

Library opts to hold off on asking voters for tax increase

Charlea Estes-Jones

After much deliberation, the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library board has put a proposed ballot initiative asking for additional funding from voters on hold.

Gina Milburn, director of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library, said the board is opting to hold off on a decision regarding asking for a property tax levy until there is an exploratory survey asking voters what they would be willing to support.

She said, "One of the things we are wanting to do is a survey to gauge public response. In the survey, we want to see if people indicate that they would be willing to support a property tax increase or a sales tax."

Milburn added that there is the possibility that, instead of a property sales tax levy increase, which is what voters struck down in April 2016, it might be possible for the board to put a sales tax initiative on the ballot instead. Milburn said, "There is a state statute that allows about nine different libraries to collect sales tax. I've been in conversations with our local state senator and representatives to see if they would be willing to help us get on that statute. Either way we go, with a sales tax or property tax increase, it still goes to the voters to decide. Just because we get added to the sales tax statute doesn't mean anything if voters don't support it."

"We think it's possible that people would be more supportive of tax that everyone pays into instead of just what property owners would support."

In lieu of hiring a company to administer surveys regarding how voters feel about different options for additional library funding, the board decided to do the study in house. Milburn said, "I think it'll be predominantly online. We're in the early planning stages of that. My marketing director has been designing an online survey to walk through it to make sure it's working their way we want it to. That's what I asked the board, to allow us to move forward on that."

She added there will also be a phone survey. The decision to work on the survey with existing staff was primarily a financial decision. She said, "If we are already closing a branch and talking about money being tight, we don't want to expend somewhere between \$8,000 and \$12,000 for a survey."

"Much of the information we are providing them anyway. The one thing about hiring a company is you hire their expertise in looking at the information overall. We are such a small system, we thought this was something we could do."

Whatever the survey results indicate, Milburn said the board is hoping to increase funding to prevent any additional closures of branches. The Purdy Library Branch will be closed indefinitely, effective March 1. Milburn said the possibility of branches closing won't happen until after the budget is evaluated.

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Newly elected county officials sworn in

Charlea Estes-Jones

The newly elected public officeholders in Barry County were sworn in to their respective positions the last week of December. On December 28, six incumbents were sworn in for a new term, and three new office holders took their inaugural oaths of office.

Outgoing county clerk Gary Youngblood swore in the incumbents before taking his oath of office for his new position of presiding commissioner of Barry County. Youngblood swore in prosecuting attorney Amy Boxx, circuit clerk Craig Williams, judge Bob Foulke, judge Johnnie Cox and treasurer Lois Lowe in the county commissioners' chambers.

Following the incumbents, Youngblood swore in first time elected officials incoming county clerk Jill LeCompte and Barry County's first recorder of deeds Danielle Still. Prior to Still's election, the position of recorder of deeds was a position combined with the circuit clerk.



Pictured above, newly elected county clerk Jill LeCompte (left) shakes new Barry County presiding commissioner Gary Youngblood's hand during the swearing in ceremony on Friday, December 28. LeCompte took her first oath of office for county clerk after Youngblood served in that position for six terms.

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LeCompte then swore Gary Youngblood into the presiding commissioner position as well as Janice Varner into her fourth term as county collector.

LeCompte was elected

after running unopposed in both the primary and general elections of 2018. She is replacing Youngblood, who opted to run for presiding commissioner instead of seeking reelection as county clerk. Youngblood

replaces former commissioner Cherry Warren after winning the primary race against Warren and John Hendricks. Youngblood was county clerk for six terms prior to November's general election.

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City of Seligman awarded \$50K sewer study grant

Vinnie Roberts

The City of Seligman was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources. The grant is for the purpose of making repairs to the sewer system and ensuring the city's compliance with the department's standards.

The grant is part of an 80/20 agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and the City of Seligman, wherein the city paid \$12,500, bringing the total dollar amount of the project to \$62,500.

"Our purpose was to connect the dots and build a map of our system," said Brian Nichols, Seligman City Clerk. "We have a permit with the Department of Natural Resources, but it was filed in the 80s. The permit needed to be changed to represent what we actually have in our sewers."

Nichols went on to explain that compliance with the DNR was crucial to the future development of the City's sewer lines.

"The only way we can seek funding for future projects is to have that study complete," said Nichols.

Nichols pursued the grant after Seligman's City Council approved it in May 2017. A similar study was conducted of the water system in 2016.

Essentially, DNR was re-

quiring changes to the water and sewer systems that were indicated by old mapping of both systems. With DNR's overestimation of the city's needs in a sewer system, it would be a higher financial burden on the city to make improvements that are not warranted by use.

The study included smoke testing, a process in which smoke and air are blown through a sewer access point, most often a manhole. The smoke then travels through the line and exits through the path of least resistance. This helps to identify any leaks or inflow problems that the sewer system may have.

According to Nichols, the lines themselves had very little wrong with them. The leading concern that came from the study was the state of the city's manhole covers.

"The problems with the manhole covers range from debris lodged in them to the tops leaking" said Nichols. "All the manholes are made from two slabs of pre-cast concrete with a rubber gas-

ket in the middle. The seals have come loose on some of them, which is letting water in."

The process of correcting the issues with the covers will cost the city an estimated \$26,000. The city is currently looking into the best method of repair for the covers.

"We've been attempting to make contact with local contractors, but we've not had any success," said Nichols. "We can do the work in-house, but it would be more feasible to have an outside party do it so we wouldn't have to take our people off of what they're currently working on."

A rate study was also conducted on the city's water system. The study concluded that the current sewer rates were enough to sustain the system, but a city-wide increase of \$5 would be able to generate \$10,000 of additional revenue for the city. Currently, there are no plans to increase the sewer rates within the city.

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Cassville’s new IDA expected to improve economic development

Vinnie Roberts

The City of Cassville is at an economic turning point. New business, from Hibbett Sports opening in recent years to expansion of local businesses like At The River, has been slowly making its way into the county seat for several years now, prompting a healthy stream of economic development across the city. This sparks conversations on how the city to continue to encourage growth economically.

Steve Walensky, Cassville’s City Administrator, has been working with members of the community to establish an entity devoted to the growth of the town. The Industrial Development Authority (IDA) has come out of this effort.

“The IDA is a critical tool for growth and develop-

ment,” said Walensky. “Our goals are to retain existing business and help in any way we can with organic growth so that our existing companies here can see that the city and the IDA are a tool to help them grow their business. We also want to be prepared to be a potential source for new business.”

The proposed IDA, currently still awaiting final approval from City Council, is an entity that would act as a liaison between the Council and the owners and operators of local businesses. The goal of the department would be to ensure the City’s ability to meet the needs of its businesses and create a bridge through which the two can have a more mutually beneficial relationship.

“This started when the school and the Chamber of

Commerce had a meeting with various folks in town, as well as city staff, to talk about economic development for the city as a whole,” said Walensky. “We had an economic development position in years past but, after the state of the real estate market from 2007 to 2009, there were problems created for economic development. So, we abandoned it.”

In order to structure the new entity, Walensky enlisted the services of Ron Reed, a retired economic development professional who had a previous tenure in Houston, Missouri.

“We had a been in touch with Ron about his success in Houston as an economic development professional and that role he played,” said Walensky. “He had great success for several years bringing economic stimulus to his community. We thought we had a great opportunity in talking to him.”

Walensky stated that Reed came in to the project in August of last year after he met with Walensky and several others for dinner to discuss formulating a play book for putting together an IDA.

“One thing led to another and he was not only willing to help us but, also come on board as a consultant in an advisement role two days a week to help develop an

economic development position,” stated Walensky.

“The reason the IDA was needed in the state of Missouri is that there was not a way for small rural towns to address development opportunities or to assist an industry,” stated Reed. “What an IDA does in your city is give legitimacy to any financial request.”

Reed then explained that an IDA can borrow money in order to aid or grow local businesses but, it cannot encumber the city in any way. Meaning that while an IDA is allowed to operate independently of the City Council, it must operate within its own financial limitations as well.

“Anything they can do has to be collateralized just like if you or I went to the bank to ask for money,” said Reed.

The department would also, like many other government entities, be audited yearly and regulated to ensure financial and ethical honesty within the department.

“Even though they stand alone, they cannot make any moves without city approval,” stated Reed.

Walensky also stated that Reed’s experience on the project was invaluable with to moving forward with the IDA.

“After Ron came on

board to help us formulate this, we learned a little bit about some of the tools you have to have in your tool box to be successful,” said Walensky. “One of them was to form an IDA.”

From there, Reed worked with Walensky and other members of City staff to draw up a plan for what the IDA would look like. Walensky then took the plan to City Council, where the council then approved them to move forward with the project.

A main goal in Reed’s outline was the hiring of a full-time Economic Director for the town. This position would oversee the IDA and help them to communicate with City Hall and local businesses. After some deliberation, it was determined that Isaac Petersen, a former Iowa resident, would be the ideal choice for the job.

Petersen was first enlisted in the United States Air Force before attending the University of Iowa, where he graduated with a Master’s Degree in Business administration. Petersen has a wide background in the corporate sector, having managed companies ranging from \$50,000 to \$500 million.

“I’m excited,” said Petersen. “I think the role is an opportunity to something good for a community.”

Walensky also stated

that the city is currently doing all it can to work closely with other groups within the community to promote growth and development.

“We have relationships with other areas of the community that are vital to the success of this,” said Walensky. “We’ve got our Chamber of Commerce, for example. We’ve been meeting with them frequently.

We’ve also been working closely with the high school. That’s very critical because they are willing and wanting to find out what programs that they can introduce or strengthen so that when we bring people through the educational platforms, we know how to use that as a source for those people to stay right here in Cassville, have a successful career and make good money.”

“The school has taken a very active role in trying to be much more aggressive in their training and trying to be more in-tune with their industries and what those industries’ specific needs are,” said Reed.

The Cassville Industrial Development authority will be presented to City Council for final approval on Monday, January 14, after which, the city will move forward with appointing members to the IDA board.

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2018 Year in Review, part 2

As 2018 ends, the Barry County Advertiser staff hopes you, your friends and family have a prosperous new year in 2019. Here is a look at some of the top news items of 2018.

April
 Wade Hermansen and Steven Henbest were elected to the Cassville R-IV School Board of Education.
 Central Crossing Fire District voters approved a property tax levy that will enable the department to have 24 hour staffing.
 Protestors gathered in Eagle Rock to demand justice for three dogs shot near the lake.
 Cassville High School's girls' soccer team won their inaugural match against Monett.
 Congressman Billy Long visited Cassville Schools to attend a ribbon cutting for the reopening of the Intermediate School after extensive repairs.
 Jeff Parsons was named to the Security Bank Board of Directors.
 Bayleigh Schad, of Purdy Schools, was selected to attend a D.C. Journalism Conference.
 The Barry County E9-1-1 Center celebrated its ten year anniversary with an open house.
 The Barry County Sheriff's Department retired the late Master Sergeant Carl Cosper, Jr.'s badge number in a ceremony.
 Habitat for Humanity released information that it would be building homes in Seligman eventually.
 Jerry Marple was sworn in for a new term on the Cassville City Council.
 Exeter seniors Trevor Nelson and Jozee Sorensen were named prom king and queen.
 Former Cassville music teacher Dr. Russell Robinson handed out the first annual \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating senior going into music education to Emily Sink.
 A Purdy man was arrested for allegedly burning down his own home.
 The OACAC VOICE program was presented at Purdy Schools to give elementary-aged children a look at different career avenues.
 A dementia support group provided area caregivers with help in techniques to care of loved ones with memory problems.

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Parents welcome Barry County's first baby of 2019



Barry County's first baby of 2019 is pictured above with his family. Mississippi Wade was born at 4:22 p.m. on January 3. He joins parents Matt and Paige Farris and big sister Emersyn, 3.

Barry County's first baby of 2019 arrived on Jan. 3 to claim the official title of New Year's baby. Matt and Paige Farris, of Cassville, welcomed baby Mississippi Wade into the world at 4:22 p.m. at Cox Monett.
 At birth, the baby weighed in at a healthy 7 pounds and 4 ounces and measured 21.5 inches long.
 Mississippi Wade's mom said, "This is the second baby I have had at Cox Monett. The nursing staff makes me feel like I'm the most important person in

the room; it's always just a great experience."
 Little Mississippi Wade will be welcomed home by his three-year-old big sister, Emersyn.
 Dr. Ronda Azelton, Family Practice and Obstetrics of Monett, delivered the first baby of 2019.
 The second-time parents said they will call the baby by his middle name "Wade"

to honor a friend. They said Mississippi was chosen as the first name because his father loves John Wayne movies.
 Cox Monett presented a gift basket to the Farris family in honor of their new baby. It included plush toys, a rattle, blankets, diapers, onesies, a book and a congratulatory card from Cox Monett administration.

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January 10th
The Habitat ReStore will be offering 50% off. Exclusions are paint and bundled wood.

January 11th
A Dinner and Dance will be hosted at the Stella Senior Center. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a Pot Luck supper. The dance will begin at 7 p.m. with music by The Timberline Country Band. There is a cover charge of \$4 to dance. Guests may bring a dish to share. Call (417) 628-3314 for more information.

January 12th
A Fund Raiser Breakfast will be held at the Eagle Rock Fire Station from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
McDowell Gold Jubilee features free stage performances open to the public and open jams for acoustic music. Show starts at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. All proceeds go to support the Jubilee and the Historic McDowell School House Foundations.
Chatty Crafters will meet at the Mane Station in Cassville at 10 a.m. There is no charge. Please call (417) 498-2202 for more information.

Schoolhouse Rock! will be presented by Purdy High School Music Department at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and students and may be purchased at the Superintendent's office.

January 13th
Schoolhouse Rock! will be presented by Purdy High School Music Department at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and students and may be purchased at the Superintendent's office.

January 14th
A Free Breakfast will be served at the Cassville senior Center from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

January 15th
The Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District N will hold its monthly Executive Board meeting at 11:50 a.m. This meeting is open to the public and will be held at Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett.

January 16th
The Shell Knob Strings will perform at the Cassville Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Wii Bowling is scheduled for 12:45 p.m. at Central Crossing Senior Center. All ages are welcome.

January 19th
Cassville Area Chamber Banquet will be held at the Cassville High School and begin at 6 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Governor Mike Parson. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office or through the Chamber's website with PayPal.
Roaring River State Park will Host Bald Eagle Viewing and related activities beginning at 3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Attendees are advised to dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. For more information, call (417) 847-3742 or (417) 847-2539.

Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction for Adam Herd will be held at First United Methodist Church, Family Life Center, 1600 N. Central Ave., Monett, beginning at 5 p.m. The menu will include: chili, white chili, jambalaya, ham beans, mostaccoili, soups, corn bread, desserts and more. The benefit is to raise funds to help pay for cancer treatments and surgery.

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Washburn First Baptist Church Clothes Closet/Free Store will be open Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Southwest: Mon: B: scrambled eggs, mini cinnis, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: chicken strips, coleslaw, baked beans, peach cups or salad/fruit bar. Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, sausage links, fresh fruit, grape jelly or cereal, juice. L: BBQ chicken, meatballs, green beans, macaroni & cheese, strawberry cup or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: breakfast sausage pizza, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: ham & cheese slider, baby carrots, potato chips, apple slices with caramel or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: pancake on a stick, mandarin oranges or cereal, juice. L: salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, pineapple or salad/fruit bar. Fri: B: hot ham & hashbrown sandwich, apple slices or cereal, juice. L: chicken sandwich, leaf lettuce, dill pickles, mandarin oranges, Sun Chips or salad/fruit bar.

Cassville Prim.-Int.-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, blueberry muffin, fruit cocktail. L: beef burrito or chicken quesadilla, nachos, refried beans, pears. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, pears or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, peaches. L: spaghetti or popcorn chicken, salad, broccoli & cheese, bread stick, peaches. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, Go-Gurt, pears. L: turkey sandwich or BBQ rib sandwich, sour cream chips, baked beans, juice. Thurs: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop-Tart, apple. L: pepperoni pizza, chicken alfredo, salad, green beans, bread stick, fruit cocktail. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, applesauce or cereal, graham crackers, pears. L: chili or chili cheese fries, string cheese, corn, juice.

Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, caramel cup, apple slices or cereal, granola bar, pineapple. L: chicken strips, mac & cheese, green beans, yogurt, peaches or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, Go-gurt, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: general chicken, rice, carrots, egg roll, pineapple chunks or pizza meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, blueberry muffin, grapes. L: pizza wedge, corn, salad, pears or popcorn chicken meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, tropical fruit or cereal, banana muffin, pears. L: spaghetti, salad, carrots, breadsticks, juice or pizza or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or cherry frudel, yogurt cup, tropical fruit or cereal, Go-Gurt, orange. L: cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, Sun Chips, corn, mandarin oranges or baked potato bar or salad meal.

Purdy: Mon: B: oatmeal, ww toast, cereal, fruit. L: spaghetti, meat sauce, ww breadstick, corn, fruit. Tues: B: french toast sticks, syrup, cereal, yogurt, fresh fruit. L: chicken fingers, french fries, green beans, fruit. Wed: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: pepperoni pizza, salad, tomato, ranch dressing, mixed veggies, fruit. Thurs: B: breakfast wrap, wg toast, cereal, strawberry cup. L: shrimp poppers, brown rice, baked beans, fruit. Fri: B: breakfast pizza, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: hamburger on ww bun, Sun Chips, baby carrots, fresh fruit.

Exeter: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy, sausage link, fruit, juice or cereal, biscuit, fruit, juice. L: chicken patty, mashed potatoes, winter mix, fruit. Tues: B: breakfast burrito, apple, juice or cereal, graham crackers, apple, juice. L: beef stew, green beans, corn bread, fruit. Wed: B: eggstravaganza, toast, orange, juice or cereal, graham crackers, orange juice. L: cheese pizza, salad, carrots, fruit. Thurs: B: waffles, fruit, juice or cereal, toast, fruit, juice. L: cashew chicken, brown rice, oriental veggies, fortune cookie, fruit. Fri: B: muffin, yogurt, banana, juice or cereal, Vertical Bar, banana, juice. L: BBQ rib patty, bun, tator tots, baked beans, Sidekick.



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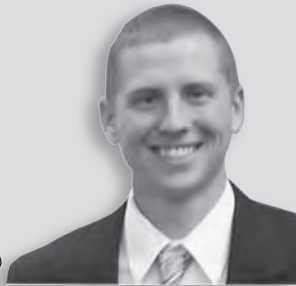
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DORIS M. PACI
Doris M. Paci, age 91, of Cassville, passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at Peachwood Manor in Cassville. Mrs. Paci, daughter of Victor and Edna (Bausman) Humbert, was born on June 19, 1927, in Gunton Manitoba, Canada. In December of 1946, she was united in marriage to Albert Paci; he preceded her in death in 1997. Mrs. Paci loved to cook, enjoyed traveling and reading. She was a member of the St. Edward Catholic Church in Cassville.

Survivors include her son, Brian Paci, of Jefferson, Maine; her daughter, Gail Cunningham, of Vashon, Washington; three grandsons; one granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

A private family burial will be held in Winnipeg, Canada, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Edward Catholic Church and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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

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IVA MAE MONTGOMERY
Iva Mae Montgomery, age 89, of Exeter, passed away Tuesday, January 1, 2019, at Freeman Hospital in Neosho.

She was born April 16, 1929, in Newton County, the daughter of William Luther

OBITUARIES

and Mattie (Fortner) Haynes. In 1948, she was united in marriage to Willie Collings, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were her parents, five brothers and two sisters.

In 1976, she married Robert Clayton Montgomery, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Gail Robbins and her husband, Gary, of Wheaton; two grandchildren, John Robbins and his wife, Kecia, and Heidi Valentine and her husband, Tim; and ten great-grandchildren.

Iva Mae received her education in Oklahoma. She returned to Southwest Missouri where she and Clayton owned and operated a cattle farm. She attended First Baptist Church in Exeter.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 4, 2019, at First Baptist Church in Exeter under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Jerry Yarnall conducted the services. Burial was at Rocky Comfort Cemetery in Rocky Comfort. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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RALPH EUGENE CLENIN
Ralph Eugene Clenin, age 93, of Harrisonville, passed away Sunday, January 6, 2019, at Crown Care Center of Harrisonville.

He was born on November 4, 1925, in Cali-

fornia, Missouri, the son of John Jake and Mae (Wood) Clenin. On April 12, 1958, he was united in marriage to Rosella Echals, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Earl Clenin; and one sister, Velma Roedel.

Surviving are two sons, Gary Clenin, of Montana, and Erwin Clenin, of Garfield, Arkansas; one daughter, Sandra Kay Walker, of Harrisonville; and several grandchildren.

Ralph retired as a mill machine operator in the Kansas City area before moving to Barry County thirty years ago and making his home.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at New Salem Cemetery in Seligman under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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MICHAEL STEVEN ROSTEN
Michael Steven Rosten, age 70, of Golden, passed away Tuesday, January 1, 2019, at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He was born September 9, 1948, in Canby, Minnesota, the son of Aaron W. Lucas and Velma L. Arndt. On April 8, 2006, he was united in marriage to Carolyn Mor-

lan, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Janice Gravener, of Seneca, Texas; one brother, Randy Rosten, of Palm Springs, California; and four grandchildren, Tyler Davis, Brian Gravener, Johnathan Davis and Jacob Gravener.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Michael graduated high school in San Bernardino, California. On October 6, 1967, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp., serving until June 24, 1971. While in the United States Marine Corp., he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. After his time in the military, he traveled the United States, working as a building supervisor in the construction field. Three years ago, he moved to Gold-

Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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SAMUEL H. MATHIS
Samuel H. Mathis, age 90, of Seligman, passed away at Roaring River Health and Rehab in Cassville, on Friday, December 28, 2018. Mr. Mathis, son of Will and Grace (McVey) Mathis, was born on April 8, 1928, in Texarkana, Arkansas. He served his country proudly in the United States Army for four years. On September 15, 1994, he was united in marriage to Betty J. Stamps in Seligman.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Mathis, of Seligman; two daughters, Joanna Eisler and her husband, Bill, of Pony, Oklahoma, and LeEtta Lange and her husband, James, of Garfield, Arkansas; two grandchildren, Leanna Osborne and James Lange; one great-granddaughter, Ellie Osborne; and several nieces and nephews including Elizabeth Ann Eaton, of Texarkana, Arkansas, and James Robert Gray, of Ingleside, Illinois.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death several brothers and sisters.

Memorial services with full military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, with Pastor Dayton Brattin officiating.

A private burial will be held at the Fayetteville National Cemetery.

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



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The Family of
Fred Sherman

would like to express our gratitude and thanks to all who helped us through this difficult time. Your prayers, calls, cards, visits, food and flowers were appreciated.

We'd like to say an extra thank you to the Exeter Fire Department. What a great group.

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Declaration of Candidacy may be filed with the City Clerk
101 Front St., Purdy, Missouri
between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hours will be extended to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing.

No person shall be certified as a candidate for a municipal office, nor shall such person's name appear on the ballot as a candidate for such office, who shall be in arrears for any unpaid city taxes or municipal user fees on the last day to file a declaration of candidacy for the office (Section 115.346RSMo.)

BY THE ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND
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Debbie Redshaw - City Clerk, Purdy, Missouri

OBITUARIES



DAVID J. BASYE
David J. Basye, age 52, of Webb City, passed away on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Mr. Basye, son of James and Eileen (Demel) Basye, was born on September 13, 1966, in Great Bend, Kansas. He was a 1984 Cassville High School graduate where he excelled in football. Mr. Basye served his country proudly in the United States Navy. On Aug 14, 1993, he was united in marriage to Sheila Brownsberger in Montrose. Mr. Basye was employed with Dyno Nobel for twenty years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. Mr. Basye loved spending time with family and friends, and will be greatly missed. Mr. Basye was a member of the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine in Springfield, Masonic Lodge of Carthage, and V.F.W. Post #2590.

Additional survivors include one son, Alec Basye and wife, Alexis, of Webb City; two daughters, Brooke Basye, of Buffalo, Iowa, and Megan Basye, of Webb City; two grandchildren, Liam Kraklio and Kolsen Basye; two brothers, Daniel Basye and his wife, Kayla, of Jenkins, and Daryl Basye and his wife, Kari, of Inverness, Florida; one sister, Diana Walters and her husband,

Mark, of Mt. Vernon; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, with Pastor Joe Morris officiating. Burial will full military honors will follow at Corinth Cemetery, Cassville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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AUSTIN MICHAEL TOWNSEND
Austin Michael Townsend, age 23, of Purdy, passed away Saturday, January 5, 2019, at his

home where he lived with his grandparents, Alvin and Mari Jo Pryor. He was born in Aurora on December 25, 1995, the son of Tara Beck, who survives. Also surviving are his step-father, Jerry Beck, of Cassville; his grandparents, Alvin and Mari Jo Pryor, of Purdy; his step-grandparents, Jerry and Joan Beck, of Cassville; and one sister, Nicole Townsend, of Purdy. He had numerous friends, aunts and uncles. Preceding him in death were his great-grandparents, Mike and Ruth Donnini; one great-grandma, Geneva Osborn; one aunt, Mary Moore; one uncle, Gerald Donnini; and one cousin, Jerry Donnini.

Austin received his education in Cassville and loved to camp and swim. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Burial will be at Sparks Cemetery in Butterfield at a later date. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences. **FOHN FUNERAL HOME CASSVILLE, MO. 417-847-2141**



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Hutchens Construction recently presented a check for \$1,000 to Faith Full Gospel, of Aurora, for winning the Kids' Choice Award. This is the fourth year of Hutchens sponsoring this award. The company has recently informed the Chamber that they plan to continue to sponsor the Kid's Choice Award of \$1,000 indefinitely. When they first started the award, it was intended to be just for four years.

Pictured, left to right, are: Kayla Ragsdale, Hutchens Construction; Kathy Medlin, Faith Full Gospel; Kathy Allen, Faith Full Gospel; Theresa Darst, Faith Full Gospel; Wilma Branham, Faith Full Gospel; Tiffany Barnes, Hutchens Construction; Melvin Blevins, Faith Full Gospel; Chris Hudson, Faith Full Gospel; Sue Hudson, Faith Full Gospel; and Sabrina Blevins.

Purdy man charged with growing marijuana plants, psychedelic mushrooms

Charlea Estes-Jones
A 33 year old from Purdy was charged with drug and firearms violations after an investigation last week. According to affidavits of probable cause by the Barry County Sheriff's Department, Kenneth Clay Snider is charged with delivery of a controlled substance, manufacturing a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful use of a weapon and manufacturing of 35 grams or less of marijuana.

On January 4, deputy Kayla Strahley responded to a residence on Farm Road 1084 in Purdy for shots fired. Once on scene, officers spoke with the home owner, who gave permission for them to enter.

Officers discovered that Snider shot a .22 caliber pistol approximately six times outside of his father's residence. Snider had a prior felony for marijuana possession for sale from the state of California.

When officers searched the residence, they reported to have found four marijuana plants as well as eight glass containers of psychedelic mushrooms mixed with other substances. Officers also found a book about growing psychedelic mushrooms and granular gypsum for growing them.

Officers also located scales, bubble mailers, syringes and other materials with the controlled substances.

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For women, that now includes much sought after obstetrical care when expecting a baby.

“Many women currently have limited access to prenatal care and must travel long distances. We will hopefully be able to save them time and money by seeing a provider closer to home,” says Conklin, a recent graduate of the Cox Family Medicine Residency program in Springfield.

The clinic is also accepting new patients and has expanded hours, open 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. on Thursdays and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays.

Fellow Cassville clinic doctor, Brent Murphy, DO, says increased patient access is just one way the clinic can show it cares.

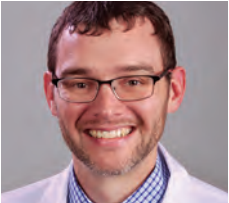
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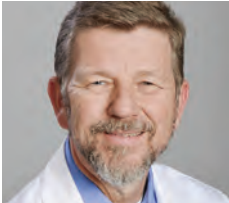
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SWEAR IN from FRONT



Danielle Still is pictured above being sworn in as the new recorder of deeds by outgoing county clerk Gary Youngblood.



The incumbent officials were sworn in by county clerk Gary Youngblood as a group during the ceremony on December 28. Pictured, from left to right: Lois Lowe, county treasurer; Johnnie Cox, judge; Amy Boxx, prosecuting attorney; Bob Foulke, judge; Craig Williams, circuit clerk; and Gary Youngblood, outgoing county clerk.

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Cox is serving his second term as associate circuit judge of division I. He ran unopposed in the primary and general elections.

ated and set in July. "That discussion won't occur until the start of our new fiscal year. Our bulk tax dollars come in during January and February. We don't set our fiscal year budget until July 1. The board said we won't discuss that until then. It could be another year to look at closing another branch. It's hard to predict what the future holds. Something is going to have to give if we don't receive more money," she said.

Moving forward, Milburn said a lot of things will just take time to determine, including the time frame for asking voters to make a choice.

She said, "We know for sure we won't in April. My understanding is if everything went according to plan and we got added to the sales tax statute, we'd still have to wait until at least November. We don't know at this point.

"If our survey of likely voters say, 'No, we won't support that,' we have to really consider if we want to extend funds to put this on the ballot if the people most likely to vote won't support it."

Local attorney Blake Fields asked for help from

Purdy High School's graduation ceremony boast-

The annual Barry County Fair was held at the Exeter Corn Maze on June 30.

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- The Monday Movie Matinee for January 14 will be Beautifully Broken, rated PG-13, and showing at 1:30 p.m. Three fathers fight to save their families in this inspiring true story of hope.
- Yoga is offered on January 14 and January 28 at 4:30 p.m. The hour-long session is \$10, cash only, and is taught by a certified instructor. Please arrive 10 minutes before class and bring your own mat.
- All branches of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library will be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
- January's adult canvas painting is titled "Snow Bird" and will be held in two sessions on Tuesday, January 22. Advance registration and a \$5 fee is required for the 12:30 p.m. and the 6 p.m. classes. Ages 18 and older are welcome. Space is limited.
- The Library LEGO Club will meet on Thursday, January 24, at 3:30 p.m. Bring a friend and come build.
- Crafting is ongoing and includes: crochet at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays and sewing at 9 a.m. and quilting at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Exeter FFA hosts first annual Angel Tree



Pictured above, Lindsey Nelson and Lane Willis work diligently to wrap and prepare gifts for Exeter FFA's first Angel Tree.

S. Riley Still

A new event was brought to the table during the Exeter FFA's 2018 Executive Retreat in late July: Angel Tree. Angel Tree is an event designed to help children within the school district grades preschool through twelfth grades who are in need during the holiday season.

The kids who were chosen were asked to write their Christmas lists out and an angel was placed on the tree anonymously with their wish list written on it. Students, teachers and helpful members of the community could easily find the Angel Tree by the high school

office where they could "adopt" an angel.

All twenty-two angels were soon adopted within just a couple days, and the shop was flooded with gifts. On the pick up day on December 17, parents were able to pull up and grab their children's wished for gifts with plenty of time left to get the already wrapped presents under the tree before Christmas.

Building Communities Committee Chair Macy Barrett remarked about the emotional day, "It made my heart happy." A huge thank you goes out to everyone involved in making the Exeter FFA's first Angel Tree such a success.

Eagle viewing set for Jan. 19

When water sources freeze in the north, bald eagles migrate south to find food and water. Join Roaring River State Park to watch for bald eagles along Roaring River at 3 p.m. Sat., Jan. 19. Watch a movie about our national symbol and participate in eagle-themed activities.

Bring your binoculars and spotting scopes to get a closer look at these magnificent birds. This event is free and open to the public. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks.

Roaring River State Park is located seven miles south of Cassville on Highway 112 in Barry County, southwest Missouri. For more information about the event, contact the Ozark Chinquapin Nature Center at (417) 847-3742 or the park office at (417) 847-2539.

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Wheaton crash results in driver injuries

Isaac Estes-Jones

A Marionville man was hurt over the weekend in a single-vehicle crash near Wheaton in Barry County. According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, Joshua L. Kenney, 24, of Marionville, was driving a 1996 Toyota Camry on a farm road east of Wheaton when the crash occurred at 10:50 p.m. on Sunday, January 6.

The report states that the Camry was heading south on Farm Road 1140 when it ran off the road, hit a mailbox and went through a fence before coming to a stop.

An online arrest report from MSHP indicates the Highway Patrol requested charges against Kenney before he was

released for treatment. The report indicates charges of felony leaving the scene of a crash, driving with a suspended license, no seat belt and careless and imprudent driving. As of time of publication, the charges have not appeared in online court records.

Joshua Kenny suffered moderate injuries in the wreck. He was not wearing a seat belt. He was taken to Cox-Monett Hospital in Monett for treatment.

The 1996 Toyota Camry was totaled. It was towed by USA Auto.

This incident was investigated by Corporal J. E. Givens of Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop D.

Denton earns Master's Degree

Leah F. Denton, a 2011 graduate of Cassville High School, received her Master's Degree December 14, 2018, from Pittsburg State University in the following program:

She earned a Master of Science Human Resource Development with an emphasis in Management and consulting with a program GPA of 3.7353.

Leah currently resides in Kansas City and works at Cerner Corporation as an Operations Specialist in Human Resources. She is the daughter of Duke and Mary Denton, of Shell Knob.

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Step Back In Time

Mitchell's 1,000 highlights Wheaton win over Galena

Lee Stubblefield

One thousand and counting.

With her Lady Bulldogs leading Galena by a comfortable margin in the third quarter on Thursday night, Wheaton's Hallie Mitchell pulled up and drained a long trey from the left wing to inflate the score to 63-29. That shot lifted Mitchell into rare air, the 1,000-point plateau for a career.

This game was never in doubt. Wheaton blitzed the visiting Galena girls with a 15-0 run in the first three and a half minutes and never looked back. The aggressive full court trap defense of the Lady Bulldogs forced the Lady Bears into an uncomfortable uptempo pace, resulting in numerous turnovers and blown assignments.

Besides Mitchell swishing shots from Hannah Wilkerson range, Tori Goostree owned the lane, and Rachel Lacey won race after race finishing fast breaks. All three seniors finished in double digits, led by Goostree's 27.

Wheaton's girls led 26-8 after one quarter, a quarter in which they shot a blistering 66% from the field. Galena pulled within 13 when the Lady Bulldogs

missed their first five shots of the second quarter, but Wheaton finished the half with a 10-0 run to lead 41-18.

A 28-point third quarter sealed the deal, and a running clock was the dominant feature of the final period.

True to her old school roots, Wheaton's Jessica Lombard allowed no public address announcement at the time for the 1,000 points, preferring her players stay focused on the task at hand. Not until after the final buzzer of a dominating 80-49 win was Mitchell's accomplishment announced and celebrated.

Celebrating is becoming a habit for this group of Wheaton girls. The Lady Bulldogs dropped a tight road game at Lamar to open the season but have reeled off nine straight wins since then, including winning the Southwest Holiday Tournament. The winning streak reflects the commitment to excellence of this senior-laden squad.

It has been a long road back for the Wheaton girls. The once storied program has a legacy of eleven district championships and three final four appearances. But it has been 25

years since the last district title. The dust of a quarter century has taken the shine off those awards. Will this be the year that Wheaton regains its basketball prominence?

Tournament championships are nice, but prestige comes from winning at the conference, district, and state levels.

Halfway through the season, Wheaton (9-1) and College Heights (10-1) sit atop both the Ozark 7 and the Class 2 District 12 rankings. No other district school has a winning record. In fact, none of those schools has won more than three games to this point.

In the Ozark 7, always dangerous Verona has a 9-4 mark, and McAuley sits at 6-4.

Mark your calendars for two critical dates. Wheaton plays at College Heights on January 25 in a game that is really too big for the



Pictured above: The Aurora Lady Bulldogs celebrate Mitchell's 1000 points. From left to right, Giovanna Hinojosa, Patti Vang, Pa Vang, Willow Linton, Hallie Mitchell, Tori Goostree, Rachel Lacey, Alyia Prewitt, Zolanna Simpson, Monica Hinojosa, Arilene Nunez. Back row: Coach Jessica Lombard, Madison Pierpont, Lori McNeill, Assistant Coach Lindy Lombard.

tiny gym of the private Joplin school and will greatly affect district seeding. Then Wheaton hosts Verona on February 5 in a game that will likely decide the Ozark 7 championship.

Lombard, never one to look too far ahead, is always looking for a run. A run of one.

"I tell them to treat every game as your last," Lombard explained. "If you don't give

it your all now, you won't have another chance to get it back."

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Purdy Lady Eagles shock Cassville, 40-34

Lee Stubblefield

The Purdy Lady Eagles pulled off a stirring comeback victory on Friday night at Cassville, using a late 17-0 run to overcome the Lady Wildcats, 40-34.

When two one-win teams play, someone is going to double their success rate.

The Purdy Lady Eagles came to Cassville on Friday night for a rebuilding battle. Cassville took the floor with a 1-8 record, defeating Pierce City, 50-43, way back in November. Purdy's only win of a 1-9 campaign was a 36-29 victory over winless Southwest at the Diamond Tournament.

Despite similar records, Cassville came into this game as a clear favorite. Class 4 versus Class 2. Home court advantage. Height disparity. Deeper bench. The schools did not even play a JV contest due to Purdy's shortage of players. On paper, it all added up to a Cassville victory.

But paper burns.

A rough and tumble game saw neither team able to take control in the early going. Cassville held a slim 12-11 lead at the first break, thanks to three buckets from Kyren Postlewait. Annabelle Bowman drilled back to back threes for a brief Purdy lead, but Cassville's full court press led to a 10-8 lead for the Lady Wildcats. Emma Harkey's trey put Purdy back in front, but Riley Morris scored on a press breaker layup to give Cassville the 12-11 lead.

The low scoring continued in the second quarter. Bowman canned another bomb at the 6:26 mark to give Purdy a 14-12 advantage. The scoreboard froze for nearly three minutes as both teams ramped up the defensive intensity. Cassville's Tom Hubbard switched schemes, putting Madry McCrackin on Bowman to prevent the outside threat.

Baskets by Postlewait and Morris gave Cassville a 16-14 lead with 3:00 left in the half, and McCrackin's score after a backcourt steal sent the Lady Wildcats to intermission with an 18-16 lead.

The Lady Wildcats exerted their will when the game resumed. Lilly Harrison hit the offensive boards, scoring twice with put backs to boost Cassville to a 24-18 lead. Purdy was barely treading water when Bowman wowed

the crowd with a right handed hook from the free throw line to cut the lead to 26-20. But Postlewait intercepted a Purdy pass and sped coast to coast for a layup and a 28-20 Cassville lead with just 1:38 left in the third quarter.

An eight-point lead with less than ten minutes to play is a huge margin in such a low scoring game. Cassville was brimming with confidence when Postlewait's conversion rattled home to affirm the on-paper predictions.

But paper burns.

In an astounding, storybook turnaround, Purdy's Emma Harkey took over the game and led Purdy to a historic comeback victory.

Harkey rained a pair of threes as the third quarter clock ran down, and then Mattingly calmly canned free throws to pull Purdy into a 28-28 tie at the final break.

The Lady Eagles would score the first nine points of the fourth quarter, completing a shocking 17-0 run to take a 37-29 lead with only 2:45 left to play. Purdy senior McKenzie Renkoski found a loose ball and banked in a layup in traffic to open the fourth period. Then Harkey drained another bomb as the run continued.

The Lady Wildcats were forced to the foul and hope game, but the deficit was too great. Shaky free throw shooting by Purdy left the door open for Cassville, and a late trey by McCrackin cut the margin to 38-34. But Ashlee Luko's girls went into a classic stall to kill the clock, and Bowman's free throws with 21 seconds left guaranteed the upset, 40-34.

Fans of both teams had that "Did that really happen?" expression in two extremely different reactions to the outcome.

Purdy's Lady Eagles will try to extend the winning streak when they host Pierce City on Thursday night.

Cassville's next home contest is on January 22 when the Lady Wildcats host McDonald County.

Purdy scorers: Emma Harkey, 15; Anna-belle Bowman, 15; Kinsley Mattingly, 4; McK-enzie Renkoski, 2; Breanna Perkins, 2; Bay-leigh Robbins, 2.

Cassville scorers: Kyren Postlewait, 10; Riley Morris, 10; Madry McCrackin, 7; Lilly Harrison, 4; Madi Bowyer, 3.



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