

Terry Jamieson speaker at Cassville Chamber banquet

Charlea Estes-Jones

The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce recently announced the plans for its annual gala for members, and this year the event will be one for the books. This year's event will be hosted on Saturday, January 18, and will feature guest speaker Terry Jamieson.

This year's banquet will feature similar events to last year's, including the return of the popular silent auction. This year's auction already has items like a Nintendo Switch, provided by Freedom Bank; a Ring video doorbell and Amazon Echo Show 5, from GoBEC; two adult season passes to

Silver Dollar City, donated by MariCorps U.S.; a Valentine's roses and chocolates package, donated by Carey's Cassville Florist; a Cassville Wildcats basket with swag and an all sports family pass for the 2020-2021 season for two adults and three children, donated by Cassville R-IV School; two Wonders of Wildlife Ozarks Adventure Three-Attraction Combo tickets with Arning swag, donated by Arning; and a portable basketball goal, provided by Cassville Walmart. There will be additional items announced closer to the banquet, as well.

The speaker of this year's

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Jamieson

Barry County's first baby of 2020 born to Washburn family

It didn't take long for the first baby of 2020 to arrive at Cox Monett. Dylan and Elizabeth Fancher, of Washburn, welcomed baby Jaxson Dean into the world on Jan. 1 at 2:21 a.m.

At birth, the baby clocked in at a healthy 6 pounds and 8 ounces, and measured 19.5 inches long.

Jaxson Dean's mom said, "This is the second baby I have had at Cox Monett. The people who work here are so friendly; I just like the feel of a small hospital because it's nice and comfortable."

Little Jaxson will be welcomed home by two siblings: four-year old Oren and 21-month-old Charlotte.

Dr. Ronda Azelton, Family Practice and Obstetrics of Monett, assisted mom in delivering the New Year's baby.

Cox Monett presented a gift basket to the Fancher

family in honor of their new bundle of joy. It included plush toys, bibs, rattle, onesie, a book, and a congratulatory card from hospital staff and administration.



The Fancher family welcomed Barry County's first baby of the new year on January 1 at 2:21 a.m. at Cox Monett. Pictured are Elizabeth and Dylan Fancher with baby Jaxson.

Freedom Bank announces merger with Monett bank

Vinnie Roberts

This week, Barry County-based banking chain Freedom Bank announced that parent company, Freedom Bancshares of Southern Missouri, would be absorbing another local bank, Community National Bank (CNB), of Monett. Both banks have entered into an agreement and, following a vote from the CNB's shareholders and approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), will soon merge into one entity.

According to an official

announcement made by Freedom Bank on Thursday, January 2, once the merger is complete, Community National Bank's finances, customers, employees and locations will become a part of Freedom Bank. CNB currently has two locations, one in Monett and the other in Aurora, which will both be rebranded as Freedom Bank locations.

The press release went on to state once the merger is complete, Freedom Bank's estimated total assets will be approximately \$430 million, \$367 million in deposits and loan values of approximately \$326 million.

In this merger, the president and CEOs of Freedom Bank, Stan Kelley, and CNB, Darrin Newbold will work together to bring their combined 70 plus years of experience to all of the now seven locations in the Freedom network. According to Kelley, he will remain president and CEO of Freedom Bank overall, with Newbold remaining as president of both the Monett and Aurora locations.

Freedom CEO Stan Kelley stated that this merger has been in the works for close to 15 months. Kelley stated that the idea came about after some deliberation with CNB president

and CEO Darrin Newbold on how to improve both the reach and cost-effectiveness of both banks.

"Darren and I are good friends," explained Kelley. "We worked together prior to this and have had a friendship over the years."

Kelley continued, explaining that as these talks went on, both parties agreed that the right move would be combining the banks into one entity, effectively increasing the combined entity's reach to a total of three counties.

"It helps us to be in the northern part of Barry County and Lawrence County," Kelley continued. "We are currently in Willard now, and being in Lawrence and, ultimately, western Greene County, is going to bring us a lot of business."

According to Kelley, integration of the CNB team will have its hurdles, but the areas in which they cover have a wide variety of similarities.

"There's a lot of similarities between the two counties," explained Kelley. "We both have a large agriculture and small industries. We think that the strengths that they have will go very well with ours and vice-versa."

"The main changes will be all the training going on

between the two banks," Kelley continued. "They have different software that they use, so there will be some training. We will be working on a conversion over to one kind of system and that's going to take some time."

"They have some good quality associates and so do we," Kelley explained. "When you blend two good teams together, you're going to see benefits. We have strengths in certain areas and lending specialties and his team has their own specialties."

According to Kelley, another benefit of the merger will be the reduction in yearly costs associated with running the facilities.

"When you have two banks under two names running at once, you've got a lot of expenses," Kelley stated. "When we blend them together, that will help us consolidate those expenses and save more."

Key factors that will save the institutions money are said to include yearly regulatory expenses, data processing fees and maintenance costs.

According to the announcement, the merger is anticipated to be complete in the second fiscal quarter of 2020, which is April through July. Kelley elaborated

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Year In Review 2019

As 2019 draws to a close, the staff of the Barry County Advertiser hopes that you, your friends and your family have a healthy and prosperous new year, as well as a new decade, in 2020. In the meantime, here's a look back at some of the top news items from 2019.

April
On April 2, the citizens of Barry County took to the polls to participate in the general municipal election. Lance Eaton was elected the mayor of Exeter. Both Cassville and Southwest school districts passed landmark bond agreements for the purposes of school improvement. Cassville Police chief Dana Kammerlohr was appointed to the D.A.R.E. Executive Law Enforcement Advisory Board, a committee that sets standards for the program nationwide. Exeter City Hall moved from their previous location to another facility, granting them dedicated offices for city officials and larger space in which to conduct municipal court. Stephanie Heman was selected as the new vice principal for Monett High. Edith, a Boston terrier belonging to Shell Knob resident Janice Swofford and trained by Angie Henderson, took the title of Select Bitch for her perfor-

mance in the 2019 Westminster Dog Show. Exeter High's varsity academic team won first place in their district tournament on April 6. The city of Cassville moved forward with \$69k worth of roadwork, targeting a variety of roads in city limits in need of repair. Local 911 director Mike Phillips was named Missouri 911 Dispatcher of the Year. Severe storm and tornado activity caused major property damage throughout Barry County, most notably destroying Southwest Auction Service, in Wheaton. The South Barry County chapter of Habitat for Humanity hosted a fundraiser, featuring food, games and music, to benefit their building fund in order to continue constructing homes for families in need. The newly minted Cassville girls' soccer team went on a historic seven-game, 511-minute shutout streak, winning seven games in a row with no points scored by opponents. **May** CoxHealth, of Monett, broke ground on a new \$42 million hospital. Set tentatively for completion by 2021, the hospital will feature larger facilities and expanded services for pa-

tients. 2019 Barry County valedictorians and salutatorians included: Reilly Nichols, valedictorian, and Shannon Haney, Jr., salutatorian, of Cassville; Jarrett Brattin, valedictorian and Jared Alverson, salutatorian, of Exeter; Hannah Reid, valedictorian, and Emma Harkey, salutatorian, of Purdy; Lane Cargile, valedictorian, and Lacey Reeves, salutatorian, of Southwest; and Kaylee Hutsell, valedictorian, and Rachel Lacey, salutatorian, of Wheaton. Exeter's varsity academic team travelled to Columbia, where they took first place in the MSHSAA State Scholar Bowl in Class I. 812 children were reported to have participated in Roaring River State Park's annual Kid's Fishing Day. The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their 12th Annual Golf Tournament. First place in the tournament was won by the team representing United Methodist Church, of Cassville. The team included Denny Wolf, Andy Lambel, Fred Wood and Les Lyons. Barry County's Drug Court received a nearly \$2 million grant to expand service and access to the program across the county. Cassville teacher Sa-

mantha Cosper was named Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences and Human Services' (MoEFACS) Teacher of the Year. **June** Crowder College received a \$130 donation toward their building efforts that began earlier in the year. Monett-based door and window manufacturers Wintech opened up a new facility in Cassville. Roark Family Health of Cassville expanded its services to accommodate medical marijuana patients. Construction began on a new \$1 million ambulance station to serve the town of Eagle Rock and the surrounding communities. The Cassville Rodeo Club held their 77th Annual Rodeo at Bill Haley Arena. On June 10, the Purdy High School Choir travelled to Carnegie Hall in New York City to perform as part of a multi-choir choral. On June 22, the City of Butterfield hosted their first ever Tractor Pull event at Twister Alley Raceway. Funds from the event went to benefit the Butterfield Firefighters Auxiliary. The City of Wheaton expanded their playground, replacing old structures

and adding new attractions. In order to settle a variety of building issues, the city of Seligman reestablished their zoning and planning committee. The Barry County Fair was hosted by the Exeter Corn Maze, once again drawing competition from home and the surrounding counties. Janice Varner stepped down from her position as the Barry County Collector after 16 years of service. She was succeeded by current collector Skylar Bowman. The American Animal Hospital Association awarded Herrin Animal Hospital, of Cassville, its highest level of veterinary excellence. Cassville School District buried a time capsule, set to be unearthed again in 150 years time. Severe flooding on June 26 caused damage to multiple properties, prompting a wave of community togetherness from both citizens and private organizations in the cleanup efforts. **July** Roaring River State Park announced several major changes to the park, including a pilot program for park-wide wifi and renovations to the park pool and

stone work, among others. Crowder College announced a partnership with Drury University, of Springfield, allowing the college to offer two new degree programs and a variety of specialized classes. Students of the First Baptist Church of Cassville's summer camp program, Camp SPARK, donated \$2,300 to OACAC to assist in flood cleanup efforts. President of the South Barry County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, David Hermann, of Cassville, and his sister, Dianne Hermann, of Joplin, were honored for their military service with an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. The Cassville Arts Council put on their inaugural performance, taking their production of the comedic operetta Pirates of Penzance. Purdy High School FBLA member Shana Whisman took second place in the FBLA National Client Service competition in San Antonio, Tex. Barry County resident Skyler Bowman was sworn in to replace Janice Varner as the Barry County Collector. Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe visited Roaring River

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Community Calendar page is free as a courtesy to local events. If your event is relying on advertising for attendance, then it is vital for you to place a paid ad. There is no guarantee that your event will be placed in Community Calendar. The deadline for community calendar is Friday at 4 p.m. The contact person is Elaine Phaneuf, class@4bca.com or (417) 847-4475. Thank you for keeping us informed of all updates/changes to local events.

Notice:

The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr's birthday. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob will be closed January 20, 2020, for Martin Luther King Day.

Seligman Chamber will host a dance every Saturday at 7:00 p.m. For information, call (417) 662-3612.

Golden Baptist Church Single Moms Support Group will meet every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. For information, call (417) 271-3605.

Jan. 10th

A Dance will be hosted at the Stella Senior Center with doors opening at 6 p.m. The dance will start at 7 p.m. with music by The Timberline Country Band. The cover charge is \$5. Refreshments will be available all evening. Guests are asked to bring finger foods to share at break time. Call (417) 628-3314 or (417) 476-3079 for information.

Jan. 11th

A Fundraiser Breakfast will be served at the fire house in Eagle Rock from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

McDowell Gold Jubilee jamming (music) will be at the McDowell Historic Schoolhouse from 6 p.m. to close.

Jan. 14th

The Monett Library will host crochet and knitting at 1 p.m. and story time at 4:15 p.m.

Jan. 15th

The Monett Library will be hosting Story Time at 10:30 a.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group will be hosted at Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

WII Bowling returns to Central Crossing Senior Center. All ages are welcome. New session is starting at 12:30 p.m.

Jan. 16th

Birthday Lunch will be served at Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Jan. 17th

The Monett Library will host the Homeschool Program at 2 p.m.

The Purdy R-II School District will hold its 2020 Homecoming Coronation between basketball games. The first of three games against Sparta begins at 5 p.m. There will be no Athletic Hall of Fame Induction this year.

Jan. 18th

The Eagle Rock Lego Club will be meeting at 10 a.m. at the Eagle Rock Community Center. Lego Club is open to all ages.

Italian Dinner Night for free-will donation will be served at Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Public is invited for chicken alfredo or lasagna. Carry out will be available.

Jan. 21st

The Monett Library will host crochet and knitting at 1 p.m. and story time at 4:15 p.m.

Jan. 22nd

The Monett Library will be hosting Story Time at 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 22nd continued

Hospice & Palliative Care Compassus will be hosting an informational talk to discuss volunteer opportunities with Hospice in the community from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 845 Hwy 60, Suite A, Monett, MO 65708. Volunteers provide some of the following services: office/administrative tasks, internships/job shadowing, friendly visits, writing letters, reading to patients and much more. Please call to reserve your spot at the talk by calling (417) 235-9097.

Jan. 25th

A Fundraiser Breakfast will be served at the fire house in Eagle Rock from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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Wed: Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed veggies, roll, peanut butter dessert

Thurs: Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple sheet cake

Fri: Smothered burrito, side salad, scotcheroos

Offering Party Trays

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School Menus: Jan. 13 - Jan. 17

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Exeter: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy, fruit juice or cereal, biscuit, fruit, juice. L: cheeseburger mac, broccoli, breadstick, fruit. Tues: B: mini pancakes, fruit, juice or cereal, Vertical Bar, fruit, juice. L: chicken patty/bun, baked beans, pasta salad, fruit. Wed: B: sausage biscuit, apple, juice or cereal, biscuit, apple, juice. L: lasagna roll up, salad, carrots, breadstick, fruit. Thurs: B: ham & cheese croissant, fruit, juice or cereal, toast, juice, fruit. L: chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, corn, fruit. Fri: B: french toast sticks, orange, juice or cereal, Pop Tart, orange. L: ham & cheese croissant, tator tots, baby carrots, Sidekick.

Cassville PR-Int.-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, go-gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, blueberry muffin, mandarin oranges. 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, breadstick, peaches. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, graham cracker, peaches or cereal, go-gurt, pears. L: turkey sandwich or BBQ rib sandwich, sour cream chips, baked beans, juice. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage, tropical fruit or cereal, Pop-Tart, apple. L: pizza or chicken alfredo, salad, green beans, graham cracker, fruit cocktail. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, applesauce or cereal, graham crackers, pears. L: chili or chili cheese fries, crackers, mozz cheese sticks, corn, juice.

Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, granola bar, pineapple. L: sloppy joe, nachos, baked beans, juice or chicken sandwich 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 or pizza meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, blueberry muffin, peaches. L: pizza wedge, green beans, salad, pears or popcorn chicken meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage, pears or cereal, banana muffin, pears. L: popcorn chicken, potatoes/gravy, corn, breadstick, juice or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or cherry frudel, yogurt cup, tropical fruit or cereal, go-gurt, orange. L: cheeseburger, Sun Chips, vegetable mix, mandarin oranges or baked potato bar or salad meal.

Purdy: Mon: B: eggstravaganza, toast, cereal, fruit. L: bowtie pasta, ww breadstick, romaine, tomato, ranch, fruit. Tues: B: pancake/sausage on stick, syrup, toast, cereal, fruit. L: frito pie, corn, fruit. Wed: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage, cereal, fruit. L: vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, carrots, fruit. Thurs: B: breakfast pizza, toast, cereal, fruit. L: chicken nuggets, bread slice, french fries, fruit. Fri: B: blueberry muffin, yogurt, cereal, fruit. L: hot ham/cheese, baked beans, Sun Chips, fruit.

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Three local students earn collegiate degrees

Three local homeschool group alumni earned Bachelors Degrees! Discovery Kids Homeschool Group began several years ago in Cassville at the Cassville Branch Library. Four students who attended the group through high school graduation went on to pursue collegiate degrees successfully.

On December 13, 2019, Sierra D. Gunter, from Purdy, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology with a minor in Psychology from Missouri State University in Springfield. She was home educated all of preschool throughout high school. She attended Crowder College previous to MSU where she earned her Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. Sierra plans on attending Graduate School to earn a Master's Degree.

Riley B. Burbridge, from Shell Knob, earned her Bachelors Degree in Biological Science from Missouri Southern State University in Joplin on December 14, 2019. Riley also studied abroad in Belize during her education at MSSU. Riley attended Crowder College for her Associates Degree.

Joshua Rittenhouse graduated on December 14, 2019, with a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Nuclear Engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla. Joshua attended Crowder College as a dual credit student during his senior year and earned his Associates Degree in Pre-Engineering the next year.

Joshua plans on attending graduate school next fall.



Sierra Gunter



Riley Burbridge



Joshua Rittenhouse

Monett blood drive slated for Jan. 17

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO), the area's exclusive provider of blood and plasma products to patients at over forty area hospitals, is experiencing a shortage of type O Negative red cells and AB Plasma. Donations are needed immediately to ensure that adequate reserve levels are maintained.

Get a free long-sleeved shirt for donating in January.

During the months of December and January, participants at all CBCO blood drives will receive a maroon long-sleeved shirt just in time for colder weather.

On average, a transfusion takes place every seven minutes and around 200 donations are needed each day to meet the area's blood needs. You can help by giving blood at the following drive:

Monett

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or points may be assigned to other meaningful causes or charities. More information on the LifePoints donor rewards program may be found at www.cbco.org.

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CAROL N. HAYES
Carrol N. Hayes, age 86, of Butterfield, passed away Sunday, January 5, 2020, at Bentonview Park Health and Rehabilitation in Monett.

He was born May 25, 1933, in Barry County, the son of Otis and Florence (Lester) Hayes. In 1959, he was united in marriage to Barbara Baldrige and to this union three children were born. Barbara preceded him in death. On February 14, 1989, he married Doris Moore Wolf, who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Michael Hayes, of Los Lunas, New Mexico, James Hayes, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Ron Hayes, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; two stepsons, Marty Wolf, of Butterfield, and Wesley Drake, of Greenville, Texas; six grandchildren; five step-

grandchildren; three special grandchildren; and thirteen step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, also preceding him in death were his parents; brother, Don Hayes; and a sister, Mickie Stoops.

Carrol grew up and received his education in Cassville, where he graduated with the Class of 1952. After high school, he joined the United States Navy, serving from 1953 until 1957. For thirty-two years, he worked for Cedar Rapids Fire Department in Iowa, also serving as the Captain until his retirement in 1990. After retirement, he moved to Butterfield to make his home. For several years after retirement, he worked at True Value Hardware in Cassville. Some of his favorite pastimes were volunteering at Barry County Museum, delivering meals on wheels and making beautiful Intarsia wood work. He was a member of St. Edward Catholic Church in Cassville.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 10, 2020, at St. Edward Catholic Church in Cassville, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend William Hodgson

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JAN. 13: Cranberry glazed pork chops, baked potatoes, Brussel sprouts, banana upside down cake, hot rolls

JAN. 14: Smothered chicken rice, Italian veggies, pineapple cake, hot rolls

JAN. 15: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, meadow veggies, chocolate chip cookies, biscuits

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RUBY EVYLEE COYNER
Ruby Evylee Coyner, age 89, of Pittsburg, Kansas, formerly of Washburn, passed away Wednesday, January 1, 2020, at Gran Villas in Pittsburg.

She was born January 1, 1931, in Barry County, the daughter of Jeff and Velma (Fletcher) Rose. She was united in marriage to Edward E. Sanders and to this union five children were born. She later married Hervie "Pete" Coyner, who preceded her in death on May 22, 1982. Also preceding her in death were her parents; three sons, Larry Sanders, Kervin Sanders and Darrell Sanders; one daughter, Cheryl Hawkinson; five brothers, Linear, Lemoin,

Terry, J.V. and Harley; three sisters, Nancy, Jetta and Wanda; and one grandson, Jason.

Surviving are one son, Stan Sanders and his wife, Linda, of Joplin; two brothers, Lennis Rose and Howard Rose and his wife, Kay, all of Washburn; two sisters, Thelma Martin, of Independence, and Marilyn Roller and her husband, Jim, of Washburn; eight grandchildren, Lindsey, Brady, Nicole, Barbie, Trisha, Kelly, Kory and Klint; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Evylee grew up and received her education in Washburn. After school, she lived in Montana, Hawaii, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming. In 1992, she moved from Casper, Wyoming, back to Missouri to make her home. One of her favorite pastimes was quilting and she always had a smile. She loved her family and her church and was a member of Pentecostal Lighthouse Tabernacle.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Daryl Gaddy conducted the services. Burial was at King Cemetery in Seligman.

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WILBUR WILEY "SONNY" WOODWARD
Wilbur Wiley "Sonny" Woodward, 78, of Monett, passed away on Thursday morning, January 2, 2020, while at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

DALLAS EUGENE WAHLERT
Dallas Eugene Wahlert, age 82, of Monett, passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, January 7, 2020, in the comfort of his home.

Dallas was born on May 9, 1937, in Exira, Iowa, son of the late Marion and Marjorie (Schwab) Wahlert. Dallas graduated from Exira High School with the Class of 1956 and had worked in construction most of his life, including Morton Buildings and Vaughn Construction. Dallas served his country in the United States Army Airborne, being honorably discharged in June of 1962. He was an avid golfer and was witnessed in two rounds with a hole in one. He also enjoyed fishing.

On January 25, 1961, Dallas Wahlert and Gail Chase were united in marriage in Bridgeport, Neb. To this union, they were blessed with three children. Gail preceded him in death on April 23, 2009. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Jerry D. Wahlert; and one great-grandson, Stephen Chase Wahlert.

Survivors include two sons, Paul Wahlert and wife, Glenda, of Cassville, and Stephen Wahlert, of Monett; one daughter, Leah Aldridge and husband, Glen, of Monett; one brother, Howard Wahlert and wife, Teresa, of

Wauke, Iowa; two sisters-in-law, Cheryl Wahlert and Jane Woodruff and husband, Phillip; six grandchildren, Stephanie Glass and husband, B.A., Aaron Wahlert and fiancé, Fallan Skidmore, Lacey Houska and husband, Mike, Sarah Howe and husband, Philip, Douglas Aldridge and wife, Courtney, and Kristen White and husband, Justin; six great-grandchildren, Eliza and Wheeler Glass, Peter Howe, Ellis Aldridge and Emma and Alec Patterson; six nieces; two nephews; and a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 10, 2020, at New Site Baptist Church in Monett with Reverend Aaron Weibel and Pastor Rocky Harris officiating. Interment will follow the service at New Site Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6-8:00 p.m. on Thursday evening at Buchanan Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials donations may be given to the New Site Baptist Church Building Fund in care of the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

ELLEN "LEE" JAMES
Ellen "Lee" James, age 86 of Marionville, formerly of Shell Knob, passed away Thursday, January 2, 2020, in Marionville.

A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville, Missouri.

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Thanks All

OBITUARIES

DANIEL LEROY CLARK, SR.
Daniel LeRoy Clark, Sr., age 72, of Cassville, passed away Saturday, January 4, 2020, at Cox South Hospital in Springfield.
He was born November 5, 1947, in Forest Grove, Oregon, the son of Franklin L. and Bertha V. (Brackenbury) Clark. On July 2, 1977, in Reno, Nevada, he was united in marriage to Bonnie Mae Morgan, who preceded him in death on May 19, 2018. Also preceding him in death were his parents, and one stepdaughter Donna Jean Anderson.
Surviving are one son, Daniel LeRoy Clark, Jr., of Yuma, Arizona; one stepson, Allen Phinney and his wife, Tawna, of Cassville; one stepdaughter, Glenda Dean, of Butterfield; son-in-law, Jamie Anderson; four sisters, Bonnie Livingston,

of Newport, Washington, Rachel Crockett and her husband, David, of Sheridan, Wyoming, Loretta Moon and her husband, Robert, of Pahrump, Nevada, and Beverly Pede and her husband, Charles, of Shelton, Washington; nine grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.
Daniel received his education in Lubbock, Texas, where he graduated from high school. After high school, he joined the United States Army, serving from March 21, 1966, until March 14, 1974. Shortly after his military service, he moved to Shelton, Washington, and in 2001 he moved to Barry County to make his home. For many years, he was a self-employed truck driver. Some of his favorite pastimes were spending time with his family, grandkids and great-nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 10, 2020, at Union Cemetery, south of Stella.
Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
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DAVID LUCAS
David Lucas, age 69, of Exeter, passed away Sunday, January 5, 2020, at Cassville Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville.
Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
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IRS 1099 form deadline remains January 31

The Internal Revenue Service today reminded employers and other businesses that wage statements and independent contractor forms still have a January 31 filing deadline.
Before the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, employers generally had a longer period of time to file these forms. But the 2015 law made a permanent requirement for employers to file their copies of Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, and Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, with the Social Security Administration by January 31.
Certain Forms 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, filed with the IRS to report non-employee compensation to independent contractors are also due at this time. Such payments are reported in box 7 of this form.
The early filing date means that the IRS can more easily detect refund fraud by verifying income that individuals report on their tax returns. Employers can avoid penalties by filing the forms on time and without errors.
The IRS recommends e-file as the quickest, most accurate and convenient way to file these forms.
Get a jump on the due date
Employers should verify employees' information. This includes names, addresses, and Social Security or individual taxpayer identification numbers. They should also ensure their company's account information is current and active with the Social Security Administration before January. If paper Forms W-2 are needed, they should be ordered early.
Automatic extensions of time to file Forms W-2 are not available. The IRS will only grant extensions for very specific reasons. Details can be found on the instructions for Form 8809, Application for Time to File Information Returns.
For more information, read the instructions for Forms W-2 and W-3 and the Information Return Penalties page at IRS.gov.

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Many of us are looking forward to the future, to 2020. Most approach a new year with the resolve to make it better than the last. That's what resolutions are made of: our desires to have a "better" future. Better health, better family relationships, and other things you want to improve on in 2020.

When you're making your list of resolutions, things you want to improve, don't forget your faith. Be sure to resolve to "better" your relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ the Son.

I know it's from the Old Testament, but there are some good practical steps for "bettering" your faith in the book of Deuteronomy.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD. And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Let's all resolve to make our faith "better" in 2020.

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CMS names Students of the Month



Cassville Middle School recently announced the Students of the Month for December 2019. Students are nominated by CMS teachers and coaches based upon academic excellence, perseverance or improvement, displaying exemplary citizenship and are a positive influence on school culture.

The December Cassville Middle School Students of the Month, sponsored by Willis Insurance, are pictured in the front row, from left to right: 8th grade Kiley Miller, daughter of Crystal and Aaron Miller, of Cassville; 7th grader Kyler Hayward, daughter of Janell and Levi Hayward, of Cassville; and 6th grader Jeremiah Blankenship, son of Elizabeth and Steven Blankenship, of Aurora. Students are pictured with Devon Forsythe, Andy Reavis, Annette Henderson and Jeremy Marple, with Willis Insurance; and Mr. Jimmie Barton, CMS principal.

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School board seats open for filing

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Though it seems that the school year has only just begun, Barry County schools are nearly halfway through their calendar year. Much like every year before, this means that the time has come for filings to open for various school board elections.

Filings for school board candidates opened on Tuesday, December 17, and will remain open until Tuesday, January 21, 2020. School board seats, along with all other elected positions and issues on the ballot, will be voted on in the general elections on April 7, 2020.

In Cassville, three school board seats will be on the 2020 ballot. Incumbents for these seats are David Haddock, Jon Horner and Becky Henningson. All Cassville school board positions carry a three-year term.

At this time, both Henningson and Horner have filed for re-election and will be joined on the ballot by Dr. Chad Johnson, owner and operator of Johnson Chiropractic Sports and Wellness Clinic in Cassville.

Interested candidates can file at the Cassville Public Schools Central office. For more information on filings and candidates, contact the Cassville Central Office at (417) 847-2221.

In Exeter, the three seats that will be open for election are currently held by Gary Stringer, Stacy Hall

and Kelly Lee.

At this time, no filings have been received in Exeter's school board race.

Candidates can file their paperwork at Exeter Public School. For more information, contact the superintendent's office at (417) 835-2922.

In Wheaton, three board seats will also be on next year's ballot. The incumbents for these seats are Tony Ball, Joe Brattin and Lewis Royer. All paperwork for candidates can be found and filed at the Wheaton superintendent's office.

At this time, only one incumbent, Lewis Royer, has filed for the 2020 election.

For more information, or to file for candidacy, call the Wheaton Central Office at (417) 652-3914.

The Purdy School District will also feature three seats up for election in 2020. Incumbents for these seats are Travis Brown, Tray Goetz and Russ Mill. Filing for candidacy can be done at the Central office between 8 p.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Purdy Schools at (417) 442-3216.

So far, only one candidate, incumbent Travis Brown, has filed for re-election in Purdy.

In Monett, three seats on the school board will be on the 2020 ballot. The seats are currently occupied by Dr. Jeff Carr, Jim Randall and current board

president, Dr. Darren Bass. All seats carry with them a three-year term.

Currently, both Bass and Carr have filed for re-election. Additionally, newcomer Kaley Thigpen has filed for election.

For questions regarding filing for school board in Monett, contact the Monett Central Office at (417) 235-7422.

In Shell Knob, three board seats will also be up for election in 2020. The seats are currently occupied by Stephen Crandall, Roger Pinnell and Howard Tremble.

At this time, only Crandall has filed for re-election.

For more information, or to inquire about filing for school board, contact the Shell Knob School District at (417) 858-6743.

Finally, in the Southwest School District, there will also be three seats on the ballot. Incumbents for these seats are Doug Henry, Terry Meek and Ruth Henderson.

At this time, both Henry and Meek have been the only ones to file for re-election.

Filings can be made at the Southwest Central office on any weekday within the filing window, excluding holidays, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, call Southwest Central Office at (417) 826-5410.

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Barry County courts incarcerate nine for felonies during December

• **Bradley Carroll Bunnell**, of Wyandotte, Okla., pled guilty to 49 counts of willfully failing to pay sales tax/keep records/supply information with the intent to defraud. Bunnell received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

Bunnell was charged after an investigation by the Missouri Department of Revenue's Criminal Tax Investigation Bureau. Bunnell, the owner/member of 237 Tire and Auto, LLC, on Highway C in Purdy, failed to file Missouri sales tax returns for 19 monthly periods from June 30, 2015, through December 31, 2016, as well as failing to pay sales taxes from July 31, 2014, through December 31, 2016. From July 31, 2014, through May 31, 2015, Bunnell filed the monthly sales tax returns but failed to pay the sales tax.

In all, Bunnell failed to pay the state \$52,114.19 in tax revenue from July 31, 2014, through December 31, 2016.

Bunnell is to serve probation until December 10, 2024.

• **Vanessa Paige Carney**, of Neosho, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Carney received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On June 23, 2019, Carney was stopped by the Cassville Police Department for not having a working license plate light. When officers spoke with Carney, they smelled marijuana, allowing for a search of the vehicle. Officers found a wooden pipe and marijuana. When Carney was booked into the jail, officers asked if she had anything else on her person, and Carney said she had methamphetamine in her bra. Three baggies of methamphetamine, as well as a straw for snorting, were found on her person.

Carney is to serve probation until December 16, 2024.

• **Jerry Wayne Clark**, of Monett, pled guilty to two counts of possession of a controlled substance. Clark received a suspended execution of a ten year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections as a prior and persistent offender and five years supervised probation.

On August 31, 2018, Clark was found to have a glass pipe containing a crystal like substance presumed to be methamphetamine and a baggie of green leafy substance as well as two pipes with burnt residue near his bed at a residence on Hickory Street in Monett.

On June 6, 2019, officers

with the Barry County Sheriff's Department executed an arrest warrant at Clark's residence in Monett. When officers gave Clark instructions to put his hands behind his back, he walked away to flee. When officers attempted to put him in custody, he pulled away, trying to flee officers. Eventually, officers used a taser to get Clark under control while he continued to fight and kick officers on the scene.

Once in custody, officers located a glass pipe with methamphetamine residue on him.

Clark is to serve probation until December 17, 2024.

• **Billy Joe Devonte Dover**, of Cassville, pled guilty to one count of tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree, two counts of resisting arrest for a felony by fleeing creating a substantial risk of injury or death to any person, and one count of possession of a controlled substance. Dover received 120 days shock incarceration with the Department of Corrections as part of a seven year sentence and five years supervised probation.

On February 11, 2019, Dover was found to be in possession of a stolen 1993 Toyota pickup truck worth around \$1,500. Dover, knowing the truck was stolen, then sold the truck with the VIN plate removed to another person for \$100. Dover went to the Sheriff's Department to confess to the crime.

On December 19, 2017, Dover was in a vehicle stopped by the Cassville Police Department for a traffic violation. Dover fled, speeding of 115 miles per hour on State Highway 37, causing other vehicles to swerve and pull off the road as he drove into oncoming traffic.

On August 16, 2019, Dover was driving a vehicle stopped for a registration violation by the Cassville Police Department. When officers made contact and patted him down for weapons, Dover handed officers a baggie of methamphetamine from his pocket.

On September 11, 2019, Dover was fleeing from Cassville Police officers by speeding off on State Highway 112 where he was speeding from 70 to 110 miles per hour. Dover also attempted to hit one of the Barry County Sheriff's officer's vehicle head on.

• **Bill Silus Ray Dunbar**, of Monett, pled guilty to burglary in the second degree, stealing a controlled substance, resisting arrest for a felony, and property damage in the first degree. Dunbar received a suspended execution of a nine year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and five years supervised probation.

On May 5, 2018, the Cassville Police Department were dispatched for an alarm call on Main Street. When officers arrived, they found Dunbar was in the phar-

macy after breaking down a rear door. When Dunbar came out, he had multiple medications and a box of syringes in a bag. Dunbar had ingested a number of unknown pills and took off on foot before being apprehended by officers.

Dunbar is to serve probation until December 17, 2024.

• **Michelle Davean Goostree**, of Wheaton, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, forgery and possession of a controlled substance in September 2018. Goostree's probation has since been revoked, and she was sentenced to seven years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

On February 9, 2018, Goostree was implicated for stealing checks. When officers served a search warrant at Goostree's residence, officers located items purchased with the stolen checks as well as a case with syringes, baggies and methamphetamine paraphernalia.

On January 31, 2018, Goostree wrote a check to Monett Walmart for \$838.77 with a stolen check.

On August 12, 2018, Goostree was charged after officers investigated a tip of a wanted subject at an apartment in Cassville. When officers arrived, they found methamphetamine, paraphernalia and marijuana and paraphernalia in the apartment.

• **Seth J. Jones**, of Exeter, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Jones received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On June 22, 2019, officers were investigating a domestic assault incident and found Jones to be in possession of marijuana. Officers also found a straw used to consume methamphetamine as well as a plastic baggie of methamphetamine in his pocket.

Jones is to serve probation until December 16, 2024.

• **Michael Robert Kimbrell**, of Blue Eye, made an Alford plea to burglary in the first degree, assault in the first degree with serious physical injury or a special victim, kidnapping in the first degree, assault in the second degree and armed criminal action. Kimbrell received a 24 year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections.

On July 31, 2018, Kimbrell was attempting a burglary at a residence on Brandonville Drive in Blue Eye. When officers arrived, Kimbrell brandished a handgun at the residence. When Kimbrell saw the officer, he pointed the handgun at officers, who then discharged a shot at Kimbrell at the same time Kimbrell fired at the officer. Kimbrell then fled before entering a residence by breaking open the front door glass and crawling through it. Once inside, Kimbrell held the resident at gunpoint for about an hour and a half before officers persuaded him to come out.

• **Tanner C. McNabb**, of Cassville, made an Alford plea to possession of a controlled substance in May 2018. McNabb's probation has since been revoked, and he is to serve 120 days shock time with the Department of Corrections as part of a seven year sentence.

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• **Eavette Nichole Nixon**, of Pierce City, pled guilty to one count of possession of a controlled substance, six counts of stealing as a fourth or subsequent offense within 10 years, one count of delivery of a controlled substance to a jail, one count of stealing all other property, two counts of forgery, and one count of burglary in the second degree. Nixon received a seven year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections as a prior drug offender.

On February 24, 2018, Nixon was driving the wrong way on a one way street in Monett. When officers stopped her, they smelled marijuana and saw a grinder in the vehicle. When a search was completed, they found a baggie of marijuana, THC gummies, oxycodone pills and a paraphernalia.

On September 22, 2019, officers in Monett were investigating a vehicle driving around and taking mail from mailboxes on Dairy Street. When officers stopped a vehicle that matched the description, Nixon was inside moving things around. When officers searched the vehicle, they found multiple

items of mail inside the vehicle. There were pieces of mail from Monett, Purdy and Verona areas from 63 different locations.

On October 19, 2019, the Monett Police were dispatched to LendNation regarding a forgery case. Nixon went to the location attempting to cash a check for \$298. While the employee called the check's owner to ask if it was legitimate, Nixon fled. When officers looked into it, the check had been stolen.

When Nixon was taken to the Monett Jail on October 19, 2019, on a forgery case, officers searched Nixon's belongings. They found a glass pipe with suspected marijuana as well as a 2.9 gram bag of methamphetamine and stolen credit cards that belonged to multiple different people.

On October 26, 2019, Nixon broke into a residence on Scott Street in Monett. While there, Nixon stole multiple items, including cookware, perfume and clothing totalling \$325.45.

On October 21, 2019, officers found Nixon had tried to cash a stolen check at Check Into Cash in Monett for \$295 that had been stolen from a mailbox.

• **Zachary Gilbert Parrett**, of Monett, pled guilty to domestic assault in the first degree. Parrett received a five year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections.

On July 7, 2019, Parrett repeatedly struck the victim about his face, causing severe bruising around his eyes and a nose bleed. He at-

tempted to grab the steering wheel while another person was driving, then once at his residence, Parrett ran into his residence and grabbed an eight inch butcher's knife and went at another victim with it. One of the victims wrestled the knife away from Parrett, getting cut in the process. There was a three year old child in the residence while this happened.

While in custody, Parrett said he wanted to kill the victims. He also told the arresting officer he would remember his face and would murder him, as well.

• **Michael Aaron Pendergraft**, of Monett, pled guilty to theft/stealing of any credit card or letter of credit and fraudulent use of a credit/debit device of over \$500 in August 2014. Then he made an Alford plea to resisting arrest for a felony and possession of a controlled substance in December 2019. Pendergraft's probation was revoked and he was sentenced to four years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

On December 4, 2013, a report was filed with the Barry County Sheriff's Office for a debit card being stolen from a vehicle. Pendergraft used the debit card at an ATM in Wheaton and is on video. In all, Pendergraft stole \$1,012 using the card at different locations.

On October 5, 2018, Pendergraft was stopped for crossing the center line. When Pendergraft turned, a female passenger fled the vehicle before he fled away at a high rate of speed. Even-

tually, Pendergraft crashed into a brick pillar outside of Wheaton. During a search, officer found three baggies of methamphetamine as well as hypodermic needles, a digital scale, a glass pipe with residue, cut straws and a vial of unknown liquid.

• **Ethan James Reed**, of Butler, pled guilty to resisting arrest for a felony by fleeing - creating a substantial risk of serious injury or death. Reed received a suspended execution of a four year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and five years

supervised probation.

On October 3, 2019, the Barry County Sheriff's Department attempted to stop Reed, who fled. He drove at a high rate of speed, sometimes on the wrong half of the roadway before the Seligman Police Department deployed a spike strip to stop him. When officers booked him into jail, he had a marijuana pipe in his possession.

• **Joshua Allen Shoemaker**, of Cassville, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance in August 2016. Shoemaker's proba-

tion has since been revoked, and he received a suspended execution of a seven year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and five years supervised probation.

On January 5, 2016, Shoemaker was found to be in possession of baggies of methamphetamine as well as a syringe.

Shoemaker is to serve probation until December 16, 2024.

• **Kelli Jo Stone**, of Cassville, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Stone received a

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No cases of CWD found in Barry County

Charlea Estes-Jones

The numbers are in, and Barry County is still Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) free, according to the most recent data from the Missouri Department of Conservation. This year was the second year for mandatory CWD testing for hunters during the opening weekend of November firearms season.

CWD is a highly contagious neurological disease in deer. 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.

The disease is spread deer-to-deer from licking each other or socializing, making the risk of spread in local populations high. While there is no known risk to humans, the disease is devastating to the deer population.

Barry County is one of 29 counties that require mandatory testing due to CWD found in surrounding areas. The mandatory counties that require testing are: Adair, Barry, Cedar, Chariton, Christian, Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Hickory, Howell, Jefferson, Knox, Linn, Macon, Mercer, Oregon, Ozark, Perry, Polke, Putnam, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Warren and Washington.

This year, MDC found cases in the following counties: Adair, two cases; Franklin, five cases; Linn, five cases; Macon, two cases; Perry, two cases; Ste. Genevieve, five cases; Stone, two cases and Taney, one case.

Barry County was required to provide samples for testing after CWD was found in Arkansas just across the border as well as Stone County in previous years.

To date, MDC has tested 130,000 deer since CWD was first found in the state in 2012. Of those, 24 new cases were found this year for a total of 140 since 2012. There were also three new CWD cases across the border in Arkansas.

While many counties are under a mandatory testing order, there are also voluntary testing sites available throughout the hunting season.

For more information about CWD and how it affects hunting and deer populations, go to mdc.mo.gov/cwd.

MO PSC approves Spire expansion

The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an application filed by Spire Missouri, Inc., on behalf of its Spire Missouri West operating unit, which grants a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to construct, own, operate and maintain a natural gas distribution system providing natural gas service in Newton County. The CCN is a further expansion of the Company's exist-

ing certificated area.

Spire West provides natural gas service to approximately 517,500 customers in Andrew, Barry, Barton, Bates, Buchanan, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Cooper, Dade, DeKalb, Greene, Henry, Howard, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, McDonald, Moniteau, Newton, Pettis, Platte, Ray, Saline, Stone and Vernon counties.

Local animal sanctuary enriches habitats with old Christmas Trees

Vinnie Roberts

With Christmas wrapped up and the new year already upon us, some citizens in Barry County are undoubtedly looking for a place to get rid of their natural trees. Thanks to a popular Eureka Springs attraction, residents in the surrounding areas have had a way to both rid themselves of troublesome foliage and do some good for the environment.

Turpentine Creek, a big cat sanctuary in Eureka Springs, Ark., spent the weeks after Christmas taking in wayward trees for the purpose of enriching their habitats. Turpentine Creek's

mission is to rescue abused and neglected big cats, giving them a home and care while offering the public a special type of viewing experience.

According to communications director Lisa Brinker, the trees are somewhat of a delicacy around the habitats of the big cats.

"The Christmas trees are great scent enrichment and textures for that cats," explained Brinker. "We love giving them to the cats and just watching them tear the trees to pieces."

Brinker continued, explaining that some special considerations had to be

taken in order to ensure that these trees didn't agitate the diets of the cats.

"We needed to make sure that all of the decorations are off, and this next part is important, if they decorated the tree with tensil, we cannot accept them," said Brinker. "There's no way for us to get all of that tensil off, and it's bad for the cats."

The refuge also turned away trees that were already in advanced stages of decay, so as to provide their animals with the best, most fresh products they could find.

"We don't want really dead or brown trees that are

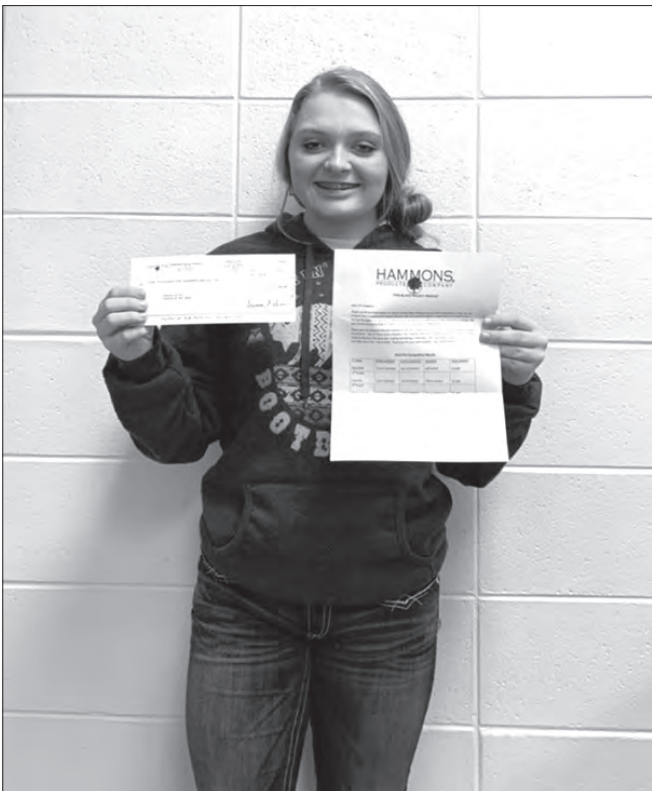
falling apart, they just make a mess," Brinker explained.

Through private donations and one bulk donation from a private business, Turpentine Creek was able to take in well over 200 trees between Christmas and Wednesday, January 8. At this time, the sanctuary has stated that no more trees are needed, but that this drive occurs annually and will occur again next winter.

For any questions regarding tree donations, contact Turpentine Creek at (479) 253-5841 or visit their location at 239 Turpentine Creek Lane, in Eureka Springs, Ark.

Cassville FFA member wins

Hammons walnut collecting contest



The Cassville FFA Chapter won the second place award in the Hammons Walnut Collecting Contest. Cassville High School freshman Kayla Cheek and her family spent weeks collecting black walnuts on their family farm. Not thinking much of their labor, the Cheek family decided to enter the contest. They came out with not only a second place finish, but a prize of \$1,500 for the Cassville FFA Chapter, with a total of 2,971 pounds of walnuts.



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Cassville Library events

- January's Fun @ 4:00 after-school activity will be held Thursday, January 9. Come decorate (and eat) your own cupcakes. Ages kindergarten through eighth grades are encouraged to attend.
- All branches of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library will be closed January 20 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
- LEGO Club for January has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 23, at 3:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting area. This is a change from the original date.
- Of note: scheduled library programs will not be held if Cassville Schools are dismissed due to weather conditions.
- The Cassville Branch Library is open six days a week with these hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday hours are 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On December 9, 2018, the Barry County Sheriff's Department stopped a vehicle driven by Stone. When officers stopped her, they found her to be in possession of a pipe with methamphetamine residue in it as well as four baggies of methamphetamine, three folded papers with methamphetamine on them and a brown vial containing methamphetamine.

Stone is to serve probation until December 16, 2024.

- **Jesse Dean Tysor**, of Springfield, pled guilty to delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance. Tysor was sentenced to four years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

On August 15, 2019, Tysor was inside a vehicle that was stopped by the Cassville Police Department. The driver had a warrant and when officers searched the vehicle, they found a hy-

podermic needle in Tysor's hand. Officers found a baggie of methamphetamine as well as \$290 in cash. There were also eight more baggies of methamphetamine, two scales, a silver spoon and a straw in a bag.

- **Randy Vaughan**, of Rogers, Ark., pled guilty to possession of any precursor to manufacture methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance. Vaughan received a suspended execution of a seven year incarceration with the Department of Corrections and five years supervised probation.

On October 1, 2014, a suspect was reported to have stolen from Walmart and was hiding behind Tractor Supply in Cassville and the driver of a Mustang in the parking lot was involved. When officers tried to stop the Mustang, Vaughan fled at a high rate of speed and failed to stop at a red light and eventually crashed. The vehicle was owned by the suspect found hiding behind Tractor Supply.

When officers searched Vaughan, they found a syringe, a glass smoking pipe with residue, a loaded syringe and a bag from Walmart containing Sudafed. There was also another box containing several syringes and a plastic baggie of methamphetamine and a set of scales.

Vaughan is to serve probation until December 16, 2024.

- **Amy Jo Walker**, of Cassville, pled guilty to pos-

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session of a controlled substance and burglary in the first degree. Walker received a suspended execution of a seven year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and five years supervised probation.

On June 28, 2019, Walker was in a vehicle stopped by the Cassville Police Department. She was arrested for an active warrant and transported to the Barry County Jail. When asked if she had anything illegal in her possession, she said, "Probably." Officers found six hypodermic needles and a jar of liquid methamphetamine.

On October 4, 2019, the Cassville Police Department was dispatched for a disturbance on Koon Drive. When officers arrived, the victims said they were assaulted by Walker and another suspect. Walker and the other suspect hit one of the victims in the face and broke her wrist. There was also damage to the residence in the altercation.

Walker is to serve probation until December 17, 2024.

- **Travis Lee Walling**, of Purdy, made an Alford plea to possession of a controlled substance. Walker received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On April 3, 2019, Walling was stopped for a traffic violation and officers smelled marijuana from the vehicle. When officers searched the vehicle, they found a marijuana pipe as well as a glass pipe with methamphet-

amine residue.

Walker is to serve probation until December 16, 2024.

- **Bradley Allan Walters**, of Verona, pled guilty to a sex offender being physically present in a public park as a first offense. Walters received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On April 21, 2019, Walters was found at Roaring River State Park in Zone Two. Walters was fishing with an illegal plastic lure in a fly-only portion of the park. When officers did a search of Walters, he was found to be a registered sex offender, currently on parole of second degree sodomy. Roaring River has a swimming pool and children's playground, making it a banned place for sex offenders.

Walters is to serve probation until December 17, 2024.

- **Glenn Darnell Walton**, of Rogers, Ark., pled guilty to delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful use of a weapon by possessing a weapon and a felony controlled substance in December 2018. Walton's probation has since been revoked, and he is to serve 120 days shock incarceration as part of a seven year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections.

On July 6, 2018, Walton was in a vehicle in the Crowder College parking lot that had a sandwich-sized bag of cocaine, a gallon-sized bag of marijuana as well as paraphernalia and a .22 caliber rifle.

- **Stetson Daine Watson**, of Prairie Grove, Ark., made

an Alford plea to theft/stealing of \$500 to \$25,000 in value in December 2014. Watson pled guilty to two counts of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree as a first offense with no sexual conduct in December 2019. Watson's probation has since been revoked, and he received a suspended execution of a six year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and five years supervised probation.

On September 27, 2011, Watson was renting a house in Monett. He sold roof shingles in the garage for \$1,000 that belonged to the landlord.

On October 21, 2019, Watson drove from Prairie Grove to Barry County for a probation and parole urine test with two children in the car. Stetson had methamphetamine in his system when driving with the children in the car.

Watson is to serve probation until December 17, 2024.

- **Sheila Lynn Willoughby**, of Cassville, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Willoughby received a suspended imposition of sentencing and three years supervised probation.

On November 28, 2018, the Barry County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to a residence on Farm Road 2180 in Cassville for possible drug activity. When officers searched, they found Willoughby to be in possession of a bag of two Alprazolam pills for which she did not have a prescription.

Willoughby is to serve probation until December 16, 2022.

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Gravette boys win Southwest Holiday Tournament

Lee Stubblefield

The Gravette Lions pulled away from Marionville in the fourth quarter to claim a 56-46 victory in the championship game of the 37th annual Southwest Holiday Tournament at Washburn on Monday night, December 30. Gravette, Ark. nipped Cassville in the Saturday semifinals, 44-42, to advance to the title game.
3rd-place: Gentry 59, Cassville 40
Cassville then fell to Gentry in the third-place game on Monday, 59-40. Led by the twin towers of Garrison Jackson and Casey Bates, the Pioneers controlled the paint to set the stage for the long range shooters to take over. Gentry's guards poured in seven treys in the contest, keeping the Wildcats at bay. Cassville trailed 12-5 after

one quarter, but rallied to claim a 16-15 lead at the 4:18 mark of the second quarter. But Gentry answered with a 16-5 run to finish the half and then rang up a 21-8 third quarter before coasting home with the win.
Jackson paced the Gentry attack with 19 points. DJ White scored 15 to lead Cassville.
Wheaton topped host Southwest in the consolation bracket final, 71-59.
Gravette's JV squad downed Exeter in the seventh-place game, 92-61.
Southwest Holiday Tournament Boys results
Friday
Gentry 63, Gravette JV 60
Gravette 91, Exeter 40
Marionville 60, Wheaton 54
Cassville 72, Southwest 50

Saturday
Marionville 45, Gentry 44
Gravette 44, Cassville 42
Wheaton 65, Gravette JV 43
Southwest 87, Exeter 60
Monday
Gravette 56, Marionville 46
Gentry 59, Cassville 40
Wheaton 71, Southwest 59
Gravette JV 92, Exeter 61
All Tournament Team
Cruz Marquez, Southwest
Chad Meyer, Wheaton
Blake Wilkinson, Gentry
DJ White, Cassville
Garrison Jackson, Gentry
Kaleb Furlow, Gravette
Jordan Williams, Marionville
Brayden Trembly, Gravette
Lake High, Marionville
MVP - Tristen Batie.

Cassville wrestlers win third place in Diamond State Duals



On Thursday, January 2, and Friday, January 3, an all-girl team of four wrestlers representing the Cassville Wildcats travelled to Springdale, Ark. to compete in the Diamond State Duals. For their efforts, the team took home third place overall. Pictured above, from left to right, Annie Moore, Kailey Artherton, Kelsey Harris and Sara Longley.

Gentry runs away with 6th annual Southwest Girls Holiday Tournament

Lee Stubblefield

The Gentry Lady Pioneers ran away from the Cassville Lady Wildcats to claim a 52-22 victory in the girls championship game of the 6th annual Southwest Holiday Tournament at Washburn on Monday night. Gentry shrugged off an anemic 7-7 first quarter tie, and then exploded for the 30-point win.
The stifling Gentry defense held Cassville to

single-digit production in all four quarters.
Eight different players scored for Gentry in a balanced scoring attack led by center Emily Toland's 11 points. Riley Morris led Cassville with 6 points.
East Newton edges Wheaton girls for third
Despite a decided height advantage, the East Newton Lady Patriots struggled against the defensive pressure of Wheaton before pull-

ing out a 42-38 victory in the third-place contest. East Newton led 26-24 at the final break, but Wheaton crawled into a 31-31 tie when Allison Whitman prayed in a circus shot in the lane, and added a free throw.
East Newton then went on an 8-0 run and led 39-31 with just 38 seconds left. A late Wheaton surge cut the lead in half, but the clock ran out with the Lady Patriots earning the victory.

Madison McDermott scored 14 to lead East Newton. Wheaton's Lily Ray posted 11.
Southwest defeated Exeter in the seventh-place game, 49-43.
Southwest Holiday Tournament Girls
Thursday
East Newton 52, Reeds Spring 46
Cassville 58, Exeter 39
Wheaton 45, Marionville 42

Gentry 53, Southwest 21
Saturday
Gentry 42, East Newton 23
Cassville 40, Wheaton 33
Marionville 43, Exeter 34
Reeds Spring 51, Southwest 22
Monday
Gentry 52, Cassville 22
East Newton 42, Wheaton 38
Southwest 49, Exeter 43
All Tournament Team
Madison McDermott,

East Newton
Zoie Simpson, Wheaton
Carly Reeves-Eakins, Reeds Spring
Patden Blevins, Marionville
Jaiden Wilmoth, Gentry
Kaitlyn Hailey, East Newton
Riley Morris, Cassville
Ariel Nix, Gentry
Madry McCrackin, Cassville
MVP - Emily Toland, Gentry.

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Basketball
Selected to the Holiday Tournament All-Team

Nate Boley
Wrestling
9-1 at the Diamond State Dual Tournament helping our team come home 5th out of 12 teams

CASSVILLE WILDCATS

Monett man charged with making false bomb threat

Charlea Estes-Jones

A Monett man is in custody for allegedly making a bomb threat on December 30. According to affidavits of probable cause by Monett Police Department officer Justin Harper, Joshua Hendershot, 25, of Monett, used a cell phone to call in a fake bomb threat Monday evening.

Around 9:01 p.m., the officer was dispatched to

an address on 6th Street when a call was placed to 911 saying Hendershot was threatening to harm himself and others. When the officer arrived on scene around 9:18 p.m., the residents of the home said they did not know where Hendershot was.

When officers when to search around the exterior of the home, they received a call from dispatch that

there was a situation that could not be aired over the radio. When officers spoke with dispatch, they notified them a bomb threat had been called in and that the caller said he would set off a bomb at 607 6th Street and there was nothing officers could do about it.

The call pinged from an area near the residence the original call came from. Officers found Hendershot

hiding near a detached garage and confirmed the call placed to 911 was from Hendershot's cell phone, which they found near where he was hiding. He also had a syringe of methamphetamine in his pocket at the time of the arrest.

Hendershot is currently being held in the Barry County Jail in lieu of a \$20,000 cash-only bond.

Haven of the Ozarks' Pet of the Week: Harvey



Meet Harvey, the Haven of the Ozarks Pet of the Week. Harvey is a five and a half year old boy who was recently returned to the Haven. His daddy didn't want to return him, and Harvey didn't want to come back. Unfortunately, life circumstances made it necessary for Harvey to seek a new home. He's a fabulous dog, both so loving and devoted. Harvey loves kids and will be very protective of his children. He is the perfect nanny dog. He's housetrained and can get along with many other dogs if fed separately (a meet and greet is recommended). Harvey will need a privacy fence or supervised playtime. No cats, please. Harvey had been in his home for nearly three years and is anxious to be back with a family.

Haven of the Ozarks is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day of the week or call (417) 835-3647 for more information. Haven of the Ozarks Animal Sanctuary is located at 9617 Farm Road 2190 in Washburn. Visit them online at www.havenoftheoazarks.org.

BANQUET from FRONT

event is a well-known name in the Cassville area. Terry Jamieson was an administrator at Cassville Schools before moving to another district. He is a motivational speaker and has also authored books and branched out into nature photogra-

phy.

Chamber director Rachael Selby Freeman said the decision to host Jamieson was an obvious choice since he began giving motivational speeches. She said, "He is well known throughout Cassville having been an administrator at the school, and a lot of people respect him from working with him, being one of his students or going to church with him.

"He's done so much since he's left Cassville, including completing a 100-mile run and becoming an author. We really think he will be a great speaker for the event, and it's like having an old friend come back."

The event will also include chamber awards as in years prior.

This year's event will be catered by new chamber member Flat Creek Restaurant. This menu is broasted

chicken and smoked pork dinner with green beans, mashed potatoes and white gravy, cole slaw, rolls with honey butter and a dinner salad.

The event will be on Saturday, January 18, at 6 p.m. at the Cassville High School commons area. Tickets for the annual Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce banquet are on sale now. Advance tickets are \$30 and can be obtained through the chamber. Tickets at the door will be available for \$35.

For more information, contact the chamber at chamber@cassville.com or call (417) 847-2814.

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MSSU announces Fall 2020 Deans List

The Deans List for the Fall 2019 semester at Missouri Southern State University has been released.

The attached list recognizes full-time students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or above on a 4.0 scale. The students qualified for the honor by earning the required GPA while enrolled in 12 or more credit hours.

Aurora Jordan R. Bussard, Melanie	Cassville Staci R. Day, Lindsey E. Halterman, Christy L. Sullivan and Savannah M. Willis	Exeter Michael E. Chang and Hannah N. Henson	Monett	Jedd M. Anderson, Jacqueline C. Ballay, Race A. Bremer, Alyssa N. Brewer, Nicole R. Broccard, Heather M. Cure, Connor J. Henry, Matthew Krieger, Shelby K. Kuhnert, Raegan A. Nolan, Ashton N. Ratliff, Layne E. Skiles and Brianna L. Thomas
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