

County offices submit 2018 budget requests totalling \$4.9 Mil.

Charlea Estes-Jones

Barry County Clerk Gary Youngblood released the requested budget figure for 2018 in preparation for the upcoming budget hearing. Youngblood said the totals are what each of the county offices requested for the new year, but not necessarily what will be approved by the Barry County Commission. The budget for 2018 will be finalized on January 22.

The budget proposal for 2018 is a bit over half a million dollars more than the actual budget from 2017. Between all of the county offices, the requested budget for 2018 is almost \$5 million. The exact amount asked for is \$4,909,131.44. The approved budget for 2017 was \$4,580,738.71; however, the actual budget was less, coming in at \$4,369,020.

The biggest jump on paper in the requested budget is for the Sheriff's Department and the jail. Both budget requests reflect new officers and back holiday pay that the county had not given to officers. The Sheriff's Office is requesting \$892,184.06 compared to the approved \$792,448.76 from 2017. However, the actual amount spent by the department in 2017 was \$874,067. Youngblood said, "The big issue with that is we had several hours of holiday pay for the depu-

ties that built up over the years, but hadn't been paid. We paid that off last year, which is why the total was so much more. In [Sheriff Gary Davis'] budget, he's actually asked for money in there for the drug task force and an additional officer. But we've also put money in there to cover holiday pay this year so that we'll keep that current instead of it letting it build up."

A similar scenario played out with the jail budget. This year, the requested budget is \$596,281.71, which is considerably more than the approved total of \$471,405.51 in 2017. However, the actual budget in 2017 was \$504,051.00 because of the holiday pay accrued by employees the county had not paid. Sheriff Davis is requesting to stay current on the holiday pay for jailers as well as an additional officer for the jail.

Some of the other changes to the budget included decreases for the clerk's officer as well as the circuit clerk's office. Youngblood explained this was due to a switch to a new phone system, which would be paid under the building and grounds budget instead of the individual offices.

Other requested increases included the commission budget, the recorder's office, public administrator, prosecuting attorney and emergency manage-

ment.

The prosecuting attorney has requested a part-time investigator for her office. She requested \$422,843, which is around \$6,000 more than 2017.

The recorder requested raises for employees and some training fees. The requested budget for the recorder's office is \$51,979.44, a jump from 2017's \$47,368.00.

Barry County Collector Janice Varner requested \$123,222.43 for additional equipment and programs. Her budget in 2017 was \$116,407.00.

The public administrator's office is asking for \$36,906.80, up from \$20,739.00 from 2017. Youngblood explained, "He's adding some help. We're going to run through county payroll, but he'll reimburse the county for that extra help."

The commission's increase is \$264,370.00 instead of \$239,470.00 from 2017. Youngblood said this is to replace county vehicles. He said, "We spent that amount last year as the basic amount. We had to purchase a new car with the accident with the deputy. And we didn't have it budgeted. We left that same amount in there for the replacement of vehicles."

The emergency manager requested a more sizeable pay increase from nor-

Washburn parents welcome first Barry County baby of 2018



Colt Dean Ballard made his entrance into the world to become Monett's New Year's baby at 1:14 a.m. on Jan. 3, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 21.5 inches long. The proud parents are Justin and Davyn Ballard, of Washburn. This is the couple's first child.

Cox Monett presented a gift basket to the family, which included a baby blanket, keepsake frame, diapers, stuffed animal and books.

Results are in: No cases of CWD in Barry County

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The results of a wide-spread Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) check are in, and Barry County is in the clear for now. None of the deer sampled during opening weekend of deer season in November were found to have CWD. However, statewide, the Missouri Department of Conservation found 15 new cases out of the 18,400 deer tested.

Barry County was one of 25 counties where mandatory CWD testing was done opening weekend. In Barry County, 959 total deer were taken opening weekend. Of those, 588 were antlered bucks, 99 were button bucks, and 272 were does. Out of all of those for opening weekend, 518 were tested for CWD. None of the deer tested were positive for CWD.

Locally, Stone, Taney and Ozark Counties were also tested. The southern counties were tested because of their proximity to CWD found in Arkansas. The decision to make testing mandatory came after CWD was found within 25 miles of the Missouri border.

With all local counties bordering Arkansas coming up clear at this point, it appears that mandatory sampling will continue to ensure intervention is not necessary in the future. Several hundred deer in northern Arkansas have been found with CWD.

Counties where CWD was found were: Cedar County, one case from a hunter-harvested adult buck; Franklin County, three cases from hunter-harvested adult bucks; Jefferson County, one from a hunter harvested buck; Linn County, four cases from hunter-harvested adult bucks; Macon County, two cases from a hunter-harvested adult buck and a hunter-harvested adult doe; Polk County, one case from a road-killed adult buck; St. Clair County, one case from a hunter-harvested adult buck; and Ste. Genevieve County, two cases from a hunter-harvested adult buck and a hunter-harvested adult doe.

Warren Rose, outreach and education regional supervisor for the Missouri Department of Conservation, said, "Most likely we will continue to monitor the counties along the Missouri-Arkansas border. Odds are, we'll test those counties again next season. I'm not sure what that will look like at this point. We'll probably test through mandatory sampling, taxidermy stations and road kill as well as any deer that look ill."

The feeding ban in place for Barry County will remain for the foreseeable future.

Rose added, "The conservation commission will decide on next years' deer season regulations in May. At that time, if there are any changes, we'll know what that looks like at that time. For

Cornerstone Bank opening branch in Cassville

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The recent sale of a 2.2 acre tract of commercial property will mean more banking options for Barry County. Cornerstone Bank, a six-branch bank based out of Eureka Springs, Ark., recently purchased the land located at the corner of Highways 76/86 and 37 in Cassville.

Jason Tennant, president of Cornerstone Bank, said they had been looking at Cassville as a possible expansion site for the Arkansas-based bank for awhile. Tennant said, "When this property came up for auction and sale, we just thought it was a great opportunity and thought it was a great location."

He added, "We are obviously excited to become a part of the community. We didn't just fly into this and say, 'Hey there is a sale, let's buy this property.' No, we've been studying all things Cassville to see if it worked into our bank."

"We are a \$255 million community bank. We don't go into markets just because. We want to feel that we'll be successful there in our brand of banking. We hope we can, and we think we can. We like competition. Good competitors will be good for the community, and I don't want to seem like I'm saying anything negative about the banks there. There are good banks

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Stroemel retires from Mercy

Hospital administrator Doug Stroemel retires from Cassville's Mercy Hospital after 16 years. **8A**

Man charged with shotgun threat

A Cassville man is charged with allegedly attacking his son with the butt of a shotgun. **10A**

Officer cleared in shooting

The Monett Police officer who shot a man in September 2017 has been cleared in the incident. No charges are being filed. **13A**

Man injured in Hwy W. crash

A Rocky Comfort man was injured in a single-vehicle crash on Highway W. **16A**

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- There will be an adult painting class on Thursday, January 11, at 1 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. The sessions are free and materials are furnished. Call (417) 847-2121 to register.
- The animated movie Leap will be shown on Thursday, January 11, at 3:30 p.m. Rated PG, the film tells the story of best friends Félicie and Victor who escape from their orphanage in hopes of becoming a ballerina and an inventor. Snacks provided.
- All branches of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library will be closed on Monday, January 15, for the MLK, Jr. holiday.
- Bingo is back. Join the fun on Tuesday, January 16, beginning at 5:30 p.m. All ages welcome.
- The Ozark Herb Club will meet on Friday, January 19, at 1 p.m. in the library's meeting room.
- The Cassville Branch has extended hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 6:30 p.m.
- Continuing programs include crochet, sewing, story time and Monday Movie Matinee. Call for additional information.

example, if there were changes to feed ban or expand to more counties, we'll know more at that time. They approve that in May and we can get the publication books and everything printed in July when deer permits go on sale.”

The Missouri Conservation Department has been monitoring and checking for CWD because of the debilitating effects it has on the deer population. CWD is a highly contagious neurological disease. It causes brain deterioration that leads to abnormal behavior, emaciation, loss of bodily function and eventually

death. Because of deer's social habits, once it is in an area, it spreads rapidly given the right circumstances.

It is often spread through saliva, which is why bans are in place on feeding and mineral licks. Social and grooming habits of deer make the spread of the disease quick in areas where there is a lot of encouraged congregation of the animals.

MDC said the low number of new cases of CWD found in Missouri suggest the disease was recently introduced.

MDC Director Sara Pauley said, “We could not accom-

plish this very important work without the help of the many thousands of hunters and hundreds of landowners around Missouri who brought in their deer for CWD testing to help find and limit the spread of this terrible disease. Thank

you.”

For more information on samples submitted for testing, results received and pending, and cases of CWD in Missouri, go online to mdc.mo.gov/cwd under “CWD in Missouri.”

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Notice:

Cassville Farmers' Market will be on the square every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. (417) 652-7308.
Monett Senior Center Dance will not be held in January.

McDowell Gold Jubilee will resume on January 13 at 6:30.

Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Central Crossing Senior Center will be closed Monday, January 15, 2018, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

January 10th

Golden Baptist Church will host a support group for single moms and children on January 10 at 6 p.m. For information, call 417-271-3605.

January 12th

Stell Sr. Center will host a dance on Friday evening, January 12. Food and refreshments are available from 5:30 p.m. when the doors open. The dance will start at 7:00 p.m. with the band "Evelyn and The Outriders". The cover charge is \$4. For information, call 417-628-3314.

January 13th

Chatty Crafters will meet at the Mane Station in Cassville on January 13 at 10 a.m. There is no charge. Call 417-498-2202 for more information.

McDowell School House will host music on January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Eagle Rock Fire House Breakfast will be Saturday, January 13, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Seligman Chamber will host a dance on January 13 at 7 p.m. For information, call (417)662-3612.

January 16th

Bingo resumes at Central Crossing Senior Center January 16 at 12:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.

January 17th

Golden Baptist Church will host a support group for single moms and children on January 17 at 6 p.m. For information, call 417-271-3605.

January 19th

Clio Community will host music at the Clio Community Building January 19 at 6:30 p.m.

January 20th

Roaring River State Park will be hosting a Free Eagle Viewing Event at 3 p.m., January 20. Meet at the Ozark Chinquapin Nature Center and dress for the weather. For more information, call the Nature Center at 417-847-3742.

Seligman Chamber will host a dance on January 20 at 7 p.m. For information, call (417)662-3612.

January 25th

Barry County Health Department will be hosting a public meeting for proposed prescription drug monitoring program ordinance on January 25 at 6 p.m. Meeting is open to the public and will focus on the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) ordinance that is currently proposed for Barry County.

School Menus: January 16- January 19

All meals served with milk. All meals are subject to change

Southwest: Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, apple slices or cereal, juice. L: Frito pie, lettuce/cheese, corn, pears or salad - fruit bar, salsa, sour cream pkt. Wed: B: chocolate chip, granola bar, yogurt cup, orange wedges or cereal, juice. L: bbq rib sandwich, cole slaw, baked potato chips, Mandarin oranges or salad - fruit bar. Thurs: B: grilled cheese sandwich, bananas or cereal, juice. L: taco salad, lettuce/cheese, Mexican corn, tropical fruit or salad - fruit bar, salsa, sour cream pkt. Fri: B: hot ham & hashbrown sandwich, fresh fruit or cereal, juice, ketchup. L: chicken filet sandwich, leaf lettuce, baby carrots, apple slices w/ caramel or salad - fruit bar, mayo.

Exeter: Tues: B: cinnamon roll, yogurt, peaches or cereal, biscuit, peaches. L: mini tacos, pinto beans, salsa, fruit. Wed: B: pancake on a stick, apple or cereal, graham crackers, apple. L: meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, bread

slice, mixed fruit. Thurs: B: ham & cheese bosco stick, orange or cereal, Pop Tart, orange. L: spaghetti w/ meat sauce, salad, yellow squash, breadstick, fruit. Fri: B: chicken biscuit, banana or cereal, vertical bar, banana. L: corn dog, sweet potato fries, broccoli, fruit.

Cassville (Prime., Int., Middle): Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, hash brown/toast, pears or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: chicken strips or tangerine chicken, rice, egg roll, fortune cookie, Mandarin oranges. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or waffles, sausage patty, blueberries or cereal, Pop Tart, peaches. L: soft taco or chicken fajita, corn, vanilla pudding, vanilla wafers, assorted juice. Thurs: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, fruit cocktail or cereal, cinnamon toast, banana. L: little smokies or sub sandwich, potato wedge, baked beans, saltine crackers, fruit cocktail. Fri: B: biscuits & gravy or pancakes, sausage patty, orange or cereal, cinnamon toast, peaches. L: spaghetti or chicken alfredo, tossed salad, broccoli & cheese, bread stick, assorted juice.

Cassville High School: Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or cinnamon bun, yogurt cups, fruit cocktail or cereal/muffin, applesauce. L: beef burrito, salad/corn, nachos, Mandarin oranges or pizza meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal/toast, sausage patty, peaches or cereal/cereal bar, apple. L: pizza, salad/corn, yogurt cups/granola, assorted juice or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or brfst burrito, sausage patty, pineapple or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: chicken sandwich, Sun Chips, baked beans/veg mix, fruit cocktail or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, hashbrown/toast, tropical fruit or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: General chicken, rice/carrots, egg roll, pineapple or pizza meal or salad meal.

Purdy: Tues: B: blueberry muffin, cereal, fruit, toast. L: spaghetti w/ meat sauce, romaine salad w/ tomato, baby carrots, ranch. Wed: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: chili, string cheese, corn, fruit. Thurs: B: pancakes, syrup, cereal, yogurt, fresh fruit. L: popcorn chicken, brown rice, broccoli/cauliflower, ketchup, fruit. Fri: B: scrambled eggs, ww toast, cereal, strawberry cup. L: chicken patty sandwich, celery sticks, ranch, potato chips, fruit.

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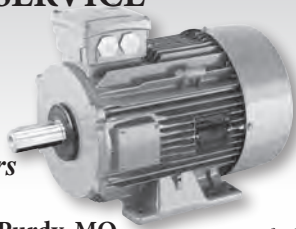
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TIMOTHY J. WILSON

Timothy J. Wilson, age 77, of Shell Knob, passed away Thursday, December 28, 2017, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville.

He was born December 10, 1940, in Kansas City, the son of Leo and Margaret (Revitte) Wilson. On May 11, 1963, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Spiegelhalter, who survives of the home, and three sons, Tim and his wife, Lisa, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Pete and his wife, Raquel, of Springfield, Iowa, and Mark and his wife, Charlene, of Olathe, Kansas; one brother, Mike Wilson and his wife, Chris, of Kansas City, Kansas; one sister, Peggy Turner of Kansas City, Kansas; and

seven grandchildren, Brooke, Ashley, Bryce, Lauren, Kayd, Daniel and Veronica.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two sisters, Geralyn Brown and Patricia Koenig.

Timothy grew up in Kansas City, where he graduated from De La Salle Academy high school. During the Vietnam War, he served in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged. He returned to Kansas City and pursued a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Dentistry. In 1982, he moved to Waterloo, Iowa, where he was an oral surgeon. In 1992, he rejoined the Navy as a Lt. Commander as an oral surgeon and served in Kosovo and was aboard the USS Nimitz. He retired from the Navy in 1995 with an honorable discharge and joined the VA Medical Center. He became Chief of the VA Dental Clinic in La Jolla, California, and held that position until he retired in 2009. In 2010, he and Mary Ann moved to Shell Knob to make their home on the lake. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church

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in Shell Knob and the Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus. Timothy loved his time at the lake with his loyal dog, Shelly, shooting with the gun club and visiting with the many friends in the neighborhood.

Mass will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. He will be laid to rest at Leavenworth National Cemetery (located behind the VA Medical Center) in Leavenworth, Kansas, on Friday, January 12, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

Contributions may be made to the Honor Flight in memory of Timothy.

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JAMES RICHARD MOESCH

James Richard Moesch, age 63, of Golden, passed away Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was born May 21, 1954, in San Diego, California, the son of James Richard and Leona (Dobson) Evans, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death was one brother, Earl Dwayne Moesch.

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James grew up and received his education in Joliet, Illinois. Upon moving to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, he worked at Clark's Market

and then on a garbage truck. For several years, he was employed at Tyson's from which he retired. In 1975, he moved to Golden to make his home. Some of his favorite pastimes were canoeing, fishing and spending time with family.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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WILLIAM EUGENE LARECY

William Eugene Larecy, age 89, of Cassville, passed away Sunday, December 31, 2017, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield. He was born February 20, 1928 in Exeter, the son of Charles and Edith (Wright)

Larecy. On November 13, 1948, he was united in marriage to Loretta Brooks, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Jeff Larecy of Cassville; two daughters, Vickie Brutke and her husband, Bob, of South Beach, Oregon, and Cindy Larecy, of Cassville; one brother, Charles Larecy and his wife, Joan, of Roseburg, Oregon; one sister, Charlene Cockrell, of Roseburg, Oregon; four grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother. William grew up and received his education at Ex-

eter, where he graduated from high school. He served in the United States Navy. After their marriage, he and Loretta lived in Oregon for thirty years. He was a self-employed realtor and also owned an appliance business. After his retirement, he moved to Phoenix, Arizona, and later returned to Barry County to make his home. He was a member of the American Legion. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Ken West conducted the services. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences. **FOHN FUNERAL HOME** CASSVILLE, MO. 417-847-2141

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LAVONNE E. BLANKENSHIP

Lavonne E. Blankenship, 84, of Marionville, was born November 18, 1933, at Eagle Rock to George and Mae Garrett Majors and departed this life January 6, 2018, at the Ozarks Methodist Manor Marionville. Lavonne had been a life-long resident of the area and had work in dietary at the Ozarks Methodist Manor. Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Kenneth Blankenship; a son, Robert (Smiley) Blankenship; and a brother, James Majors. Survivors include a son, Rocky Blankenship and wife, Kelley, of Aurora; a daughter, Judy Ellingsworth and husband, Alan, of Crane; two brothers, Charles Majors, of Monett, and George Majors and wife, Treva, of

Tulsa, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Melissa Harris and husband, Bobby, Chad Blankenship and wife, Julie, Brad Blankenship and wife, Amy, and Scotty Blankenship and wife, Shelby; seven great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends. Graveside funeral services were held today, Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Burial was at Clio Cemetery under the care of Westrip Funeral Home, Crane.



DUANE E. SMITH, SR.

Duane E. Smith, Sr., age 68, of Monett, passed away Friday, January 5, 2018, at his home. He was born July 7, 1949, in Great Bend, Kansas, the son of Leroy and Ruth (Jacobson) Smith. On November 27, 1987, he was united in marriage to Sharon Ridenour, who survives. Also surviving are four sons, Kendal Smith and his wife, Carnell, of Wellington, Kansas, Duane Smith, Jr., of Franklin, Minnesota, Michael Smith and his wife, Amy, of Springfield, and Jim Smith and his wife,

Sandy, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one daughter, Marcella Faulk and her husband, Ron, of Mulberry, Kansas; one stepdaughter, Sherry Borich and her husband, Trent, of Purdy; two brothers, John Smith and his wife, Diane, of Benicia, California, and Charles Smith and his wife, Brenda, of Wichita, Kansas; grandchildren, Bailee, Peyton, Trista, Spencer, Greg, Hope, Luke, Dayton, Stacie, Vanessa, Lucas, Matthew Dylan, Ryan, Audrey, Valerie, Anthony, Kaelee, Carson and Dawson; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Daniel; and one sister Barbara. Duane received his education in Minnesota and Kansas. For several years, he was leadman at Boeing Aircraft in Wichita. From 1989 until 2001, he resided in Arizona where he managed an R.V. park. He then moved to Missouri and worked for Wells Aluminum in Monett. His favorite pastime was fishing. No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences. **FOHN FUNERAL HOME** CASSVILLE, MO. 417-847-2141

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MARJORIE ANN RYDER

Marjorie Ann Ryder, age 85, passed away on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at her residence in Cassville.

Mrs. Ryder, the daughter of Oliver and Mabel (Lane) Young, was born on August 31, 1932, in her parents' home northwest of Purdy. Marjorie started to school at the Talbert one-room rural school before the school's students were transferred to the Purdy School District. She then graduated from Purdy High School in 1950.

She was united in marriage to Robert Ryder on December 24, 1950. They settled into an apartment above the Elkins Butane company in Wheaton, later moved to a small house near Pioneer, and finally purchased a farm just south of Purdy in 1954.

Marjorie began her working career as a receptionist for Dr. Russell Powell, an optometrist, in Monett. Her duties expanded as Dr. Danny Nestleroad and Dr. J. D. Roberts were added to the practice. Following her retirement in 1994, she worked part-time in the Barry County Assessor's office for one tax season. In earlier years, Marjorie was very active in area Home Economics Extension Clubs. She was an avid, accomplished seamstress and quilter. She and her husband, Robert, were charter members of the Barry County Museum Volunteer Program. Marjorie was a member of the Mill Street Church of Christ

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Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Robert Ryder, of Cassville; one daughter Becky Ryder, of Cassville; one son, Ronal Ryder, of Fallon, Nevada; three grandchildren, Ivette Cervantes, of Oceanside, California, Jose Aguilar, of Houston, Texas, and Cristian Luna, of Desert Springs, California; and three great-grandchildren. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Debby Brill, Bill Hutchens, Matt Akin, and Sandy Keith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Elane Hutchens and Jessilyn Akin.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, with Minister Ken West officiating. Burial will take place at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

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

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BARBARA ANN TOLBERT

Barbara Ann Tolbert, age 57, of Shell Knob, went home to be with Jesus on December 31, 2017. Mrs. Tolbert, daughter of Bill and Sue (Clark) Lee, was born on April 22, 1960, in Portales, New Mexico. On October 22, 1993, she was united in marriage to Andy Eugene Tolbert in Shell Knob. Barbara was a caregiver who had a deep abiding love for everyone who came into her life. When her health limited her, she shared that love and passion with her Facebook family where she found a support

group, the Fluoroquinolone Sanctuary, where she became a valuable member. Barbara will forever be remembered as a devoted Christian, wife, mother, grandmother, Nanny, sister and friend, and will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

Survivors include her husband, Andy Tolbert, of Shell Knob; three children, Kelly Jackson, Dale Jackson, and Kelly Tolbert; her ten grandsons, Sheridan Ponder, Julian and Kalen Ponder, Michael and Pierce Corn, Chase, Cale, Cole Jackson, Dean and Dalton Tolbert; her father, Bill Lee; and one sister; Debra Harville.

She was preceded in death by her mother, grandparents and nephew.

In honor of her memory, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made toward research of her friend's fundraiser, Carolyn's Birthday Fundraiser. Donations may be made to the link found on Facebook or entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory,

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RUTH JUNE BURLESON

Ruth June Burleson, age 94, of Washburn, passed away Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at Mercy Hospital in Cassville.

She was born June 30, 1923, in Doty, Washington, the daughter of Roy and Gertrude (Chappell) Weston.

On December 2, 1947, in San Antonio, Texas, she was united in marriage to Nelson Burleson, who preceded her in death on March 22, 2003. Also preceding her in death were her parents and one sister, Lois Varner.

Surviving are one son, Wes Burleson, of Washburn; one daughter, Shirley Espinosa and her husband, Ramon, of Houston, Texas; and one granddaughter, Kimberly Espinosa.

Ruth graduated from high school at Washburn. After their marriage, she and Nelson lived in San Antonio, Texas, where she was a clerk typist for Brook Army Medical Center. They returned to Washburn where she spent most of her life.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Horner Cemetery in Cassville. Chaplain Jack Betts conducted the services.

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Stroemel retires after 16 years with Mercy Hospital

When Doug Stroemel reflects on his many years at Mercy, it's not his accomplished career or long list of achievements that make him happiest. Instead, it's the stories about his col-

leagues and patients he cherishes the most. "Mercy has been such a huge part of my life," said Stroemel, who is retiring after 16 years with Mercy. "It's hard to

think of leaving the incredible physicians, nurses, managers, volunteers – really, everyone. They're a great team and I consider them my family. Moving on is truly bittersweet."

Those feelings are mutual, says Nicki Gamet, executive director of operations at Mercy hospitals in Aurora and Cassville. "Doug embodies the Mercy mission and is truly a wonderful leader, mentor and friend. We are going to miss Doug so much at Mercy, and we know the community will, too," she said.

On Friday, Dec. 22, Stroemel's impressive tenure as administrator at three Mercy hospitals comes to a close. He's retiring from Mercy Hospitals Aurora, Berryville and Cassville.

"Challenging, yet extremely rewarding," is how Stroemel sums it up. "It's been an honor to work in this health care ministry, following in the footsteps of the Sisters of Mercy, and having the privilege to help bring much-needed care to three rural communities every day."

Stroemel's journey began in Hays, Kansas, where he graduated from St. Joseph Military Academy in 1970, enrolled in pre-med at Fort Hays State University, then applied as an orderly at Hadley Regional Medical Center (now Hays Medical Center). "They ended up offering me a position as a respiratory therapist, and that on-the-job learning experience helped launch my health care career."

Stroemel graduated with his associate's degree in respiratory therapy from Wichita State University, and then returned as director of Hadley's respiratory therapy department. "I spent 22 years there," Stroemel said proudly. "I was also honored to help establish a flight program with nearby Wesley Medical Center, serving more than seven years as a flight paramedic. It was an incredible experience."

Following a three-year



Stroemel

break from health care, during which he and his wife, Norma, owned and operated their own business, Stroemel had his first connection with Mercy Hospital Cassville in 1996. "I served as the supervisor of respiratory therapy only a short time until a family tragedy re-routed my wife and I to Kansas to be near our daughter," Stroemel recalled.

From there, he became the director of cardio-pulmonary and nuclear medicine at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital in Hastings, Nebraska, where he served four years in that role.

"I realized how much I missed Mercy and the great people there, so Norma and I developed plans to move back to the Ozarks," Stroemel said.

"We have lived in Shell Knob ever since."

Stroemel returned to Mercy as manager of respiratory therapy and cardio-pulmonary rehabilitation, later attending Drury and Webster universities to further his education. He quickly took on more administrative duties not just in Cassville, but also Aurora, where he was promoted to vice president and chief operating officer in 2007. Three years later, he became administrator at both Mercy Hospital Aurora and Mercy Hospital Cassville. In 2015, he assumed the same role at Mercy Hospital Berryville.

"Health care has certainly changed a lot in the last 16 years," Stroemel reflected,

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Aurora and Cassville; Mercy is in the process of hiring for the administrator position in Berryville.

“Doug leaves behind quite a legacy,” said Jenine Vincent, vice president of regional operations for Mercy. “He’s been such a blessing to our community for the last 16 years. We will miss him dearly, but celebrate the gift of time he will receive!”

As tough as it may be for Stroemel to focus more on himself, he’s determined to enjoy the things that come with retirement, such as travel, home remodeling, lake time

and, most importantly, people. “We have four grandchildren and a great-grandchild coming in early 2018, so spending time with family tops the list,” he said.

Meanwhile, Stroemel’s best piece of advice to the next generation of leadership happens to be the words of Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy. “Only the best for those entrusted to our care,” Stroemel quoted. “It’s a reminder that, even though it can be easy to get wrapped up in other things, it’s so important to focus on the needs of our patients.”



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60093794- Well-built, immaculate, all brick 3-bedroom 3 bath home. Formal living and dining rooms, a family room with a gas fireplace, and a kitchen with lots of cabinets and built-ins and then some.

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60096615- 3Br 2 Ba home is built from top to bottom ICF concrete walls 12”thick. Full unfinished basement. Main level is complete/ lots of extra amenities, granite counter tops, trayed ceilings,/ indirect lighting. Two sided electric fireplace. Cherry cabinets/stainless appliances. Master Br has own balcony/ sitting room. Master Ba is one of a kind. Must see home

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BUDGET from FRONT

mal. His requested budget is \$17,000, up from 2017’s \$12,940.

The final increase in budget is tied to elections. This year, the county will have three elections: April, August and November. The elections budget is \$69,580. In 2017, the budget was \$54,723. Office supplies are also requested higher for the elections. Office supplies in 2017 was approved for \$71,300, and requested this year is \$103,875.

The final budget will not be approved by the Barry County Commission until Monday, January 22.

Youngblood said, “These numbers are just the requests. We’ll

cut it down to be more reasonable by the time we have the budget meeting.”

The budget hearing is slated for 10 a.m. at the

Barry County Courthouse in the Commissioners’ chambers on January 22.

2018 Barry County Budget Information				
	2017 Actual	2017 Approved	2018 Request	2018 Approved
County Departments				
County Commission	260,696.00	239,470.00	264,370.00	0.00
County Clerk	69,456.00	70,000.00	61,173.00	0.00
Elections	52,943.00	54,723.00	69,580.00	0.00
Building & Grounds	210,160.00	212,678.44	215,813.00	0.00
Employee Benefits	563,343.00	605,475.00	604,945.00	0.00
Treasurer	47,047.00	47,230.00	46,675.00	0.00
Collector	114,205.00	116,407.00	123,222.43	0.00
Recorder	47,168.00	47,368.00	51,979.44	0.00
Circuit Clerk	22,965.00	31,300.00	17,600.00	0.00
Circuit Court Admin.	7,121.00	7,622.00	7,621.00	0.00
Capital Projects	72,551.00	280,000.00	280,000.00	0.00
Total	1467655	1712273.44	1742978.87	0
Other General County Government				
Insurance(prop/liab.bonds)	115,698.00	110,000.00	120,000.00	0.00
Publications	8,656.00	8,500.00	9,000.00	0.00
Rents and Leases	31,574.00	40,000.00	32,500.00	0.00
Monett TIF	67,802.00	60,000.00	67,000.00	0.00
County's Match SWDTF	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	32,238.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00
Surveyor	801.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
University Extension	37,883.00	40,165.00	41,260.00	0.00
Public Administrator	21,504.00	20,739.00	36,906.80	0.00
Office Supplies	52,986.00	71,300.00	103,875.00	0.00
Total	369,142.00	419,204.00	475,041.80	0.00
Public Safety				
Sheriff	874,067.00	794,448.76	892,184.06	0.00
Jail	504,051.00	470,405.51	596,281.71	0.00
Prosecuting Attorney	393,087.00	416,345.00	422,843.00	0.00
Juvenile Office	114,015.00	123,522.00	129,302.00	0.00
Coroner	31,745.00	31,600.00	33,500.00	0.00
Emergency Management	12,091.00	12,940.00	17,000.00	0.00
Total	1929056	1849261.27	2091110.77	0.00
Total all Departments	3,765,853	3980738.71	4309131.44	0.00
Emergency Fund	603,167	600,000.00	600,000	
Total Budget	4,369,020	4580738.71	4909131.44	0.00

Pictured above is the requested budget by each of the Barry County offices for the year 2018. The numbers are compared to the actual budget in 2017 and the amount approved for each department in the 2017 budget.

Cassville man allegedly threatens son with shotgun

Charlea Estes-Jones

A Cassville man was arrested for allegedly threatening his son with a shotgun last week. According to the affidavits of probable cause, Thomas Ray Hill, 48, of Cassville, got into a physical assault with his son while his son was cooking dinner at an apartment on Old Exeter Road. The incident escalated and Hill allegedly threatened his son with a shotgun.

The officer’s report states that Hill was upset because the victim was getting dinner and jumped on him and attempted to choke him. The victim then shoved Hill to the ground and hit him several times in self-defense.

The victim then said he went to the bedroom to get his shoes to leave, and Hill followed him with a 12 gauge shotgun. Hill swung the butt of the gun at the victim, who grabbed the gun and threw it and Hill to the floor. The victim struck Hill until he was able to get out of the apartment and able to call law enforcement.

When officers made contact with Hill, they found him under the influence. Hill told officers he did not have any guns, despite officers finding several in his residence. Officers saw blood on the shotgun.

Hill is charged with domestic assault in the first degree and unlawful use of a weapon - intoxicated and loaded. He is currently being held in the Barry County Jail in lieu of a \$30,000 bond.



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The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on the following date:

- Monday, January 15, 2018, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.
- The only 100 percent survivable traffic crash is the one that never happens. Make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly restrained in a seat belt or child restraint. Every day as we travel on Missouri's roadways, we trust that every driver on the road is going to obey the speed limit, pay attention, and drive sober. "Don't Violate The Trust."

Special Chinese Lunch at the Central Crossing Senior Center

Alex Cobb will be cooking a special Chinese lunch at the Central Crossing Senior Center on Tuesday, January 16, starting at 11:15 am.

Upon graduating from college in 1994, Alex and his wife, Jill, moved abroad to Taiwan and lived there for two years. During that time, they both fell in love with Chinese culture and Chinese food. Returning to the States in 1996, Alex spent the next six years in Chicago continuing to work in a Chinese environment. Alex began experimenting with Chinese cooking at this time to create dishes that reminded him of Taiwan that he could not find in the US. He has spent the past 20 years perfecting various recipes while continuing to experiment with new ones. He has catered a variety of functions: graduation dinners, Christmas meals, fundraisers, etc. He loves providing hospitality and wonderful culinary experiences to all he meets. Currently, Alex is the chief human resources officer for Senior Age of Missouri.

The menu will consist of slow-roasted mandarin pork, stir-fried chicken and peppers, bok choy and vegetable fried rice. An additional entree will be available for those who don't care for Chinese. Join the fun and have a great meal at the Central Crossing Senior Center at 20801 Y15 in Shell Knob.

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No charges filed in Monett officer-involved shooting

Charlea Estes-Jones

The Monett Police Department officer who shot a man on September 8, 2017, has been cleared. Barry County Prosecuting Attorney Amy Boxx, upon reading the results of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Division of Drug and Crime Control investigation, is not pressing charges against the officer.

According to a press release by the Monett Police

Department, officer Royster was responding to what was initially a medical call at a residence at 407 North Central Avenue around 5 p.m. The suspect, Michael J. Culhane, then made the statement to "have guns ready," so medical personnel had an area staged before Royster, the first officer on scene, entered to secure the area.

When Officer Royster entered the residence, he

asked Culhane if he had any weapons on him. Culhane responded what business was it of his before standing up, cutting his own throat and then lunging at Officer Royster with the knife. Royster fired three center rounds at Culhane to prevent death or serious injury to himself, according to the press release.

Culhane threw the knife at Royster, causing a minor cut to his arm. Medical

personnel was summoned by Royster following the shooting. Medical assistance was on scene within two minutes and transported Culhane in an ambulance to a landing zone for a medical helicopter. Culhane was pronounced dead while being transported by helicopter for his injuries.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's investigation, a witness at the scene made statements that were inconsistent with their findings. Prosecuting Attorney Boxx released information that she considered the case closed and no charges were to be filed.

Shell Knob man jailed for alleged \$100K excavator theft

Isaac Estes-Jones

A Shell Knob man is in the Stone County Jail after being charged with stealing an excavator.

According to affidavits of probable cause, Jack Willman Jr., age 51, was found with a CAT excavator reported stolen out of Fayetteville, Ark. Detective Frisbie with the Stone County Sheriff's Office was contacted to assist Fayetteville police in locating the excavator. GPS reportedly led the authorities to Will-

man's property on the Stone County side of Shell Knob. A VIN check confirmed the CAT brand excavator as stolen. Fayetteville police state that the excavator is valued at over \$100,000.

Willman allegedly told Detective Frisbie that someone dropped the excavator off for him to work on, but

would not tell who it was. Willman allegedly told several stories, but they did not match.

Willman was booked into the Stone County Jail on Friday, January 5. He is held on \$25,000 cash-only bond for the Class D felony of Stealing \$25,000 or more.

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The program consists of five major components: digital photographs, digital fingerprints, vital child information and emergency contacts, a dental bite impression and two laminated ID cards. The photographs, fingerprints and child data are burned onto a mini CD that is compatible with the Amber Alert system already in place. The dental impression provides a vital diagram of the child's biting surface which, like fingerprints, is unique to each individual and further supplies enough saliva to provide a DNA sample.

Once the child is processed through the program, which generally takes only 15 minutes, the parent is armed with a single pre-printed envelope that instructs authorities in the event of an emergency.

On the day of the MoCHIP event, parents are urged to gather pertinent information, such as the child's doctor, dentist and emergency contacts with phone numbers, allergies, medication and parents' work, cell and assorted phone numbers.

Information collection forms and permission slips can be printed at the MoCHIP website: www.mochip.org or filled out on the day of the event. It is recommended the forms be filled out ahead of time to expedite the event.

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there; they're solid and strong. But we feel like we can do well there with the base of southwest Missouri clients that we already have."

While Cornerstone purchased the land for their future branch, the time line for that addition to the community is not established. The bank purchased the land at a Stumpff Realty and Auction Service auction on November 4, then closed on the property on December 12. Tennant said, "We don't have a date set. We have a couple of other markets that we are expanding in right now and building in. So, we're concentrating on those."

"We have begun to work in the market and are doing a bank-without-a-building type thing there already because we've got a lot of connections. So we're already trying to do business there, but as far as building a building or getting a temporary office. We do want to do it sooner rather than later, obviously. We wanted to secure the property and know that's where we want to be in Missouri and in that location. We don't have a definitive date."

When asked why Cassville was a target area for the bank's expansion, Tennant said that the market is perfect for the focuses of Cornerstone, "Cassville has always been an agriculture community. We are a strong agriculture lending bank, as well as home lending. It was seen as a market that our brand of banking would make sense in, and it makes sense for us and for the community up there, as well."

"The reason we chose Cassville is because one, we have a solid client base in southwest Missouri. With locations in Berryville and Holiday Island, we already have clients there, and southwest Missouri has always been a target for us for our footprint. We have different markets that are ideal, specially the communities around the lake."

Tennant said that Cassville is also a smaller community, which is where Cornerstone likes to focus its branches. He explained, "We are very much and very proud of a community bank. We want to keep it that way. Our decision makers are here and our board is local people. Our bank is 106 years old this year and still owned by the same family. Our CEO is a member of that family and the chairman of the board is his father. We are very community-oriented and very family-oriented."

"So we really get active in the organizations in the community, whether it's real estate, schools, commercial. We try to be very broad based and adapt to whatever community we're in, and we've proven that with all of our locations."

As plans progress, more information will be available, but Tennant said that specific information about the Cassville location is in the future. "When we do build, we will build a structure. It will be a very nice facility. We actually pride ourselves in our facilities that we build. Right now, we're building a nearly 10,000 square feet facility in Harrison, Arkansas. We really try to make sure our facilities are something the community is proud of."

One of the rumors circulating after the announcement that Cornerstone Bank would be making its home in Cassville was regarding how much land is in the tract that the bank purchased and whether there will be more development there. Tennant said there isn't a plan to add retail spaces or a strip mall at this point, but they are not eliminating that as a possibility, either.

He said, "We have not decided on that yet. There is room for that type of thing, but we don't have a definite. We did that in Harrison and it was in our plans to have a retail center because we have room for it. But we haven't made that decision for Cassville yet."

Cassville, once built, will be the seventh branch for Corner Stone Bank and the first in Missouri. Based in Eureka Springs, there are two locations in Eureka Springs as well as locations in Harrison, Huntsville, Green Forrest, Berryville and Holiday Island.



Cornerstone Bank president Jason Tennant is pictured above at the closing of the bank's new Cassville property on December 12 with auctioneer Donnie Stumpff and his wife, Teresa.



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Lady Wildcats tame McDonald County, 40-37

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Lady Wildcats ran their season record to 9-2 on Monday night, edging the McDonald County Lady Mustangs 40-37 in a Big 8 matchup at Cassville. Madi Stokes led all scorers with 14 points.

The new bleachers held large fan sections for both teams, despite the Georgia-Alabama championship game on ESPN. Cell phones lit up periodically as Georgia scored three times in the first half. The basketball game became a defensive struggle early on, and struggled to keep pace points-wise with the football game in Atlanta.

Mac's Sam Frazier opened the scoring with a long trey, and the Lady Mustangs blitzed to an 8-2 lead. Cassville was tight at the outset, turning the ball over three

times in three minutes. Harassed in the paint, Stokes missed her first two shots.

But Ashlynn Howe hit a pair of corner threes to bookend a 10-3 Cassville run that saw the Ladycats take a 12-11 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Ragan Wilson gave Mac a brief lead with her half-court steal and subsequent layup, but Stokes kissed a 2-footer off the glass as Cassville regained the lead at 14-13 with 7:23 on the clock. Over 5 minutes would drain off the clock before the scoreboard changed again. Hallie Long's free throw tosses created a 16-13 score, but Rita Santillan hit a twisting, running jumper in the lane at the buzzer to pull the Lady Mustangs back within a point, 16-15.

Kristin Penn, half a foot

shorter than Stokes, continued to challenge Cassville in the paint in the second half. Her short jumper put McDonald County in front to start the third period, but an Audra Brooks free throw and a spinning bank by Stokes gave Cassville the lead for good. Stokes blocked a pair of layup attempts and owned the boards, as the Lady Wildcats scored the final 6 points of the quarter to take a 29-21 lead at the final break.

Things got interesting in the fourth quarter. The Cassville girls couldn't seem to decide if they wanted to score or run clock, and too many times they did neither. A Madry McCrackin bucket created an 8-point lead at 33-25 with 5:24 to play. The Lady Mustangs cut that lead to 5 on several occasions but could never get closer.

Frazier did hit a long trey as the buzzer sounded, and the 40-37 final score looked closer than the game actually played out.

Cassville scorers: Madi Stokes, 14; Madry McCrackin, 10; Ashlynn Howe, 8; Audra Brooks, 4; Hallie Long, 2; Alondra Miller, 2.


McDonald County scorers: Kristin Penn, 12; Meagan Mills, 9; Sam Frazier, 8; Rita Santillan, 4; Ragan Wilson, 4.

The Lady Cats traveled to Purdy last Friday night for a back and forth battle against the Lady Eagles.

The Lady Cats were able to hold strong against Layne Skiles and company with a 47-37 road victory.



Purdy senior Hallie Hendersen as she drives the lane against Cassville during Friday night's match-up. Cassville defeated Purdy 47-37.



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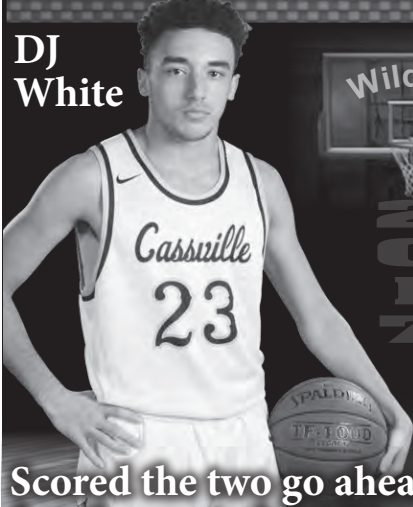
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Rocky Comfort man injured in Highway W crash

Charlea Estes-Jones

A Rocky Comfort man was injured after a single-vehicle crash on Highway W near Farm Road 1040. The driver, Samuel A. Mahurin, 25, sustained moderate injuries when he crashed into a ditch.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, Mahurin was driving eastbound on Highway W near Farm Road 1040 on Friday, January 5, around 6:34 a.m.

Mahurin was driving a 1998 Saturn Ion and ran off the right side of the roadway and struck a ditch.

Mahurin was transported to Mercy Hospital in Cassville by a private vehicle for moderate injuries. He was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

The Saturn Ion was totalled and towed from the scene by Brice's Towing, of Cassville.

Cassville students collect food donations for spirit week



During the first week of December, Cassville Intermediate students hosted a canned food drive in conjunction with their annual Christmas Spirit Week. All students were encouraged to show their holiday spirit by wearing Christmas headgear, participating in spirit week and bringing in a non-perishable food item.

All items collected were donated to the Cassville Community Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church.

Pictured above, from left to right, in the front row: Jadon Castleberry, Jadyne Stewart, Wyatt Bohanan, Alexis Lopez and Stephanie Hernandez. Back row: Vanessa Alexander, Kaden Wilson, Kaylee Lowe, Peyton Alsobrooks, Avery Stokes and Tristan Thompson.

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