties are already in the pantry, saving a potentially time-consuming trip to the grocery store. And thanks to the familiarity factor, hosts' own specialties likely won't require as much time to prepare.

2. Share some cooking duties.

Another way to simplify cooking for a crowd is to invite guests to bring along a side dish or dessert. Guests who live nearby can make something in advance of the big meal, while hosts can hand over their kitchens to overnight guests who express a willingness to contribute their own home cooked dish to the party. Sharing the cooking duties gives hosts more time to connect with friends and family and serves as a great way to plan the menu in advance.

3. Only make what guests are likely to eat.

Hosts also should not feel pressured to cook more food than is necessary. Holiday meals have a tendency to be lavish, but hosts don't have to spend all day in the kitchen preparing food that will likely end up as leftovers or trash. Get a final head count in the days before everyone comes over and adjust your recipes accordingly.

4. Start early.

If the big meal is on Christmas Day, that does not mean hosts have to start cooking while everyone unwraps their presents. Hosts who are uncertain about what to cook can look for meals that can be prepared in advance so come the big day all they need to do is turn on the oven and let meals cook while the family spends time together.

Hosts can employ various strategies to simplify the process of cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

Serve up warmth for the holidays

People often associate holiday imbibing with eggnog, but many other beverages can be enjoyed this time of year. Wassail is a hot, mulled cider that was traditionally consumed while wassailing, a ritual of Medieval English Christmas and Twelfth Night celebrations. A warm beverage and caroling go hand-in-hand.

Wassail can be made in many different ways, depending on one's tastes. But cider is an integral ingredient in most wassail recipes. Home cocktail creators can use this basic recipe and modify as they see fit.

Wassail (serves 8 to 10): 1/2 gallon apple cider, 2 cups orange juice or pineapple juice, 1/4 cup lemon juice, 8 whole cloves, 4 cinnamon sticks, 1 cup orange juice, whiskey, if desired.

Add all ingredients to a large pot over medium heat. Allow to boil. Reduce and simmer for 30 to 45 minutes. Strain out the cloves and cinnamon sticks. For an alcoholic drink, add whiskey to desired taste. Wassail is traditionally served out of a communal punch bowl, but can also be presented in individual mugs garnished with cinnamon sticks.

Perfect attendance



Perfect attendance certificates were given out Sunday, November 25, for the fall quarter at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church. Pictured with their certificates are, left to right: Emily Henderson, Will Henderson, Casey Henderson, Tessa Jannsen, and Jaxyn Janssen.



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JOHNNY LEE FARMER

Johnny Lee Farmer, age 55, passed away in his home in Cassville on December 12, 2018, surrounded by his loving family. He is at rest now with his Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Johnny was born February 16, 1963, in Harrison, Arkansas, to Jackie Lee Farmer and Connie Marie (Hargis) Farmer. They both preceded him in death.

Johnny grew up in the Oak Grove, Arkansas, area where he received his education, graduating from high school in Green Forest, Arkansas, in 1981.

Johnny always had a love for fast cars and motorcycles. He enjoyed working on automobiles. He also enjoyed guns and shooting. Johnny always wanted to live life to

the fullest.

On May 16, 2015, he was united in marriage to Santana Cornelius Farmer. In the short time of their marriage, they enjoyed going on drives and spending time together. Johnny had a wonderful nature and was a joy to be around. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife, Santana; two children from a previous marriage, one son, Jarrett Lee Farmer and his wife, Katie, of Lemoore, California, and one daughter Chrystal Marie Wright and her husband, Derick Wright, of Centerton, Arkansas; one grandson, Jaiden Lee Farmer, of Lemoore, California; one brother, Doug Farmer, of Oak Grove, Arkansas; one nephew, Justin Farmer and his wife, Skylar; mother-in-law Sue Beagle and Dan Wilderbuer, of Exeter; one brother-in-law, Rusty Cornelius and his wife, Jennifer, and three nephews, Travis, Matthew and Charlie, of Purdy.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 17, 2018, at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Wayne Turnbull con-

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ducted the services.

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HENRY LUTHER BLANKENSHIP

Henry Luther Blankenship, age 71, of Aurora, passed away Friday, December 14, 2018, at Cox South Hospital in Springfield.

He was born in Jenkins on June 1, 1947, the son of Duane and Ollie Blankenship. On August 1, 1964, he was united in marriage to Sharon Bright, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Pamela Waltrip and her husband, Kenny, of Aurora, and Cheryl Cantrell and her husband, Bruce, of Springfield; two sons, Chris Blankenship and his wife, Shelley, of Aurora, and Gregory Blankenship and his wife, Cassy, of Aurora; two brothers, Sam Blankenship and his wife, Trudy, of Jenkins, and Pat Blankenship and his wife, Debbie, of Jenkins; one brother-in-law, Jer-

ry Nickle, of Cassville; one sister, Marie Iiams, of Jenkins; eleven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Harold Blankenship; and one sister, Louise Nickle.

Henry attended elementary school at Jenkins and then Cassville High School. In 1966, he and Sharon moved to their farm, where he spent the rest of his life as a beef farmer. He attended Longview Methodist Church in Purdy.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Mark Moller and Pastor David Wilson conducted the services. Burial was at Clio Cemetery in Jenkins.

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ROLENA MAE CHURCH

Rolena Mae Church, age 57, of Schell City, passed away on Friday, December 7, 2018, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. Mrs. Church, daughter of Jerry David and Regina Ann (Wyrick) Gatewood, was born on August 14, 1961, in Kansas City, Kansas. She enjoyed the outdoors and playing computers. Mrs. Church loved

spending time with her children and grandchildren, and will be greatly missed. She attended the Schell City First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Jeremy Gatewood, of Rogers, Arkansas, and Kip Church, Jr. and his wife, Tracy, of Purdy; one daughter, Rachael Thornton and her husband, Tommy, of Schell City; ten grandchildren; and one sister, Vicki Jett, of Norwood.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by one brother, David Gatewood.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 22, 2018, at Schell City First Baptist Church with Pastor Doug Reynolds officiating. A private family burial will be held in Fort Scott, Kansas.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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WARREN DANIEL SWAN

Warren Daniel Swan, age 61, of Washburn, passed away doing what he loved to do, riding his tractor, on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Mr. Swan, son of Franklin and Charlotte (Searle) Swan, was born on March 23, 1957, in Chicago, Illinois. Upon graduating high school, he received his Bachelor's Degree and went on to receive his Masters in Computer Programing from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. On August 7, 1982, he was united in marriage to Emily Wells in Hinsdale, Illinois. He and Emily moved to Washburn in 2003 to make their home.

Mr. Swan loved working on his farm, building trails in the woods, and riding his tractor. He was musically inclined and played several

different instruments, including the piano at church and the hammered dulcimer. He also enjoyed Geocaching and Waymarking. Mr. Swan was a member of the Prairie Hill Baptist Church in Washburn. He was a dear friend to many and will be deeply missed.

Survivors include his wife, Emily Swan, of Washburn; one son, Daniel Swan, of Charlotte, North Carolina; three daughters, Olive Swan, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Heidi Gillispie and her husband, Joshua, of Buford, Georgia, and Amy Swan, of Ashland, Wisconsin; two grandchildren, Henry Gillispie and Adelle Gillispie; his father, Franklin Swan and his wife, Lynn, of Paw Paw, Illinois; three brothers, Frank Swan, of Fulton, Illinois, John Swan, of Crystal Lake, Illinois, and Joel Swan, of Oak Forest, Illinois; two sisters, Cindy Martin, of Centerton, Indiana, and Barbara Colyer, of Thompson Station, Tennessee; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Swan was preceded in death by his mother, Charlotte Swan.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 14, 2018, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, with Pastor Jerry Williams officiating. Burial followed at Hickman Cemetery in Washburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Prairie Hill Baptist Church Building Fund and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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JERRY L. DANIEL

Jerry L. Daniel, 75, of Purdy, passed away Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, following a brief battle with cancer.

Graveside services for Mr. Daniel were held Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018, at Sparks Cemetery, east of Butterfield. Rev. Aaron Weibel officiated. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Purdy High School FFA in care of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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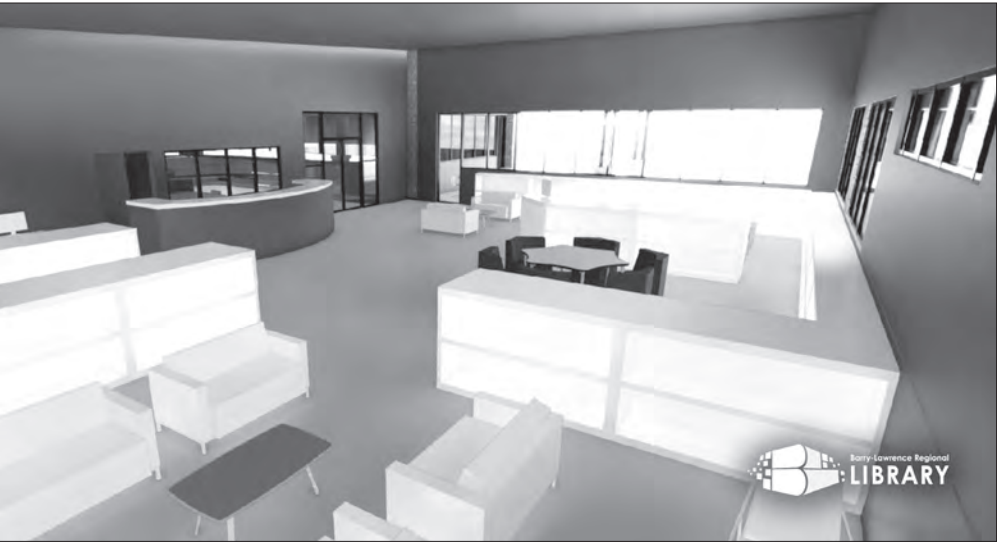
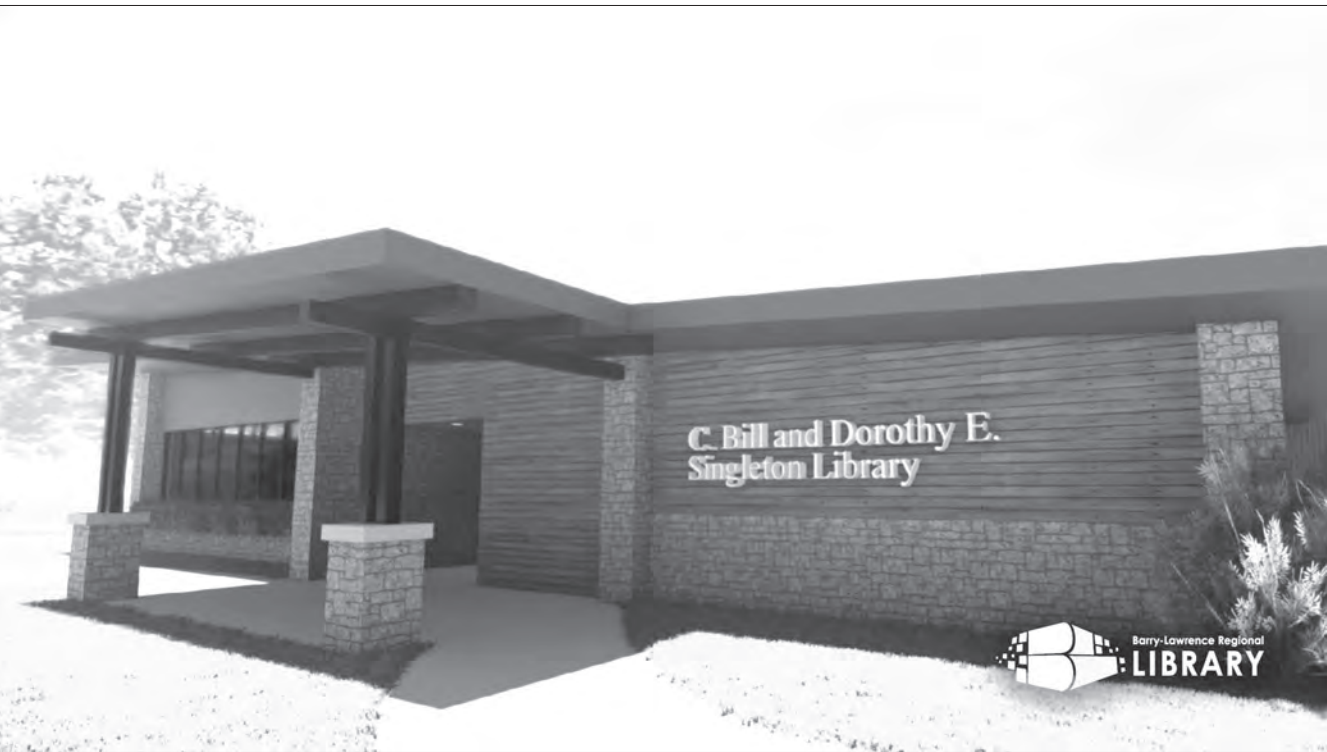
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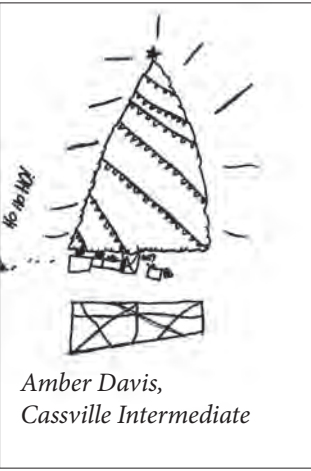


Plans generated by the architecture firm also include what the inside of the new Shell Knob Library branch will look like.

Paragon Architecture designed the new Shell Knob library with what the needs of the community are, according to the board.

room and space specifically for the staff. She said, “The staff doesn’t have space of their own at the current building. They’ll have their own office, own break room and bathroom. Right now, if they have to do paperwork or something, it’s just out in the public space. We’ll have double the computers from two to four, wifi for the entire building like we do now, and there will be plenty of space for customers to spread.” Milburn said other branches might have renovations and additions as well if a property tax levy increase is approved by voters in the future. She said, “If we go out and try to get a levy increase and it passes, for future planning we would like to have a plan to renovate all of our locations. Just because Cassville was new 15 years ago doesn’t mean it doesn’t need new carpet or paint. Mt. Vernon could be expanded, it’s about to burst at the

seams. It would be nice to add additional square footage. In the future, we would like to see that at all locations we own.” The new library branch in Shell Knob will be located between Red Barn Antiques and storage units on Highway 39 in Shell Knob. To make a donation to the new branch, send it to the library’s central office in Monett at 213 6th Street, Monett, MO, 65708. Checks should be made out to the Shell Knob Building Fund.



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TRAIN from FRONT

line, bouncing up and down on his mother's lap. One child kept her eyes locked on to the door of the car, knowing that at any moment, Santa himself was going to burst through the door.

Soon, attendants dressed in festive outfits swarmed the car, spreading their infectious holiday cheer and handing out sugar cookies. Soon after, they returned to warm their guests up with some piping hot cocoa. With trapeze-like balance, they moved through the car with serving dishes packed full of warm chocolate and even warmer smiles.

With bellies full and chocolate mustaches abounding, the train began to fall quiet. Suddenly, joy erupted from the crowd as Santa Claus himself entered

the car, greeting guests with a warm laugh and high fives for a train car full of elated children. He passed through the car spreading his cheer until finally walking through the divider to the next car.

The crowd wasn't left wanting for long though, as soon after Santa departed the car, a crew of jolly elves by the name of the Flyin' Buzzards began tuning up on the other end of the car. The buzzards consisted of Wayne Clevenger on mandolin and lead vocals, Tony Hinkle on the fiddle, Ron Fearn on the guitar, and DuWane Blevins on the stand-up bass.

For the rest of the journey to Rogers, the quartet led the crowd in belting out bluegrass renditions of "Jingle Bells" and "Joy to the World". They took a slight pause to

wind up the band every time they launched in to a chorus, which they would drag out any time they noticed their wind up getting a rise out of the crowd.

They also got the crowd's feet stomping with bluegrass standards like "Yard Sale". Even without words, the Buzzards were able to light up the faces of all in attendance with their Christmas spirit and raw showmanship.

As the Buzzards made their way to the next car, the train made its stop in Rogers, letting a new crop of guests on to participate in the morning's yuletide festivities.

On the way back to Seligman, the crowd, now more jovial and riding a wave of sugar and whimsy, sang in unison to the carols com-

ing over the intercom. The children pressed their faces to the window, excited again by the prospect of seeing the natural beauty of the area.

After a quiet journey, guests disembarked back in Seligman. They were greeted once again by Santa Claus, who posed for pictures with kids and handed out goodie bags. One child danced away from the train excitedly exclaiming to everyone around that Santa had given them a coupon for a free vanilla cone at Sonic Drive-in.

This year, the event went to sponsor the For the Kids Foster Parent Organization, which works to aid the over 800 children currently in foster programs in Barry, Stone and Lawrence counties.



Luca Lee, 2, of Cassville, marvels at the beauty of nature as the train departs Seligman.

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Purdy Christmas parade brings joy to community



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Santa brought up the rear of the Purdy Christmas parade, getting a lift from the Purdy Fire Department.



Friendly Tire showed off their snow-less snowman during the parade Saturday afternoon.



Purdy Preschool had a sleigh full of the cutest little reindeer you'd ever see at the parade.



Barry County Sheriff Gary Davis drives his truck in the Purdy parade with Amber Davis in the back seat handing out candy.



A big group of Purdy's finest athletes took a ride on the Eagle Backers float. The Eagle Backers provide support for the Purdy Athletics Department.



The Aurora Faith Full Gospel's Bethlehem Inn float made an appearance Saturday, as well.



Landon Terry drives a Rudolph-inspired rig in the parade Saturday in the Terry Family Fireworks group.



Logan Aldrige, Exeter Elementary

Cassville Community Foundation awards grants to local nonprofits



Representatives of recipients of the 2019 Cassville Community Foundation grants are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Kelly Mills, Cassville Community Foundation; Eric White, of Cassville Schools Bright Futures Program; Marlene Mareth, Barry County Youth Camp; Susie Jacobs, Cassville Community Foundation; Nola Nickols, Cassville Parents As Teachers Program; Dove Haney, Cassville YMCA; Michelle Watson, Cassville High School Backpack Program; Kristie Preddy, Cassville Primary School Backpack Program; and Janet Mills, Cassville Food Pantry. Back row: Rachael Freeman, Cassville Community Foundation; Daron Evans, Cassville Community Foundation; Bob Mareth, Barry County Youth Camp; Rick Ragsdale, Cassville YMCA; Dan Angel, Cassville Community Foundation; Jerry Marple, Cassville Community Foundation; Angela Seymour, Crowder College; Shelley Sparkman, Cassville Intermediate School Backpack Program; and Mike McCracken, Cassville Community Foundation.

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CAFR from FRONT

conform the same standards so that you look at any government entity and they'll all look the same," stated Evans. "In a CAFR, those statements are bookends by an introductory statement that is more or less me explaining what state our finances are in and where we're going, where we've been, strategies and goals financially, and our economic demographic outlook.

"Then, you've got your financial section then, the final segment is statistics, which looks at the last ten years so that you can look at those numbers and find out if your economy is growing, or your finances are growing or stagnating. So, the reader can really grasp a sense of the financial health of the entity."

Evans went on to note what differentiates her work from that of more standard corporate financial reporting.

"In corporate financial statements, they're concerned with the bottom line," said Evans. "In government, we're not about making a profit. We're about providing services and using our budget responsibly."

The reward is given by the Government Finance Officers Association, a professional entity that operates in the United States and Canada, whose mission is, as their website gfoa.org states, "to advance excellence in state and local government financial reporting."

"They put out the standards and guidelines as well as educational opportunities for government financial officers to accomplish the goal of correct financial reporting," said Evans.

"So, you can submit a CAFR and it's reviewed by three independent reviewers," said Evans. "if you meet all the criteria and you hit all the marks, you're awarded the certificate."

Evans' first attempts at the award were unsuccessful.

"I was encouraged by my auditor to produce a CAFR simply because Cassville had never done one before," said Evans. "I submitted it in 2015 and didn't get it. Last year was the first time we got it."

"The level of effort that is put into our financial reporting is significant and to be judged

by an impartial panel of experts in this area and then rewarded by them for meeting their high standards and full transparency on the city's finances is a tribute to Jennifer's talent and professionalism," said Steve Walensky, Cassville City Administrator in an official statement. "Being financially sound positions our community for the future and provides solid credit ratings for any borrowing requirements we may have in the years to come. I appreciate the honor of receiving the award from the

GFOA and thank Jennifer Evans for her determination and skill set she brings to her position here at City Hall."

The award comes as a boon to Evans.

"I'm a bit of a perfectionist and an over-achiever," said Evans. "You give me a challenge and I'm going to try and rise to it. I take a lot of pride in my work and I have a lot of enthusiasm. I strive for excellence.

"I want to do a good job for myself and the City of Cassville."



Jennifer Evans' accounting practices were instrumental in building the CAFR that would go on to win the city a financial reporting award.



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Advertiser staff holiday recipe exchange

Worth the Effort Orange Rolls

Recipe by Charlea Estes-Jones

- Sweet dough:
- 1 1/4 cup scalded milk (almond milk also works)
 - 1/2 cup butter, room temperature
 - 1/3 cup sugar
 - 1 TBS dry active yeast
 - 2 large eggs, room temperature
 - 4-5 cups all purpose flour
 - 2 tsp salt
- Filling:
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
 - 1/2 cup butter, softened
 - 3 TBS ground cinnamon
 - 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- Orange Glaze:
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
 - 2 TBS butter, softened
 - 1 tsp vanilla
 - 2-3 TBS orange juice
 - 2+ TBS grate orange zest (optional, but adds a nice flavor and look)

Scald milk by bringing to boil in a sauce pan over medium high heat. Remove from heat as soon as it reaches boiling and add the butter, stirring once it melts.

Pour milk mixture into a mixing bowl and let cool 10 minutes until warm to the touch instead of hot.

Sprinkle sugar into the milk mixture and then yeast on top of that. Let sit 10 minutes.

Using the bread hook attachment, turn it on low and add eggs and salt with one cup of flour. Add flour 1/2 cup at a time, allowing it to combine completely before adding the next 1/2 cup.

Once the dough pulls away from the sides of the bowl, stop adding flour and allow the mixture to knead on low for 10 minutes.

The dough should still be soft and have a slight tacky feel to it, but it should

not be sticky, wet or hard.

Allow the dough to rise in a warm place for an hour to an hour and a half with plastic wrap over the bowl until doubled in size.

While dough rises, make filling. Mix sugars, spices and butter until light and fluffy and well combined. Leave at room temperature.

Work dough by dumping out on a floured surface and fold into thirds and rolling out and turning until it is rolled into a 16 inch by 20 inch rectangle.

Using a large flat spreader, spread the cinnamon filling over the sheet into a thin layer over the entire dough except an inch and a half on a long edge.

Begin rolling the length of the dough up in a tight roll leaving the bare long edge for last.

Lay a piece of parchment in a 9x13 inch pan that rests up the sides.

Cut cinnamon roll into

12 equal pieces.

Set each roll in the pan on the parchment, tucking the loose end of the roll dough underneath each roll.

Lay a kitchen towel over the pan and allow to rise while oven preheats (350 degrees F) at least 30 minutes.

Bake rolls for 20 to 25 minutes, until the edges are slightly golden and the centers have risen.

While rolls bake, mix the glaze with a whisk, making it light and fluffy.

As soon as rolls come out of the oven, top with half of the glaze. Let cool 10 to 15 minutes and top with remaining glaze.

Tip: If reheating, microwave for 20 seconds.

Mini-pumpkin pie sugar cookies

Submitted by Vinnie Roberts

Cookies:

- 1 pouch (1 lb. 1.5 oz.) sugar cookie mix
- Butter and egg called for on cookie mix pouch

Pumpkin filling:

- 4 oz. cream cheese, very softened
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 tsp pumpkin pie spice

Topping

- 1/2 cup cream cheese frosting
- Heat oven to 350°F.

Spray 36 regular-size muffin cups with cooking spray. Make cookie dough as directed on pouch. Using rounded teaspoon of dough, shape dough into 1 1/4-inch balls. Press dough evenly into bottom of each muffin cup and slightly up sides.

In medium bowl, stir Pumpkin Filling ingredients with whisk until blended. Spoon rounded teaspoonful of mixture into each dough-filled muffin cup; spread slightly.

Bake 8 to 12 minutes or until edges are light golden brown and filling appears set (cookies and filling will be soft). Cool 10 minutes in pan; carefully remove to cooling rack.

Fill small resealable food-storage plastic bag with frosting. Cut off small corner of bag; squeeze small dollop of frosting onto each cookie. Sprinkle lightly with additional pumpkin pie spice, if desired. Refrigerate cookies in covered container or resealable

food-storage plastic bag.

Chocolate Chip Scones

Recipe by Elaine Phaneuf

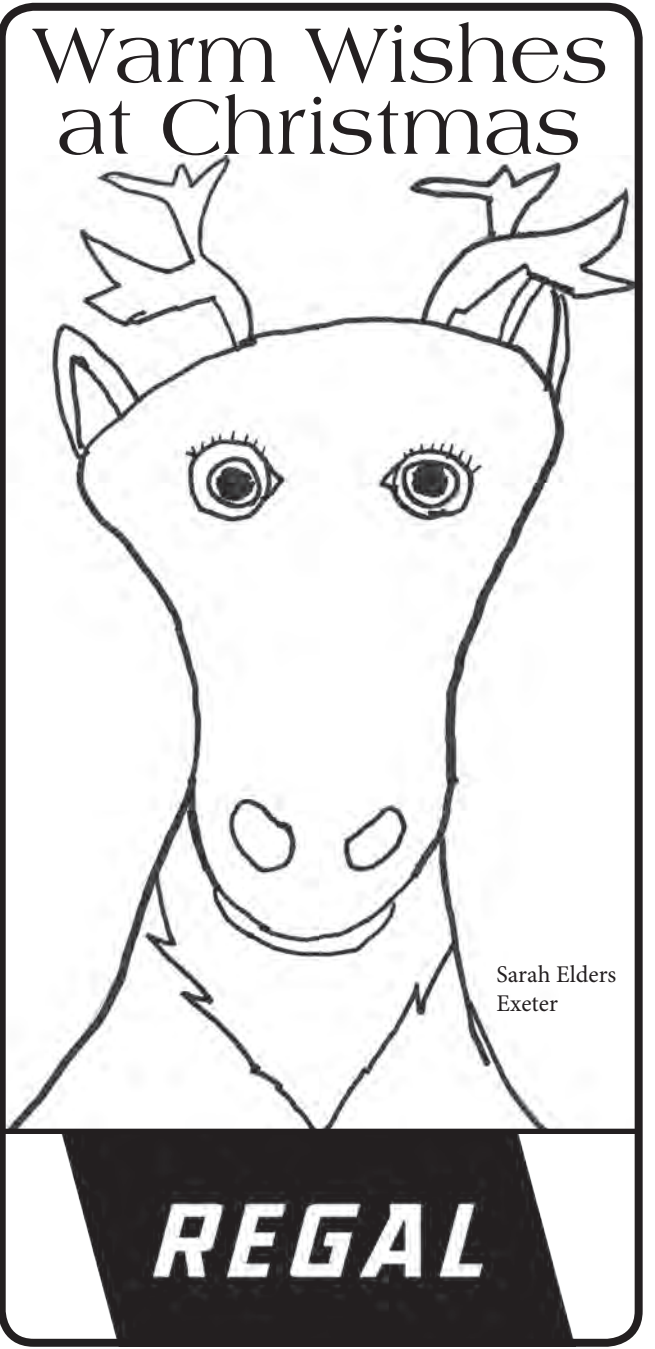
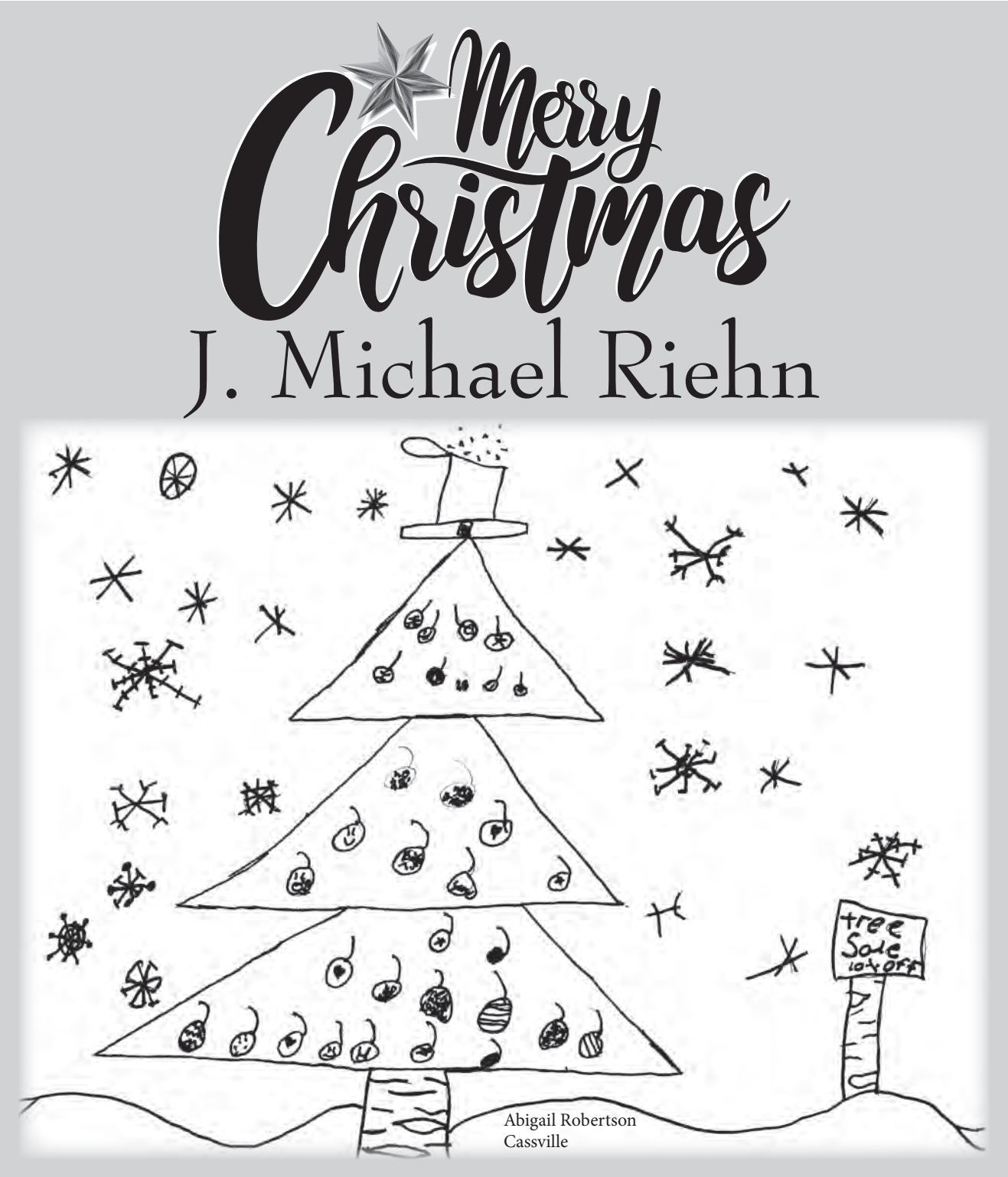
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 TBS White sugar
- 3 TBS Brown sugar
- 1 TBS baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 5 TBS well-chilled salted butter, cut into five pieces
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup whipping cream
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 TBS cream (optional)
- 2 TBS sugar (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Mix flour, white sugar, brown sugar, baking powder, and salt in food processor using steel blade. With the motor running, add butter and process until it looks like corn meal.

In separate bowl, beat egg slightly with cream, milk, and vanilla. With the motor still running, pour the egg mixture in a thin stream into the flour mixture just until dough holds together in a ball. Fold in chocolate chips.

On a floured surface, lightly pat the dough into 2 inch circles each about 7 inches in diameter. Cut each circle into six even pieces. Place the scones on a buttered baking sheet, non-stick baking sheet, or pizza stone, 2 inches apart. Brush tops with cream and sprin-



kle with sugar if desired.
 Bake 15 to 17 minutes or until puffed, golden and cooked through. Makes 12 scones.

Eggnog Cookies
Submitted by Matt Willis
 • 1 1/4 cups white sugar
 • 3/4 cup butter, softened
 • 1/2 cup eggnog
 • 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 • 2 egg yolks
 • 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 • 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
 • 1 teaspoon baking powder
 • 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C).
 Combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon and nutmeg.
 Cream sugar and butter until light. Add eggnog, vanilla, and egg yolks; beat at medium speed with mixer until smooth. Add flour mixture and beat at low speed until just combined. Do not overmix.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet 1 inch apart. Sprinkle lightly with nutmeg. Bake 20 to 23 minutes until bottoms turn light brown.

Molasses Cookies (gluten-free, dairy-free)
Submitted by Renée Brooks
 • 2 cups gluten-free flour
 • 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
 • 1/2 tsp salt
 • 1 tsp ground cinnamon
 • 1/2 tsp ground cloves
 • 1/2 tsp ground ginger
 • 1/2 cup raw sugar, brown sugar or coconut sugar
 • 6 TBS coconut oil
 • 6 TBS molasses
 • 1 large egg
 • 1-2 TBS orange zest, optional
 • 3 TBS raw sugar, for rolling

In a medium mixing bowl, mix together the flour, baking soda, salt, and

spices.
 In a large mixing bowl, mix together the remaining ingredients except for the 3 tablespoons raw sugar.
 Add the dry mix to the wet mix and stir just until combined.
 Depending on the combination of ingredients used, you may need to refrigerate the dough for 1-2 hours or until the dough is firm enough to easily roll into balls. If you used coconut sugar, you must refrigerate the dough (regardless of whether or not it's firm) for at least an hour. The ones pictured were made from non-refrigerated dough.

Preheat the oven to 350 °F (175°C) and line a baking sheet with a piece of parchment paper.
 Roll the dough into 40 gram balls (about 1 1/2"), roll them in the sugar, flatten them a little with the palm of your hand, and bake for 6-9 minutes.
 Let the cookies cool for 3 minutes on the baking sheet and then remove to a wire rack to cool completely.

Caramel Apple Dump Cake
Submitted by Shana Harter
 • 1 yellow cake mix
 • 2 cans apple pie filling
 • 2/3 cup caramel sauce

or topping
 • 2 sticks butter, melted or sliced
 • 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
 • 1 cup pecans
 In a 9 x 13 baking dish or in oval slow cooker, spray with cooking spray. Spoon cans of apple pie filling in bottom of dish and mix with cinnamon. Pour caramel evenly on top of pie filling. Sprinkle cake mix on top. Drizzle melted butter on top of cake mix. Sprinkle pecans on top. You can also cut butter into slices and top this way also.

Bake in 350 degree oven for 45 to 60 minutes.
 Or bake in slow cooker high for 2 hours or low for 4 hours.
 Serve with a scoop of vanilla or your favorite ice cream.

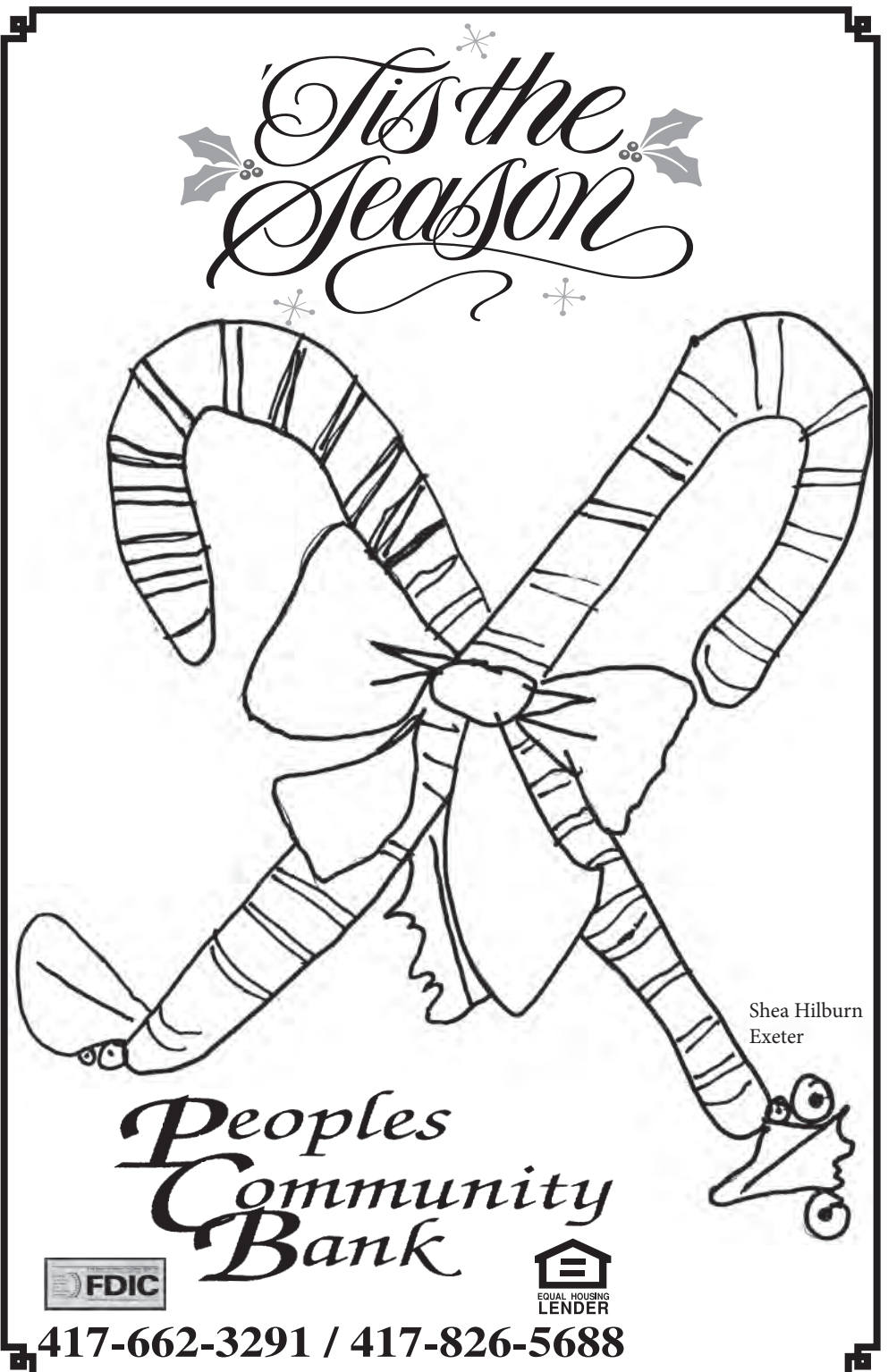
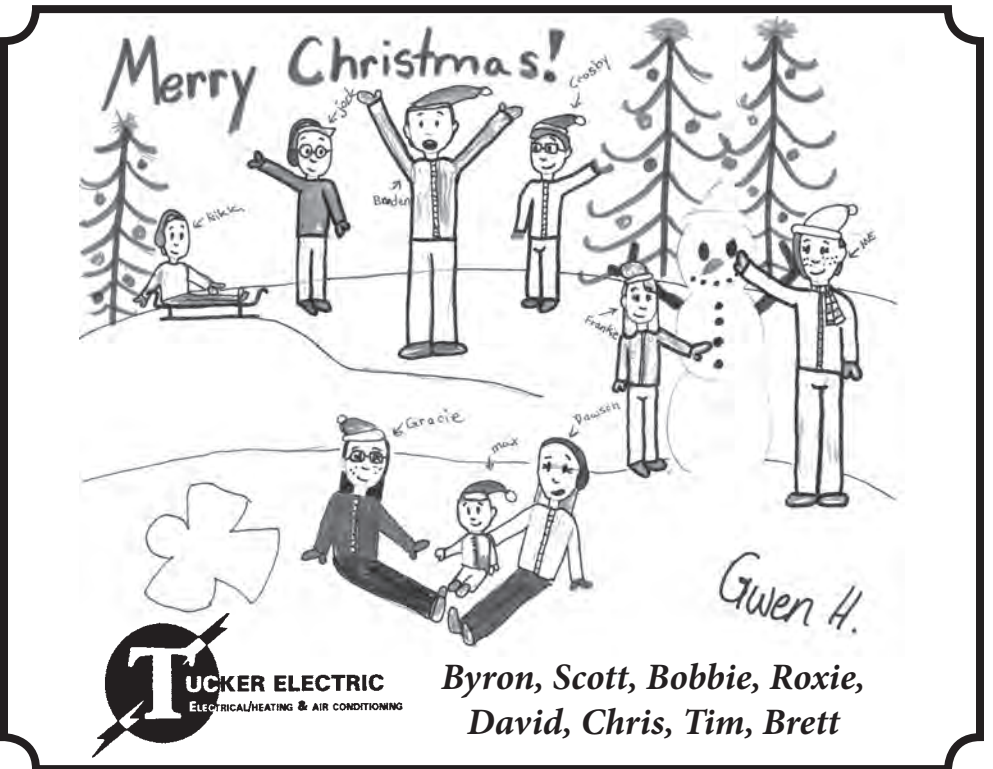
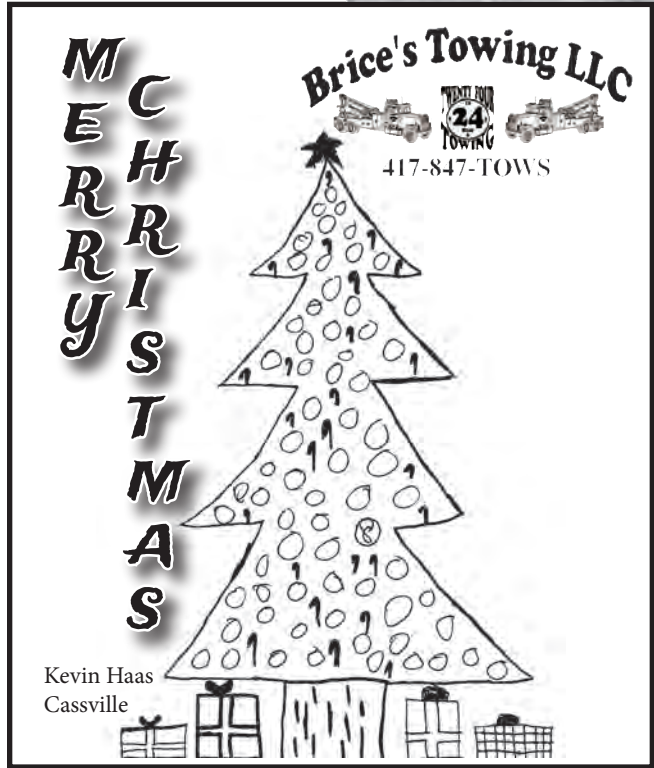
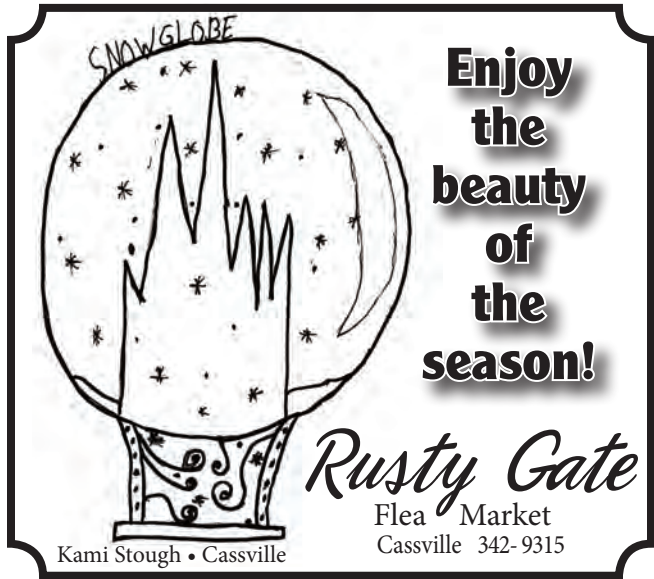
Pumpkin Cookies
Submitted by Marty Jenkins' wife, Susie
 Cream together:
 • 1 cup brown sugar
 • 1 cup granulated sugar
 • 3/4 cup shortening
 Then add:
 • 2 cups pumpkin
 In another bowl combine:

• 3-1/2 cups flour
 • 2 teaspoons baking soda
 • 1 teaspoon baking powder
 • 3 teaspoons cinnamon
 • 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 • 1/2 teaspoon ginger
 Add dry ingredients to pumpkin mixture. Drop by teaspoon on ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 400

degrees for 10 minutes.
 Icing:
 • 2/3 cups brown sugar
 • 4 tablespoons margarine
 • 7 teaspoon cream (or milk)
 • 1 teaspoon vanilla
 Add powdered sugar as needed to stiffness desired.



Izaak Henbest
 Cassville



DJ rocks Cassville past Purdy, 56-50

Lee Stubblefield

If you really want to party on Friday night, you better have a great DJ.

Cassville's DJ White poured in a game-high 26 points last Friday to lead the Wildcats to a 56-50 road victory over Purdy. Ethan Hoppes added 19, including 9 in the decisive final quarter.

Purdy's Osiel Aldava

burned the nets with deadly outside shooting, leading the Eagles with 19.

Both teams entered the contest batting .500 for the season. Cassville, the Class 4 school, came in at 4-4, while Class 2 Purdy owned a 3-3 record.

It was a challenging matchup for both coaches. Barrett Milleson's Cassville team, playing down in class,

would have to win big to meet expectations. Purdy's Ryan Stokes was still shuffling the lineup cards, trying to find a consistent winning chemistry after graduating four starters off Jeremy Dresslaer's Final Four team.

Purdy looked rattled early, committing three straight turnovers to start the game. But Cassville

failed to take advantage, scoring just a Hoppes field goal in the first three minutes. When Aldava rang the three-point bell from the right wing to give Purdy a 3-2 lead, the home fans went wild.

It got louder when 6-11 Scotty Henry gave Purdy an 11-9 lead with a stick in the lane at the 1:51 mark. Hoppes scored twice as

the quarter wound down though, and Cassville led at the first break, 13-11.

The second and third quarters mirrored the first. Cassville would build a small lead, only to see Purdy fight back. The Wildcats led 17-13 in the second, but Aldava scored in the lane, and then Fernando Garcia dropped a trey to give the Eagles an 18-17 lead.

Hoppes scored inside and out to push the Cassville lead to 47-39 to open the fourth period. Another Aldava trey trimmed the lead, but then Hoppes and White took over. The only Wildcats to score in the final frame, the Cassville duo combined for 14 points in the quarter.

Purdy's Mason Schallert, who outmuscled the Wildcats in the lane throughout the game, backed in for a basket, and then finished off two press-breaker possessions to pull the Eagles within 54-50 in the late going. But Hoppes sealed the deal with a pair of free throws to give Cassville the 56-50 win.

Cassville scorers: DJ White, 26; Ethan Hoppes, 19; Carson Roller, 7; and Jerrod Wallace, 4

Purdy scorers: Osiel Aldava, 17; Fernando Garcia, 11; Mason Schallert, 8; Scotty Henry, 6; Bryan Ruiz, 4; and Harley Stephens, 4.

CHS wrestling team takes third at Miami tourney



The Cassville High School wrestling team took third as a team At the Miami, Okla.,wrestling tournament despite many team members not in attendance. Pictured above, from left to right: Jose Melchor, 3rd; Evan Kessinger; Gavin Moore, 3rd; Gabe Hunter, 3rd; Nate Boley, 4th; Michael Hunter; Keaton Artherton, Tournament Champion; Colton Messbarger, 4th; Jaden Davis, 2nd; Colter West, 4th; Cole Ebright; Garrett Kritz, 3rd; and Kailey Artherton, team manager.



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Haney competes in 2018 Blue-Grey All-American Bowl

Vinnie Roberts

Cassville senior quarterback Shannon Haney had a surprising year. What began as a triumphant final season for the Wildcats was cut short during the final playoff game of the year with an upset for the district title going to the Mt. Vernon Mountaineers. However, the season didn't end there for Haney. He was tapped to play in the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl at the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T stadium in Dallas this Monday.

The game takes high-performing high school students from across the country and pits them against each other in an east-versus-west style game. Haney was selected to play wide receiver for the east team. The teams faced off at Cowboys Stadium at 6 p.m. on Monday night, December 15.

Haney played under head coach and offensive coordinator George Teague, who did two stints with the Dallas Cowboys, one in 1996 and another from 1998 to 2001. He also worked with wide receiver coach Michael Ray Garvin, formerly of the Arizona Cardinals and the Detroit Lions.

Haney was initially nominated to participate in the Blue-Grey Com-

bine program in March, a less prestigious nod. Then it was there where he was asked to return for a Super Combine in June. Out of the over 6,000 participants in the program from 39 states, Haney was one of 90 asked to return for the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl.

Haney was born in Springfield and now lives in Cassville with his family.

"I've always played Cass-

ville ball," said Haney. "I started in baseball, but got in to football when I got in to Mighty Mites."

Several elements led to Haney's success. Though a great deal of the credit for his physical ability should go to Haney himself for his raw aptitude on the gridiron, he still credits the important people in his life for his success

"My family loves foot-

ball," said Haney. "They've always been really supportive of me. They're always there for me."

"My team has been really supportive since it was announced," said Haney. "They're always talking to me about how proud they are."

Haney had a spectacular year with the Wildcats, closing out his senior year with 78 completions, 1,419 yards ran, 14 touchdowns thrown, 105 carries, 750 rushing yards and 12 rushing touchdowns.

"My secret is that I practice a lot," laughed Haney. "Coach Parnell always has me running drills and lifting weights."

Though he has had a spectacular career throughout high school, Haney doesn't plan on returning to the field for college in the fall.

"This is probably the end of football for me," said Haney. "I'm off to University of Arkansas in the fall to study Chemical Engineering. I want to work on oil tankers and fuel lines overseas."

On Monday night, the team representing the West edged out a narrow victory over Haney and the team from the East 40-34. No individual stats were available for Haney at the time of printing.



Pictured above: Shannon Haney (left) receives his Blue-Grey All-American East Team jersey from Michael Ray Garvin, formerly of the Arizona Cardinals and Detroit Lions.

Wheaton Lady Bulldogs pin Purdy, 69-40

Lee Stubblefield

Hallie Mitchell scored 23 points in just three quarters, and added a curtain-call free throw to lead the Wheaton Lady Bulldogs to a 69-40 win at Purdy on Monday night.

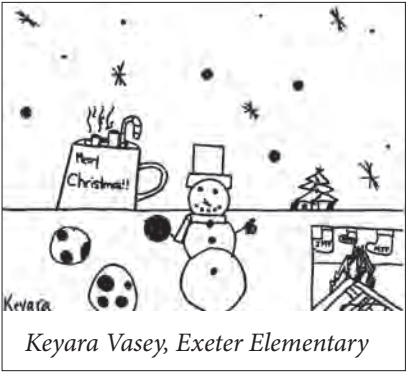
A scrappy Purdy squad actually led after a quarter, 12-11. But Wheaton poured it on in the next two frames, 21-9 and 26-8.

After opening the season with a 59-55 loss at Lamar, the Wheaton girls have won five in a row heading into the Southwest Holiday Tournament.

The Lady Eagles slipped to 1-7 with the loss, despite posting their highest scoring total for the season.

Wheaton scorers: Hallie Mitchell, 24; Tori Goostree, 14; Alyia Prewitt, 10; Rachel Lacey, 9; Zoie Simpson, 8; and Monica Hinojosa, 4.

Purdy scorers: Annabelle Bowman, 8; Emma Harkey, 8; Kinsley Mattingly, 8; Breanna Perkins, 4; Bayleigh Robbins, 4; Madison Renkoski, 4; and McKenzie Renkoski, 4.



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Missouri Conservation Department Agent Dan VanDerhoef and Layeszelle Chisholm are pictured at the Shop with a Cop event.



The Seligman Police Department's annual Shop with a Cop program raised over \$6,800 this year. Officers with the Seligman Police Department, Missouri Conservation Department and Missouri State Park Rangers volunteered their time to take 19 children shopping for gifts.

During Shop with a Cop, each child was given \$200 to spend, and they were also given a winter coat if they did not have one. Afterward, another three children were selected off of the Southwest Schools Angel Tree and another five children were chosen at random.



Missouri State Parks Ranger Corporal Steve Jabben and is pictured with Aydin Barnes and his new bike, purchased with Shop with a Cop donations.

Officers at the event are pictured at left, from left to right: Missouri Conservation Agent Daniel Shores, Missouri State Park Ranger Corporal Steve Jabben, Missouri Conservation Agent Dan VanDerhoef, Seligman Police Sergeant Cody Bennett and Seligman Chief of Police Matt Phillips.

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Washburn family stages musical Christmas light show

Vinnie Roberts

Daniel Pendergraft is the owner of Pendergraft's Auto in Washburn, but around the holidays, he's got a different reputation. For the last six years, Pendergraft's staged increasingly more elaborate Christmas light displays on his three-acre property on Highway 90 west of Washburn.

A drone video that Pendergraft posted on the Advertiser Facebook page showed the scale of the lights. The lights begin at the gate to Pendergraft's property and line either side of the driveway and several trees leading to the main house. From there, the lights clearly line all of the buildings on the property, with the lights flickering on and off in time with the music playing through radio station 95.1 FM.

"It started out pretty small," said Pendergraft. "But every year, it gets bigger and bigger. This year just about every building on the place is lit up."

Pendergraft reached new extremes to make his light show one of the most memorable in the county for the 2018 holiday season.

"I spent a pretty good chunk of change on these computer controllers," said Pendergraft. "It syncs all of the lights up to an FM radio station I have it tuned to. The

lights dance to the music.

"It's my first year working with the computer controllers. I'm still new at it, and I'm still playing with it to get a better handle on it. Next year, I want to get some color-changing RGB lights to go with them."

Pendergraft is a fan of the holidays and enjoys the comments he gets from people about how much joy they derive from the light show every year.

"People call and leave messages and message me on Facebook," said Pendergraft. "They tell me my lights really brightened up the holidays for them. It just makes me feel good to put a smile on people's faces."

Pendergraft has faced some personal tragedy that has almost kept him from moving forward with his display in the recent past.

"Last year I nearly quit," said Pendergraft. "My grandma died, and I just wasn't really feeling up to it. But then, I decided that I would go bigger. This year I also lost my dad, which was a shock."

Pendergraft went on to thank his wife, Jennifer, whose help on the lights was nothing short of invaluable, as well as their four children, Jessie, 21; Calob 17; Shelby, 14; and Grayson, 3.

"It really takes a little bit to get them in the mood, but once we all get started with



Each year, the Pendergrafts, of Washburn, put on an extravagant light show for the community. This year, the lights are programmed with music. To see the lights, go six miles west of Washburn on Highway 90.

a plan, it all goes up pretty fast," said Pendergraft. "I'm usually trying to get the plan laid out soon after we get things put away for the summer. We each have our own part to play to make it all happen."

Pendergraft expressed some optimism about the future of his light show.

"This keeps getting bigger and better each year," said Pendergraft. "To me, it's the only good way to finish the year. I love putting smiles on people's faces."

Pendergraft would like to invite everyone to come view his lights any time after dark. He's located at 2173 State Highway 90, six

miles west of Washburn. The driveway is open for onlookers to drive down and view the show. There's a mailbox located on the side of the driveway for donations to

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Purdy Schools awards responsibility medals

Purdy Elementary principal Julie Dalton announced the recipients of the responsibility character education medal.

In partnership with elementary counselor Gary Jurgensen, Purdy kindergarten through sixth grade teachers present a different character trait each month. At the end of the month, each grade level teacher nominates one student from their class who best exemplifies the trait presented. Mrs. Dalton presents these children with a special medal, honoring their out-

standing character, and hosts a special celebration, featuring snacks, games and fun activities.

Responsibility medalists include kindergartners Nahomy Garcia, Madison Robbins and Jessie Long; first graders Kinley Schlessman, Pacie Utter and Audie Hutson; second graders Bryce Bingham and Destiny Herrera; third graders Hayden Patton, Zuly Villa and Chloe Prock; fourth graders Allison Lopez, Kimberly Canales and Kylee Arivett; fifth graders Corbin O'Donald, Marely Salas and Easten Goetz; and sixth graders Tanner Holloway and Nathan Harris.



Purdy Schools awarded character education medals for responsibility. Third grade through sixth grade medalists are pictured above, from left to right. Front row: Zuly Villa, Hayden Patton and Chloe Prock. Middle row: Easten Goetz, Marely Salas, Alondra Canales, Kylee Arivett and Allison Lopez. Back row: Nathan Harris and Tanner Holloway.



Purdy Schools awarded character education medals for responsibility. Kindergarten through second grade medalists are pictured above, from left to right. Front row: Audie Hutson, Destiny Herrera, Bryce Bingham, Pacie Utter, Nahomy Garcia and Madison Robbins. Back row: Kinley Schlessman and Jessie Long.

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Exeter School names Students of the Quarter



Exeter School recently announced the Students of the Quarter for the first quarter. Pictured above, from left to right: Jared Alverson, 12th grade; Ace Young, 9th grade; Lindsey Nelson, 11th grade; Summer Tackett, 10th grade; Josue Alcaraz, 7th grade; and Quang Tran, 8th grade.

Laura Waller receives Emporia State University Scholarship

Laura Waller, of Aurora, received the Butcher-Boertman Scholarship for the current academic year at Emporia State University. Scholarship funds are helping more than 1,700 Emporia State students from Kansas, 25 other states and 36 foreign countries realize their educational dreams during the 2018-19 academic year. For more information about financial aid and scholarships at Emporia State University, visit www.emporia.edu/financialaid.

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The December Students of the month are pictured, from left to right: Peter Littlefield, eighth grade; Kyle Bailey, sixth grade; and Nathaniel Hang, seventh grade. Students are pictured with. Jimmie Barton, CMS principal, and representatives from Willis Insurance: Jeremy Marple, Annette Henderson, Bob Allen and Devon Forsythe.

Peter Littlefield is son of John and Sheila Littlefield, of Exeter. Kyle Bailey is son of Justin and Krystal Barnes, of Cassville. Nathaniel Hang is the son of Jessican Yang, of Cassville.

Students of the Month receive a candy bar, a McDonald's gift card and will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant with Mr. Barton.

MDC reports 6,585 deer harvested during antlerless portion

BARRY COUNTY HUNTERS BAG 48 DURING ANTLERLESS PORTION

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that deer hunters in Missouri harvested 6,585 deer during the antlerless portion of the fall firearms deer season, Nov. 30 - Dec. 2. Top harvest counties were Callaway with 261, Osage with 201 and Pike with 193 deer checked. Last year's harvest total was 7,773.

Barry County's numbers were 48 total with 11 of those button bucks and 37 does. No antlered bucks were taken in Barry County.

Archery deer hunting continues through Jan. 15,

2019. The alternative methods portion will run Dec. 22 through Jan. 1, 2019.

For more information on deer hunting in Missouri, see MDC's 2018 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where permits are sold and online at bit.ly/2pamBwF

For current ongoing preliminary harvest totals by season, county, and type of deer, visit the MDC website at on.mo.gov/1jjz7Ew.

For harvest summaries from past years, visit on.mo.gov/2fyMaBN.

Eagle Rock woman injured after hitting parked car

Charlea Estes-Jones

An Eagle Rock woman sustained moderate injuries in a crash outside of Cassville last week after hitting a parked car. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, Carol M. Voelkering, 75, of Eagle Rock, was driving northbound on MO-112 when she lost control of her vehicle.

Voelkering, driving a 2002 Subaru Forrester, crashed around 7:40 p.m. when she lost control of the vehicle, left the road, and

hit a 2014 Ford F150 that was parked about two miles south of Cassville on MO-112. The Forrester then overturned after hitting the truck.

Voelkering was transported by ambulance to Mercy Hospital in Cassville for her injuries. There were no people in the parked truck at the time of the crash.

Voelkering was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. Both the Forrester and F150 were totaled and towed from the scene by US Auto of Cassville.



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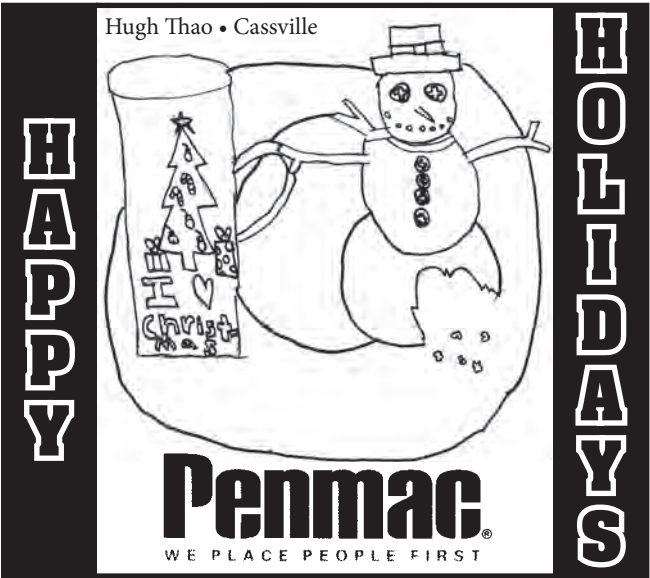


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Cassville's UMC starting new current events program

Vinnie Roberts

United Methodist Church of Cassville will be starting off 2019 by introducing a new outreach program geared toward making church more accessible. Micah Boise, musical director for United Methodist, is spearheading the Uprising project, which is aimed at bringing an older demographic in to the church by offering them a time to worship outside of conventional church hours.

United Methodist will be using the Wired Word curriculum, a service that offers biblical lessons engineered to appeal to adult churchgoers.

"Wired Word gives us news topics happening that week or that month and lets us view it through a biblical lens," said Boise.

"Our goal is to get people who either are too old or are just coming out of a youth group," said Boise. "We're looking at getting 19 to 35 year olds interested by giving them a time outside of normal church hours."

"The idea from watching other Methodist churches who had a lot of success with those age groups by having something during the night instead of in the morning," said Boise. "Also, by having child care, which we will provide so that young families and young adults can have a discussion that is faith-based while their children have some place to go."

Boise added that should the program continue to grow, they would be able to add additional Sunday school programs for the youths while in child care.

"Our goal is to spread the good news in a different way," said Boise. "We want this to be

an out of the box, come as you are experience. We want to encourage conversation.

"We're just simply trying to make sure that those age groups, the single families, and the young families have a place to go.

"We're just trying to reach younger families. For those families, sometimes work takes up the bulk of their time. So, Sunday morning may not be the ideal time because they have to work late Saturday night or Sunday morning."

"We want to spread the good news in a different way," said Boise. "Instead of message based and lecture based, we want it to be discussion based."

The Uprising program will also provide refreshments. "We're going to provide coffee. One of the slogans we have for it is 'coffee and conversation,'" said Boise. "We like to think of it as a stripped down, out of the box, come as you are experience."

The Uprising program will begin on Sunday, January 20, at 5:30 p.m. and is expected to run until 7:30 p.m. The program will meet at the same time on all subsequent Sundays.

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Regal employees support Soldiers' Angels program



Regal employees joined the Holiday Community Partners program. The Holiday Community Partners work during the holiday season to provide cards, letters and stuffed stockings for our troops and veterans. They team with Soldiers' Angels to provide support to military families, wounded heroes, deployed service members and veterans.

Regal associates pledged 50 stockings to the Soldiers' Angels program. Employees or entire departments combined to adopt stockings and purchase items to fill each one. Those individuals personally stuffed the stockings and added a card or letter with a thank you. The response was great and the team was able to go beyond their pledge by filling 58 total stockings which were sent for distribution to deployed service members and veterans.

Pictured are some of the Regal employees who participated. In the front row, from left to right: Evelyn Nicholas, Dorothy Graham, Staci Asbrock, Kimberly May and Tamara Daniels. Back row: Jennifer Verdin, Carol Roller, Theresa Huesties, Shaylyn Periman, Jeanetta Periman, Jerry Shrum, Nancy Nunez, Jordan Santos, Desiree Ford and Rhonda Henson.

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Annual Tinsel Tea raises funds for local food pantry



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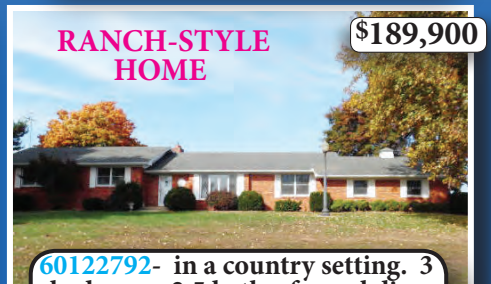
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The FFA members escorted students through the different stations and talked about the products that each animal or machine produces. While the kids went through the different stations, their FFA escorts designed a pizza on an iPad, with the products discussed.

Purdy FFA President Mason Schallert noted of

the event, “It was a very successful day of teaching young children about where their food comes from.

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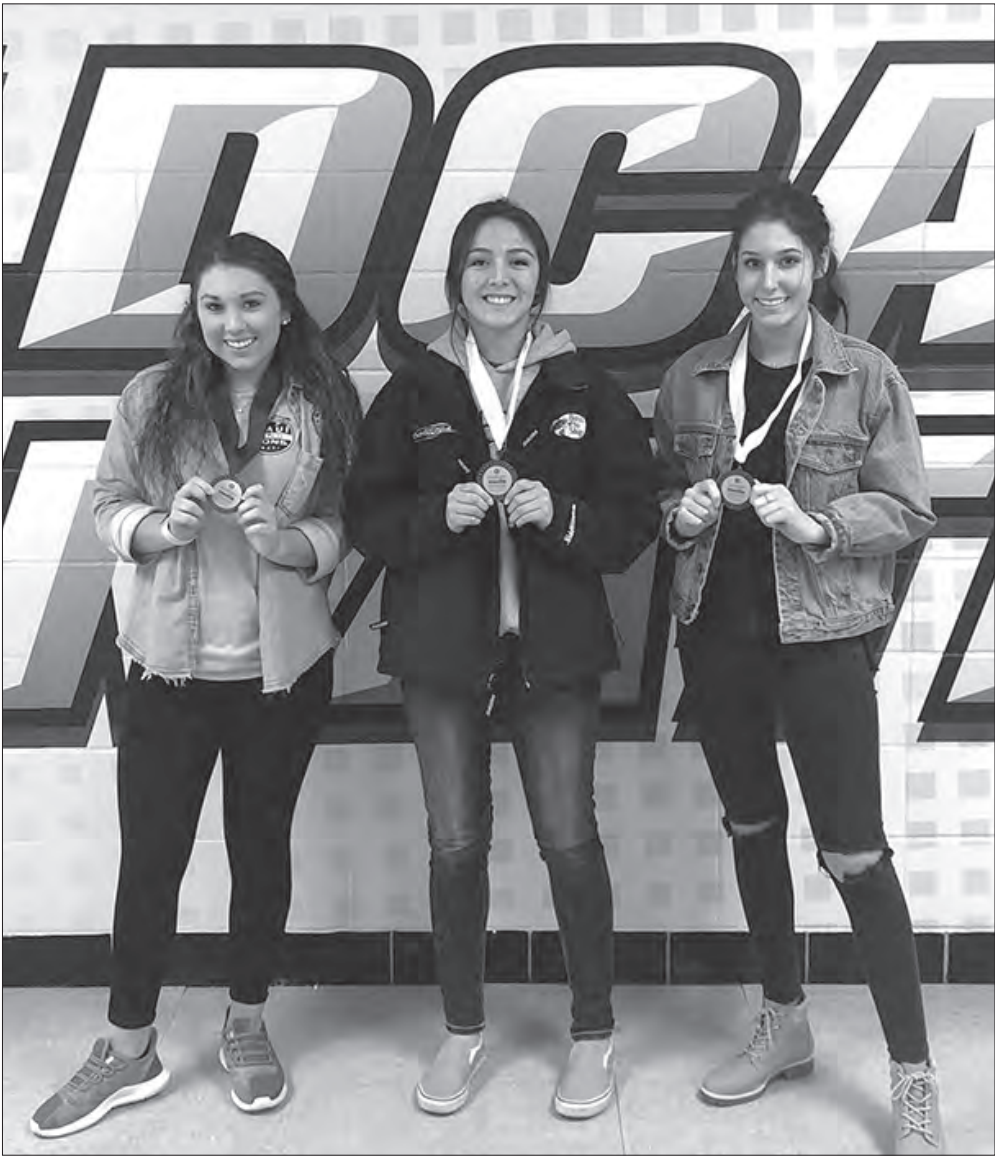
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MDC sets deer and turkey hunting dates for upcoming seasons

The Missouri Conservation Commission approved recommendations by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) at the Commission's Dec. 14 meeting for 2019-2020 turkey-hunting and deer-hunting season dates.

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Firearms Deer November Portion: Nov. 16 - 26

Firearms Deer Late Youth Portion: Nov. 29 through Dec. 1

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Firearms Deer Alternative Methods Portion: Dec. 28 through Jan. 7, 2020

Details on hunting regulations, harvest limits, allowed methods, required permits, and other related information will be available in MDC's "2019 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information" and MDC's "2019 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information" booklets. Both will be available where permits are sold

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Six-legged pests want to share your warm home this winter.

University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Tamra Reall tells how to send crawling freeloaders packing.

These unwelcome visitors are mostly a lethargic nuisance. They do not bite, suck blood or spread disease. They like nice, dry spots, usually between your home's walls. They go dormant and sleep throughout most of the winter. Occasionally, however, these wayward bugs become social and decide to hang out in the living area of your home. If that happens, remember the not-so-Emily-Post rule of thumb for hosts: Guests, like fish, start to stink after three days. Throw them out.

Insecticides and pesticides are likely ineffective. For best results, give them the boot by manually removing them. The vacuum cleaner is your ally in evicting these invaders.

Look for them on the sunny side of your home. They like heat that reflects off light-colored siding and glass. They like windowsills, door thresholds and other entry points. Caulking keeps them out and keeps the heat in. Put out the "no vacancy" sign by putting screens on doors, windows and vents.

These bugs like to spend their snowbird months in Missouri homes:

Multicolored Asian lady beetle. This exotic ladybug is no lady. It varies in color from pale tan to deep reddish-orange. Some sport spots; others prefer to go au naturel.

Boxelder bug. This native pest likes to live where boxelder (a common maple) trees grow. They are mostly black with red-edged wings.

Cluster fly. Black, hairy and a little larger than houseflies, they like to hang together, as their name implies.

Brown marmorated stink bug. These stink bugs really do stink. A lot. They also will make your vacuum cleaner smell vile too, so remove them by hand or use this technique recommended by Virginia Tech researchers: Fill a foil roasting pan with water and a few drops of dish soap. Place the pan where bugs are present and point a light into it. The light attracts bugs and they will fall into the soapy water and drown. (To watch a 20-second video demonstration, go to vimeo.com/92354801.)

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The rich history of mistletoe

The holiday season is filled with traditions and customs involving plants, notes University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein. Mistletoe has a particularly rich history in European folklore, said Trinklein. In 18th-century England, people fashioned mistletoe into balls adorned with ornaments, ribbons and evergreens. Legend has it that kissing under a mistletoe ball would lead to lasting friendship or serious romance. If a girl remained unknissed under mistletoe, she could not expect to marry in the next year.

In the Middle Ages, people hung branches of mistletoe from the ceilings of their homes to ward off evil spirits and witches. Druids used mistletoe from oak trees in pagan rituals such as animal sacrifices. They considered mistletoe to be sacred and a symbol of peace and harmony. Folklore says enemies would meet under a tree bearing mistletoe, lay down weapons, exchange greetings and observe a truce until the next day.

Scandinavians also used mistletoe to make a truce between warring parties and quarrelsome spouses. This practice may be linked to myths of the Norse god, Balder. His mother, Frigga, had a dream in which he was killed. Fearing the dream was prophetic, Frigga commanded all objects to vow never to harm Balder. The trickster god Loki learned she had overlooked one item: mistletoe. Loki duped Balder's blind brother, Hod, into fatally shooting Balder with an arrow tipped with mistletoe. The tears Frigga shed turned into the pearly white berries of the mistletoe. Frigga decreed that everyone who stands under the mistletoe should offer a kiss as a token of love.

The mistletoe commonly used in U.S. holiday decoration is native to North America and grows as a parasite on trees such as apple, poplar, linden and, rarely, oak. American mistletoe is commercially harvested in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma, where it is the state flower.

Both American and European mistletoe are poisonous because of toxic proteins found in all parts of the plant, including its berries. "Many retail outlets hesitate to sell it," Trinklein said. "What you buy as mistletoe is probably plastic or synthetic."

If using real mistletoe for holiday decoration, keep it out of the reach of children and pets. Do not hang mistletoe where children can pick up fallen berries.

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CHS FFA makes donation to Transportation Department



After the district transportation team completed the “Stop the Bleed” program, presented by CoxHealth System, FFA club members voted unanimously to use club funds to purchase tourniquets. The tourniquets will be placed on every bus and in each of the four nurses’ offices across the district and will be used in the case of an emergency. Pictured, from left to right, in the front row, left to right: CHS nurse Elanie Boles; and FFA club members Hailey Bowen and Alexis Coursey; Back row: FFA club members Seth Stockton, Lindee Mitchell, Cole Jackson, Andrew Littlefield and Roper Stone; and Cassville R-IV mechanic Jake Kloss.w

HSRA grant help CoxHealth fight opioid addiction

Patients in rural areas of the Ozarks utilizing opioids for pain relief will soon have more help to avoid becoming addicted to their medications. The support is thanks to a \$790,395 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to add behavioral health to patients’ care plans.

The grant will outfit rural CoxHealth clinics with telemedicine equipment so patients may be seen virtually for behavioral health needs. Through the program, patients have access to mental health treatment, substance abuse counseling as well as chronic disease management services. For long-term mental health or addiction-based needs, patients will be referred to specialty care and community services.

To be eligible for the program, patients must have a pain-related diagnosis, two to four co-occurring chronic conditions and an active opioid prescription. Qualifying pain-related conditions include headache, fibromyalgia, chronic pain and lower back pain. Medical conditions include diabetes, COPD, chronic heart failure and hypertension.

“While opioids can help relieve pain, abuse and addiction to them is a rising concern across the country and in our region,” says Lisa Alexander, president of the CoxHealth Foundation, who secured the grant funding. “We believe that this initiative is another way to link patients to the best methods of addressing both their physical and mental pain so they can return to a healthy life, stopping potential abuse before it starts.”

Currently, it’s estimated that more than 2,500 patients will be served by this program in 11 CoxHealth clinics in eight communities: Aurora, Branson, Branson West, Cassville, Crane, Monett, Mount Vernon and Shell Knob.

The program is set to begin in the fall of 2018. It is an expansion of CoxHealth’s Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH), which began in 2012.



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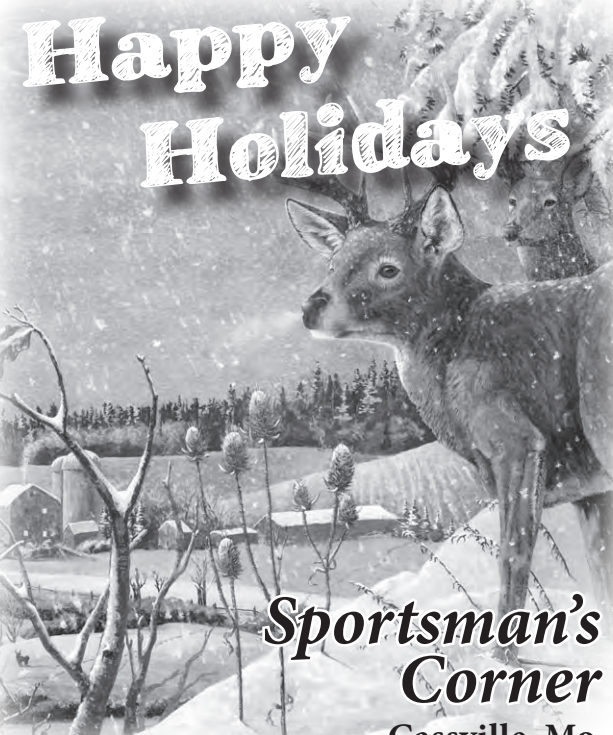
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Cassville Library events

- The animated movie, Smallfoot, will be shown at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 20. The film is rated PG and tells the tale of a yeti who discovers humans for the first time. Snacks will be offered.
- All branches of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library will be closed on the following days: December 24 and 25 and on January 1, 2019.
- The Cassville Branch is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Monday, December 31, in the downstairs meeting room. Stop by to donate between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If desired, you may call the library at (417) 847-2121 to reserve an appointment time.
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Cassville Primary hands out integrity awards in December



Cassville Primary counseling staff and teachers team up to present a different character trait every month. Classroom teachers then nominate students for awards in recognition of exemplifying that trait. Students were selected during the month of December for integrity.

Kindergarten award winners are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Macy Taylor, Aubrey Cole, Aislynn Christen, Rayleigh Stehlik, Reagan Truman and Liliana Burgess. Back row: Elijah Beall, Colton Yockey, William Ray, Gabe Mills and Carson Parker. Absent from photo: Kobhe Ware.



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Kindergarten award winners are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Tara Gissler, Nellie Jones, Liset Ibarra, Marley Beebe, Brylee Wiseman, Teghan Runnels, Brynlee Shockley and Peyton Lane. Back row: Rylan Adsit, Bentley Brattin, Daniel Kramp, Aiden Harris, Hunter Thomasson, Connor Ewing, Rogan Mizer and Levi Thomasson.

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Second grade award winners are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Khloe Westpheling, Emily Naemeh, Daily Juarez-Cabrera, Anna Alden, Mahala Davis and Harlee Carter. Back row: Kolton Lingo, Wylan Farris, Kingston Nichols, Drake Mendoza, Colton Brooks and Mason Long.

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