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Spotlight

Wildcat wrestling tournament

The Wildcat Take-down Wrestling Club will host their first tournament on Saturday, January 30, through Sunday, January 31.

The tournament will be held at the Cassville High School gymnasium.

Chamber banquet

The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet will be held on Saturday, January 30, at the First Christian Church in Cassville at 6 p.m. For tickets, call the chamber at (417) 847-2814.

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Advertiser changes hands, legacy continues



Stan Melton

Charlea Mills

After over 48 years in operation, the Barry County Advertiser has switched ownership over to Senator Emory Melton's son, Stan. According to Stan, things are going to continue on just as they have for the past nearly five decades.

Emory and his wife, Jean, started the Advertiser years ago after acquiring half-interest in the Cassville Republican before eventually selling it to the widow of their former partner, Wayne Ennis, in 1964. A few years before selling the Republican, Jean and Emory started a printing business with partner Willard Burton in 1960. Then, in 1968, they started the Barry County Advertiser.

As Jean and Emory's sons, Stan and Russ, got older, Jean quit teaching and dedicated her time to the newspaper. Eventually, their son Russ would take the reins until his death in 2001. After Emory passed away on December 26, there has been much speculation about the future of the Advertiser from Barry County residents.

Stan said, "I'm honored to continue my mother and father's legacy and continue the great operations of the Barry County Advertiser and Litho Printers. The Advertiser will have the same coverage and attention to the community we've always had.

"Litho Printers will also continue its operation, serving not only the people of Barry County and southwest Missouri, but our countless out-of-state customers, as well."

As an added piece of news, the Advertiser will now be printing in color with new presses added and up and running since the be-

ginning of 2016. The paper will continue to be owned, operated and distributed locally for years to come, with every member having a vested interest in the community and all of the businesses and residents in it.

"We are very pleased to have been able to upgrade our presses to allow for color printing and the latest technology at Litho Printers and for use on the Barry County Advertiser," Stan added.

With the largest circulation in Barry County, currently around 13,200, the Advertiser reaches Barry County residents in their mailboxes every single week. On top of that, the paper has increased online presence, including posting the entire newspaper and all of the feature stories on their website <http://www.4bcaonline.com> each week. Adding Facebook and Twitter followers, the Advertiser reaches thousands beyond that 13,200 every single week, making it an essential advertising tool for local businesses wanting to reach their customer base.

Growing with the industry and always striving to meet the community's needs is part of the legacy left behind after Jean and Emory passed. One time, when asked what he would have done if he hadn't been an attorney, Emory replied, "I would have been a journalist." Now, Stan plans to continue that on in memory of his parents, but also for the community's news needs.

Stan was born and raised in Cassville, graduating from Cassville High School in 1969. Stan and his wife, Cindy, currently reside in Fremont Hills, outside of Springfield, where Stan is the volunteer assistant general manager of the Missouri State Ice Bears hockey team.

Stan graduated from the University of Missouri - Columbia in 1974 with a degree in Journalism and Broadcasting. He was the general manger and founder of the Missouri State University Ice Bears Hockey Club as well as helping to bring the Jordan Valley Ice Park, now the Mediacom Ice Park, to Springfield, both in 2001. Stan retired in 2004 as a manager of the Mediacom cable company after a 24-year career operating the cable television company in Springfield.

Roaring River Nature Center burglarized



Roaring River's Ozark Chinquapin Nature Center was burglarized some item late Sunday night or early Monday morning. The Center sits off of Route F near Campground 3 at the park.

Charlea Mills

The Barry County Sheriff's Department is seeking tips after the Ozark Chinquapin Nature Center was burglarized and vandalized sometime late Sunday night or early Monday morning. According to Sheriff Mick Epperly, this is one of multiple burglaries at the center over the past couple years.

The Nature Center at Roaring River is a host to multiple displays for park-goers who want to learn more about the wildlife at the park. It is also a hub for multiple guides and maps to help people navigate the park.

During the burglary, the thieves spray painted the windows of the center, possibly to conceal their actions, according to Epperly. Once inside, they stole a four-wheeler, chain saw and also an extensive arrowhead collection that was on display. The burglary also included damage to multiple cases and collections inside.

Epperly said, "This was

a very expensive burglary, and we want to see if we can get any information about it. We can keep it anonymous, and hopefully we can get this solved." Epperly suspects that there were at least two people involved because of the man-

help us or we'll help him so we can get it done."

Epperly said that if anyone has any information regarding the burglary, they can contact the Department during regular business hours at (417) 847-6556 or 24-hours through



power necessary to load some of the stolen items.

The Sheriff's Department is teaming with the Roaring River State Park Ranger Steve Jabben to work on the case. Epperly said, "This is a joint effort. Either [Jabben] will

the non-emergency dispatch line at (417) 847-3121. All callers with information regarding the crime can remain anonymous to protect their identity.

Sharp sentenced to 15 years on 2nd degree murder charge from fatal wreck

Charlea Mills

Brian Sharp, 33, of Seligman, was officially sentenced in court last month for the wreck that took the life of Kenneth Patterson, 48. Sharp was sentenced to 15 years in incarceration with the Department of Corrections of second degree murder and four years for each driving while revoked and leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident charge, all to run concurrently.

On August 3, 2014, the Missouri State Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single-vehicle wreck on Missouri

90 west of Washburn. At the scene, the troopers found a crashed Corvette with beer cans littered on the ground and the passenger dead inside the car. The driver had fled the scene, presumably on foot.

The car was registered to Sharp's mother, June Sharp, who said that Brian had been in possession of the car. When the trooper called the cell phone number June gave him for Brian, the phone recovered at the scene of the accident started ringing.

Sharp was originally charged with murder in the



Sharp

second degree, driving while revoked and leaving the scene

See FATALITY on 3A

2015 Year in Review

As we look forward to a new year, we at the Barry County Advertiser want to thank our readers and advertisers for your support and help in making 2015 a great year.

We wish you and your families a happy new year.

We hope you enjoy taking a look back at the major headlines of 2015.

January

The Cassville Chamber planned their annual banquet featuring local talents instead of hiring a keynote speaker.

Senator David Sater was named the Family Champion of the Year by the Missouri Family Policy Council.

Christopher Lee Paschall,

of Springdale, Ark., was arrested after allegedly murdering Herbert Townsend and Cassie Brace, both of Washburn. He also kidnapped Brace and his daughter, Alli, who was found safe.

Cassville High School named their tip-off king and queen to be Riley Lekarczyk and Morgan Shumaker.

Plans to do major work in Butler Hollow of the Mark Twain National Forest drew interest by locals with an open house scheduled to get public opinion.

The South Barry County Ambulance District filed to put a 1/2-cent sales tax on the April ballot to fund their oper-

ation because of aging equipment.

Seligman approved new shotguns for their Police Department.

Johnnie Cox, Barry County's Prosecuting Attorney for 12 years, bid farewell to his position to take over in place of Judge Victor Head after his retirement.

A settlement was reached in the massive fish kill in Monett by Tyson Foods. Tyson was required to pay \$539,898 in damages.

Mike Avers was sworn in as Seligman's new west alderman.

The Barry County Commissioners finalized the budget for 2015, approving approximately 98-percent of what was requested at \$3,971,686.

Janice Varner was sworn in for a new term as Barry County Collector.

February

The Cassville Chamber of Commerce's banquet featured an impromptu trivia night and gave out awards to Judge Victor Head for the Cassville Community Service Award; Caleb Buntin, Stacy Runnels, Justin Gates and Mindi Artherton for the 4 Under 40 Awards; and Ken's Collision, Country Dodge and Bob Bishop for the Business Beautification Awards.

The plan to run a power line by SWEPCO was scrapped, and community group Save the Ozarks sued for damages for fighting the project.

The McDonald County courts determined there was probable cause for a trial against Mathew Miller, one of the brothers accused of kidnapping a Washburn woman and robbing her.

The Barry-Lawrence

Library board earmarked \$50,000 of their end-of-the-year funds toward the new Shell Knob Library building.

Five Cassville teachers, Sherri Brooks, Wendy Miekley, Kaye Hughes, Janet Kice and Alene Campbell, announced their retirements at the end of the school year.

Barry County deputies Michael Moore and Scott Salkill were recognized for saving a man's life after he attempted suicide.

Cassville man James R. Mason was arrested for allegedly beating a teen with an axe handle after picking his pick up in the air with a skid steer.

The execution date was set for March for Cecil Clayton, the man convicted of killing Barry County Sheriff's Deputy Christopher Castetter in 1996.

The City of Seligman replaced the last of the new water meters for their customers.

Dollar General opened in Wheaton.

The Cassville License Office changed hands to License Office Services LLC in Jefferson City.

Cassville's Parker Stumpff was named Arkansas Auctioneer Champion.

The City of Seligman progressed on their city park's new splash pad.

Joshua Brown, of Wheaton, was sentenced to seven years for physically abusing a two-year-old girl in 2013.

The man accused of a beating a teenaged boy with an axe handle's son was also charged for the crime. The son was 16 years old.

Southwest made plans to build a new greenhouse for their ag department.

March

The community bid farewell to former Fire Chief Ron Rickard.

Opening Day of trout season at Roaring River State Park was severely impacted by severe winter storms with only 1,185 tags sold for the event. MoDOT and park staff worked around the clock to keep roads clear for anglers.

The community raised over \$7,000 for the Jessica Morgan Scholarship in honor of the Southwest High School teen killed in a car wreck the year before.

Barry County Sheriff's Department officers caught a man accused of sex crimes with warrants since November of the year before. Tory Leon Fleeman, of Golden, was charged with statutory sodomy in the first degree and

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REVIEW from 2A

endangering the welfare of a child.

The Book Club won the annual Trivia Night benefiting the Cassville Education Fund for the second year in a row.

Michael Douglas Peterson, of Morristown, Tenn., was formally indicted on sex charges for statutory rape committed in Barry County.

The Butterfield Chili Supper raised almost \$3,000 for the local fire department.

Exeter crowned their homecoming king and queen as Clint Bradford and Tori Dean.

Robin Kier retired after 28 years with Crowder College.

Cecil Clayton was executed on March 17 for killing Barry County Sheriff's Deputy Christopher Castetter in 1996.

Matthew Casas, of Cassville made a plea bargain on federal child pornography charges.

It was announced that MoDOT was going to make Cassville's Main Street sidewalks ADA compliant with significant upgrades.

Roaring River State Park Ranger Steve Jabben was named the State Employee of the Month.

Four people were running for the Cassville School Board election, incumbents John Sullivan and Carolyn Bowen and challengers Wade Hermansen and Dale Phelps.

Four people were running for the Cassville City Council,

incumbents Ann Hennigan and Jan Anthony and challengers Jon Horner and Cindy Carr.

The Eagle Rock LEGO Club celebrated two years of inspiring children.

Cassville School Board and City Council candidates answered questions about the upcoming election in the Cassville Chamber of Commerce's ballot issues event.

The Southwest Theatre held their annual Angel Awards and handed out \$3,500 in scholarships.

Renovations were made to the Purdy softball field in honor of Angie Swadley.

Aurora mother sentenced five years for son's death

Charlea Mills

An Aurora mother was sentenced to five years in prison for the death of her four-year-old son in the Barry County court system.

The Lawrence County case was moved to Barry County on change of venue request. Lawrence County Prosecuting Attorney Don Trotter initially charged 23-year-old Jade Murray with murder in the second degree and domestic assault after her son died in the hospital from a ruptured spleen on December 14, 2013.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, Murray had hit her son on the

buttocks and back when he wasn't obeying before losing her temper and she hit him again, "harder than she should have" according to her statement. The blow knocked the boy off of his bed where he then hit his back on his brother's bed. There was a large bruise on his back where his spleen was.

Murray made a plea deal with Trotter for five years incarceration on the domestic assault charge and the murder charge being dropped.

The plea bargain drew demonstrators to the Barry County Judicial Center last year, claiming the boy deserved more justice than five years for his death. Trotter told reporters that his death could not be proven beyond a reasonable doubt to be murder because of the medical examination, and so he offered the plea deal so that Murray would serve time for the crime.

Murray will receive credit for time already served.

FATALITY from FRONT

of a motor vehicle accident on August 7, 2014. Judge Victor Head issued a warrant for his arrest with a \$100,000 cash-only bond.

Sharp waived his jury trial on October 20, 2015, and entered a plea of guilty for the charges. Prosecuting Attorney Amy Boxx entered a plea that capped Sharp's murder sentence at 15 years; he could have gotten up to 30 years for just that charge.

Judge Jack Goodman made the sentence official on December 22. Kenneth Patterson's son, Nick Patterson, filed a claim against Sharp for vehicular injury for his father's death on August 26, 2015. A hearing for that filing is set of Friday, January 15, in front of Judge Robert Foulke.

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JOHN THOMAS “TOM” LANEY
John Thomas “Tom” Laney, 67, of Exeter, passed away Sunday, January 3, 2016, in his home.
He was born February 10, 1948, in Washburn, the son of William and Fern (Shields) Laney. On May 27, 1970, he was united in marriage to Connie Miller and to this union Tommy and Crystal were born. On August 12, 2000, he married Mardell (Aultman) Holanda, who survives. Also surviving are his son, Tommy Laney and his wife, Pam, of Rocky Comfort; his daughter, Crystal Young and her husband, Nick, of Wheaton; five grandchildren, Renee Schell and her husband, Kyle, Josh Fox, Jaret Laney, Resa Young and Carmen Young; two great-grandchildren, Kaden and Ryitt; stepchildren, Misy Hurley and her partner,

Sonny, of Claremore, Okla., Vince Holanda and his wife, Carie, of Washburn, Jena Smith and her husband, John, of Cassville, and Jodi Ludwig, of Humboldt, Iowa; nine step-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Charles Laney, of Cassville, Lorene Dotson, of Purdy, Donna Smith and her husband, Donnie, of Washburn, Dortha Woolaway, of Wheaton, Dayton Laney, of Washburn, Jerry Laney and his wife, Betty, of McDowell, and Joe Laney and his wife, Kathy, of Pioneer; brother-in-law, Kurt Aultman; sister-in-law, Bettidean Aultman; mother-in-law, Betty Aultman; and numerous nieces and nephews.
Preceding him in death were his parents and one sister, Elizabeth Ellison.
Tom grew up and received his education at Washburn, graduating from Southwest High School in 1966. On July 27, 1967, he was drafted in the United States Army to serve in Vietnam. He retired with a purple heart from the Army due to injuries received in the Vietnam War. He enjoyed helping people, was an avid Cardinals baseball fan, loved country music, hunting, bowling and watching his grandkids play sports.
Funeral services with military honors were held at 2:00

Obituaries

p.m. today Wednesday, January 6, 2016, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Reverend Billy Joe Gentry conducted the services.
The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.
Contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors in memory of Tom.
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DENNIS D. BARNES
Dennis D. Barnes, 72, of Monett, passed away on Wednesday, peacefully in his home, on December 30, 2015.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2015, at the Hodge Presbyterian Church in Trenton, with Pastor Steve Merrin officiating. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5th, at the Randolph Cemetery, in Randolph, Iowa, with Pastor Anna Miller officiating.

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

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DELORES “DEE” JEAN JOHNSON
Delores “Dee” Jean Johnson, 84, of Aurora, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 3, 2016, at home with her family at her side.

Dee was born on February 15, 1931, in St. Louis, daughter of the late Russell E. Suddarth and Lillian R. (Young) Suddarth. Dee graduated from Kirkwood High School in St. Louis. From childhood, Dee was blessed with great athleticism. She excelled in sports including baseball, volleyball, basketball, field hockey and track. She achieved a varsity letter in high school. She was also an accomplished water skier, learning on the Mera-mec River. For many years, Dee was top man on the five man pyramid during competition skiing. She was an artist as well, letting her talents be shown on cakes that she had decorated and on carved figurines that she had painted. To her, her greatest accomplishment was being a loving wife, mother and truly a Christian woman without guile.

In her professional career,

Dee worked for many years as a veterinary assistant and later worked as a medical office manager. As a Godly woman, Dee faithfully attended church throughout her life and lastly was a member of the First Christian Church in Aurora.

On July 16, 1994, Dee was united in marriage to David Johnson. They were blessed with over twenty-one years of wonderful memories made together.

Survivors include her husband, David; her children, Carol Lay, Frank Glenn Johnson and his wife, Blair, and Dianne Andrews and her husband, Don; four grandchildren, Mitchell and Benjamin Andrews and Garrett and Gracie Johnson. She also leaves a dear friend that she loved like a sister, her caregiver, Violet McElhany.

Dee was preceded in death by one brother, John R. Suddarth.

Dee’s wishes were to be cremated and to be laid to rest at Mt. Hope Cemetery in St. Louis. In lieu of flowers, and with much gratitude, memorial contributions can be made to Hospice Compassus in care of the funeral home. Online condolences can be made at www.buchananfuneralhomemonett.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



ORVA HEATON
Orva Heaton, 81, formerly of Shell Knob, passed away Wednesday, December 30, 2015, in Mt. Vernon Place Care Center, Mt. Vernon.
No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Shell Knob.
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PASTOR JONATHAN JAY BROBSTON
Pastor Jonathan Jay Brobston, 59, of Lampe, passed away Thursday, December 31, 2015, in his home.
Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 5, 2016, in Grace Community Fellowship Church, Shell Knob, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Shell Knob. Pastor Sam Judd conducted the services. Burial was in McCullough Cemetery, Viola.
The family received friends from 1:00 until service time Tuesday in the church.
Contributions may be made to Grace Community Fellowship in memory of Jonathan.
Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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JAMES HARTIN
James Hartin, 51, of Purdy, passed away in his home on Sunday, December 20, 2015.
Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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ROY R. TURNER
Roy R. Turner, 84, of Cassville, passed away Friday, January 1, 2016, in Cox Medical Center South, Springfield.
Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. today, Wednesday, January 6, 2016, in Oak Hill Cemetery, Cassville, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Pastor James Weaver will conduct the services.
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**WILLIAM OZBUN**

William Ozbun, 88, of Aurora passed away Tuesday Jan. 5, 2016 in his home.

He was born to Holloway and Mable Ozbun on December 4, 1927 in McDowell.

William married Sylvia Jenkins on December 23, 1947 in Bentonville, Ark., and she survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Norman Ozbun and wife, Beverly, of McDowell and Roger Ozbun, of McDowell; four grandchildren, Rodney Ozbun and wife, Shelby, of Eagle Rock, Brad Ozbun and wife, Jemi, of McDowell, Bryan Ozbun and wife, Candice, of McDowell and Rylee Ozbun, of McDowell; eight great-grandchildren; and two nieces.

William lived most of his life in the Barry and Lawrence County area. He retired from Schreiber Foods and the Aurora School System. William and Sylvia owned and ran Bill's Coffee Shop in Purdy for many years. William was involved with the McDowell Gold Jubilee singing for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Pete Ozbun; and sister, Cynthia Hunt.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 8, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Peterson Funeral Chapel, Monett. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 6:00 p.m. in the funeral home.

BLIA VANG

Blia Vang, 87, of Fresno, Calif., passed away Saturday, December 19, 2015, in her home.

Services will be held from 8:00 a.m. Saturday, January 9, 2016, until 9:00 a.m. Monday, January 11, 2016, in McQueen Funeral Home, Wheaton.

Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 11, 2016, in Newtonia IOOF Cemetery, Newtonia.

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PHYNES LEE MEEK

Phynes Lee Meek, 76, of Golden, passed away Saturday, January 2, 2016, in his home.

Services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.

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Obituaries

**NORMA RUE OLIVER**

Norma Rue Oliver, 87, of Wheaton, passed away Monday, January 4, 2016, in her home.

She was born February 4, 1928, in Wattis, Utah, the daughter of Lewis and Rue (Rich) Safley. On February 14, 1946, in Elmo, Utah, she was united in marriage to Vernell Charles Oliver, who preceded her in death on May 11, 2004. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one son, Rodney; and two brothers, Lamar and Leon.

Surviving are three sons Louis Oliver and his wife, Carol, of Payette, Idaho, Sidney "Sid" Oliver and his wife, Bonnie, and Cody Oliver and his wife, Jenny, all of Fairview; two daughters, Sherry Alger and her husband, Tom, of Fairview, and Brenda Oliver, of Wheaton; one brother, Marvin Safley and his wife, Jolene, of Price, Utah; nineteen grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

Norma grew up and received her education in Wellington, Utah. As a young lady, she loved to play softball. She was a member of the riding club and had been president of Lady Luck Riders in Wellington, Utah. Dancing was another of her favorite things to do. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 8, 2016, in The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, Cassville, under of McQueen Funeral Home, Wheaton. Burial will be in

Goodnight Cemetery, Purdy.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Thursday in McQueen Funeral Home, Wheaton.

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LEE E. COOK

Lee E. Cook, 80, of Pierce City, passed away on Tuesday morning, January 5, 2016, surrounded by his family while at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

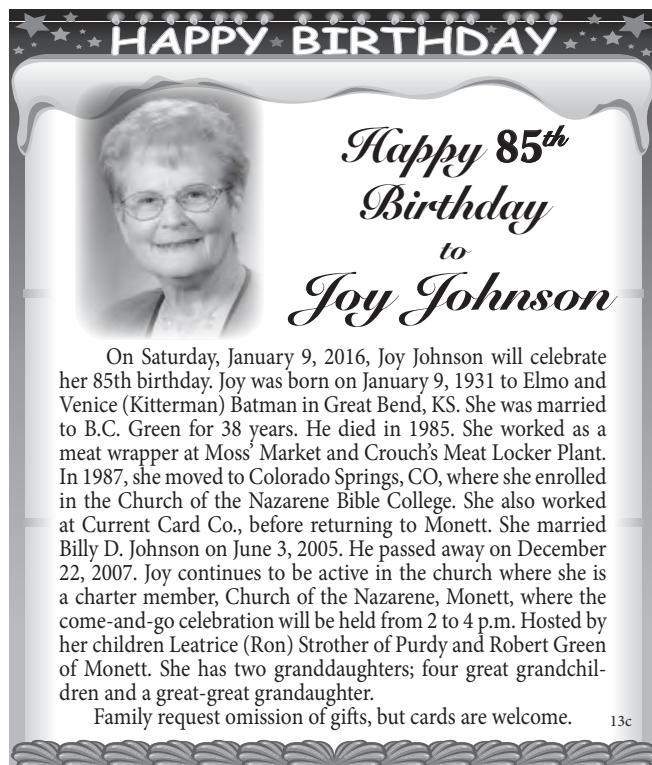
Funeral services for Mr. Cook will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2016, at Buchanan Funeral Home. Reverend Doyle Russell will be officiating. Interment will be in the Monett I.O.O.F. Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Association in care of the funeral home. On-

line condolences can be made at www.buchananfuneralhomemonett.com. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

**MARY HELEN
(WOOTEN) QUADE**

Mary Helen (Wooten) Quade, 76, of Carthage, passed away Monday, December 21, 2015, at her home. Mary Helen was born December 28, 1938, at New Hope to the late James and Jewell (Lauderdale) Wooten. Mary Helen was a graduate of Wheaton High School.

Survivors include four sisters, Ann Henson and husband, Don, of Shell Knob, Pat Thomas and Janice Bagby, of Carthage, and Irene Day and husband, Dewayne, of Exeter; three brothers, Dale Wooten, of Hillsboro, Glen Wooten and wife, Sherrie, of Carthage, and Kenny Wooten and wife, Sue, of Ironton. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son; one sister, Azalee Levy; three brothers, James Lee, Don and Carroll Wooten. Services were held Monday December 28, 2015, in Knell Mortuary, Carthage.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Notice:
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"The Closet" at Wash-

burn First Baptist Church always welcomes your donations of useable clothing, furniture, and household items. They are open 24 hours a day.
January 6th
Seligman Senior Center will have a donation lunch on January 6 from 11:15 a.m. to

12:30 p.m.
January 7th
Central Crossing Senior Center will host New Year's Resolutions presented by Mike Newton on Thursday, January 7, at 11:45.
Seligman Event Center will have a dance Thursday, January 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. band will be Classic Country. For information, call (417)662-3612.

January 8th
Stella Senior Center will have a dinner and a dance Friday, January 8, at 5:30 p.m. Music will be provided by Frosty and The Roadhogs.

January 9th
Mission Baptist Church will host a free lunch for seniors 55 and older on January 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The church is located in Washburn, 3 miles west on Hwy. 90. For information, call (417)846-6076.
Stella Senior Center will have a dance Saturday, January 9, at 7 p.m. The band will be "Cheyenne". Bring finger foods at 5:30 p.m. to share.
Seligman Chamber Event Center will host a

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dance Saturday, January 9, from 7 to 10 p.m. The band will be Three Hits and a Miss. For information, call (417)662-3612.
Eagle Rock Lego Club will be meeting on January 9 at 10 a.m. at the Eagle Rock Community Center. For information, call (417)846-3059.

January 12th
Southwest Solid Waste Management District N will hold its monthly meeting at 11:50 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12. The meeting is open to the public and will be at Alice Irene's Restaurant in Marionville.

January 15th
CHS Show Choirs present Winter Sweet & Song Friday, January 15 and Saturday, January 16 at 7 p.m. each night in the FEMA Event Center. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, call (417)846-1249.

January 16th
Seligman Senior Center will host Bingo from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 16.

January 20th
Seligman Senior Center will have a donation lunch on Wednesday, January 20, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For information, call (417)662-3749.

January 24th
Seligman Community Center will host a free lunch on January 24 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. For information, call (479)936-0363.

School Menu: JAN. 11th - JAN. 15TH
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All meals are subject to change

Purdy: Mon: B: Scrambled eggs, whole wheat toast, cereal, fruit. L: Chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches, chocolate pudding. Tues: B: French toast sticks, syrup, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: Hot dog/bun, ketchup, baked beans, carrots, fruit mix. Wed: B: Biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: Southwest spaghetti, breadstick, tossed salad, ranch dressing, fruit cup. Thurs: B: Ham/egg/biscuit, cereal, strawberries. L: Chili, crackers, corn, peaches. Fri: B: Muffins, cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice. L: Turkey sandwich, lettuce, tomato, potato chips, carrots, ranch dressing, grapes.

Exeter: Mon: B: Biscuit & gravy, peaches or cereal, biscuit, peaches. L: Corndog, carrots, green beans, mandarin oranges. Tues: B: Apple cinnamon toast, pears or cereal, toast, pears. L: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, mixed fruit. Wed: B: Sausage/egg/biscuit, fruit or cereal, biscuit, fruit. L: Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, spinach, bread, pears. Thurs: B: Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal, toast, fruit. L: Chicken Fajita, salsa, pinto beans, applesauce. Fri: B: Muffin, yogurt, banana, fruit or vertical bar, banana. L: Cheese pizza, salad, corn, fruit.

Southwest: Mon: B: Cereal, fresh fruit, sausage links, juice. L: Pepperoni pizza, romain salad w/tomatoes, pears, chocolate chip cookie or salad bar meal. Tues: B: Biscuit & gravy, sausage patty, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Chicken nuggets, breadsticks, corn, applesauce or salad bar meal. Wed: B: Breakfast sausage pizza, yogurt cup or cereal, fruit, juice. L: Vegetable beef stew, corn muffin, mozz cheese stick, peaches or salad bar meal. Thurs: B: French toast, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Chicken & noodles, hot roll, mixed vegetables, strawberry cup or salad bar meal. Fri : B: Hot ham sandwich, fruit or cereal, juice. L: Cheeseburger, pickles, potato chips, pineapple or salad bar meal.

Cassville: Mon: B: Pancake on a stick, peaches or cereal, go-gurt, fruit & nut mix. L: Pepperoni pizza (ck'n alfredo w/brdstk), tossed salad, corn, peaches or salad meal. Tues: B: Brfst pizza, pineapple chunks or cereal, blueberry muffin, orange. L: Chicken nuggets (pork chopette), whipped potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, mandarin oranges or salad meal. Wed: B: Blueberry waffles, sausage patty, blueberries or cereal, graham crackers, pears. L: Corndog (chicken sandwich), macaroni & cheese, green beans, juice or salad meal. Thurs: B: Biscuits & gravy, strawberries or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: Cheeseburger (hotdog), bbq chips, vegetable mix, juice or salad meal. Fri: B: Cinnamon rolls, applesauce or cereal, pop tart, peaches. L: Spaghetti (chicken crispitos), bread stick, tossed salad, navy beans, applesauce or baked potato bar.

Cassville High Mon: B: Biscuits & gravy, pop tart, apple or cereal, blueberry muffin, blueberries. L: Chicken alfredo, potato wedge, glazed carrots, bread stick, pineapple chunks or pizza meal or salad meal. Tues: B: Chicken nuggets, gravy, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, trail mix, grapes. L: Burrito w/nacho cheese, refried beans, corn, juice or chickeen nugget meal or salad meal. Wed: B: Pancake on a stick, sausage patty, tropical fruit or cereal, pb&j, apple. L: Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: Blueberry muffin, blueberries or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: Chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, doritos lite, broccoli & cheese, baked beans, fruit cocktail or pizza meal or salad meal. Fri : B: Biscuits & gravy, hashbrowns, mandarin oranges or cereal, cinn. toast cereal bar, banana. L: Jumbo cheese ravioli, tossed salad, mixed vegetables, bread stick, pears or baked potato bar or salad bar.

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Pea Ridge Black Hawks claim Holiday Tournament title

Lee Stubblefield

The Pea Ridge Black Hawks claimed the Southwest Holiday Tournament championship on Tuesday, December 29, with a 61-43 win over Forsyth. Joey Hall canned eight treys for Pea Ridge and finished the game with 30 points despite enjoying the last four minutes from the bench.

This game was more of a coronation than a competition. The highly-regarded Black Hawks met all expectations in shredding Exeter, Cassville, and Forsyth to earn the tallest trophy.

Cassville falls to Gentry in 3rd place game, 56-43

The Cassville Wildcats had a miserable shooting night and fell to the Gentry Pioneers in the 3rd place game, 56-43. Gentry took a 19-11 lead to end the first quarter, stretched to a 23-12 halftime advantage.

The Wildcats rallied in the third quarter to cut the lead to 31-24, but could get no closer. Gentry led by as many as 15 on the way to the

13-point victory.

Tyler Arndt led Cassville with 14 and Noah Hadlow added 10 in the losing effort. Gentry had four players in double digits, led by C.J. Taylor with 16.

Southwest takes 47-39 win over Galena in 5th place game

The host Southwest Trojans squeezed a 47-39 win over Galena in a close 5th place game. The Trojans led after every quarter, but could not shake the Bears until late.

After Galena took an early 8-6 lead, Southwest erupted for a 14-0 run that spilled over into the second quarter. Galena's Caleb Hall scored the last 5 points of the third quarter to cut the Southwest lead to 32-28 at the final break. But Robbie Randall muscled up in the paint to open the fourth quarter, and Jacob Durossette added a threeball to give the Trojans a 37-30 lead.

The Bears made it a one possession game when Blake Batson's bomb from the right wing cut the lead to 42-39

with 1:36 to play.

Payton Clay responded with a three free throws in the final 28 seconds and blocked Caleb Seaman's shot to seal the victory for Southwest.

Clay led Southwest with 14 points. Robbie Randall scored 9 the hard way, while Jacob Durossette scored his 9 points on three long field goals. Galena's Hall led all scorers with 19.

Exeter squeezes OT win over Wheaton in 7th place game

After suffering painful, clock-running losses to Pea Ridge and Southwest, the Exeter Tigers roared out of the dressing room looking for respect as much as a win against Wheaton. The Bulldogs were a little testy, too. Although the Wheaton defense always keeps the score respectable, the 'Dogs had only one win on their resume going into Tuesday's tilt with their Ozark 7 foe.

Exeter's Matt Tripp again sent his defense out in a full court press to start the con-

test. While the Southwest boys had no trouble with Exeter's press in their second-round game, Wheaton's offense struggled. Codie Evatt gave Exeter an early 2-0 lead with a running baseline jumper, and the Tigers jumped to a surprising 14-8 lead to finish the quarter.

The Bulldogs rallied in the second quarter though, and claimed their first lead of the game when Klay Reed's jumper fell in to give Wheaton a 24-22 halftime lead.

The teams fought through a 9-9 third quarter, and Wheaton clung to a 33-31 lead. Hilsden Mosely and Daniel Harris scored back-to-back buckets to give the Bulldogs a 37-31 lead to start the fourth quarter, and it looked like Exeter's tent might come down.

But Evatt took over the game, leading the Tigers into overtime with a short jumper to tie the game at 45-45 in the final seconds. He followed that with the first score of the extra frame, and the Tigers never trailed after that, tak-

ing a 54-51 victory.

Evatt finished his monster game with 28 points, and added five blocked shots in a strong defensive role. Ethan Caddell also hit double figures, scoring 13 for Exeter. Wheaton had three players in double figures: Cody Parks scored 15, Moseley put in 11 and Tate Banks had 10.

Boys All-Tournament Team

Caleb Hall, Galena

Robbie Randall, Southwest

Noah Hadlow, Cassville
Cole Cripps, Gentry
Matt Juillerat, Gentry
Cole Wright, Pea Ridge
Westin Church, Pea Ridge
Risten Grady, Forsyth
Britton Cauldill, Pea Ridge

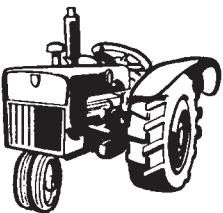
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Shrum’s heroics lead Southwest girls to Holiday Tournament championship

Lee Stubblefield

There's a new hashtag going viral in Barry County: #JAIME SHRUM IS MY HERO.

Southwest's senior point guard gritted her teeth on

a poor shooting night and willed in baskets when it counted to give the Lady Trojans a stirring overtime victory over Pea Ridge in the championship game of the Southwest Holiday Tourna-

ment. No matter your perspective on this game, you have to acknowledge the magnitude of what Shrum and her Lady Trojans accomplished against Pea Ridge.

The Lady Trojans defense shut out the Lady Black Hawks for the final 4:20, while Shrum, Taylor Swindle, and Dara Smith lit up the scoreboard to force overtime. Shrum tied the game with a driving floater in the lane with 53 seconds left.

Then in OT, Pea Ridge fought to a 57-52 lead with just 2:06 to play.

Smith canned a pair from the line, and then Shrum swished a long three from the top of the key for another tie with 51 seconds left. The unyielding Southwest defense forced another turnover to set the stage for the storybook ending. Shrum raced the length of the court, and banged home a driving lay-up in traffic with just two seconds left to give the Lady Trojans the victory.

Shrum finished with 24 points, and Smith added 23 in a best supporting actress performance. Jennifer Anthony and Alli Whatley each had 15 for Pea Ridge.



Tournament champions the Lady Trojans are pictured above. Front row, left to right, are: Brianna Learned, Dara Smith, Jaime Shrum and Presley Tomlinson.

Back row: Darrel Tilford, Emily Snyder, Taylor Swindle, Kaitlyn Bernard, Allison Serrano, Maggie Robbins, Kendra Hayworth and Jeff Atchison.

Cassville Lady Wildcats win "do over" game with Galena, 52-15

A six-team bracket can result in some strange pairings down the line. In the Southwest Holiday Tournament girls division, it resulted in Cassville playing Galena in the third place game, a rematch of their opening round contest. The Lady Bears won that first encounter, 51-43.

But in the game for a trophy, the Lady Wildcats played to their potential and earned a satisfyingly boring win, 52-15.

Cassville's defense was outstanding in this game. On offense, the strategy resembled that of the old school football coach with only two plays who explained, "We run the first play until they stop it, then we run the other one."

For Chris Shore, that first play was simply "Feed the post."

Big center Madi Stokes scored seven times from point-blank range in a dominating 15-point performance

for Cassville, and Devyn Callahan added 12. Eight Lady Wildcats scored in the contest.

Stokes opened the game with a catch and score deep in the paint, and Cassville rolled to a 16-7 lead to finish the quarter. That lead grew to 29-11 by halftime, and 43-14 at the final break. Cassville outscored Galena 9-1 in the final frame as the mercy clock kicked in.

There was a sobering pause when Galena's Rachel Harding went down hard at the 5:42 mark and had to be assisted from the court.

Wheaton Lady Bulldogs down Omaha, 52-35

After a slow start, the Wheaton girls roared to a 14-4 lead over Omaha to take a 14-5 lead after one quarter of play. The Lady Eagles were a bit shorthanded after Coach Jim Lincoln sat two of his starters for the game. But Omaha reversed the flow in the second quarter and pushed to a 20-19 halftime lead.

The third quarter opened with three lead changes, and

Wheaton jumped ahead 25-23 on a jumper from Rachel Lacey. Wheaton's 12-1 run gave the Lady Bulldogs 33-23 lead. Even though Omaha scored the last two baskets of the period to cut the lead to 33-27, Whesaton would not trail again in the game. Jera Prewitt hit a pair of treys in the last quarter to keep Omaha at bay, and Jessica Lombard's team claimed a 52-35 win and the consolation trophy.

Prewitt led Wheaton with 16 points, and Lacey reached double figures with 11. Allison Curbow of Omaha led all scorers with 17.

Girls All-Tournament Team

Paige Coffelt, Omaha
Rachel Harding, Galena
Devyn Callahan, Cassville
Madi Stokes, Cassville
Jennifer Anthony, Pea Ridge
Maggie Fletcher, Pea Ridge
Brianna Learned, Southwest
Dara Smith, Southwest
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The high cost of limit lunacy

This article was originally published in the Daily Dunklin Democrat on June 11, 2000. It was written by Jack Stapleton Jr., of Kenneth, Mo., the editor of the Missouri News and Editorial Service.

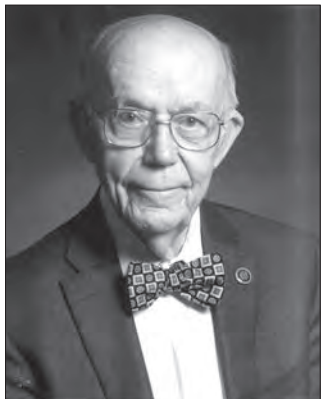
At the turn of the last decade, Missourians decided to limit terms of their elected representatives in their state's General Assembly, convinced that by assuring lack of experience in originating and revising their laws, they would be striking a blow for better government.

Hailed as a kind populist movement among disillusioned voters - despite the fact that proponents were anything but firm believers in populist causes - the handful of authors writing the plan decided it would be wise to proceed slowly, allowing a reasonable amount of time for the change over so there would be sufficient experienced legislators (the very persons tainted with the alleged abuses) who would have sufficient time to train the onrush of green, inexperienced members, whose influence was so obvious in the session that just ended.

The moment of truth, despite what legislative spectators may have concluded about this session, will not occur for another two years, at which time the vast majority of experienced representatives and senators will pull up stakes and return home for good. What a joyless occasion this will be, and readers will grasp its fullest significance by meeting, perhaps for the first time, a now-retired member of the Missouri Senate, the Honorable Emory Melton, whose knowledge of the arcane art of state politics was used for the benefit of all Missourians, not just the members of his own political party, which happens to be Republican.

Emory Melton is the kind of gentleman who reminds you of your grandfather, at least he does in my case, for his very appearance reflects the often-missed virtues of our forefathers to such a degree that one did not even have to ask the good senator from Cassville, located in Southwest Missouri, whether he was honest, trustworthy and dependable. The man simply exemplified those virtues - and more - all without benefit of a press secretary.

Although he retired a couple of years before term limits would become effective, Emory decided that he would get out of the way to allow his successor sufficient time to become



acquainted with the legislative process before the approaching swarm of new members, who would have no conception of the art of lawmaking, could arrive. Maybe this generous spirit will give readers some idea of the character of the Honorable Senator from the County of Barry.

Free of the lobbyist taint, personal ambition, crass appetite for easy money, crippling partisanship, flattery of widespread fame, upon his entry to the third flood of the Capital he spent years becoming acquainted with the nuances of intelligent, honest and fair law writing. His bills were few but extremely well planned and unfailingly resulted from public need, not partisan gain. He also had a peculiar trait that made him virtually unique in the annals of Missouri government: he read every bill introduced by his colleagues in the House and Senate. This he did because he felt it was an essential component of his responsibility as an elected official to the citizens of his district and region. He saw it as just one of the several obligations he owed his constituents, and this single practice made him not only the best informed member of the Legislature but its most essential one as well.

It was the former senator from Cassville who first pointed out the contributing reason for the failure of the 15-Year-Old Road Plan to reach its goal: the diversion of new revenue from the 1992-enacted 6-cent gasoline tax increase to other cash-starved agencies and departments of state government. The senator recognized at the plan's inception that bad public policy was being created and that the new revenue was being dedicated to the expediency of the moment.

Time after time, this good and just man has served his state and its citizens in matters that were never revealed and for whom no glowing press releases were ever written. I suspect this column will embarrass the good senator, but he deserves the recognition he has long avoided and the praise he has never sought.

Missouri has lost the services of a dedicated elected official, the first of many who will soon pursue other agendas and seek to serve the public in other ways. And the entire state will be poorer for it.

The Cassville School Board of Education held a regular meeting on Thursday, December 17. The Cassville R-IV School Board of Education meeting was called to order by President of the Board John Sullivan.

A communication was sent by DESE notifying us of being fully accredited. Also Beth Schaller and Kristi Bachman with MoDOT presented information regarding the sidewalk repair project. MoDOT apologized to the Board for not being more clear about the sidewalk project and allowing people to think that the Cassville School District had any options in the sidewalk renovation that would impact the area of old sidewalks along the JC Duncan Gymnasium.

The following programs were evaluated: Social Studies and Facilities and Grounds, presented by Brandon Heiden, Donna Youngblood and Dusty Reid.

A motion was made by Carolyn Bowen and seconded by Becky Henningson to approve the consent agenda as follows: November 12th regular board minutes, November financial reports, and December bills, retirement resignations from Andrew Hoskins, coaching duties only, and Wayne Deffenbaugh as a bus driver, employments of Ethan Davis as a interim assistant wrestling coach for the 2015-2016 season and Marcus Reynolds as a high school temporary teacher beginning January 4, 2016, and additions to the substitute list for the 2015-2016 school year. Administrators reviewed building reports and other areas of interest. The motion carried with five yes votes and zero no votes. John Sullivan and Jon Horner abstained.

A motion was made by Becky Henningson and seconded by David Haddock to approve board policy revisions as follows: DLCA, CBG, CFB, GBBDA, GCN, CFB-AP and GCN-AP. The motion carried with seven yes votes and zero no votes.

A motion was made by Jon Horner and seconded by Greg Allen to approve the 2014-2015 Cassville School Audit Report and management/discussion letter. The



CASSVILLE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

motion carried with seven yes votes and zero no votes.

A motion was made by Hal Smith and seconded by Jon Horner to amend the FY 2016 Budget for the school year 2015-2016. The motion carried with seven yes votes and zero votes.

A motion was made by Becky Henningson and seconded by Carolyn Bowen to approve our annual audit agreement with KPM CPAs group for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion carried with seven yes votes and zero no votes.

The following items were presented for discussion and information: 2016-2017 calendar review, certified contracts update and review process and MODOT sidewalk update.

A motion was made by David Haddock and seconded by Jon Horner to approve MoDOT easement request for sidewalk renovation and directional signage property transfer. The motion carried with seven yes votes and zero no votes.

A motion was made by Jon Horner and seconded by Carolyn Bowen to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel Meeting to be closed under Section 610.021, subsection (3) RSMO: for the purpose of hiring, firing and disciplining or promoting employees, with minutes closed to public examination. The motion carried with an all ye a roll call.

A motion was made by Becky Henningson and seconded by Jon Horner to return to regular session. The motion passed with an all ye a role call.

A motion was made by Hal Smith and seconded by Becky Henningson to adjourn. The motion carried with seven yes votes and zero no votes.

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In the New Year, Mercy Hospital Aurora is once again offering monthly, one-hour educational sup-

port groups focusing on trends and topics in diabetes. The free, interactive presentations will be held the third Wednesday of each month, starting on Jan. 20.

“We want to give diabetics a place to learn about advancement in the man-

agement and treatment of this disease,” said Mercy dietitian Donna Medlin. “If you’re at risk of having diabetes, want to learn more about managing diabetes or you’re just committed to making healthy lifestyle choices, we encourage you to sign up.”

Each support group will begin with an educational presentation, followed by networking and group participation. The courses will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. in the private dining room at Mercy Hospital Aurora, located at 500 S. Porter Avenue, on the following dates: January 20, February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 15.

For more information, call Donna Medlin at (417) 678-7980 or email her at Donna.Medlin@mercy.net.



A three-year old quarter horse gelding, Cool Secret, owned by Walter and Glenda Hasler, of Cassville, won 14 of 16 classes at the A.Q.H.A. shows in 2015. The gelding was shown by Evelle Hasler Houck, of Pierce City, and earned 40 Grand and 28 Reserve Championships at halter along with 143.5 class halter points.

Cassville Library upcoming events

- Bingo will be held on

Thursday, January 7, starting at 6 p.m. Go to the library’s lower level for fun, prizes and snacks.

- Charlie Brown and Friends, an unrated animated movie, will be shown at 4 p.m. on Friday, January 8. Movies are made possible by the Cassville Area Friends of the Library.

- Showing at 6 p.m. on Friday, January 8, will be Pan, rated PG. This is a new take on the classic Peter Pan story. You are welcome to bring your own snacks.

- A special program called Understanding Health

Insurance Options will be conducted at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 11. Hosted by the Cassville Branch Library, it is held in cooperation with the University of Missouri Extension, ACCESS Family Care, and Mercy Hospital-Joplin. Certified application counselors will be on hand to answer questions.

- The documentary film Malala will be shown on Thursday, January 14, at 6 p.m. Don’t miss this story of a young Pakistani female activist who survived being shot by the Taliban for advocating education for girls.

- A coloring group for grown-ups, Color Me Mel-low, will have its first session on Thursday, January 21, beginning at 6 p.m. Call (417) 847-2121 for more information.

- Don’t miss the informational program on Saturday, January 23, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. titled Protecting Your Kids in the Digital Age.

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SW FBLA takes business trip to MU




On Friday, November 13, seven seniors and an adviser from Southwest High School traveled to Columbia to attend the Trulaske Leadership Academy hosted by the University of Missouri's Trulaske College of Business. The students found the trip very informative and enlightening. They learned key leadership and career furthering principles, such as which leadership skills best reflect personal qualities and how to expand one's comfort area. They also received significant skill training in making oneself a more marketable and effective professional applicant. Through this conference, students were also able to tour the campus of Mizzou and taught the history of the campus. Upon their return home, the students stopped to visit the State Capitol in Jefferson City.

Students are pictured on the MU campus. From left to right: Autumn Johnson, Amara Link, Katelynn Gentry, Jordan Barton, Samantha Robbins, Skyler Maleki and Victoria Williams.


LEGO Club meeting Jan. 9

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