

City of Cassville to pursue \$10.3 million bond

SEWER, WATER LINES FIXED IF VOTERS APPROVE MEASURE

Charlea Estes

Cassville residents will be voting on a big bond issue that would dramatically impact the water and sewer systems in April 2017. The Cassville City Council is moving forward with a \$10.3 million bond issue to be put on the April 2017 after their council meeting in December.

If voters pass the bond, the city will be putting \$4.8 million into the water system and \$5.4 into the sewer system as a way to control the inflow and infil-

tration of the pipes and water loss. The primary issue the city is facing is aging sewer pipes that are allowing excess water into the sewer lines, meaning the wastewater treatment plant is processing unnecessary water, costing residents

The City of Cassville has been in a voluntary compliance agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources since 2011. They agreed to stop releasing untreated water from the wastewater treatment plant

into Flat Creek. The initial agreement gave them four years to get a plan decided and put in place. Last year, they filed for an extension, and now the city is faced with finding a way to fund the solution to the issues.

Steve Goehl, a consultant for D.A. Davidson financial, presented findings to the Cassville board of aldermen and mayor Bill Shiveley regarding funding the water and sewer projects.

Goehl told the council that

bonding is the best option to make to changes. Goehl recommended the city put the issue on the April 2017 ballot. He said, "You need to send out informational pamphlets, hold public meetings and let the public know what needs to be done. With the sewer, you don't have a choice. You'll be fined."

Financially, Goehl also said that it made sense to put the bond issue up sooner rather than later. He stated, "You'll be fined, and then you'll have to raise sewer rates to cover the fine. But then you'll still have to do the work to be in compliance and then raise rates again to pay for the work. It'll mean raising rates twice."

Mayor Shiveley asked what would happen if the city did nothing. "If we don't, what's our downside and what happens if DNR says we are out of compliance?"

Goehl said the city could be fined up to \$10,000 a day if they are not in compliance.

Walensky said, "They don't know what exactly would happen. I've asked the question, but no one wants to answer it. I haven't pursued the option of not doing anything and pollute Flat Creek. No one wants

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Cassville fifth graders bring Christmas cheer with Nutcracker performance



Cassville fifth graders put on the annual Nutcracker performance last Thursday, December 15, at the school's FEMA and Event Center. Each of the fifth grade classes sang and danced to accompany the play. Above, the Nutcracker (Kayden Fuchs) leads the toy soldiers into battle.

First Purdy Christmas parade held in 30 years

Charlea Estes

For the first time since 1986, the city of Purdy had a Christmas parade, and the community response was overwhelming. The organizers had 86 participants sign up for the event with all but 10 showing up, despite cold and rainy conditions Saturday morning, December 17.

Ken and Julie Terry were the masterminds behind the parade. The couple also organizes the city's Fourth of July event each year. Julie said that her husband, Ken, was the driving force behind the Christmas event. She said, "He has wanted to do this for two or three years, and we decided to bite the bullet and see how it goes. It was so well received that we will definitely do it again."



Longview Methodist Church brought their equine crew to the Purdy parade Saturday morning.

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Cassville hires new public works director

Charlea Estes

The City of Cassville hired a new public works director to fill the vacancy left by former director Steve Walensky who stepped into the city administrator position last month. Robert Forrest began on Monday, December 5.

Walensky said, "We are thrilled and excited that Robert has joined our team,"

Forrest came to Cassville by way of New Mexico and adds 23 years of experience in public works and infrastructure to Cassville's public works department. Forrest's career accomplishments include high profile projects, such as a \$12 million waste water treatment plant expansion and a \$10 million storm drainage system.

However, Forrest is looking forward to working with a smaller city. He said, "It felt like a real good fit. I

grew up in a small town, and even though I've worked in larger cities, this was a good fit and I feel because I did come up small town, and I understand people and small town politics."

Forrest grew up in Oklahoma, so it is a benefit that he has family near, as well.

Walensky added, "His experience managing high profile projects is much needed with our future projects here in Cassville. He'll be a true asset to our team."

With a proposed overhaul of the city's water and sewer lines, Forrest is anticipated to be an asset in those plans. Forrest said, "I've been involved in several I&I rehabilitations and water upgrades, as well as street rehabs throughout my history as a public works director, and this is really needed. I believe the city is on their mark on where they are headed to take care



Forrest

of the problem."

He said, "I think where the city is right now, from what I know, they are in real good shape with a great staff."

Forrest added, "I'm excited to be here and excited to see the city move forward in their rehab program."

Inside this issue:

Dog throat slashing charges dropped

The man accused of slashing a dog's throat during an attempting burglary have been dropped. 3A

Pedestrians injured in back-to-back wrecks

The passengers in a wrecked car were hit by another vehicle when exiting their vehicle on Highway 248. 3A

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Line dancers rock area senior centers

The Table Rockettes perform all over the area, showing age is just a number. 8A

BC courts release November felonies

The Barry County Judicial Center released the felony sentences for the month of November. 4B

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BOND from FRONT

to pollute Flat Creek.”

Alderman Jon Horner said, “It’s never a fun time to bite the bullet, but if we don’t, we’re not putting the city in a good financial position.”

Currently, Cassville has around 1,550 active water accounts and between 1,200 and 1,300 sewer accounts. The financial impact on customers’ bills is unknown, but the city will likely have to raise rates to cover the bonds if voters pass the issue in April. Exact cost cannot be determined until the bonds are purchased and lending rates are locked in.

The city hired Olsson and Associates to do a study to

determine what needed to be done to fix the infiltration and inflow of the sewer system and the water loss. Walensky said the sewer issues are mostly from aging pipes and the water is mostly from dead end lines where water needs to be flushed due to stagnancy.

The projects entail \$5.4 million for the sewer project. Of that, \$2.7 million will be for trenchless and open-cut rehabilitation, \$150,000 to clean and CCTV with review, \$1.5 million for private I&I abatement program, and \$1,050,000 for new construction costs and contingency.

The water side of the project is \$4.9 million. There were three options for the water line improvements, but the recommended plan is to increase pipe size and lop lines to eliminate dead ends. Walensky said this would help with fire protection, as well.

The city has 33 miles total miles of sewer lines, but the project would be focusing on the saturation zone primarily along Main Street, which is the oldest area of pipes.

Walensky said, “Six years ago, the administration said we needed to fix this, and we appreciate the time we were given to fix it and now, that’s where we’re at.”

He added, “Because when I was brought on board, the plan was to fix the problem, not ignore it. I’ve been marching on that path to develop a correction plan all around. These things just take time.”

While the issue that jeopardizes the city’s wastewater treatment permit is the sewer, Walensky said it makes most sense to fix the water lines at the same time as the sewer lines.

If voters pass the issue and the city moves forward, a bidding process will begin to do the work. Walensky said, “We don’t have the staff or equipment to do a project of this magnitude. We still need a functioning public works department.”

He continued, “I’m hopeful that we can do this within a 24-month time frame.”

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The Most Wanted column is a partnership between the Barry County Advertiser and the Barry County Sheriff’s Department. Sheriff Mick Epperly urges anyone with information about any of the individuals to contact the department at (417) 847-6556 during the daytime hours or (417) 847-3121 after hours. A full list of Barry County’s Most Wanted is available on the Barry County Sheriff’s website at: <http://www.barrycountysheriff.com/wanted.php>.



Shannon Wayne Barwick



Christopher L. Youngblood

Shannon Wayne Barwick, 26, of Anderson, is wanted for probation violations on two counts of receiving stolen property.

Christopher L. Youngblood, 32, of Cassville, is wanted for failure to appear for possession of a controlled substance and burglary in the second degree.



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Back-to-back crashes injures passengers exiting vehicle

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Two people from Jenkins were injured on Saturday, not from their car crash, but from another car hitting them when they were getting out of their car after a different wreck. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, two people, classified as pedestrians, were hit on Highway 248 on Saturday, December 17, around 6:20 p.m.

In the report, the Highway Patrol reported that Cleo J. Robbins, 73, and William L. Robbins, 77, were getting out of their vehicle after crashing on Highway 248 at Farm Road 1195 about six miles east of Cassville. Another vehicle headed eastbound lost control and hit the Robbinses, causing both minor and moderate injuries.

The couple were hit by a 2007 Honda CRV, driven by Janet L. Campbell, 56, of Branson.

Cleo was moderately injured and transported by Mercy EMS to Mercy Hospital in Cassville. William suffered minor injuries and was also transported to Mercy Hospital in Cassville.

Campbell had no reported injuries at the time of the report, and she was wearing her seat belt at the time. The CRV was totaled.

Local weekly misdemeanors

- John E. Cole, of Cassville, pled guilty to exceeding the speed limit by 1-5 miles per hour. Cole was fined \$20.50.
- Travis L. Fisher, of Cassville, pled guilty to exceeding the speed limit by 1-5 miles per hour. Fisher was fined \$20.50.
- Charles Kochel, of Bentonville, Ark., pled guilty to taking wildlife illegally. Kochel was fined court costs plus \$24.50.
- Ralph A. Lively pled guilty to domestic assault in the third degree as a first or second offense. Lively was fined \$300.
- Brooke Marie Mahurin, of Monett, pled guilty to operating a vehicle on a highway without a valid license.
- Killian James Ohagan, of Monett, pled guilty to leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident, driving while revoked or suspended as a second of subsequent offense, operating a motor vehicle in a careless or imprudent manner involving an accident, failure to register a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, displaying the motor vehicle of another person and failure to wear a seatbelt. Ohagan was fined \$751.50 and is to serve

Charges dropped against man accused of Exeter dog attack

POLICE STILL SEARCHING FOR CULPRIT

Charlea Estes

Charges filed against the man accused of slashing a dog's throat have been dropped after he provided police with an alibi. David A. Watkins, 34, was charged with the crime, but those charges have since been dropped.

Watkins said he had received threats after he was charged with the crime. "I had people threaten me, and I'm working now. I was working on camera at the time it happened. I told the Exeter Police and proved it."

Exeter Chief of Police Kenen Martinez stated, "After extensive investigation, Mr. Watkins was found to have an alibi and is no longer considered a suspect in this case."

Barry County Prosecuting Attorney Amy Boxx confirmed the charges were dropped. She said, "I am able to confirm that the Chief of Police for the City of Exeter

spoke with me last week and requested that the charges currently pending against David A. Watkins be dismissed as further investigation had revealed that he was not the individual responsible for this crime. As a result, the charges have been dismissed."

According to the initial affidavit of probable cause, Watkins was accused of attempting to break into a home in Exeter on Packwood Lane around 7:39 p.m. on November 30 and then slashing a small dog's throat when he wasn't able to gain entry. The dog survived the attack with emergency intervention.

The Exeter Police Department is still investigating the case and looking for the true culprit. Tips can be provided through central dispatch or by contacting the City of Exeter directly (417) 835-2823.

Chamber announces lighting contest winners

The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce has selected the winners for the Christmas Lighting Contest. The winners are:

Residential

First Place: Randy and Benni Stockton, Wildwood Estates

Second Place: Gary and Tess Elliott, 802 Old Exeter Road

Third Place: Cindy Carr, Chinquapin Estates

Honorable Mention: Rusty and Phyllis Arnold, 403 W. 15th Street.

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Roaring River Health & Rehab, located on 812 Old Exeter Road.

Roaring River Health & Rehab will receive a traveling trophy that they will keep until the 2017 winner is selected. BBQ Station, Pizza Hut, Sonic, Subway and Forever Yours Embroidery donated prizes for the winners in the residential division.



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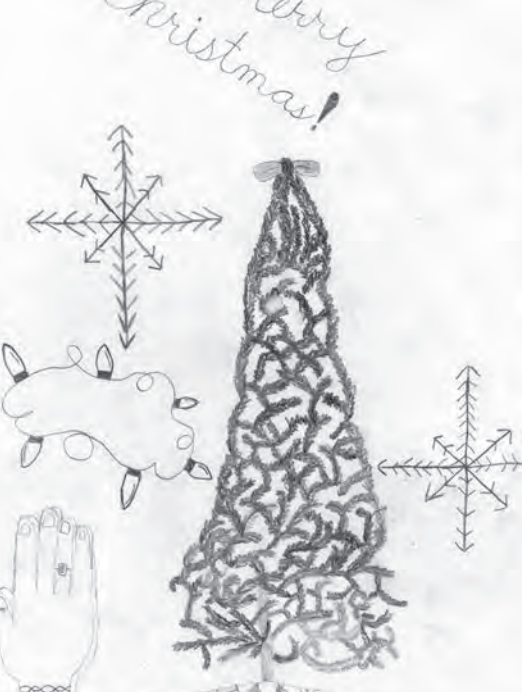
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Notice:

CASK gallery will be closed to the public the month of January but all workshops and meetings will be held.

Eagle Rock Fire Department will host a breakfast on January 28 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Merry Christmas!



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*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!*

Campus will be closed Dec.23rd- Jan.2nd

Seligman PD Holiday DWI campaign beginning

Local police will be out in full force as part of the annual statewide Holiday DWI “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” substance – impaired driving campaign. The campaign, which will include high- - visibility enforcement throughout Seligman, will run from December 15, 2016 – January 1, 2017.

The effective nationwide substance – impaired driving campaign will include high visibility enforcement, high – profile events, and will be supported by national paid advertising, creating a comprehensive campaign to curb substance – impaired driving over the Holiday DWI “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign period from December 15, 2016 – January 1, 2017.

Seligman Police Department said its officers will be aggressively looking for substance – impaired drivers during the crackdown and will arrest anyone caught driving impaired.

Although it is illegal in all 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to drive impaired (having

a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher), far too many people across the nation get behind the wheel after consuming too much alcohol. The latest statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration underscore the serious nature of the nation’s continuing drunk driving epidemic.

“Every year, about one third of all motor vehicle traffic deaths involve one or more substance – impaired drivers or motorcycle operators,” said Chief Terry Burgess. “Data indicates in 2015, 197 people were killed on Missouri’s roadways in crashes that involved at least one substance – impaired driver.” That works out to approximately one substance – impaired driver involved fatality every 1-3/4 days.

Chief Burgess added the Christmas and New Year’s Eve Weekend is particularly dangerous. During the Holiday DWI “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign Dec 18, 2015 – January 3, 2016, eleven (11) people were killed and twenty – five (25) serious injured

involving at least one substance – impaired driver.

“Research has shown that high – visibility enforcement like the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign reduces substance – impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent. By joining this nationwide effort, we will make Seligman’s roadways safer for everyone through the holiday,” said Chief Burgess.

“We want to remind everyone that getting behind the wheel impaired is a terrible idea. Unfortunately, not only does being under the influence impaired your ability to operate a vehicle safely, it also impairs your judgment and good sense about whether you can, or should drive. If you have any doubt about your sobriety, do not get behind the wheel. If you

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OBITUARIES



LOREN DWAIN SMITH

Loren Dwain Smith was born May 27, 1933, at Star Hollow, Washburn, to Harlin Sanford Smith and Eva Hawkins Smith. He left for his heavenly Home on December 19, 2016, while at Roaring River Rehabilitation in Cassville.

He graduated from Rocky Comfort High School class of 1951-52. He entered the Army at Camp Crowder, Neosho, March 1953, as a

private first class and had his basic training in Fort Hood, Texas, armored infantry, clerk typist. He served in Regensburg, Germany. He returned home via Fort Knox Kentucky, May 1955, as a corporal. He had earned Marksman medal, good conduct medal, and over seas armoured calvary ring.

Loren was employed from 1956 to 1984 with South Eastern Public Service, formerly Rail Way Ice and Cold Storage. He worked at Wells Aluminum two years, and then drove a Purdy school bus for ten years.

On May 10, 1958, Loren was married to Sue Ann Larkin. They were married fifty-eight and one half years.

He was preceded in death by both his parents, his mother-in-law and father-in-law.

Surviving are his wife, Sue Ann Smith, of the home; one son, Mike and wife, Su-

san; granddaughter, Lauren; several nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and nephews; three sisters: Barbara Ann Lacey and husband, Melvin, of Exeter, Betty Lou Laney and husband, Jerry, of Verona, and Marsha Sue Beagle and Dan, of Exeter; and one grandchild.

Loren was a member of the Macadonia Baptist Church of East Purdy.

Visitation for Loren is being held today, Wednesday December 21, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett. Funeral services are being held on Thursday, December 22, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Chapel in Monett with Rev. Lee Neill officiating. Burial will follow services at the Purdy Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett.

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CLEO MERLE ASH

Cleo Merle Ash, 86, of Seligman, passed away Thursday, December 15, 2016, in Rogers, Ark. She was born June 23, 1930, in Barry County, to the late Pete Robert Ash and Ada Mae Galyean Ash. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Earl Ash; her sister, Helen Schooley and a daughter, Marsha Wise. Survivors include a daughter, Donna Vantwuyver (John); a brother, Leo Ash; two grandsons, Kendall Howell (Kelsey) and Shannon Howell (Laura); seven great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family members. Her funeral and burial in Pratt Cemetery was today, Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Arrangements were under the care of Rollins Funeral Home in Rogers. www.RollinsFuneral.com



CARRIE VIRGINIA ADKINS
Carrie Virginia Adkins, 81, of Cassville, passed away on Monday, December 12, 2016, at Cox South Hospital in Springfield. Mrs. Adkins, daughter of Lenzy and Alpha Blevins Hazelett, was born on October 23, 1935, in Cuzzie, W. Va. Carrie graduated from Guyan Valley High School in 1953 in Hamlin, W. Va. She began her life together with

OBITUARIES

Joseph William Tarr in 1969. He preceded her in death after 47 years together. Carrie later moved to Chicago, Ill., where she worked for A.B. Dick factory. In 1997, she moved to Cassville to be closer to her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as working outside with her flowers and gardening. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Cassville.

Survivors include two sons, Ronnie Ray Adkins and Jeffery William Tarr, both of Cassville; one daughter, Patsy Nape and her husband, Robert, of Cassville; one sister, Lou Honaker, of Brewster, Ohio; four grandchildren, Jason and Matthew Nape, Andrew Adkins, and Olivia Adkins; and three great-grandchildren, Brenden, Hayley, and Ethan Nape.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 16, 2016, at the Assembly of God Church in Cassville with Pastor Bob Day officiating. Burial followed at

the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Butterfield. The family received friends from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Friday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Assembly of God Church and entrusted to the White Funeral Home & Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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DORRIS ELAINE ROSE

Dorris Elaine Rose, 89, of Seligman, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2016, in Cassville Health and Rehab.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 16, 2016, at Washburn Prairie Cemetery in Washburn under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Bob Scott conducted the services.

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BILLY DEAN RAISTRICK

Billy Dean Raistrick, 76, of Wheaton, passed away Thursday, December 15, 2016, at Select Specialty Hospital in Springfield.

He was born September 3, 1940, in Rolling Prairie, Ind., the son of Alvin Russell and Mable Larue (Mills) Raistrick. On October 14, 1964, he was united in marriage to Sandra Kay Cox, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Billy Raistrick and his fiancé, Melody Thomas, of Azle, Texas, and Russel Raistrick and his wife, Brenda, of Wheaton; five grandchildren, Vena Custer, of Wheaton, Connor Sullivan, of St. Charles, Patrick Sullivan, of Wheaton, Joe Don Thomas, of Azle, Texas, and Katlin

Ramos, of Ft. Worth, Texas; and four great-grandchildren, Jake, Emily, Orion and Adrina.

Preceding him in death were his parents and siblings, Gil, Buddy, Harlan, Jackie and June.

Billy grew up and received his education at Rolling Prairie, Indiana. He joined the United States Navy, serving in the Vietnam War, and retired after twenty-three years of service. He was stationed at San Diego, Calif., when he retired and then moved to Phoenix, Ariz., to work in forestry. He was a member of Solid Rock Baptist Church in Wheaton.

The family received friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Burial with military honors will be held the following week at 1:00 p.m. on December 28, 2016, at Missouri Veterans Cemetery, 5201 S. Southwood Road, Springfield, MO 65804.

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REBECCA ANN SKIDMORE

Rebecca Ann Skidmore, 81, of Seligman, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2016, in her home.

She was born June 29, 1935, in Eureka Springs, Ark., the daughter of James Madison and Effie Jane (Baker) Moon. On May 20, 1956, she was united in marriage to Billy Don Skidmore, who preceded her in death in 1990. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one son, Ron Skidmore; one brother, Paul Moon; two sisters, Carolyn Mahurin and Edith Pollick; and a great-grandson,

Dylan Meeks. Surviving are one son, William Skidmore and his wife, Terry, of Seligman; two daughters, Karla Fullerton, of Centerton, Ark., and Sonja Ames, of Seligman; one brother, Wayne Moon and his wife, June, of Gateway, Ark.; five sisters, Wanda Williams and Joyce Catron, both of Seligman, Erma Helms, of Garfield, Ark., Mildred Kavanaugh, of Walnut, Kan., and Bonnie Shepherd, of Rogers, Ark.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Rebecca grew up and received her education in Eureka Springs, Ark., where she graduated from high school. For several years, she was employed at Tyson Foods. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Seligman.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 16, 2016, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Burial was in Seligman Cemetery at Seligman.

The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Thursday at Fohn Fu-

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neral Home in Cassville. Contributions may be made to Seligman Senior Center in memory of Rebecca. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences. FOHN FUNERAL HOME CASSVILLE, MO. 417-847-2141

MARTHA FRANCES (WERNER) ALLEN

Martha Frances (Werner) Allen, 100, passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2016, her home. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 19, 2016, at First Baptist Church in Helena, Okla., under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Pastor Scott Hofen will conduct the services. The family received friends from 9:30 until services time Monday in the church. Burial was at Good Hope Cemetery in Helena. The family received friends in Cassville from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 17, 2016, at Fohn Funeral Home. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences. FOHN FUNERAL HOME CASSVILLE, MO. 417-847-2141

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Charlea Estes

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The Table Rockettes are a line dancing group based out of Shell Knob. The group of around 12 lovely, older ladies performs at area senior centers and nursing homes, as well as anyone else who invites them. This year, the Table Rockettes had nine shows they put on all around the area.

Joy Robinson has been the spearhead of the group for the bulk of their years together. She said, “The one who came up with it is now living in Arizona, and we just kind of all took it over after she left. Now, I’ve kind of taken over for the last seven or eight years.”

Robinson, like many of the ladies in the area’s Rockettes, didn’t have any dancing background to speak of before joining the crew. She said, “I did some dancing when I was very young; it was Irish tap. But this is learn as you go, not necessarily anything that needs a dancing background.”

The ladies of the Table

Rockettes, a clever play on our local lake, practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays for an hour and a half at the Central Crossing Senior Center. They started their group when the senior center began 11 years ago and have kept up ever since. They put together their own routines to music and go out into the community and line dance three to four times a year. Robinson said some of the routines they choreograph themselves, others come from the internet, but they try to vary what they do.

She said, “We do work at it. When we go dance out places, we get to spend more time together without just dancing.” They focus their performances on senior centers and nursing homes.

Robinson said that nurs-



Above, the Table Rockettes perform at the Cassville Senior Center for their Christmas lunch.

ing homes are the most important to a lot of them, “It’s always gratifying when you dance at the nursing

home. They might not know how hard we work at it, but we all feel the same about that. They are so happy to get out of their rooms and enjoy it. We’re just happy to do it and be there for them.”

While nine performances is a bit up from their usual numbers, they try to perform at Christmas as well as around St. Patrick’s Day or Easter and the Fourth of July. Robinson said, “Anytime someone calls and asks us, we’ll be there.”

“We get very positive feedback and everywhere we’ve ever been has always asked us back,” she said.

Robinson said, “We enjoy it. It keeps ourselves younger and happier that way. We can’t all kick as high as some of them can or get down as low as some of them can. We may have a lot of hip replacements and knee replacements, but think we do pretty good overall.” And Robinson is spot on. The Table Rockettes are a treat to watch and entertain everywhere they go.

If you would like more information about the Table Rockettes or to ask them to perform at your venue, call Joy Robinson at (417) 858-3834.

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PARADE from FRONT

Both the line of parade floats and various entries and the parade attendees were long. While the parade route was fairly short, beginning at the school and ending at 1st State Bank, the crowd was steady. Julie said they plan to extend the parade's length a bit.

She said, "We have had nothing but positive comments. We have had so many people text and send Facebook messages and call. They said they would like for it to be a little longer. We didn't know what to expect or plan, but we know for next time."

Ken added that he was in awe of how well the event came together this year and looks forward to the next one. He stated, "Overall it was unbelievable, phenomenal participation from the community, both participants and spectators. We were really happy with it. It was pretty steadily lined from beginning to end."

He added, "Participation was way beyond my expectations."

From churches to school groups to community groups to individuals, the parade line was long and featured walkers, floats, semi trucks, police cars and even dogs from All About Pets. While the weather was less than ideal, people still had a great time on Saturday morning.

After the parade, the Terrys invited the community back to their business, The Gathering Place, for food and photos with Santa. Julie



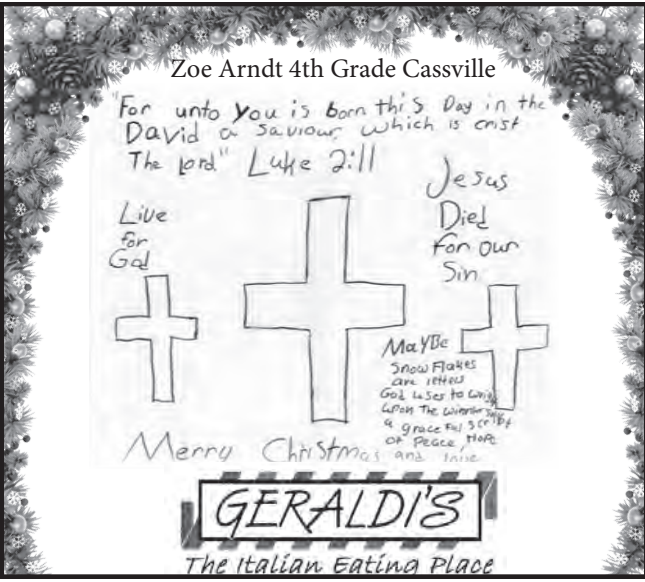
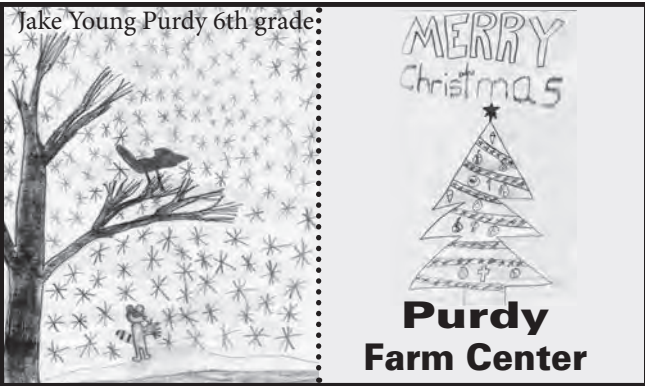
Exeter's marching band made an appearance at the Purdy Christmas parade, as well.

said, "We have always been community-minded. We love organizing things like that. We have the Gathering Place, and so we like getting people together. We enjoy it."

Those lined along the streets were well-rewarded with candy by the sackful and a good time Saturday morning if they were willing to brave the cold. Hopefully, this will be the first of many future Purdy parades.

Julie said, "It had been 30 years since Purdy had one. We organize the Fourth of July celebration every year and put that on and we decided we wanted to have a winter celebration."

If the turnout for the parade, both floats and spectators, is any indication, it was time for Purdy to have a parade of their own again.



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Ghosts of Christmas past? Gift returns 81 years later

Heidi Lowe

It was summer, and Pard Lowe was poking around. Perhaps poking around is a family trait, but who could resist a houseful of history? The house had stood for a hundred years and had seen several generations of the Thompson clan come and go. For years, it had stood locked up like a time capsule, with its dishes stacked neatly in the cupboards, its quilts and framed faces forgotten to time. But it had reached the end of its era. The house, filled with a patchwork of memorabilia from days gone by, was slated for demolition. A new generation of Thompsons were eager to build a new home and generations of new memories where the old house now stood.

So Pard poked around. Bill Thompson and Pard's dad had been friends, after all. He figured that somewhere in this dusty old house there was bound to be some con-

nection to the Lowes, some piece of something that would connect the two families. So, as he, his brother Bud Lowe, and nephew, Mike Lowe, all worked together, moving things from the house to the burn pile, Pard poked around. But, as often happens when one goes searching for history, he came up empty-handed.

The contents of the house were cleared out and burned. Then, the house came down, leaving only a naked concrete slab. And one, solitary secret.

As Pard stood talking to the builders, Bill Thompson's grandson Jim and his wife, Christine, Pard noticed something odd. It was a wallet.

"It was lying right on that concrete slab like a ghost just reached out and laid it there," Pard said. "We had been all over that slab. I mean, we had been over that with the back hoe, raked stuff off of there..."

It felt like destiny. So he walked over and he picked it

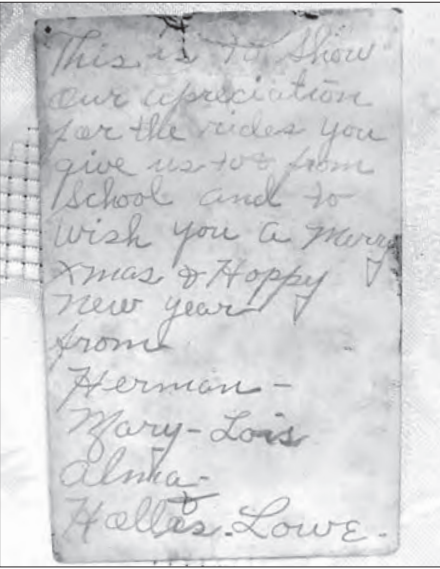
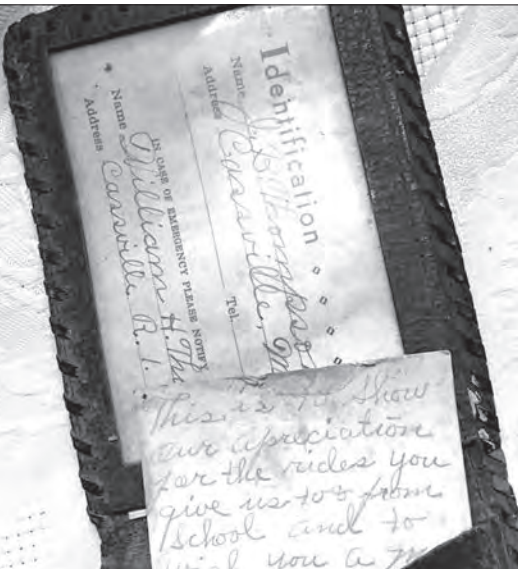


Local teacher J.B. Thompson, remembered as "Johnny."

up. He opened it saw the name "J.B. Thompson."

"And then there was this little piece of paper kinda sticking out," Pard said. "So I pulled it out, and I couldn't believe it. There was all my family, right there."

The note is written in pencil on the back of a 1935 12-month-calendar that likely came with the wallet. It is his mother's writing, a note tucked inside a Christmas gift



A Christmas gift and thank-you note makes its way back to a family 81 years after it was given.

she had given on behalf of her children 81 years ago. It read: "This is to show our appreciation for the rides you give us to & from school and to wish you a Merry Xmas & Happy New Year. From Herman—Mary—Lois—Alma—Hollis Lowe."

Of those names, only

Pard's sister Alma, who turned 90 this year, survives.

In 1935, the Lowe clan lived at the top of Ziliox Hill, off what is now Hwy. 248. The kids all went to Oak Ridge School, which was about 3 miles away from the house.

"We were as far away from

the school as you could be and still go there," Alma said, remembering that they used to walk to the highway every-day and wait for someone to come pick them up and take them to school. That "someone" was J.B. Thompson, who everyone called "Johnny."

For a short time, Johnny taught the upper grades at Oak Ridge School, and since Alma was in the lower grade, she doesn't remember much about him. He would have been around 55 years old at the time, and there is some speculation, that given his experience, he was often called in to help "straighten out" more challenging groups of students.

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Langston Mitchell 4th grade Cass.

Either way, before the term ended in the spring of 1936, the school burnt down and the children finished school in the old Oak Ridge Church. Johnny did not return the following year.

But that leaves a lot of questions, doesn't it? Who was Johnny Thompson, the man who had held on to this wallet for all those years?

Searching the one room school archives at the Barry County Museum and the Barry County Geneology sites yielded little information. The census, for me, raised more questions than answers.

We know that he was born in 1895, the second child of Frank and Dona Thompson. He had two brothers, Charlie and Willie (Bill), and five sisters, Minnie, Margret, Mary, Ina and Katie. We know that he never married, and that he never left the family farm.

Johnny was teaching as early as 1907, when he was assigned to Sparks School. That same year he stood trial for whipping Emanuel Twillinger's son "too severely," a charge to which a Cassville Democrat reporter responded, "Parents make a mistake in having a teacher arrested in a case of this kind. It is better to have a boy suffer than assist in his ruin."

We know that in 1912 he weathered a scarlet fever scare at the Central School that



The cleared sight of the former Bill Thompson home.

forced him to close the doors three weeks before Christmas. In his report he stated that the closure had "injured the school work greatly." We know his mother died the following year.

On April 25, 1918, the Cassville Republican mentions that "J.B. Thompson went to Ft. Riley Friday night to visit his brother, Willie Thompson, who went there a few weeks ago as one of the Barry County registrants."

Just a few years later, Mary and her three kids return to the home. Frank Thompson passes away not long after, and that same year, 1930, Johnny is listed as the head of the household in the census. Also living in the house are his sisters Minnie, 47, and Maggie, 45.

John B. Thompson died of pneumonia in 1963, at the Missouri State Sanatorium in Mt. Vernon. He was 84 years old. His occupation is listed as "Farmer." He lived his entire life in the place he was born, just down the road from where his brother Bill would live with

his family until his death in 1978.

So what do we know? We know that J. B. Thompson seems to have spent his life in the service of others, helping his parents, siblings, and nieces and nephews. Although he never had children of his own he surely cared about them deeply, and no doubt cared for the five Lowe children who would tumble into his car everyday for a ride to school.

We may never know why the wallet was in Bill's home after all those years, but one thing is for sure. It's unlikely return was the sweetest gift indeed.

Remembrances of a Barry County Christmas

Heidi Lowe

As we charge—both literally and figuratively—through the last hectic days before Christmas, it's hard to imagine a time when a child's most precious Christmas gift could be the sweet taste of a single orange.

Although the past tends to fade the hard times, leaving memories bathed in a rosy tint of nostalgia—for many families in the depression-era money was tight, and pleasures were simple.

The following excerpts are taken from *Lifetime of Memories*, a 19 volume series of oral histories about Barry County, published by the Barry County Museum. We hope you enjoy them as much as we do.

JD Fletcher, Book #15

One of the biggest thrills of all goin' to school at Maple Grove was at Christmastime.

My uncle, Oscar Vanzandt, would always cut a tall cedar tree, about nine or ten feet. After a sycamore tree blooms it has balls on it, and we would go out and gather those. The teacher always told us to keep the foil wrappers from the politicians' gum, and we'd wrap that foil around those sycamore balls. Then we'd take scissors and make little rings and just keep makin' 'em and makin' 'em to

where we could just string them around that tree. Then we would pop popcorn, and we would string it on string. It went around and around that tree, and that was our Christmas tree decorations. We didn't have any factory-made ornaments; we made them all ourselves.

Fred Preston, Book 12

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CHRISTMAS from 11A

cause no one could afford them. But my grandmother knitted all my socks, my gloves, and my sweaters.

I used to watch her spin the yarn on her old spinning wheel. She kept me warm and made the best gingerbread in Barry County.

Lorene Meadows, Book 11

My mother made a big thing of Christmas. She cooked a lot of extra things and made candy. My cousin, Ward Newbold, and I got sick every Christmas from eating so much.

The Christmas program was the most extravagant school event, and required much preparation by children, teacher, and some parents. The teacher worked overtime at the hectograph, printing pictures for us to

color and use in decorating the schoolroom. A tree was cut and brought in by somebody's father, and we decorated it with decorations brought down from the attic.

The children drew names and bought a trifling gift for the child drawn.

On the night of the program, the sound of a bell outside the schoolhouse at the proper moment heralded a poorly costumed Santa Claus who entered to the surprise of all the children and handed out the presents under the tree.

He also gave each child a brown paper sack from his bag. I do not recall what goodies the packet contained, except for one item. We each got an orange at the Christmas program. We did not ever have oranges at

home, so they were a wondrous fruit to us.

For several days leading up to the Christmas program, we children, under the direction of the teacher, practiced songs, poems, and our parts in plays that we would perform for parents and visitors on the fateful night.

The Christmas equipment from the attic included calico drapes, pale blue with tiny flowers, of such astonishing dimensions that when hung from a taut wire by innumerable safety pins, they completely spanned the whole stage. Certain easily-distracted children were designated to draw the curtains back and forth between acts of the plays, but often forgot to do so on cue until yelled at in a loud whisper by the teacher. White curtains, probably made of bed sheets, were suspended down the sides of the stage to provide an offstage area.

Even as a schoolboy I could see what terrible actors the other children were. They were actually the worst actors I ever have been privileged to observe in my whole life. I felt I did a creditable job

of my own parts, but an unbiased observer might have withheld acclaim even from me. Yet any fears the teacher secretly held that the performances would be greeted with boos and tomatoes were unfounded. Every wretchedly read poem, every song sung off key and slightly out of unison, and every atrocious acting attempt was greeted with enthusiastic cheers and boisterous applause from an audience of proud parents and entertainmen-starved local citizens.

Alta Coffey, Book 1

I remember one Christmastime, I imagine I was six years old, this great aunt of mine—my Dad's aunt—she got up a program. I don't remember the rest of the girls, but I do remember Jewel Keelan, I guess because she and I were chums. Well, they fixed us up as little angels with horns. I don't remember what we sang or nothing about that, but what I remember more is this neighbor boy. His mother made his clothes, and did you ever read Little Lord Fauntleroy? She made his clothes like

that, made little collars, you know, put lace on the collars. She made his pants and they come just halfway between his knee and his ankle. He was kind of a tall child and his sleeves come out like that and he had big hands. He got up there and he said "Til Christmas Eve, 'til Christmas blessings, we are home, Christmas is the best."

Just like that and he was supposed to eat the bread and walk off the stage. Now why I remember that, I don't know. All these years, I remember what he said, but I don't remember what I said.

Well anyhow, it was the first Christmas tree I ever seen and it had real live candles on it, and they had pails of water sitting all around because of fire. Santa Claus come in and he had a big bag of candy, oranges, bananas and apples. Well, we had a big apple orchard up here--it ain't here no more, but it was back then--and I wondered, "Why Santy, what did you bring me apples for? I got apples at home."

Another thing I remember is that they had some black and red things with a handle on it, kind of like a shovel, and I thought, "What in the world?" I never seen anything like that. Anyway, a lot of women were getting one and I thought Grandma and Mama ought to have one, and they got one. Aunt Lenore, she brought them for Christmas and they were dustpans. Now that is one Christmas that I remember very well.

Doyle Bowman, Book 17

Knee high, leather lace-up boots were popular with all the boys back then. I remember the folks getting me a pair. There was a knife pocket on one of them so you could carry your knife. Every boy carried a pocket-knife. What else, other than a pocketknife, could one get a boy for a Christmas gift? We were always trading knives. The boots were also good in deep snow.

Ralph Hillburn, Book 17

We would sit around and sing Christmas carols; we made our own Christmas.

The only time I ever remember getting anything was the year I got a pocket-knife. It was kind of like the old story goes: You don't miss what you don't have. If you don't have it, you don't miss it. We never had it, so we didn't think about it. But we would have our Christmas.

Every year, the First Baptist Church would bring us a box of food—usually a big chicken or turkey, cranberry sauce, canned corn, and so on. We would really have a




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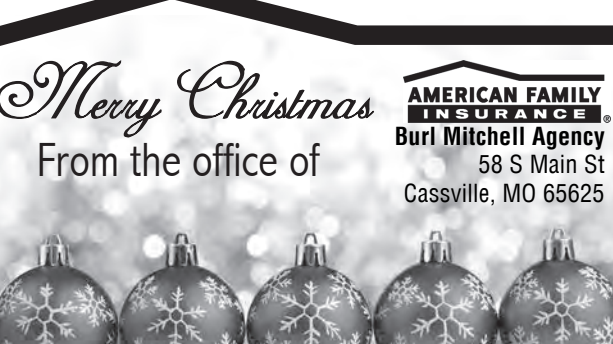
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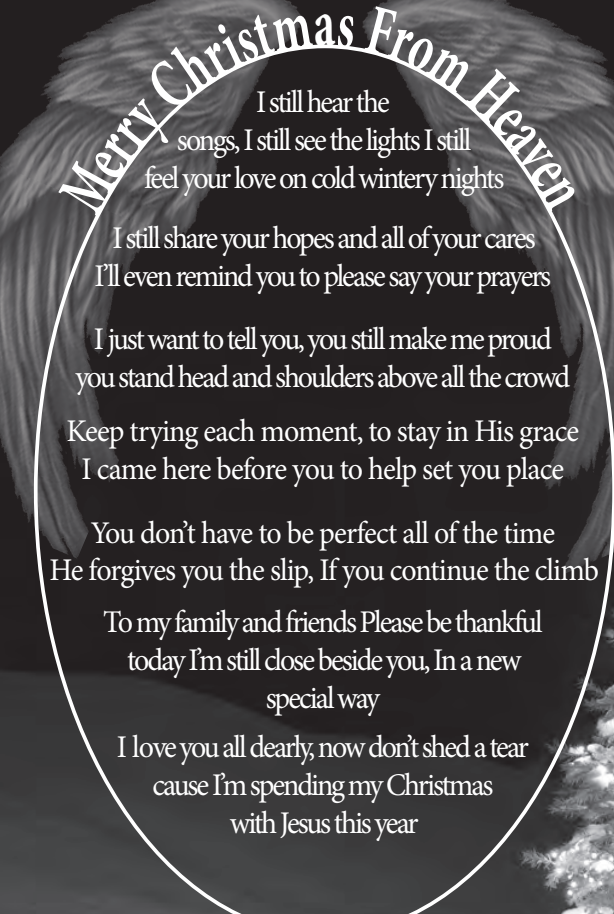
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Eva Holder, Book 4

We always had big celebrations at Christmas-time. Daddy always went out, got the tree, brought it back, and we'd decorate it with whatever we had. There weren't a lot of presents, but a lot of fun.

Noel Brock, Book 7

They used to have a benefit show every year during the Christmas season. And just before Christmas, you'd bring a jar of canned stuff and you'd get in and see a free show. They'd want us to have something to exchange to see a movie, and I know the only thing I ever had to bring was turnips. I tried to disguise that bag of turnips the best I could, but I imagine they got more turnips than anything. Geneva McCormick, Book 13

Our favorite holiday was Christmas because that was the time we'd get an orange and a banana, and we'd always get new dresses for our dolls.

We had a doll and it lasted a long time. We never got new dolls, but we got new clothes. Mom made every little thing for them—little dresses, little hats, little shoes, everything.

One Christmas, our parents were sitting up every night whittling and making things and painting long little spoke things, and I was always asking them, "What are you doing?" They would tell us

that they were making quail traps, but what they were really doing was making each one of us baby doll beds, and they painted each one.

They were green and blue and yellow beds, and then Mom made little mattresses with cotton tufts in them and little quilts and little pillows, and we really had a great Christmas that year.

Bob & Marjorie Ryder, Book 9

Robert and Marjorie were married in December of 1951. They didn't have a wedding in a church or a big wedding. With her sister, Elane, and brother-in-law, John, as witnesses, they went to Preacher Cecil Campbell's house in Monett.

He preached at Wheaton, so they went to see him. Robert had the license, and he picked up John, Elane, and Marjorie, and they went to Preacher Campbell's house and were married in his front room on Christmas Eve night. Afterward, they went back to Marjorie's parents' house for cake and ice cream.

The next day was Christmas. They went to Marjorie's parents' home for Christmas. The custom was that the men always went quail hunting. One thing that Robert's sister, Marilyn, thought was real funny was that the day before the wedding, Robert went down to his dad's house at Pioneer to get his

shotgun. His sister thought that was awfully funny that he went to get the shotgun before they got married.

Evelyn Riddle, Book 14

I've always remembered the Christmas at Galena. There was a store over there. It was the grocery store, hardware store, and everything else. I loved dolls. I found this doll, and that's what I so badly wanted for Christmas. I was a real sneaky little girl; I was over at that store one day, and that doll was sitting on the counter.

I thought, "Oh gosh! I'm going to get that doll for Christmas." So I went around saying that I was sure I knew what I was going to get for Christmas. Well [as a joke] my mother put an old rag doll in a box and wrapped it up. When I opened that, I was so mad. My mother tells how I threw that doll across the room.

The doll's name was Sandy and I just knew I was going to get that doll--and I did! But I didn't like it nearly as well because I was so mad. I must have been about seven.

When we were little kids, my folks were really poor, and we would usually get one

present. I would always get a doll because I loved dolls. And I loved paper dolls; I always had little friends that I played paper dolls with. I would always get a doll, but there wasn't a big pile of gifts under the Christmas tree.

George Wilson, Book 15

In the summertime, we mainly went barefoot, but we had a new pair of shoes to start the school year, and along about Christmas we got another pair because the toe and the sole would separate, and we'd be running around with our toes flopping.

At Christmas we always had candy and we always got a present, nothing expensive, usually clothes, but we always got a present, and we always had candy.

Dad had a tradition about that. He loved candy, and he'd always buy a lot of candy and then after Christmas he'd try to dole out what was left to make it last until New Year's. He always wanted to have part of it on New Year's Day; that was a big deal. Mostly it was hard candy, and some orange slices.

There used to be a Ben Franklin store at Cassville, and that's where they bought their candy. Boy, that Ben

Franklin store at Christmas-time could take a little kid's eyes away. Boy, I loved that store at Christmastime. Of course I loved all the stores at Christmastime.

Don Myers, book 18

They'd always have a massive cedar tree for the Christmas tree, and all of us kids would decorate it. I'll never know how in the world they ever got that big thing in the schoolhouse.

The upper grades were on the ground floor and it had a raised platform for the lower grades. That was our platform for the plays and it was kind of like a theater. It had

curtains and those drawn stage curtains were the only thing that separated the two rooms. Back on each side of it was more or less the cloak room where we kept our lunch pails and all of our coats. That's where all of the students that were in the play would stay until it was their time to come out on stage to do their part.

It was fun. We always got some oranges for our presents under the Christmas tree. Oranges and a sack of candy—yeah, that was a big deal. The next whole week we had candy!!

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Lisa Lee Purdy 6th grade

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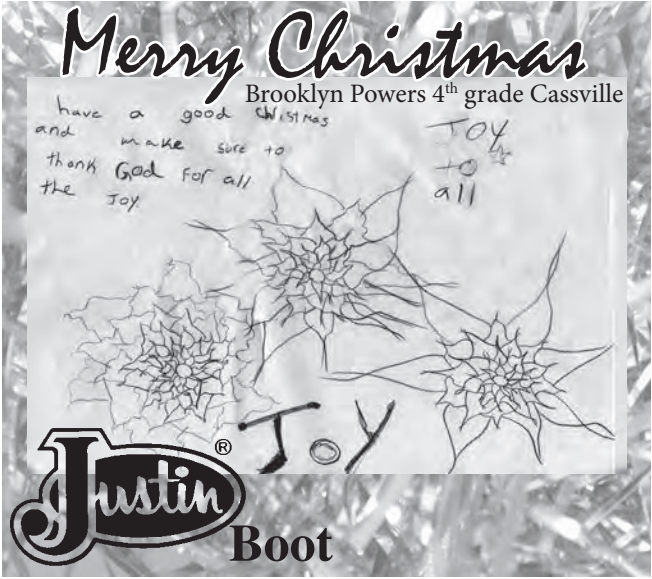
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Purdy Lady Eagles defeat Verona, 73-52

Lee Stubblefield

The Purdy Lady Eagles improved to 7-1 on the season with a 73-52 victory at Verona on Thursday night. Purdy overcame a slow start, and outscored their hosts by 8 points in both the second and third quarters to cruise to the 21-point victory over their Ozark 7 Conference rivals.

Senior transfer Devyn Callahan and Layne Skiles both scored 17 to lead the Lady Eagles. Skiles added a dozen rebounds and posted a double-double for the night.

Sami House and Zoe Brown also scored in double figures for Purdy.

This rematch of the Diamond Tournament quarter-finals produced almost the same result. Purdy won that first matchup by 20 points, 61-41.

Purdy improved to 7-1 with the victory, while Verona slipped to 3-4.

Purdy scorers: Layne Skiles, 17; Devyn Callahan, 17; Sami House, 12; Zoe Brown, 10; Rion Boyd, 9; Cailyn Spears, 4; Hallie Henderson, 4

Local racing team wraps up successful season

The 2016 season has come to an end for Team 39 Racing of Shell Knob. The local racers are pleased to announce their results and standings for the season that began in March and ran into November.

At the Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland, Team 39 competed in front of 107,000 fans and against 162 other teams finishing 10th overall in the season points standings. Their combined heat and feature race finishes resulted in one 1st place win, nine top 5 finishes and twenty top 10 finishes.

At the Lebanon Midway Speedway in Lebanon, they competed in the Fall Survivor Series against 50 other teams. They had back to back second place feature race finishes and with only running a few of the series races, still came in 12th in the points standings.

Team 39 also ran some



events at the Monett Speedway in Monett, bringing home a heat race win, back to back second place feature race finishes and finishing just outside the top 10 in points.

For the USRA National Points, there were 988 teams competing in their class. Team 39 placed inside the top 100 in the nation (84th out of 988). They had 5 top 5 finishes, 12 top 10 finishes and 75 percent of the time they were in the top 10. With the stiff competition in the USRA B-mod class, Team 39 is quite pleased with the results of their second year in action.

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Cassville basketball survives Purdy upset bid

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Wildcats made a rare appearance in Purdy on Friday night, and escaped with a 62-59 victory. Big Skyler Wolf tied the game at 57-57 with 1:53 to play, and then Ethan Hoppes drained five clutch free throws to give the Wildcats the win.

To the casual fan, this looked like a cringe-worthy mismatch. On paper, you had a Class 4 representative out of the Big 8 Conference playing down against Class 2 Purdy from the Ozark 7.

In college, they call this a "money game".

Or, to quote loosely from Rocky Balboa, BALBOA, "They call this an exhibition because they can't call it an execution."

Purdy people knew better. Cassville's Barrett Milleson knew better. After Southwest pushed Cassville to overtime at the Marionville tournament, the expectations of a close game, even an upset, began to grow. Then when Purdy's JV raced to a 53-43 win in the matinee game, you started to believe that this might be a cursed trap game for the Wildcats.

The Purdy community turned out enmasse for a chance to see history. While the two schools have met occasionally in tournaments, few could remember seeing Cassville play on Purdy's floor. According to Eagle lore, it has been over 30 years since the Wildcats played at Purdy. In the early 80's, the Wildcats handed the Eagles their only regular season loss. Then, in the 85-86 season, Purdy beat Cassville in a monumental upset, and Cassville purged Purdy from the schedule.

Until now.

Purdy jumped to a quick 7-4 lead, with Hunter Cook draining a long trey from the right wing. Ethan Hoppes tied it for Cassville with his bomb, and then the Wildcats closed out the period with four consecutive baskets from Collin Pearman and a Derek Christy trey to take an 18-13 lead at the first break.

With both teams pressing, fouls mounted in the second quarter, and both

teams were in the bonus with over three minutes on the clock. Another Pearman score gave Cassville a 27-22 lead, but a 7-2 Purdy run produced a halftime tie, 29-29. Tyler Keeler scored with a bank high off the glass, Cook knifed through traffic for a layup, and Kyler Propps connected with a threeball as Purdy erased the Cassville lead.

But the Wildcats stormed out of the locker room and claimed a 38-29 advantage with a big run. Tommy Eagan called a time out at the 6:38 mark to slow the bleeding, but Austin Wilson completed the run with a long trey from the top of the key.

The Eagles responded. Keeler nailed a three, Matt Wilson scored from long range, and followed that with a another basket as Purdy cut the lead to 38-37 in less than two minutes off the clock. Purdy's press picked apart the Cassville offense, and the Eagles flew through a 20-2 run to finish the quarter. Back to back bombs by Cook gave Purdy a 49-40 lead, but Cassville scored the final four points of the period to stay afloat. Skyler Wolf

hit a pair of free throws and Hoppes followed with a pull-up jumper for a 49-44 score at the final break.

The fourth quarter was a back and forth affair, with Purdy unable to stretch the lead. Cassville held on stubbornly, staying within a five-point window but unable to lead or even tie. But when Purdy's Justin LaNore went to the bench with his fifth foul at the 5:02 mark, Cassville's size advantage paid off. A 6-0 run finally put the Wildcats in front.

Hoppes first free throw of the quarter - a quarter in which he scored 10 points to lead the Cassville comeback - gave the Wildcats a 58-57 advantage, and Purdy would not lead again. After Hoppes missed three consecutive free

throws late in the quarter, the Cassville sophomore showed remarkable poise in hitting 5 of his final 8 attempts with the game on the line.

Cassville outscored Purdy 18-10 in the final period, including a 13-6 finish with LaNore out of the game.

Cassville scorers: Ethan Hoppes, 21; Collin Pearman, 19; Skyler Wolf, 8; Derek Christy, 6; Austin Wilson, 3; Luke Lowery, 3; Troy Rose, 2

Purdy scorers: Hunter Cook, 20; Tyler Keeler, 7; Matt Wilson, 7; Joby Young, 6; Kyler Propps, 5; Justin LaNore, 4; James Hughlett, 4; Jose Sanchez, 4; Logan Easley, 2

Lady Wildcats ding Diamond, 53-25

Lee Stubblefield

Stoked. That's about the best verb to describe the defeat that Cassville's Lady Wildcats handed to visiting Diamond on Thursday night. Madi Stokes scored 25 - including the first 11 points of the game for Cassville - and led a suffocating defense as the Ladycats improved to 5-2 with a 53-25 win.

Cassville raced to a 19-8 lead at the first break. The game plan was simple: throw it in the paint and watch Madi score.

The Lady Wildcats then pitched a shutout in the second quarter to take a 27-8

halftime lead. The reserves started trickling into the lineup inn the third quarter as the Ladycats built a 31-point lead with 3:53 remaining.

With the clock running, the fourth quarter saw Diamond scoring 10 versus 8 for the Cassville bench.

It was a totally dominant performance by Chris Shore's girls.

Cassville scorers: Madi Stokes, 25; Hallie Long, 10; Audra Brooks, 10; Ashlynnne Howe, 6; Alondra Miller, 2

Diamond scorers: Kelsi Eden, 16; Lauryn Macy, 5; Madie Bentz, 2; Alyssa Cain, 2

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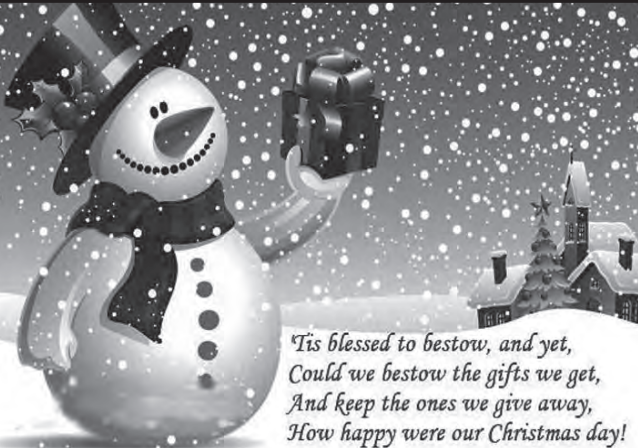
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Advertiser staff holiday cookie exchange recipes

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Cream Cheese Cookies

- 3 oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 cup shortening (you can also substitute butter in the same amount)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- colored sprinkling sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a mixer, cream together cream cheese and shortening.

Add sugar, egg yolk, flour, salt, and vanilla and thoroughly combine.

Drop by level teaspoons onto cookie sheet.

Sprinkle with colored sugars to decorate before placing into the oven.

Bake for 13-15 minutes or until edges are lightly golden.

-Shared by Elaine Phaneuf, classifieds/obituaries

Snickerdoodles

- 1 cup butter
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs

- 2-3/4 cup flour
- 2 tsp cream of tartar
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Sugar coating:

- 2 Tbs. sugar
- 2 Tbs. cinnamon

Cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla extract and beat well. Sift together flour, cream of tartar, salt and baking soda. Add flour mixture slowly.

Chill dough for at least two hours in plastic wrap.

Roll into walnut-sized balls, roll in cinnamon sugar coating and place 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake at 325 degrees for 8-10 minutes, or until cookies just begin to brown along the edges for a soft, chewy cookie. Bake longer for a crispy cookie.

-Shared by Charlea Estes

Chocolate Mint Chex Mix

- 2 cups chocolate Chex

cereal

- 3 cups corn Chex cereal
- 1/2 cup mint chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup peppermint flavored dark chocolate pieces

In a large microwaveable bowl, measure cereal. Set aside. Line cookie sheet with waxed paper.

In medium microwaveable bowl, microwave mint chips uncovered on medium (50%) about one minute, stir. Microwave

an additional 15 seconds at a time, until chocolate is mostly melted and can be stirred smooth. Pour over cereal, evenly coating pieces.

Microwave uncovered on high 3 minutes, stirring every minute. Spread on waxed paper; cool 5 minutes. Stir in candies. Store

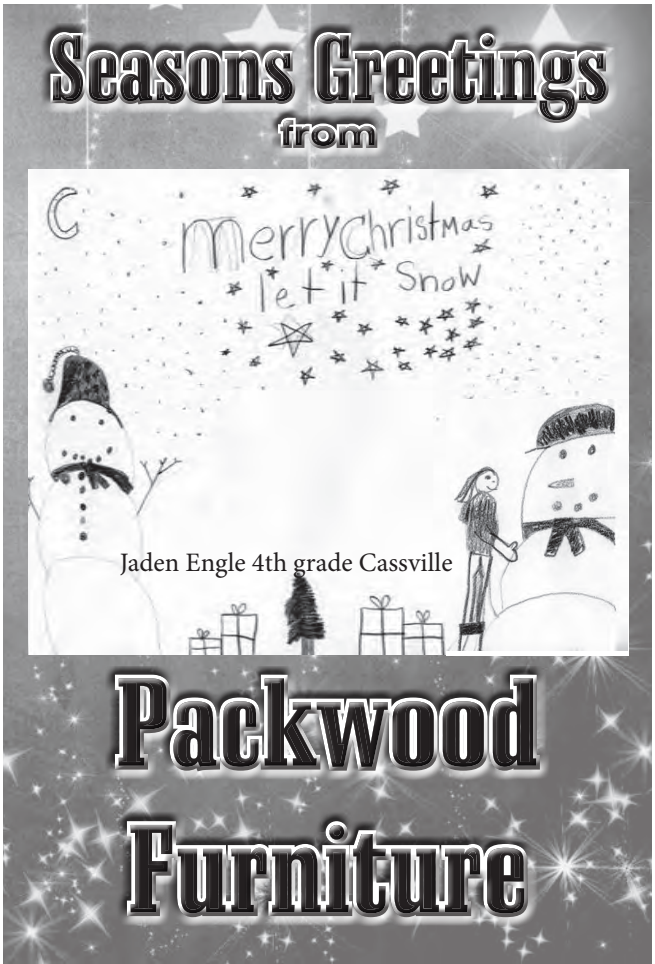
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 • 2 cups powdered sugar
 • 1 tablespoon milk
 • 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
 • Additional red and green candy sprinkles

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 8-inch square pan with cooking spray. In medium bowl, break up cookie dough. Knead in 2 tablespoons candy sprinkles until well blended. Press in pan.

Bake 20 to 23 minutes or until set and edges are golden brown. Cool completely in pan on cooling rack, about 1 hour.

In medium bowl, beat butter with electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Beat in milk and almond extract. Frost bars. Decorate with additional candy sprinkles. Cut into 4 rows by 4 rows.

-Shared by Rachael Freeman, sports/accounting

Chocolate Peanut Butter No Bake Cookies
 • 2 cups sugar
 • 1/2 cup milk
 • 1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter
 • 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 • 3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
 • 1 cup smooth peanut butter
 • 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
 Line a baking sheet with wax paper or parchment.

Bring the sugar, milk, butter and cocoa to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally, then let boil for 1 minute. Remove from the heat. Add the oats, peanut butter, vanilla and salt, and stir to combine.

Drop teaspoonfuls of the mixture onto the prepared baking sheet, and let sit at room temperature

until cooled and hardened, about 30 minutes.
 -Shared by Brenda Moore, sales

Almond Finger Cookies
 • 1 C. butter
 • 1/2 C. packed brown sugar
 • 1/2 C. granulated sugar
 • 1 egg yolk, lightly beaten
 • 1/2 t. vanilla extract
 • 1/4 t. almond extract
 • 2-1/4 C. all-purpose flour
 • 1-2 packages 12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips
 • 3 C. finely chopped almonds

Preheat oven to 350. Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in egg yolk and extracts. Stir in flour. Shape teaspoons of dough into 2” long fingers.

Place on un-greased baking sheet two inches apart. Bake 10-12 minutes or until very lightly browned around the edges.

Melt chocolate chips in double boiler. Dip 1/2” of each end of cookie in the melted chocolate, roll in almonds and place on wax paper. Once chocolate has hardened, store cookies in

airtight container. Makes 10 dozen cookies.
 -Submitted by Heidi Lowe, Litho design

Classic Sugar Cookies
 • 1-1/2 cup powdered sugar
 • 1 cup butter
 • 1 teaspoon vanilla
 • 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
 • 1 egg
 • 2-1/2 cups flour
 • 1 teaspoon baking soda
 • 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
 • granulated or powdered sugar

Mix powdered sugar, butter, vanilla, almond extract and egg in large bowl. Beat until fluffy.

In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, cream or tarter.

Add to creamed mixture.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease cookie sheet.

Chill dough a little before rolling and cutting with cookie cutters. A pizza cutter makes cool squares easy to decorate.

Sprinkle with granu-

lated sugar or wait and ice later.

Bake 7-8 minutes till edges are brown. Cool on wire rack.

-Shared by Rob Thompson

Pumpkin Cookies
 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.
 -Shared by Marty Jenkins' wife, Susie

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CASSVILLE R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
Year Ended June 30, 2016

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS					
Local	\$ 5,989,073	\$ 1,596,667	\$ 671,657	\$ 26,012	\$ 8,283,409
County	214,149	31,499	40,710	-	286,358
State	440,265	6,134,110	-	600,000	7,174,375
Federal	695,609	756,500	-	35,767	1,487,876
Other	182,031	-	-	-	182,031
TOTAL RECEIPTS	7,521,127	8,518,776	712,367	661,779	17,414,049
DISBURSEMENTS					
Instruction	1,411,023	7,968,845	-	142,800	9,522,668
Student services	145,068	329,461	-	-	474,529
Instructional staff support	223,494	371,272	-	36,296	631,062
Building administration	417,748	740,593	-	-	1,158,341
General administration	397,584	320,053	-	234,409	952,046
Operation of plant	1,619,951	-	-	-	1,619,951
Transportation	750,881	17,265	-	142,808	910,954
Food service	872,212	-	-	-	872,212
Community services	32,638	118,957	-	-	151,595
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	-	255,435	255,435
Debt service	-	-	751,303	191,628	942,931
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	5,870,599	9,866,446	751,303	1,003,376	17,491,724
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	1,650,528	(1,347,670)	(38,936)	(341,597)	(77,675)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Operating transfers in	-	1,347,670	-	296,745	1,644,415
Operating transfers (out)	(1,644,415)	-	-	-	(1,644,415)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(1,644,415)	1,347,670	-	296,745	-
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF RECEIPTS AND OTHER SOURCES OVER DISBURSEMENTS AND OTHER (USES)	6,113	-	(38,936)	(44,852)	(77,675)
FUND BALANCE, July 1, 2015	6,025,025	-	682,055	3,556,233	10,263,313
FUND BALANCE, June 30, 2016	\$ 6,031,138	\$ -	\$ 643,119	\$ 3,511,381	\$ 10,185,638

Barry County courts incarcerate 8 in November

• Timothy L. Block, of Purdy, pled guilty to burglary in the second degree. Block was on probation for burglary in the second degree, and his probation was revoked on that case. Block received a suspended execution of a five-year incarceration sentence and five years supervised probation. Then, Block also pled guilty to a new charge of burglary in the second degree and was sentenced to five years incarceration with the Department of Corrections with the execution of that sentence suspended and five years supervised probation.

For Block's initial charge, on August 16, 2013, he broke into Modern Variety and took two cartons of cigarettes and two cans of chewing tobacco. Block admitted to the crime while he was being interviewed by the Monett Police Department. The cost of the window was \$329.12.

The second charge was from September 24, 2016. Block was charged after the Monett Police Department investigated three people breaking through a back wall to gain access to a coin pusher game at Monett Laundry. They stole around \$300 worth of coins, a dryer igniter valued at \$90 and a 110 piece Kobalt socket set valued at \$15, and did \$600 worth of damage to the wall.

Block is to serve probation until November 21, 2021.

• Michael James Bogle, of Exeter, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Bogle was granted a suspended imposition of sentencing and three years supervised probation.

On August 25, 2016, the Exeter Police Department served a search warrant at Bogle's residence and found a glass pipe with methamphetamine residue, methamphetamine and a ledger to keep track of drug sales and trades for controlled substances.

Bogle is to serve probation until November 22, 2019.

• Danette Renae Busch, of Neosho, pled guilty to pos-

session of a controlled substance and resisting arrest for a felony. Busch was sentenced to five years incarceration with the Department of Corrections for the possession charge and four years incarceration for the resisting arrest charge.

On August 1, 2016, the Monett Police Department attempted to pull a vehicle over for not using a turn signal. When officers went to arrested Busch for having a suspended license as well as methamphetamine distribution for the drugs in her passenger's wallet, Busch tried to put the officer against a concrete barrier. When officers checked the vehicle, they found a switchblade in Busch's purse, scales, baggies, used and new syringes and approximately 13 grams of methamphetamine.

• Randy Kevin Carey, of Marionville, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance in 2014. Carey was sentenced to five years incarceration of which he will serve 120 days of shock incarceration with the Department of Corrections after violating the terms of his probation.

Carey was arrested in April 2014 after Barry County Sheriff's Deputies found him to be leaving the scene of an active methamphetamine lab being removed. When Carey gave permission for them to search him, they found a clear plastic bag of methamphetamine.

• Anthony Howell Houston, of Monett, pled guilty to two counts of theft/stealing. Houston received a suspended execution of a two year incarceration sentence and 60 days jail time. Houston is to then serve two years unsupervised probation.

On May 8, 2014, the Monett Walmart reported that Houston acted as a lookout while multiple women pushed shopping carts of merchandise out of the store. The total stolen was \$1,444.33.

• Kenneth Wayne Jay, of Verona, pled guilty to assault

in the first degree and unlawful use of a weapon. Jay received a suspended execution of a seven-year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and five years supervised probation.

Jay's charges originate with a Barry County Sheriff's investigation from February 2015. On February 13, 2015, deputies responded to a call from a residence on Farm Road 1190 for shots fired. Jay had pulled up to the residence in a pickup and fired shots at the residence, trying to injure the person inside.

Jay is to serve probation until November 21, 2021.

• Christopher C. Kelley pled guilty to driving while revoked. Kelley was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

Kelley's arrest originated from an incident with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on December 3, 2015. When the Missouri State Highway Patrol pulled Kelley over for speeding, they found that Kelley was driving with a revoked drivers license, as well as having a warrant for failure to appear and no insurance or purchase date on the title of the vehicle he was in possession of.

• James Marion Eugene Majors, of Aurora, pled guilty to distribution of a controlled substance. Majors received a suspended execution of a seven-year incarceration sentence and five years supervised probation.

On May 12, 2015, the Monett Police Department served a search warrant on a residence on Pearl Street. Majors was in the back yard at the time, and he had a switch-

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- Michael Dean McCormick, of Green Forest, Ark., pled guilty to burglary in the second degree and theft/stealing. McCormick received a five year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections of which he will serve 120 days of shock time and 30 days in the Barry County Jail with credit for 30 days already served.

On August 8, 2016, McCormick stole from the person he had been hired by to install siding on his residence on Highway O in Aurora. McCormick stole a 47" LG plasma TV worth \$400, a Darton Trail Boss compound bow

worth \$500, a Campbell Hausfeld brand brad nailer worth \$75, a Campbell Hausfeld paint fan worth \$75, a digital antenna worth \$50, a blanket worth \$20 and three camping tents worth \$225.

- Austin Tanner Rettman, of Cassville, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance in September 2014. Rettman's probation has since been revoked and he is to serve five years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

On March 2, 2013, Rettman was charged after the Missouri State Highway Patrol pulled over a vehicle that Rettman was a passenger in. When officers searched the vehicle, Rettman had a pill and some marijuana in the seat where he was sitting.

- Kendra B. Russell, of

Monett, pled guilty to fraudulent use of a credit device in 2012. Russell's probation has since been revoked and she is to serve four years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

Russell's initial arrest was from incidents between January 22 and January 31, 2011. The victim said there were charges on her card without her permission. There were eight withdrawals, totaling \$1,759.34, plus an ATM fee of \$2 to the victim. During an interview on February 23, 2011, Russell admitted to having the card, lying to the vic-

tim and making unauthorized purchases.

- Heath A. Sanborn, of Shell Knob, pled guilty to receiving stolen property, burglary in the second degree and non-support in 2014 and 2015. Sanborn's probation has since been revoked and he is to serve five years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

On July 13, 2014, Sanborn's residence was the scene of a burglary items recovery. Items recovered included \$1,000 in hand lotion, pieces of a cuckoo clock valued at \$500, as well as other items at his residence.

on Stallion Bluff Road in Shell Knob. He was also in possession of a marijuana pipe at the time of his arrest.

On April 22, 2015, the Barry County Sheriff's Department investigated a burglary at Icy Mae's in Shell Knob. In the security video, Sanborn smashed the glass window, stole a collection jar

for the animal shelter, and attempted to open the cash register, which he was unable to open. When officers spoke with Sanborn, he was wearing the same jeans and shoes as in the video.

Heath was also in arrears on child support by \$9,359.44 for his child as of August 2011.

- Joshua Lee Scheile,

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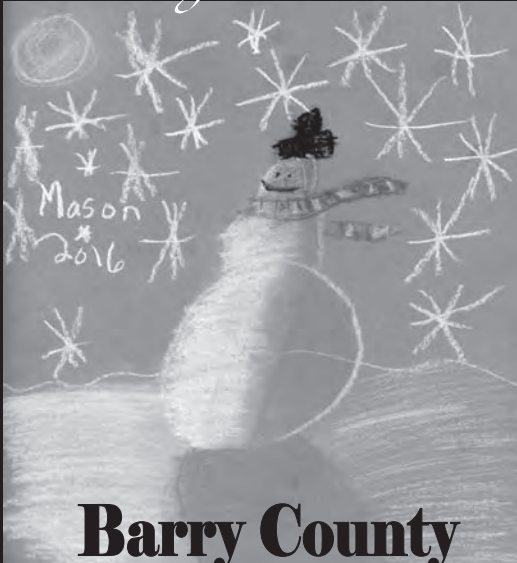
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FELONIES from 5B

of Seligman, pled guilty to domestic assault in the first degree. Scheile received a suspended execution of an eight year incarceration sentence. Scheile is to serve supervised probation for five years.

On October 19, 2015, Scheile choked the victim several times, making it hard to breathe as well as telling the victim he would kill her and her family. He also slammed the victim to the ground and on the wall. The victim was afraid Scheile would kill her.

Scheile is to serve probation until November 21, 2021.

- Samuel Schneck, of Granby, pled guilty to forgery in 2012 and given a suspended imposition of sentencing. Schneck’s probation has since been revoked, and he was sentenced to a suspended execution of a five year incarceration sentence and five years supervised probation.
- Michael Dean Sharp, of Seligman, pled guilty to two counts of possession of a controlled substance. Sharp was sentenced to six years incarceration with the Department of Corrections with the execution of that sentence suspended and five years supervised probation.

On April 3, 2015, the Cassville Police Department was dispatched to Kwik T’s for a suspicious person. When on the scene, Sharp had placed stolen machete behind the ice machine. He was also in possession of six pills, which included Adderall.

Then, on December 22, 2015, Sharp was in possession of a syringe with methamphetamine. Sharp admitted that he threw the syringe

because he didn’t want to be caught in possession of drugs.

Sharp is to serve probation until November 21, 2021.

- Crystal Lynn Slater, of Cassville, pled guilty to non-support with the total arrears of 12 months of more. Slater received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years unsupervised probation.

As of November 2012, Slater was in arrears for \$8,576.09 in child support for her minor child.

Slater is to serve probation until November 21, 2021.

- John Paul David Sullivan, of Sedalia, pled guilty to

receiving stolen property and distribution of a controlled substance in 2014. His probation has since been revoked and he is to serve 120 days of shock incarceration as part of his 10-year incarcerations sentence.

On June 29, 2011, two guns were reported stolen from a Monett residence. The guns were recovered from a residence in McDonald County on August 17, 2011. One gun was in Sullivan’s bedroom and the other in his car.

Sullivan was also charged with distribution of a controlled substance when he sold

morphine in 2013.

- Shannon Lee Systo, of Eagle Rock, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Systo was given a suspended execution of a five-year incarceration sentence and five years supervised probation.

On October 8, 2016, Systo was arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol during a traffic stop for displaying the plates of another vehicle. Systo was found to have methamphetamine hidden in her genitals when they admitted her into the Barry County Jail.

Systo is to serve probation until November 1, 2021.

- Caleb James Lee Tate, of Exeter, pled guilty to two counts of possession of a controlled substance. Tate received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On March 15, 2016, Tate broke into a residence through a bathroom window and took acetaminophen and oxycodone pills from the cabinet.

Then, on August 19, 2016, Tate stole generic brand Xanax from a home in Cassville.

Tate is to serve probation until November 21, 2021.

- Harley James Thiele, of Shell Knob, pled guilty to property damage in the first degree, burglary in the second degree, possession of a controlled substance, five counts of tampering with an airplane/motorboat in the first degree, and tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree. Thiele received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

In June 2016, Theiele broke into a motorhome west of Shell Knob and stole a flat screen TV, sound systems, stereo, surge protector and lanterns. He stole \$1,700 of property and did \$2,000 worth of damage to the motorhome. The stolen items were found in Thiele’s van after a pursuit with law enforcement.

After that arrest, an inventory of the van he was driving was done and officers found methamphetamine inside.

While in jail for those charges, Thiele accumulated multiple other charges from crimes earlier in June.

Officers linked Thiele to boat damages and theft at Shell Knob Boat and Storage earlier in the month, as well as Central Crossing Marine.

Thiele also broke into a car parked at Fox Fitness in Shell Knob.

Thiele is to serve probation until November 21, 2021.

- Jamie C. Whisman, of Shell Knob, pled guilty to non-support with the total arrears in 12 or more monthly payments. Whisman received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years unsupervised probation.

Whisman was in arrears of \$40,130.74 for his two minor children as of December 2015.

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The royal holiday court is pictured from left to right: Freshmen Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of Joe and Lisa Hoffman, and Andrew Martinez, son of Yadi Martinez and Richard Hert; Sophomores Makenzie Crumpler, daughter of Sasha and Niles McNee and Boyce and Jodi Crumpler, and Mason Schallert, son of Todd and Tracy Schallert; Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas, Juniors Adam Humphrey, son of Steve and Tammy Humphrey, and Mikey Schad, daughter of Ryan and Carla Schad; Senior Candidates James Hughlett, son of James and Holly Hughlett, and Megan Thomas, daughter of Jerry and Rhonda Thomas.

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The Southwest R-V School District held their regular board meeting on December 15.

The Board started the evening signing Christmas cards for the Southwest R-5 School District teachers and staff members.

The Board approved Krystal Haney and James Erwin to be added to the substitute teacher list pending all DESE requirements.

The Board approved the 2015-2016 district audit conducted by KPM CPAs and Advisors and selected that firm to conduct the 2016-2017 district audit.

Keith Hendrix included the Transportation Program Evaluation Report.

Carrie Hendrix included the Food Service Program Evaluation Report.

The CTS Group presented their finding regarding facilities issues across the district. The firm determined that renovation and structural repair including possible addition of HVAC system, energy efficient lights, new insulation, and floor

refinishing or replacement should be a priority. In addition, CTS evaluated the elementary school restrooms which have been causing the district plumbing issues should be considered. This project would include removal of the existing plumbing, which has been in the building since the early 60's, and an upgrade to the two existing restrooms with a possible addition of another set of restrooms at the end of the north hallway. To end their presentation, CTS Group encouraged the district to upgrade the HVAC units on the Elementary and Middle School campus. These units are close to 25 years old and cannot be repaired due to unavailability of parts. The new units are be energy efficient and help the district with energy conservation.

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Cassville FBLA donates to Head Start



The Cassville chapter of FBLA members did their part to give local children a better holiday experience. The chapter members collected and donated a gift for each child at the Barry County Head Start here in Cassville. FBLA president Mary Hennigan and secretary Ashley Ray helped wrap and label each gift and deliver them before the big day. Hennigan and Ray are pictured above (left, right).

Cassville Library events

- All branches of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library will be closed on December 26 and January 2 in observance of the holidays.
 - Color Me Mellow, a coloring group for grown-ups, will meet on the Wednesdays of January 4 and January 18 at 4 p.m. in the lower level of the library. Materials are furnished.
 - The 3:30 Thursday activity for January 5 will be the showing of the most recent version of Disney's Pete's Dragon, rated PG. Patrons may bring their own snacks. All ages are invited.
- A free crochet class is held each Friday at 10:30 a.m. Instruction for beginners is available and materials are supplied to get you started on that special project.
 - Preschool story times resume January 4 and 5. If you have a youngster that would enjoy these sessions,
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Exeter Trailblazers take second in Exeter parade



The Exeter Trailblazers 4-H Club participated in the Exeter Christmas Parade on December 3. Club members gathered Saturday morning and constructed the float. They sang songs and boldly recited the 4-H pledge for the judges. The float won second place, and the club members are very excited. For more information, the club meets each month on the fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Exeter City Hall. Written by Savanna Gunter, historian.

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FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A
100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

Date of Publication: December 21, 2016
To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, & Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Purdy has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 for floodplain management, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment for Community Development Block Grant under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383). The City of Purdy proposes a regional solution to their wastewater treatment problems. The proposed project would involve the pumping of wastewater approximately seven miles to the north to the City of Monett's wastewater treatment plant for treatment and disposal. The City of Purdy's East Lagoon will be utilized for flow equalization and a new sewer lift station will be constructed at the East Lagoon. A six inch force main, installed predominately in private easements, will be constructed to carry the flow from Purdy to Monett. Since approximately 15,600 lineal feet of sewer pipe will be located in the floodplain, and if the proposed project is implemented, the floodplain will be affected.

The City of Purdy has considered the following alternative to doing the wastewater system improvements in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. The alternative considered was No Action. This alternative would prevent the City from having a wastewater treatment system that meets the Department of Natural Resources requirements. Environmental files that document compliance with Steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 for floodplain management are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons: (1) Best Management Construction Practices will be utilized that will minimize any damage from storm water run-off and soil erosion so that temporary impacts to the floodplain will be minimized and the area where sewer force mains are installed will be restored to pre-construction appearance.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put in greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Purdy at the following address on or before December 29, 2016, to City of Purdy, City Hall, 101 Front Street, P.O. Box 216, Purdy, MO 65734, telephone # 417-442-3273, Attention: Steve Roden, Mayor. Comments may also be submitted or further information can be requested via e-mail at: moprdy@windstream.net. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the above address.

Steve Roden, Mayor

MDC sets 2017-18
deer, turkey hunting dates

At its meeting on Dec. 16, the Missouri Conservation Commission approved recommendations by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) for 2017-2018 turkey-hunting and deer-hunting season dates.

2017 SPRING TURKEY HUNTING DATES
Youth Portion: April 8 and 9.
Regular Turkey Season: April 17 through May 7.

2017-2018 FALL TURKEY HUNTING DATES
Archery Season: Sept. 15 through Nov. 10 and Nov. 22 through Jan. 15, 2018.
Firearms Turkey Season: Oct. 1 - 31.

2017 - 2018 FALL DEER HUNTING DATES
Archery Deer: Sept. 15 through Nov. 10 and Nov. 22 through Jan. 15, 2018.
Firearms Deer Early Youth Portion: Oct. 28 and 29.
Firearms Deer Novem-ber Portion: Nov. 11 - 21.

Firearms Deer Late Youth Portion: Nov. 24 - 26.
Firearms Deer Antlerless Portion: Dec. 1 - 3.
Firearms Deer Alternative Methods Portion: Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, 2018.

Details on hunting regulations, harvest limits, allowed methods, required permits, and other related information will be available in the Department's "2017 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information" booklet and the "2017 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information" booklet. Both will be available prior to the related seasons where permits are sold.

For more information on deer and turkey hunting, visit mdc.mo.gov and click on Hunting/Trapping on the MDC homepage.

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Purdy FBLA members attend Dallas meeting

Four Purdy High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members traveled to Dallas, Texas for the National Fall Leadership Conference, November 17-19. While in Texas the group toured AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys, as well as several other local areas of interest. They also attended motivational, professional development and career planning workshops and sessions.

Attending were Morgan Grissom, Carly England, Hannah White and Colby Boyd. White offered a rave review of the opening session, featuring motivational speaker Michael McGill, Jr. "He was really funny, and he was young, so we were able to connect with him. He encouraged us to be our 'bodacious' selves because being different than everyone else is a good thing. He also encouraged us to love ourselves."

Carly England found the workshop conducted by Val



Purdy FBLA National Fall Leadership Conference attendees are pictured from left to right: Colby Boyd, Carly England, Morgan Grissom and Hannah White.

Baldwin particularly helpful. "Her topic was 'Understanding the Opposite Sex.' It was really open and honest and helped me understand how guys think." White added, "Everything she said made me think, 'That is so true.'" Both England and White highly recommended the National Fall Leadership Conference to all FBLA members, as it provides an opportunity to see new places, learn a lot and meet new people. The Purdy delegation was accompanied by FBLA adviser Kay Wright.

MDC changes smallmouth, rock bass regulations

At its Dec. 16 meeting in Jefferson City, the Missouri Conservation Commission voiced final approval for regulation changes recommended by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) related to smallmouth bass and rock bass. The regulation changes become effective on March 30, 2017.

The regulation changes create a standard 15-inch minimum length limit for smallmouth bass and a daily limit of one for all Smallmouth Bass Special Management areas. They also expand these areas on the Big Piney, Jacks Fork, Big, and Meramec rivers.

The existing minimum length limit for smallmouth bass of 12 inches and daily limit of six fish remain for Missouri streams other than those of Smallmouth Bass Special Management areas.

The regulation changes also set a statewide length limit of seven inches for rock bass (also called goggle-eye, warmouth, Ozark bass, and shadow bass) and remove the Osage Fork of the Gasconade River from the Rock Bass Special Management areas.

The regulation changes are based on extensive scientific research related to bass populations and harvest with consideration of public input received, including from nine public meetings held by the Department.

For more information on bass fishing, visit huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/species.

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Local students admitted into Culver-Stockton

Local students were admitted into Culver-Stockton's fall 2017 incoming class.

- Jordan Campbell, of Cassville, has gained admission into Culver-Stockton College for the fall of 2017, was awarded the President academic scholarship, and plans to pursue a major in Physical Therapy.
- Morgan Grissom, of Purdy, has gained admission into Culver-Stockton College for the fall of 2017, was awarded the President academic scholarship, and plans to pursue a major in Biological Chemistry.

Culver-Stockton College, located in Canton, is a four-year residential institution in affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). C-SC specializes in experien-

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CMS Industrial Arts program receives Walmart grant



Pictured above, in the front row, from left to right: Lexie Vance, Kaydence Saige, Brooklyn Stockton, Autumn Banks, Samantha Sparkman, Zoe Watkins and Kadence Maggard. Back row: Mr. Artherton, Reece Haggard, Bricen Rhyne, Kaleb Beck, Andey Hunter, Drake Reese, Chris Wyman and Victor Serrano.

The Cassville Middle School (CMS) Industrial Arts and Technology Department has received a \$2,000 grant from the Walmart Community Foundation and Facility #914.

Funds received from the grant will be used to purchase a 3-D printer and a 60 inch flat screen television. Industrial Arts students will be able to build individualized models and/or generic items and print them on the 3-D printer.

The television will be mounted in the classroom and will provide better visibility to students when studying designs, robotic builds and code.

Both the printer and television will be used by students enrolled in either an Industrial Arts or a Project Lead the Way course taught by Mr. Robbie Artherton.

Cheryl Shade retires from Regal



Cheryl Schade celebrated her retirement from Regal on November 4, 2016. She had been with the company since 1999. Cheryl plans to spend time with her mother and will enjoy doing some sewing. She stated that, yes, she may put another \$20 in the slots now and again.

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Purdy FBLA entrepreneurs shine at Drury competition



Purdy High School FBLA Entrepreneurship Worskhop participants, from left to right, in the front row: Madison Easley, Hannah White, Cierra Moore, Hallie Henderson and Zoe Brown. Middle row: Rion Boyd, Sami House, Cailyn Spears, Emily Webb, Saima Akhtar, Carly England, Morgan Grissom, Mason Brewer, Ricky Aldaba and Matt Wilson. Back row: Emma Mareth, Layne Skiles, Kole Rea, Rylee Moller, Tyler Keeler and Adam Humphrey.

Twenty-two Purdy High School juniors and seniors recently competed in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Entrepreneurship Workshop, sponsored by Drury University and held at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Teams of eight students from different schools were tasked with developing a business idea and plan and presenting it to a panel of judges. Each school provided a table leader to facilitate the process.

Purdy R-II Board Member and local businessman Ed Mareth represented Purdy. His team of students was among the winning groups. Winners received three credit hours from Drury and a cash prize. Purdy award recipients included Carly England, Kole Rea, Emma Mareth and Layne Skiles.

Purdy FBLA members compete under the guidance of advisers Ashley Brown and Kay Wright.

Celebrate the holidays without ruining your budget

Winter holidays get celebrated in a variety of ways but most involve some sort of spending according to Nellie Lamers, a family financial education specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

“Many of us think of spending time with family and friends, observing holiday traditions, shopping the holiday sales and getting away,” said Lamers. “Most all of those have some type of monetary cost associated with it.”

For families on a budget, or simply wanting to save some money, Lamers says there are

ways to do these things while staying true to our financial goals.

Here are a few holiday cost savers to consider having everyone bring a new healthy dish to your family get-togethers. “This makes it easy on everyone’s budget and helps all feel good mentally and physically by eating right,” said Lamers.

Another idea is to play games at home as a family. Many card or board games are fun for any age and outdoor games are also a way to get some exercise. “Lots of people

can play and you get more quality time together than going out to a movie,” said Lamers.

Holiday movies are on almost every night during December. So plan a movie night once a week with popcorn at home.

“Going to a spiritual service highlights the meaning of the season and helps us realize we don’t need to spend money to connect with the important things in life,” said Lamers.

A “staycation” can be better than getting away. This is especially the case for those of

us who go somewhere (work) almost every day. Staying home for a few days is a luxury.

“When shopping it is a challenge to resist the sales. Consider how the item will bring fulfillment to your life in the long run. Remember saving is a gift you give yourself that is more likely to help achieve your life goals,” said Lamers.

For more information on issues related to home finances, contact either of the MU Extension family financial education specialists in southwest Missouri: Janet Lafon,

Jasper County Extension Center, (417) 358-2158, lafonj@missouri.edu or Nellie Lamers, Taney County Extension Center, (417) 546-4431, lamersn@missouri.edu.

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Exeter Elementary’s November Character Kids



Exeter Elementary named their November Character Kids. The focus for the month was citizenship: demonstrating rights and responsibilities of member of a community. November’s Character Kids are pictured above, from left to right, in the front row: Madison Younger, Billy Rice, Brandt Sorensen, Jamison Cape, Zanna Jones, Brody Sorenson, Ellis Hobbs, Javen Howard, and Skylynn Stepp. Back row: Savannah Cape, Kody Thorton, Katira Tilford, Cason Antle, Ryann Graham, Coby Johnston, Victor Sutton, Zane Larson and Cody Ennis.

MDC asks Barry County hunters have deer CWD tested

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports it has received results for more than half of approximately 19,200 tissue samples being tested for chronic wasting disease (CWD) collected during the Department’s mandatory sampling of deer harvested on Nov. 12 and 13 in 29 counties in northeast, central, and east-central Missouri.

From those test results, MDC has confirmed that two deer tested positive for CWD; a yearling male harvested in southeast Jefferson County and a mature buck harvested in northern Franklin County.

MDC expects to receive results in the next few weeks from the remaining tissue samples being tested from mandatory sampling and early sampling in southwest Missouri. Testing is being done by Colorado State University at an independent laboratory that specializes in wildlife-disease testing.

“This has been a huge undertaking and we greatly appreciate the help from participating hunters and businesses,” said MDC Wildlife Disease Coordinator Jasmine Batten. “As we get the final test results back in the coming weeks, we will have a better understanding of where this wildlife disease is on the Missouri landscape. This will help us in evaluating the next steps in our ongoing CWD management efforts, including future testing efforts in the CWD management zone and around the state.”

The department also received test results for about 80 percent of the nearly 550 tissue samples collected for CWD testing in seven counties in southwest Missouri. The target counties are close to where more than 100 cases of CWD have been found in Northwest Arkansas. No deer from southern Missouri have tested positive for the disease.

The Department is also testing additional tissue samples taken by taxidermists and collected at MDC offices and other sampling locations throughout the deer-hunting season.

MDC encourages hunters who harvest deer throughout the rest of the hunting season in northeast, central, and east central Missouri to have their deer tested for the disease. MDC also encourages hunters who harvest deer throughout the rest of the hunting season in Barry, Christian, Douglas, McDonald, Ozark, Stone, and Taney counties in southwest Missouri to have their animals tested for CWD. Find sampling locations online at mdc.mo.gov/cwdsamplinglocations.

For more information on the Department’s CWD sampling efforts and testing results, visit mdc.mo.gov/cwd and look under “CWD Surveillance Summary.”

Hunters who participated in the Department’s CWD sampling efforts can get test results for their harvested deer online at mdc.mo.gov/cwdtestresults.

Chronic Wasting Disease infects only deer and other members of the deer family by causing degeneration of the brain. The disease has no vaccine or cure and is 100-percent fatal. For more information on CWD, visit mdc.mo.gov/cwd. For information on processing and consuming meat from deer with CWD, visit the Department of Health and Senior Services at health.mo.gov/cwd.

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SOUTHWEST R-V SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS Year Ended June 30, 2016					
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS					
Local	\$ 1,544,095	\$ 673,527	\$ 316,490	\$ 221	\$ 2,534,333
County	87,855	16,564	21,869	-	126,288
State	529,781	3,417,377	-	18,784	3,965,942
Federal	536,398	104,818	-	-	641,216
Other	1,740	13,073	-	-	14,813
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,699,869	4,225,359	338,359	19,005	7,282,592
DISBURSEMENTS					
Instruction	484,734	3,314,467	-	3,855	3,803,056
Student services	57,304	177,817	-	-	235,121
Instructional staff support	75,312	187,589	-	8,222	271,123
Building administration	106,728	329,233	-	-	435,961
General administration	244,202	115,497	-	1,700	361,399
Operation of plant	518,535	-	-	-	518,535
Transportation	403,150	15	-	80,296	483,461
Food service	480,570	-	-	2,336	482,906
Community services	148,095	100,741	-	285	249,121
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	-	199,817	199,817
Debt service	-	-	1,764,870	103,085	1,867,955
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2,518,630	4,225,359	1,764,870	399,596	8,908,455
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	181,239	-	(1,426,511)	(380,591)	(1,625,863)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Refunding bonds	-	-	1,350,000	-	1,350,000
Net insurance recovery	-	-	-	1,747	1,747
Sale of school buses	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Sale of other property	-	-	-	397	397
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	-	-	1,350,000	3,144	1,353,144
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF RECEIPTS AND OTHER SOURCES OVER DISBURSEMENTS	181,239	-	(76,511)	(377,447)	(272,719)
FUND BALANCE, July 1, 2015	1,425,227	-	361,438	1,042,794	2,829,459
FUND BALANCE, June 30, 2016	\$ 1,606,466	\$ -	\$ 284,927	\$ 665,347	\$ 2,556,740

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Senior Center seeks volunteers

Soroptimist Club installs new members



Above, volunteers at the Central Crossing Senior Center call area seniors for wellness checks.

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in,” unknown. Since it’s inception, Central Crossing Senior Center has positively touched the lives of hundreds, if not thousands of seniors in the community. Programs, such as home delivered meals, on-site delicious, nutritious, low-cost lunches, social activities, games, dancing, exercise programs for seniors, as well as Medicare counseling, just to name a few, exist to help and enrich the lives of area seniors. Almost all of the people

who run those programs are volunteers. The small cadre of volunteers at the Center are devoted people who love their community, but they are seeking more. A few of the opportunities available to volunteers include delivering meals to the home-bound elderly (mileage reimbursement provided), greeting those coming for lunch, helping in the kitchen, helping with the Medicare counseling (free training provided), helping in the office, and calling shut-ins on wellness checks. There are many other opportunities as well and one or more are sure to be the perfect fit for you.

Call (417) 858-6952 or go into the center and talk to Terri, Senior Center Administrator, to see how and where you can help.



The Soroptimist Club of Cassville installed new members Felicia Hayworth, Chelsi Arnold and McKenzie Kochell on Thursday, December 8, during the monthly business meeting. Pictured above, from left to right: Debbie Gerleve, Felicia Hayworth, Chelsi Arnold, McKenzie Kochell and Allison Angel.

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Purdy

Candidate Filing for April 5, 2016 Election

Pursuant to Section 115.127 of the Revised Missouri Statutes, notice is hereby given that the following offices are to be filled at the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017:

MAYOR – (Two Year Term)ALDERMAN - WARD ONE (TWO YEAR TERM) ALDERMAN – WARD TWO (TWO YEAR TERM) Opening Date for Filing: Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Closing Date for Filing: Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Declaration of Candidacy may be filed with the City Clerk, 101 Front Street, Purdy, Missouri between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Hours will be extended to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing. No person shall be certified as a candidate for a municipal office, nor shall such person’s name appear on the ballot as a candidate for such office, who shall be in arrears for any unpaid city taxes or municipal user fees on the last day to file a declaration of candidacy for the office (Section 115.346 RSMo).BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

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Cassville R-IV looks to increase Parents As Teachers participation

In an effort to increase the number of prekindergarten children served in the Cassville area, the Cassville R-IV School District has increased staff support for the program by providing two stipends for parent educators of the Parents as Teachers (PAT) program.

PAT includes Challie Allison, Special Services secretary; Nola Nickols, third grade teacher at Cassville Intermediate; and Pam Ralls, preschool teacher at Cassville Primary. Both Nickols and Ralls were added as PAT parent educators in December of this year and are currently completing required training for this position. Allison has been serving as the PAT parent educator for over ten years. Nickols and Ralls will continue serving in their current teaching positions with the school district and will be responsible for their PAT duties before or after school. The PAT program provides educational services to parents and children from birth

to school age.

Services include home visits, group meetings, yearly screenings and educational parent resources. "While the PAT program has a strong, long standing history in the Cassville School system, we are excited to add additional staff support. We hope the addition of staff allows us to serve more families in our community," said Catherine Weaver, Eunice Thomas Elementary Principal. "Many of our PAT visits take place in the evening or after hours, so it will be beneficial to the program to have these three talented and well trained ladies leading the way and working together to teach our smallest wildcats."

In addition to years of educational career experience, Allison, Nickols and Ralls must complete an almost two week training through the National PAT program that includes studying the development of children ranging in ages from birth to three years

and model implementation training. PAT offers personal one-on-one visits, parent and child group meetings, developmental screenings, helpful resources for parents and children and information and tips regarding child development and growth.

According to the National PAT program, children involved in the program are significantly more advanced in development by age three and score higher on school standardized tests. PAT is a free service for children in the Cassville school district.

"The PAT program is designed to support not only the growing child, but also the parents," stated Weaver. "We know that ninety percent of all development occurs in the first five years of life. Parents have a crucial role in their child's education at any age, but especially during this time of his or her life. This program provides a hands-on approach to teaching parents the best way to aide their child during this time."

Interested families can sign-up by contacting the primary office at (417) 847-2445 or by stopping by the office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Veronica Gemmecke and her daughter Joey take advantage of the PAT program.



In the photo at right, from left to right: Challie Allison, Pam Ralls and Nola Nickols.

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