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## Spotlight

### Winter Sweets and Songs

The Cassville Show Choirs will present Winter Sweets and Songs at the FEMA Event Center on Friday, January 15, and Saturday, January 16, at 7 p.m. each evening. For more information, see the ad on page 4A

### Alzheimer's support group

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## BC Health Dept. gives Silver Spoon awards for area food services

Charlea Mills

The Barry County Health Department announced the establishments who earned the coveted Silver Spoon awards for 2015. This year, 19 different food establishments earned the award.

The Silver Spoon awards began seven years ago as an incentive for area restaurants and cafeterias to pay particular attention to food safety across the county. In 2015, 175 locations were inspected, and of those only the 19 earned awards. Jan Cox, environmental public health specialist for the Barry County Health Department, said, "The ones that want it work their tails off to get it. It's not easy."

In order to receive a Silver Spoon award, the food establishment must not have a single priority or core violation during their inspections from January 1 to December 31. Cox added, "It's a hard award to get, not to even have a dead fly in a corner of a room. It's a big deal."

Different types of food establishments are inspected by the department with varying frequency. Each year, a risk assessment is done for each individual food service business. Using



The Cassville cafeteria staff and representatives from the Barry County Health Department are pictured above. In the front row, from left to right: Rita Beebe, Cassville Schools Director of Food Services; Lisa Burton; Amanda Poe; Mary Collins; Linda Downey; Joyce Richie; Tracy Dirks; Linda Coones; and Jane Bland. Back row: Melissa Acheson; Anita Reed; Roger Brock, Barry County Health Department administrator; Veralee Mahurin; Kimberly Scritchfield, Barry County Health Department environmental public health specialist; Kam Howerton; Jan Cox, Barry County Health Department environmental public health specialist; Tammy Tucker; Nancy Horner; and Jackie Moore.

that assessment, the public health officials then are rated either high, medium or low regarding their risk for public health impact.

High-risk establishments are inspected either three or four times throughout the year. Medium-risk are inspected a minimum

of twice a year, and low-risk establishments are inspected once a year. Those assessments are made based on public health priority, like how many people are being served and the frequency. Inspections typically take an hour, but some are less or more depending on the state of the establishment and size.

This year, seven places earned the high-risk Silver Spoon award: Cassville Intermediate School,

Cassville Primary/Middle School, Cassville High School, Exeter School, Southwest High School, Shell Knob School and Jack Henry Cafeteria. This was the first year for all three of Cassville Schools to earn the award simultaneously.

Medium-risk establishments who received the award are: Roaring River Water Slide, Yonkerville Store, Daylight Donuts and The Steak Inn.

There were eight low-

risk awards given: Mr. B's Frozen Yogurt (inside Bruner's Pharmacy), Herd's General Store, Nita's Cakes, Cassville Bowl, Roaring River State Park Store, The Calico Goose, Country Package and J & S Floral.

Cox said, "They work so hard to get these. I'm proud of them. It's really exciting."

For food services in Barry County, the standards for food safety are higher than

See AWARDS on 3A

## Commissioners to discuss proposed 2016 budget

Charlea Mills

On Thursday, January 21, the three Barry County Commissioners will vote on the final budget for 2016. Each of the county's departments have submitted their department requests for the year, which included a 3 percent pay increase for county employees.

According to Barry County Clerk Gary Youngblood, the proposed budget is \$4,167,271. That number is around \$76,595 more than the approved budget for 2015; however, the actual budget came in significantly less than what was proposed in 2015.

The approved budget for 2015 was \$4,090,686, which was \$612,734 less than what the county actually spent for the year. So the difference between the actual total spent in 2015 and the proposed budget for 2016 is \$689,319.

Other than the pay increase for county employ-

ees across the board, different departments requested additional funds for varying reasons. Under building and grounds, an additional \$9,811 is requested to compensate for anticipated rising utility costs, such as electric and water, according to Youngblood. The county's building and grounds is requesting \$197,479 for the year.

A big increase will also come for employee benefits. Healthcare is a rising cost, said Youngblood. This year, they are requesting \$614,700 versus the \$545,308 in 2015. He said they do not anticipate workers compensation coverage or health insurance premiums to stop increasing any time soon.

Janice Varner, county collector, is requesting an additional \$16,586 for an additional mileage, software and training purposes.

See BUDGET on 2A

## Cassville Chamber plans 2016 banquet for Jan. 30, to include local talent

The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce will host the annual chamber banquet on Saturday, January 30, at 6 p.m. at the First Christian Church - Faith Center.

The chamber board has elected to host a more non-traditional banquet with surprise entertainment that will feature local young talent.

"I am excited to work with our board," stated incoming Chamber President, Wade Hermansen. "We will keep our focus in making the Chamber a relevant tool for our members. We are looking to develop new platforms that will promote the community and its businesses."

In addition to special entertainment, the event will

honor both individuals and businesses that have made a significant contribution to the Cassville community. The chamber board plans to award Business Beautification awards, a community service award, as well as recognizing outgoing chamber board members.

"We encourage everyone to attend the 2016 banquet. We will keep the focus on Cassville and how it's a great place to live in. It will be a night of food, entertainment and giving acknowledgment to local businesses and individuals," stated Michelle Bredeson, out-going Chamber President.

Attendees will enjoy a dinner catered by John Sullivan and Cassville Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FC-

CLA) club and beautiful décor by Accents-n-Tents.

Advanced tickets are available for \$20 per person at the chamber office, located at 504 Main. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the event for \$25. A drawing will be held for centerpieces donated by local businesses. All those that purchase a ticket will be entered into the drawing. Limit one door-prize per household please.

Businesses interested in donating a centerpiece should contact the chamber.

For more information, contact Brittany Farris, Director, at (417)847-2814 or [chamber@cassville.com](mailto:chamber@cassville.com)



BUDGET from FRONT

One of the biggest increases is requested by the circuit clerk's office for an additional \$78,400 for three additional bailiffs.

The Sheriff's Department is asking for an extra almost \$79,000 for another deputy and moving a part-time secretary from the jail to be a full-time secretary in the Sheriff's office. The jail is requesting a small pay increase of around \$5,000 for employees as well as standard increases related to general operation like food.

The Prosecuting Attorney's office is also asking for a small increase of around \$7,000 for pay increases.

The final budget will not be determined until the county commissioners vote on Thursday, January 21.

# CMS students make honor band



Seventh and eighth grade Cassville band students auditioned and earned spots in the Southwest Missouri Junior High District Honor Band on January 8. The two district honor bands are chosen by blind auditions and are comprised of the district's top players selected from 27 participating schools. They will meet together January 16 at Webb City High School. They spend the day rehearsing and perform a concert at 5 p.m. These students will be representing the Cassville Middle School in the Southwest Missouri 7th and 8th grade Junior High honor bands this Saturday.

Pictured above, in the back row, from left to right: Taylor McDonald, 8th grade, 20th chair clarinet; Natalie McNeill, 8th grade, 1st chair clarinet; Bob Preddy 7th grade, 3rd chair alto saxophone; and Raymon Rogers, 7th grade, 3rd chair baritone. Front row: Jillian Hang, 8th grade, 23rd chair clarinet; and Melissa Martinez, 8th grade, 9th chair trombone.

2016 Barry County Budget Information				
	2015	2015	2016	2016
	Actual	Approved	Request	Approved
County Departments				
County Commission	236,410.00	258,690.00	246,920.00	0.00
County Clerk	86,025.00	85,476.00	70,130.00	0.00
Elections	55,623.00	56,499.00	88,148.00	0.00
Building & Grounds	206,819.10	187,668.00	197,479.00	0.00
Employee Benefits	540,138.00	545,308.00	614,700.00	0.00
Treasurer	47,097.00	47,253.00	47,225.00	0.00
Collector	113,652.00	112,634.00	129,490.00	0.00
Recorder	44,670.00	44,720.00	46,494.00	0.00
Circuit Clerk	27,278.00	34,050.00	112,450.00	0.00
Circuit Court Admin.	6,159.00	8,422.00	8,422.00	0.00
Capital Projects	0.00	281,000.00	281,000.00	0.00
Total	1363871.1	1661720	1842458	0
Other General County Government				
Insurance(prop/liab.bonds)	97,526.00	92,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
Publications	8,679.00	8,500.00	9,500.00	0.00
Rents and Leases	30,449.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
MAC Fees	5,073.00	5,090.00	5,198.00	0.00
Monett TIF	60,904.00	50,000.00	60,000.00	0.00
TIF 1 Pilots		264,000.00		
County's Match SWDTF	0.00	10,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	14,062.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00
Surveyor	3,025.00	4,500.00	2,000.00	0.00
University Extension	35,091.00	36,906.00	37,601.00	0.00
Public Administrator	19,458.00	20,662.00	20,620.00	0.00
Office Supplies	60,061.00	68,300.00	120,100.00	0.00
Total	334,328.00	654,958.00	454,019.00	0.00
Public Safety				
Sheriff	718,627.00	685,997.00	764,922.04	0.00
Jail	438,152.00	436,702.00	441,524.60	0.00
Prosecuting Attorney	353,794.00	366,641.00	373,654.00	0.00
Juvenile Office	108,467.00	123,278.00	123,753.00	0.00
Coroner	29,801.00	28,400.00	31,300.00	0.00
Emergency Management	11,912.00	13,990.00	14,140.00	0.00
Total	1660753	1655008	1749293.64	0.00
Total all Departments	3,358,952	3,971,686	4,045,771	-
Emergency Fund	119000	119,000.00	121,500	
Total Budget	3,477,952	4,090,686	4,167,271	-

## Cassville's Senator Sater recognized for welfare reform efforts

Senator David Sater, R-Cassville, was recently named the 2015 National Legislator of the Year by the Foundation for Government Accountability (FGA) for his leadership in rooting out fraud and abuse and reforming Missouri's welfare system.

“So many people depend on our state services, like the elderly, children, the disabled, struggling parents, and many more, and people who steal from these programs are stealing from those in need,” said Tarren Bragdon, FGA CEO. “Fortunately, leaders like Sen. Sater are looking at bold, innovative solutions that leverage 21st century tools to stop fraud and waste in their states’ social programs.”

Earlier this year, Sen. Sater sponsored and passed comprehensive welfare reform that creates and enforces strong work requirements to receive benefits, develops a sanction or penalty process for welfare recipients refusing to comply with work requirements, and offers resources to help recipients overcome barriers to workforce participation and self-sufficiency. Senator Sater also pushed legislation to reform the way the state audits eligibility for welfare programs by using innovative tools and better data to remove individuals defrauding the system and taking away resources from those who are truly in need – while saving taxpayer dollars.

“It is an honor to receive this award,” said Sen. Sater. “Welfare programs account for a huge portion of our state and federal budgets. While the federal government refuses to deal with the problem, racking up trillions in debt along the way, Missouri is finding new and innovative ways to combat waste, fraud and abuse. At the same time, we are balancing our state budget and keeping taxes low. That’s the leadership Missourians are looking for and I will continue to fight wasteful and inefficient government in all its forms.”

The Foundation for Government Accountability is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to strengthening communities and improving the lives of individuals and families by equipping policymakers with principled strategies to replace failed health and welfare programs nationwide.

For more information on Sen. Sater or legislation filed by Sen. Sater, please visit his Senate website at [www.senate.mo.gov/sater](http://www.senate.mo.gov/sater).

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The joke about the ark reminded me of God's promise after the flood. "And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off anymore by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the Earth..... I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9:11 & 13.

God made a promise and God has kept His promise.

We have many more promises from God and His son Jesus Christ:

1. Jesus has prepared a mansion for us; John 14:1-3.
2. Jesus is coming back; Acts 1:11.
3. At his return the dead will be raised; 1st Corinthians 15:52.

The list of God's promises could go on and on, the point is, God is a God of love, mercy and fulfilled promises. The family at The Mill St., Church would like to invite you to meet with us as we study God's Word, learn of His promises and worship Him in spirit and in truth.

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## 80 years and going strong: a lifetime of teaching

Charlea Mills

Most teachers retire as soon as they are able to relax and enjoy their free time, spend it with their grandchildren and take some time for themselves after dedicating countless years serving others. But some teachers are cut from a different cloth. Sammy Hudson turned 80 years old in November, and she is still teaching.

Hudson is a Barry County native and had a prolific teaching career at both Purdy and Exeter schools. Now, she spends her "free time" teaching courses at Crowder for those wanting to continue their education past high school.

Coming from a family full of teachers, the career path seemed obvious. Eunice Thomas, longtime Cassville teacher who the primary school is named after, was her aunt. Her mother and all of her aunts were teachers. She said, "When I graduated high school in 1953, women couldn't do a lot of other things, and I loved home ec., so I got my degree in Home Economics from the University of Arkansas."

From there, Hudson spent 10 years teaching home ec. in Purdy before she became the Exeter Elementary principal, a position she had to obtain her masters degree for. She stayed motivated and also earned a specialist degree in education, as well. Her teaching career in Barry County spanned 33 years before starting at Crowder.

Eventually, Hudson retired from teaching, but retirement didn't suit her. After, she went on to have a 25-year career with Walmart to stay busy. Hudson is one of those people who doesn't like to stay idle.

However, 15 years ago,



**Hudson**

she returned to teaching after retiring, this time focusing on higher education. She said, "Then, in 1999, Jerri [her daughter] was working for the college teaching G.E.D. classes. The woman who was teaching couldn't do it anymore, so I took over."

Today, Hudson teaches a variety of classes at Crowder for students who need preparation for standard college classes. She teaches reading and writing classes for students who aren't quite prepared for initial English courses.

In her long life, Hudson has seen a lot of changes in the school system, some for the better and some for the worst, in her opinion. She said her own schooling began in a one-room schoolhouse at Horner.

She said, "We didn't have electricity until Christmas Eve when I was in eighth grade. We did have running water from a spring, and

we cooked on a wood stove. Things were just different."

Now, she says technology brings a lot to the classroom, but it's replaced a lot of things, too. Hudson said, "I don't think everything should stay the same, and computers are wonderful, but they need to know curative and multiplication tables. You can't replace those things with a computer."

She added, "I think they need to have a course of study like they did 50 years ago."

Even with all of the changes and technological advances, Hudson has changed as time dictated, and she still teaches because it must be what she is called to do.

With her work ethic, retirement doesn't appear to be in the cards anytime soon. In case you thought Hudson is slacking off by only having one job, she took on a second because, "I got tired of not working except this job, so I got another." It's doubtful she'll slow down anytime soon.

Hudson is a life-long Barry County resident, as were her parents and grandparents. Hudson has four children, daughters Jerri Hudson, Benni Stockton, Bobbi Blankenship and son Joel Hudson. She was married to Lloyd Hudson for 25 years and then to Jerry Schmidt for a year and a half before each passed away.

## AWARDS from FRONT

other places in the country and even in the state. Cox explained that the county is required to abide by the Food and Drug Administration's code, but also the state of Missouri's code. On top of that Barry County is one of the counties who also has their own health code, which means their rules are stricter than the state's.

Part of the requirement for food establishments is to always have an employee on staff who is ServSafe certified. The class is available at a variety of places, including through the health department. Cox said the advantage to taking it through

the Health Department is to get specifics on the state and county's requirements, as well as the FDA's. For each employee in the program, it costs the food service establishment \$130, and a certified employee must be on duty any time they are open.

The more serious violations that the department looks for are called priority violations. Those are based on cleanliness and sanitation, temperature control of food, employee conduct while they are working and food safety, like discard dates for all foods. Even basing an award on the priority violations is tough.

However, the businesses also have to pass all of the core requirements, as well.

Core violations are less likely to contribute to food-borne illness and injury, however, they are important. Examples of those include not having a hair restraint, false nails on cooks, thawing food improperly and not having the bathrooms properly stocked.

For the entire year, the 19 establishments in Barry County who didn't have a single violation earn their recognition by the Silver Spoon award that they can display for customers to see, and it isn't an easy feat.

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**"The Closet"** at Washburn First Baptist Church always welcomes your donations of useable clothing, furniture, and household items. They are open 24 hours a day.

## January 15th

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

## January 16th

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

**St. John's Stones Prairie Lutheran Church** will host a men's club chili supper on Saturday, January 16, at 6 p.m. Church is located at 5732 FR 1057 in Purdy. For information, call (417)442-3836.

**Seligman Chamber Events Center** will host a dance Saturday, January 16, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The band "Cheyene" will provide the music. For information, call (417)662-3612.

**The Barry County Genealogical & Historical Society** will hold its first meeting of 2016 on January 18 at 7 p.m. the meeting will be at the Barry County Museum. Philip Van Voorst will teach on how to preserve you photographs. For more information, call (417)671-2477.

## January 19th

**Central Crossing Senior Center** will host Grace Health Services. Please call (417)858-6952 for appointment.

## January 20th

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

## January 21st

**Central Crossing Senior Center** will have a Alzheimer support group meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday January 21.

## January 24th

**Seligman Community Center** will host a free lunch on January 24 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. For information, call

(479)936-0363.

## January 25th

**Central Crossing Senior Center** will host Nell's Nails on January 25. Please call, (417)858-6952 for appointment.

**Emmanuel Baptist Church** will host lifeline screening on January 25. To schedule a health screening, call (888)653-6441 or visit [www.lifeline-screening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifeline-screening.com/community-partners).

## January 29th

**Barry County Retired School Personnel** will have a monthly meeting on Friday, January 29, at the St John's Lutheran Church in Monett. Social and snacks will be at 10 a.m. and the business meeting at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Linda Sharp.

## January 31st

**Solid Rock Baptist Church** will have a benefit concert and dinner to support a mission trip to Africa. The benefit will be Sunday, January 31, at 5 p.m. For information, call (417)652-3592.

**Lohmer Full Gospel Church** in Shell Knob will host a revival with Kris Jackson January 31 to February 2. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call (479)640-2366.

## School Menus: JAN. 18th - JAN. 22nd

All meals served with milk

All meals are subject to change

**Purdy:** Mon: No School. Tues: B: Pancakes, syrup, cereal, yogurt, fresh fruit. L: Shrimp poppers, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit. Wed: B: Whole grain biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: Baked pasta, breadstick, tossed salad, fruit cup. Thurs: B: Scrambled eggs, whole wheat toast, cereal, strawberries. L: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, apples, bread. Fri: B: Breakfast pizza, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: Sub sandwich, potato chips, baby carrots, ranch dressing, orange.

**Exeter:** Mon: No School. Tues: B: Pancake on a stick, orange or cereal, animal crackers, orange. L: Burrito w/cheese, pinto beans, grape tomatoes, fruit. Wed: B: Mini pancakes, fruit or cereal, pop tart, fruit. L: Chicken patty/bun, sweet potato fries, green beans, applesauce. Thurs: B: Sausage/egg/biscuit, fruit or cereal, biscuit, fruit. L: Chicken tetrizzini, salad, broccoli, breadstick, fruit. Fri: B: Muffin, yogurt, banana or cereal, vertical bar, banana. L: Ham & cheese sandwich, sun chips, carrots, tomatoes, apple.

**Southwest:** Mon: No School. Tues: B: Biscuits & gravy, sausage patty, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: General chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, mandarin oranges or salad bar meal. Wed: B: Breakfast sausage pizza, yogurt cup or cereal, fresh fruit, juice. L: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, potato chips, tropical fruit or salad bar meal. Thurs: B: W/G french toast sticks, strawberries or cereal, juice. L: Ham & cheese sandwich, leaf lettuce, tomato, potato chips, applesauce cup or salad bar meal. Fri: B: Hot ham sandwich, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Beef pasta bake, romain salad w/tomatoes, corn, breadsticks, pears or salad bar meal.

**Cassville:** Mon: B: No School. Tues: B: sausage biscuit, peaches or cereal, pop tart, orange. L: Hamburger (bbq chicken sandwich), tater tots, dill slices, baked beans, peaches or salad meal. Wed: B: scrambled eggs & ham, hashbrowns, toast, pears or cereal, pecan spins, peaches. L: Country steak (ck'n nuggets), whipped potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, hot roll or salad meal. Thurs: B: Biscuits & gravy, graham crackers, applesauce or cereal, rice krispy treat, apple. L: Chicken strips (fish sticks), potato wedge, broccoli & cheese, orange or salad meal. Fri: B: French toast sticks, sausage patty, mandarin oranges or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: Sloppy joe, (pizza bagel), baked chips, corn, juice or baked potato bar.

**Cassville High** Mon: No School. Tues: B: Biscuits & gravy, pop tart, applesauce or cereal, banana nut muffin, orange, applesauce. L: Cheeseburger, sun chips, bake beans, peaches or pizza meal or salad meal. Wed: B: Brfst pizza, go-gurt, strawberries or cereal, strawberry bagel, strawberries. L: General's chicken, rice glazed carrots, egg rolls, fortune cookie, pineapple chunks or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Fri: Biscuits & gravy, hashbrowns, peaches or cereal, pop tart, pears. L: Bbq pork rib sandwich, tater tots, baked beans, juice or baked potato bar or salad meal.

## How to shorten the duration of a common cold

Few things can be as uncomfortable as the common cold. More than 200 virus strains can contribute to colds, but the rhinovirus is the most common. Colds produce a bevy of symptoms, including runny nose, congestion and sore throat, so it should come as no surprise that sufferers want to find relief fast.

While there's no cure for the common cold, according to The Mayo Clinic, there are some remedies that can help cold sufferers feel better more quickly.

- Rest: One of the best things to do when you have a cold is to get adequate rest. Your body's immune system is working overtime to combat the cold virus, and restricting activity can help it direct efforts where they're needed most. Keep away from strenuous activities, and spend more time relaxing or sleeping to let your body do its job.

- Hydration: Consuming plenty of clear fluids can reduce congestion and ensure that you do not get

dehydrated. Plus, warm beverages can be soothing to an irritated throat. Avoid coffee, caffeinated sodas and alcohol, which can exacerbate dehydration.

- Saline rinses: Intra-nasal saline sprays, neti pots and similar products can help loosen mucus that is clogging the nose and sinus cavities, allowing it to flow out. This makes blowing your nose more effective and may help prevent post-nasal drip. Avoid prolonged use of medicated decongestant sprays. They may work well, but they can cause rebound congestion that's worse than the original stuffiness.

- Vitamin C: Vitamin C will not prevent colds, but it could help in other ways. Taking vitamin C before the onset of cold symptoms may shorten the duration of symptoms. Vitamin C also may provide benefits for people at high risk of colds due to frequent exposure, offers The Mayo Clinic.

- Soup and tea: Soup is an easy-to-digest meal that provides many of the necessary

remedies for a cold, including warm broth to hydrate and soothe, antioxidant-rich vegetables and protein to help fuel the body's recovery process. In 2000, Dr. Stephen Rennard of the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha actually tested if chicken soup clinically makes people with colds feel better. He found that chicken soup inhibited neutrophils, immune cells that cause congestion. Decaffeinated tea also may help you stay hydrated and relieve many cold symptoms.

- Reinfection: Use cleaning products that are effective at killing viruses around the house to prevent reinfection and cold relapses. Also, avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth between hand-washings to keep germs at bay.

Colds can be a nuisance. Most medicines will help relieve symptoms but cannot make colds go away faster. Natural remedies can help the body's immune system work at its best and lessen the severity of a cold.

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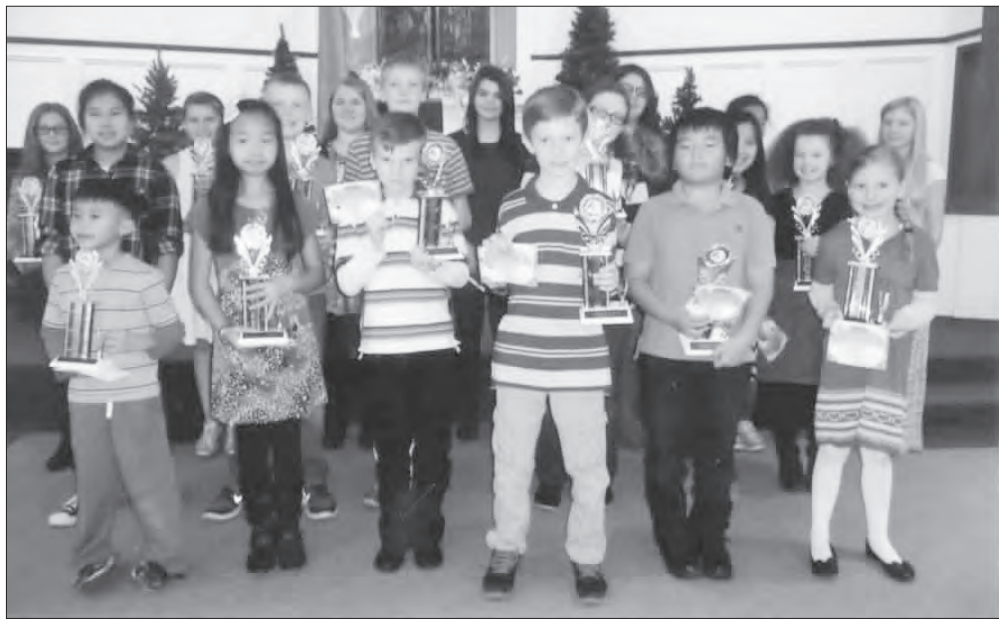
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# Local pianists participate and receive awards at recitals Christmas piano recital/party held



Twenty-one piano students of Mrs. Ruth Burnside performed at the Christmas recital in Cassville at the First Christian Church on December 12, 2015. Mrs. Burnside opened the recital by playing "Star of the East" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" in jazz style, followed by a good variety of different Christmas songs performed by the students. Those students performing are pictured above, in the first row from left to right: Yeshua Cha, Lisa Lee, Carson Burt, Oliver Bowman, Brandon Lee, Amarie Burt; second row: Susan Cha, Avery and Donovan Thomas, Zoe LaCaze, Jianna Cha, Kenzie Robbins; back row: Heidi Sehrbrock, Taylynn Banks, Lexee Johnson, Lindee Mitchell, Connie Lee, and Tatum Burt. Ely Key and Karina Rubi participated but were unavailable for the group picture. Certificates and trophies were awarded to all the students.



Seven piano students of Mrs. Ruth Burnside performed in a recital at Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) in Webster Hall in Joplin on December 6, 2015.

Those participating and pictured above are, front row left to right: Tatum Burt, Taylynn Banks, Avery Thomas; second row: Connie Lee, Lexee Johnson, Donovan Thomas, Myka Masters. There are over 400 students who participate in these JPTA recitals and festivals each year.

A Christmas party and recital was held at the home of Ruth Burns in Purdy on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Mrs. Burns opened the recital with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". Kecia Robbins performed a solo, "We Three Kings", and "Angels We Have Heard on High" as a duet with Mrs. Burnside. Helen Cha played "A Holly Jolly Christmas". "O Holy Night" and "Jingle Bell Rock" were performed by Faye Robbins. There was a sing-a-long with Debbie Hutchcraft playing "Joy to the World" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", as well as "Jingle Bells" and "Winter Wonderland" accompanied by Mrs. Burnside. Games were enjoyed and door prizes were won. Certificates and trophies were awarded. Prayer was given by Debbie Hutchcraft after which refreshments were served to all.

## How to maintain mental focus

The technological advancements made in the 21st century have undoubtedly made life easier in many ways, but this golden age of gadgets has not come without some negative side effects. Thanks to the near-constant availability of the Internet and devices like smartphones and tablets, many men and women find it difficult to maintain their focus throughout the day. But while such distractions are never too far away, there are some ways to stay focused and productive.

Get more exercise. Studies have shown that exercise and improved mental focus are linked. In a 2013 analysis of 19 studies involving more than 500 children, teenagers and young adults, researchers found that exercise sessions between 10 and 40 minutes immediately boosted concentration and mental focus. That improvement might be a result of exercise increasing blood flow to the brain. Men and women who find themselves struggling to focus at work after lunchtime may benefit from incorporating some exercise, whether it's a brief walk or a more

strenuous workout, into their midday routines.

Perform breathing exercises. Nervousness is an oft-overlooked cause of loss of focus. When nervous, breath can become shallow and restricted, which can have a negative impact on the flow of oxygen to your brain, making it more difficult to concentrate. Professional athletes have long espoused to the virtues of breathing exercises as a means to calming their nerves, and professionals can follow suit. Some simple breathing exercises can help busy professionals multitask more effectively by helping them concentrate on the tasks at hand and overcome the distraction of having so much to do at one time.

Stay hydrated. A recent study published in the Journal of Nutrition found that dehydration caused loss of focus and a sense of fatigue among women. While the loss of focus was considered insubstantial and the study only examined women, remaining hydrated throughout the day may make it easier to focus on work and other tasks throughout the day.

Get adequate sleep. One of the best ways to improve focus during the day is to make sure you're getting enough sleep at night. Sleep deprivation produces a host of negative consequences, not the least of which is its impact on cognitive functioning. Research has shown that sleep deprivation compromises alertness and concentration, making it more difficult to focus at work and tackle tasks that require deep analysis and thought. In addition, a survey from the National Sleep Foundation found that sleep-deprived men and women are less

likely to exercise and eat healthy diets, each of which can boost mental acuity.

Focusing in today's atmosphere of constant distractions can be difficult, but men and women can overcome diversions by employing a handful of successful strategies aimed at improving concentration.



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**RODNEY RAY WALKER**

Rodney Ray Walker, 78, of Cassville, passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2016, in his home.

He was born February 5, 1937, in Cassville, the son of Wilbur Lowell and Hattie Angeline (Dairty) Walker. In 1957, he was united in marriage to Norma Ruth Ackley and to this union four children were born. On May 26, 2004, in Eureka Springs, Ark., he was united in marriage to Donna Marie (Reed) Olmstead, who preceded him in death on April 14, 2010. Also preceding him in death were his parents; two sons, John Ray Walker and James Wilbur Walker; a son-in-law, Don Wilson; and a great grandson Julian Toscono.

Surviving are one son, Allen Walker and his wife, Janie, of Cassville; one daughter, Norma Sue Wilson, of Healy, Kan.; two daughters-in-law, Bonnie Walker, of Cassville, and Robin Brouse, of Lee's Summit; stepchildren, Lori Holsten and her husband, Tim, of Wilburton, Okla., Lynn Ingle and her husband, Dave, of Monett, and Danny Lawrence, of Alexandria, Va.; one brother, Donald Patrick Dairty, of Springfield, Colo.; four sisters, Betty Hancock, of Walsh, Colo., Willa Dean Wilson and Ellen Garner, both of Mission, Kan., and

Priscilla Humphrey, of Vilas, Colo.; three grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren.

Rodney grew up and received his education in Cassville. He resided in Kansas City several years and was a carpenter for Neighbors Construction. He moved back to Barry County, where he was a self-employed carpenter.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 9, 2016, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Pastor Wyatt Clevenger conducted the services. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Cassville.

The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Friday in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.

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**WILMA JEAN ADAMS**

Wilma Jean Adams, 93, of Monett, passed from this life to her Heavenly home on Sunday, January 10, 2016, while at Mercy Hospital in Joplin.

A graveside service was held at 2:30 p.m. today, Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at King's Prairie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Liberty United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

## Obituaries



**MARTHA ELIZABETH (MCNEILL) HARPER**

Martha Elizabeth (McNeill) Harper was born on January 12, 1925, in rural Stella, and departed this life on Saturday, January 9, 2016, surrounded by her family at the Medicalodge in Neosho. She was the daughter of Ausden and Mildred (McGuire) McNeill.

Martha graduated from Stella High School in 1942. She married Gerald Harper on November 20, 1942, and lived on a farm her entire life near Longview. She and Gerald raised broiler chickens and beef cattle. They enjoyed fishing and spent several winters in Florida and Texas after retiring. While Martha was able, she enjoyed gardening, baking pies for the Stella Senior Center activities and spending time with her grandchildren. She was also a faithful member of the Bethlehem Church and served as church secretary for several years.

Survivors include her daughter, Lynn Ruhl and son-in-law, Max, of Longview; two grandchildren, Michelle Markum and husband, Collin, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Michael Ruhl and wife, Sarah, of Longview; three great-grandchildren; a dear friend, Carl Bible, of Joplin; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Those preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, mother and father, are a daughter, Janice Harper; one brother, Orlin McNeill; and two sisters, Geralda Harbaugh

and Betty Sayers Thompson.

Visitation will be at the McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Services will be held at the Bethlehem Church on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., with burial to follow at Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Church or the American Heart Association.

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**ROCKY LEE HILBURN**

Rocky Lee Hilburn, 58, passed away January 7, 2016.

Rocky was born July 5, 1957, in Portsmouth, Va., and resided in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. Rocky graduated Aurora High School and Columbia, Missouri University. He served four years U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include one daughter, Amilia, of the home; his mother, Annetta Hilburn, of Aurora; two brothers, Mark Hilburn, of Roundrock, Texas, and Lyle Hilburn, of Springfield; and five nephews.

Those preceding him in death are one daughter, Rachel, and his father, Leroy Hilburn. Memorial and cremation arrangements are under the direction of O'Connor Mortuary, Laguna Hills, Calif. Memorial services will be held Sunday, January 17, 2016, at O'Connor Mortuary.



**BLIA VANG**

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

Blia was born September 20, 1928, in Laos. She was married to Nhia Vang Lee, who preceded her in death in 1991. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one son, Bee Lee; five sisters; and two brothers.

Surviving are one son, Vang Cher Lee, of Washburn; four daughters, Jou Vue, of Sacramento, Calif., Sheng Lo, of Fresno, Calif., Ka Thao, of St. Paul, Minn., and Nou Xiong and her husband, Lue Xiong, of Fresno, Calif.; several grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Blia was a homemaker, and in 2004, moved from Thailand to California to make her home. Her favorite pastimes were gardening and being with her family.

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

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

**JANICE (JAN) M. HARRIS**

Janice (Jan) M. Harris, 69, of Shell Knob, died January 5, 2016, at her home in Shell Knob. Jan was born March 27, 1946, in Ida Grove, Iowa, to Harvey M. Rusch and Helma (Laumbach) Rusch. She was a retired medical transcriptionist. She had lived in White Hall, Ark., moving to Shell Knob in 2012. She loved to quilt and garden.

Jan married Ray Harris, April 5, 1987; he survives. Additional survivors are six children, Randy Nollen, Mike Nollen, Melissa (Jamie) Dean, Kimberly Harris, Scott (Brandy) Harris and James Harris. She is also survived by one sister, Beverly (Duane) Wunschel. In addition, she is survived by ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

Funeral services were held today, Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at the Clark Funeral Home Chapel, Granby. Dr. Jerry Seigel officiated with interment following at Granby Memorial Cemetery, Granby. Friends were invited to call at the funeral home from 9:00 a.m. to service time, January 13, 2016. The family received friends from 12:00 noon to service time.

Services are under the direction of Clark Funeral Home, Granby. Online condolences may be posted at [www.clarkfuneralhomes.com](http://www.clarkfuneralhomes.com).

**PAMELA I. MAGGIA**

Pamela I. Maggia, 54, of Pineville, formerly of Shell Knob, passed away at Mercy Hospital in Springfield on Saturday, January 9, 2015. Memorial contributions may be made to the family and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

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managing diabetes or you're just committed to making healthy lifestyle choices, we encourage you to sign up."

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

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## Mercy's January Co-Worker of the Month



Pam Rupp, RN in the Outpatients Department, received the Mercy Hospital Cassville January Co-Worker of the Month. Pam has been employed by Mercy for about four and a half years. She resides in Purdy with her husband, Wayne.

Pam enjoys spending time with her family. She came to work for Mercy because of the co-workers and the great department that she has the honor of working in. She likes to help the Cassville community and her patients. Pam adds that she works with the best co-workers, management team, physicians and patients ever!

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## Purdy names December character kids



Purdy Elementary Principal Janet Boys announced character education medal winners for the month of December. In partnership with elementary counselor Gary Jurgensen, Purdy's kindergarten through fourth grade teachers present a different character trait each month. At the end of the month, each teacher nominates one student who best exemplifies the trait presented. These students receive character medals from Mrs. Boys at a special assembly.

In December, students focused on generosity. December medal winners are fourth graders Khyle Dotson and Cadence Freeman; third graders Cristian Villa, Gracie Patton and Taylor Lunceford; second graders Linh Mai, Dominick Cardenas and Anjelina Barrientos; first graders Becca Dunlap, Boni Lopez and Natalie Canales; and kindergartners Olivia Lawson, Benjamin Martinez and Abner Juarez.

Pictured above, in the front row, from left to right: Boni Lopez; Abner Juarez; Olivia Lawson; Benjamin Martinez and Natalie Canales. Middle row: Purdy Police Chief Jackie Lowe, special guest and honoree; Dominick Cardenas; Cristian Villa; Gracie Patton; Anjelina Barrientos; Becca Dunlap; and Mrs. Jane Rogers, special guest and honoree. Top row: Cadence Freeman; Linh Mai; Echo the Eagle; Khyle Dotson and Taylor Lunceford.

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## Central Crossing seniors hold luncheon



On December 16, Central Crossing Senior Center opened its doors for area seniors wishing to celebrate Christmas a little early. A special lunch was served, followed by entertainment by the Center's talented Table Rockettes. The group entertained the attendees with their costumes, good cheer and line dancing. In all, 133 attended the Christmas luncheon and 24 home delivered meals were served.

## Southwest Schools fall semester review

Dr. Bob Walker, Southwest Schools Superintendent

With the first semester of our current 2015-2016 school year concluding, I would like to once again provide our patrons with a brief update of what has been going on at Southwest R-V. Although space does not permit my providing an update concerning all of our activities and programs, I would like to highlight a few, as well as recognize various accomplishments by our students and by our district as a whole.

First of all, we are in the middle of a very productive year. The district received very good news as classes resumed this fall in respect to our accreditation status. Not only is Southwest fully accredited, but the district actually earned a percentage score of 92.5, placing our school in the "accredited with distinction" category. As I have described it in the past, the Annual Performance Report (APR) can be a bit of an unusual animal in respect to what it indicates from year to year, and I would caution folks from considering it as the only indicator in respect to a school district's level of performance. However, for their hard work this past year, our students and staff members are to be commended for achieving the highest APR among area schools. I'm sure our patrons join me and our school board in being extremely proud of our kids, teachers, and building level administrators.

With that said, the push to increase academic rigor in curriculum across the nation is very real. Although Southwest is currently performing quite well, our staff understands that there can be no letting up. Mathematics, in particular, is a targeted area in all buildings. Both new and past strategies are being emphasized in the form of tutoring, study skills, and WIN (What I Need) time, as a concerted effort is being made to help our students function at a higher level in math.

I'm happy to report that our new Preschool program is running at full capacity. You may recall that we started this endeavor around the middle of last school year with the help of a grant awarded through the Missouri Preschool Program.

We really appreciate our parents who are taking advantage of this service as quality preschools can be very beneficial for children in advance of entering Kindergarten, en-

See REVIEW on 15A

## Three local troopers promoted, reassigned

Three local Missouri State Troopers were promoted or reassigned during December.

Corporal John H. Lueckenhoff was promoted to sergeant. Lueckenhoff was appointed to the Patrol on July 1, 1995, and was first assigned to Troop D, Zone 14, Barry County. On August 1, 2005, he was promoted to corporal and served as the assistant zone supervisor in Barry County until his assignment on June 1, 2015, as a public information and education officer in Troop D. He is a native of Greeley, Colorado, and graduated from Greeley West High School in 1988. Lueckenhoff served in the United States Marine Corps from 1989-1995. He is married to Wendy (Hall) Lueckenhoff and they have three children, Jessica (Lueckenhoff) Naugle, Bradley Lueckenhoff, and Jordan Bailey.

Trooper Zackery K. Bryan was promoted to the rank of corporal in Troop D, Zone 14, Barry County, where he currently resides. Bryan was appointed to the Patrol on January 7, 2007, and after graduating from the Patrol Academy was as-

signed to Troop A, Zone 16, Benton County. In March 2010, he transferred from Troop A to Troop D, Zone 14, Barry County. Bryan is a native of Lamar, and graduated from Lamar High School. After high school, he attended Pittsburg State University, in Pittsburg, Kansas, and Missouri Southern State University, in Joplin. He is married to Kayla (Piley) Bryan. They have two children, Macy, 3, and Madilyn, 1.

Trooper Colton J. Beck, a native of Cassville, has been assigned to Zone 1, which serves the citizens of Greene County. Trooper Beck graduated from Cassville High School in Cassville, Missouri. After graduating high school, he attended Crowder Community College, Neosho, and Missouri State University, Springfield, where he earned a general studies and psychology degree, respectively. He is married to Jessica (Jamieson) Beck. Trooper Beck's field training officer will be Trooper William S. Lashmet, and his immediate supervisor will be Sergeant Robert E. Proctor.



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jewelry boxes of costume jewelry, an antique brush and mirror. Hamm admitted to stealing the items and said that she had thrown the property out of the car window while being chased by Greene County law enforcement.

The day before, Cox and Hamm broke into a home on State Highway RA in Golden and was confronted by the home owner. According to the report, Hamm and Cox spray painted their silver car black that night before the burglaries the next day.

• **James Calvin Harkins, Jr.**, 59, of Purdy, entered an Alford plea for possession of a controlled substance and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia for methamphetamine. Harkins was sentenced to two years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

On March 25, 2015, the Purdy Police Department had to chase Harkins, who was attempting to flee. An inventory of the vehicle he was driving yielded digital scales, baggies, and a bag of marijuana. There was also a methamphetamine pipe that tested positive for the drug, syringes and a Ruger .80 semi-automatic handgun.

• **Shana Ann Hess**, of Shell Knob, pled guilty to 12 counts of passing a bad check. Hess was sentenced to seven years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

Hess wrote a check to Metal Siding, Inc. in 2013 for \$31,176 that was written on an account at Freedom Bank that Hess knew would not clear.

• **Christopher Lee Hetherington**, 32, of Aurora, entered an Alford plea to tampering with the motor vehicle in the first degree. Hetherington was sentenced to three years incarceration with the Department of Corrections to run concurrently with any and all previous sentences imposed.

On February 23, 2015, Hetherington and another man took a vehicle that they were passengers in when their friend was in a residence getting a friend that needed to be transported to the hospital. The car was recovered in Berryville, Ark.

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• **Jamie Ray McCarty**, 28, of Eagle Rock, pled guilty to assault in the third degree. McCarty was granted a suspended imposition of sentencing and two years unsupervised probation.

On February 15, 2015, the Barry County Sheriff's Department attempted to take McCarty into custody. McCarty kicked Deputy Mike Moore in the chest twice and then attempted to spit on him at the jail, as well as punching him with his right fist in the side.

McCarty is to serve probation until December 3, 2017.

• **Jimmy Robert McKnight**, of Seligman, was on probation for two counts of domestic assault in the second degree and possession of a controlled substance. McKnight violated the terms of his probation and is to serve five years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

• **Philip Nguyen**, 35, of Monett, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Nguyen was granted a suspended imposition of sentencing and four years supervised probation.

On January 10, 2015, the Missouri State Highway Patrol pulled over Nguyen and his passenger in a black SUV for no registration. Once in custody, Nguyen was found to have a methamphetamine pipe in his pocket. There were also baggies of methamphetamine in the car, along with items for distribution.

Nguyen is to serve probation until December 21, 2019.

• **Jacob Allen Schmidly**, of Mt. Vernon, pled guilty to burglary in the second degree and theft/stealing. Schmidly was granted a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On September 2, 2014, Schmidly was involved in burglaries at the Monett Golf Course and Herd's Truck Stop in Monett. At the golf course, \$250 cash was stolen when they broke through a window. At Herd's, two windows were broken and beer, rolling papers, and lottery tickets were stolen, totalling around \$536.

Schmidly is to serve probation until December 21, 2020.

• **Casey Don Sherrin**, 29, of Butterfield, pled guilty to theft/stealing of a credit card and possession of a controlled substance. Sherrin was on probation and violated those terms of probation on two charges for leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident theft/stealing. Sherrin was sentenced to three years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

Sherrin's charges came from four separate incidents. On June 26, 2014, Sherrin was driving a Black 2000 Dodge Caravan that field to yield the right of way and struck another vehicle on west 8th Street in Cassville.

Then, on February 27, 2015, broke into a 2011 Chevy Malibu in the Cassville Walmart parking lot and stole a purse with credit cards, which he used at the Cassville Murphy's gas station.

On September 18, 2015, Sherrin stole a billfold with \$200 cash and a credit card in it. Sherrin was in possession of Walmart gift cards, a stolen check and two monograms.

Finally, on October 23, 2105, Sherrin was a passenger in a vehicle the Barry County Sheriff's Department pulled over. Sherrin was in possession of methamphetamine and stolen checks, as well.

• **Toni M. Sooter**, of Monett, pled guilty to DWI-Alcohol as a persis-

tent offender, two counts of leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident, driving while revoked as a subsequent offense and failure to comply with a court order requiring the use of an ignition interlock device. Sooter was granted a suspended execution of a 60 day incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and two years supervised probation.

On July 2, 2015, the Missouri State Highway Patrol responded to a single-vehicle wreck on Route W and Business 37 in Butterfield. Sooter had hit some mailboxes and then crashed into the ditch. Sooter was visibly intoxicated. Her blood alcohol content was 0.114 percent.

Sooter is to serve probation until December 3, 2017.

• **Greg Anthony Stepp**, 23, of Seligman, entered an Alford plea to endangering the welfare of a child in the second degree. Stepp was granted a suspended execution of a 90 day incarceration sentence in jail and two years of unsupervised probation.

On August 20, 2014, Stepp had a home visit with Social Services where it was found that there was cruel and inhuman punishment because Stepp was biting a one-year old child on the arm, leaving a bruise. There were also unexplained bruises and marks on a one week old baby in the home.

Stepp is to serve probation until December 16, 2017.

• **Kyle Edwin Stirewalt**, 30, of Joplin, pled guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm resisting arrest for a felony causing substantial risk of injury or death to another person, burglary in the second degree and theft/stealing of \$500 to \$25,000. Stirewalt was granted a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On September 16, 2015, the Cassville Police Department found a stolen vehicle. He was speeding in excess of 120 miles per hour, attempting to evade law enforcement. Finally, he crashed at Sale Barn Road and Farm Road 1107. Inside the car was a loaded Winchester .22 long rifle and two unloaded rifles.

The rifles, as well as other items in the car, had been stolen from a residence on Farm Road 2030 in Monett.

Stirewalt will serve pro-

bation until December 21, 2020.

• **Robert Glen Wells**, 37, of Exeter, pled guilty to burglary in the second degree and theft/stealing of \$500 to \$25,000. Wells received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On January 11, 2015, Wells unlawfully entered into a residence on Farm Road 1065 in Purdy. An antique wood stove was stolen, valued at \$550.

Wells is to serve probation until December 21, 2020.

• **Daniel Garrett Williamson**, 32, of Marshfield, pled guilty to passing a bad check in October 2013. His probation has since been revoked and he is to serve five years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

Williamson wrote a check for \$570.15 to Missouri Loan Center, LLC on a non-existence account drawn on Liberty Bank.

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# Lady Wildcats post 44-30 win over McDonald County

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Lady Wildcats played a solid game in taking a 44-30 home win over McDonald County on Monday night. The Ladycats defense limited the Lady Mustangs to just 22 percent shooting from the field in the contest. Conversely, Cassville shot 41 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free throw line. Besides the scoring differential, Cassville out-rebounded Mac, 39-26.

Madi Stokes led Cassville with 13 points.

It was a classic, efficient win for Cassville. Great defense, strong interior play, and good shot selection led to a solid victory. The only negative stat involved 15 turnovers.

The Lady Wildcats

claimed a 16-11 lead at the end of the opening quarter and extended that lead throughout the contest. Mac only managed 3 points in the second quarter as Cassville took a 25-14 halftime lead.

Cassville's girls improved to 9-5 overall and 1-1 in the Big 8 with the win and will return to action on Thursday night, traveling to Mt. Vernon.

Cassville scorers: Madi Stokes, 13; Hallie Long, 8; Macey Parsons, 8; Devyn Callahan, 6; Ashlynn Howe, 4; Kandace Wallace, 3; and Audra Brooks, 2.

McDonald County scorers: Madison Hall, 8; Dakota Bunch, 6; Tricia Wattman, 5; Cloee Helm, 5; Baili Nelson, 4; and Kelsey Thornton, 2.



Photo by Priscilla Craig

The Cassville Lady Cats are pictured above in a team huddle before they take the court.

## Cassville edges Southwest, 49-47

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Wildcats won a hard fought victory over the visiting Southwest Trojans on Tuesday night, 49-47. Four Wildcats scored in double figures, led by Noah Hadlow with 14. Southwest's Paton Clay led all scorers with 17.

A deliberate pace kept the score down throughout the first three periods. Cassville's Tyler Arndt and Noah Hadlow both connected with long treys to give the Wildcats a 14-12 lead at the break. Southwest kept pace on the strength of Orion Lawyer's three baskets in the opening frame.

Arndt opened the second period with another bomb from between the circles,

and Cassville pushed to a 22-16 lead. Robbie Randall answered for the Trojans, burying a pair of free throws and scoring with an offensive board.

Free throws became an adventure for the Southwest shooters. A spirited Cassville student section recognized reach Trojan at the charity stripe, a nostalgic throwback to the old Cheers sitcom theme song, "Where everybody knows your name."

Landon Wright helped the Trojans with a pick and score late in the quarter, but Collin Pearman's trey from the right wing closed out the first half scoring to give Cassville a 29-22 advantage.

Things got chippy in the third quarter when Randall

threw Allen Lambel to the floor while in a possession scrum. Randall was assessed a technical for his role, and Hadlow converted both free throws for a 31-22 lead. Hadlow then gave the Wildcats their first double digit lead with a jumper from the right wing to create a 33-22 score. The quarter ended with that same margin when Arndt hit a bomb for a 42-31 Cassville lead.

In a game marked by severe momentum swings, the Wildcats were able to hold off a late Southwest rally. The Trojans trailed by 12 early in the fourth quarter, but battled back with a 7-0 run and pulled within 46-44 with just 1:23 remaining.

Trailing 47-44, Southwest

had a chance to tie in the final seconds. A missed shot and a pair of Arndt free throws gave Cassville a safe cushion with just 8 seconds left. Clay hit a stat-builder trey at the buzzer, and Cassville claimed the 49-47 victory.

Cassville improved to 4-7 with the win, while Southwest slipped to that identical 4-7 record.


Cassville scorers: Noach Hadlow, 14; Collin Pearman, 12; Tyler Arndt, 11; Ethan Hoppes, 10; and Allen Lambel, 2.

Southwest scorers: Paton Clay, 17; Robbie Randall, 13; Orion Lawyer, 8; Jacob Durossette, 6; Landon Wright, 2; and Jarrett Pike, 1.

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**TYLER MORGAN**

Tyler was 3-0 at the wrestling dual with Central & Springfield Catholic.



**Southwest R5 Middle School**

**volleyball practice to begin January 26**

Volleyball season begins at Southwest Middle School with practice on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 3:30 p.m. The team is open to all 7th- and 8th-

grade girls. The first game is Feb. 25 against Verona.

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# Purdy takes twinbill from Seneca

Lee Stubblefield

Both the Purdy Eagles and Lady Eagles earned hardwood victories over visiting Seneca teams on Tuesday night but in dramatically different fashion. The Purdy girls romped to an 81-57 win, fueled by a 29-10 third quarter uprising. But Tommy Eagan's boys needed every second to secure their 61-58 victory over the Seneca Indians.

The girls game was tight through halftime, with Purdy holding a 25-18 first quarter lead. Seneca's Elena Wood canned a pair of treys to keep the Lady Indians in the game. Purdy led by as many as 12 in the first frame, led by Sami House's 10 points.

Seneca controlled the second quarter, 13-9, with Wood throwing in two more bombs. Purdy held on to a 36-31 lead at half.

Desirie Ennes went wild for Purdy in the third quarter, and the Lady Eagles raced to a 58-36 lead with 3:00 left in the quarter. Seneca's Willow Rhodes hit a late trey to cut the lead to 65-41, but the game was never in doubt in the fourth quarter.

Purdy scoring: Desirie

Ennes, 25; Sami House, 23; Layne Skiles, 18; Rion Boyd, 7; Zoe Brown, 6; and Cailyn Spears, 2.

Seneca scoring: Elena Wood, 16; Grace VanSickle, 8; Maranda Cooper, 8; Taylor Mailes, 8; Chayane Brown, 7; Willow Rhodes, 4; Payton Clouse, 2; and Kayleigh Hancock, 2.

## Late surge lifts Purdy boys over Seneca

The varsity boys game between Purdy and Seneca featured a total contrast in styles. The Eagles wanted to run to get their sharpshooters in space, while the bigger Indians were content to walk the ball up and use their size advantage in the paint. Neither team could gain much of an advantage throughout the first half, although Purdy could never get a lead. The Indians led at halftime, 31-27.

The Eagles fought back and claimed their first lead at 35-34 when Tyler Keeler went coast to coast and scored with 5:55 on the third quarter clock. Seneca responded with a monster run, and led by as many as 13 late in the period. But Purdy scored the the last 8 points

of the quarter. Hunter Cook nailed a long trey, and then Jonatan Salazar scored three from the field and the line. Keeler followed a missed shot in the final minute and with his basket, Purdy trailed by just 49-44 at the final break.

In a frantic fourth quarter, Purdy outscored Seneca 17-9, with the Eagles' final 9 points coming at the free throw line. With the score tied at 58-58 and just 43 seconds remaining, Salazar hit two of four free throws in a 30-second span to give Purdy a 60-58 lead. Keeler hit the second of two freebies with just 2 seconds left, and then Seneca's desperation heave lacked the magic of an Audrey Patton half-court miracle. Purdy won, 61-58.

Purdy scoring: Tyler Keeler, 18; Jonatan Salazar, 13; Sydney Birge, 8; Raul Garcia, 6; Luis Cruz, 6; Hunter Cook, 5; James Hughlett, 4; and Isaac Brattin, 1.

Seneca scorers: Cameron Brattin, 13; Gavin Dunnam, 12; Zack Dunnam, 9; Spencer Brattin, 9; Nate Williams, 5; Cameron Nesvold, 4; Brett Reeves, 2; Parker Wolfenbarger, 2; and Gavin Clouse, 2.

# CHS wrestling team brings home medals



Cassville High School junior varsity wrestlers competed in the McDonald County wrestling match in December. Pictured above, back row: Alex Ross, Owen Morris, Braden Branham, Jaymen Dewitt, Tyler Morgan, David Whittimire and Kameron Kalbaugh. Front Row Caleb Lucero, third place; Michael Hunter first place; Steven Hunter second place; and Geoffery Cor.

## SW Academic Team defeats Cassville



Southwest defeated Cassville 150-130 in a Scholar Bowl match in Washburn last week. Southwest also won the 7th grade match 190-70. Members of Southwest's 8th grade team include: Makayle Teal, Hope Robbins, Jesse Foster and Makenzie Smith. The Trojans have won four of five matches so far this season.

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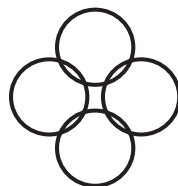
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## Purdy FBLA participates in District workshop



The District 5 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) hosted a Cyber Bullying and Social Media workshop on December 3 at Aurora Baptist Temple. The event, which targeted students in 11th and 12th grades, was presented by Drury University. Attendees were seated in groups of 8-12 and had to work together to develop a social media campaign to help raise awareness among young people about cyber-bullying and to educate them about how to report episodes of online bullying. Teams had to select a social media outlet and design a reporting method to incorporate. Two divisional winners presented their plans to the entire group. Both winning groups received \$20 cash and three free Drury University dual credit hours. Purdy students in the winning groups included Umar Akhtar, Kaden Propps and Saima Akhtar. The Purdy FBLA chapter operates under the advisement of Kay Wright and Ashley Brown.

Workshop attendees are pictured above, from left to right. Front row: Hannah White, Morgan Schilly, Desi Ennes, Umar Akhtar, Andrea Humphrey, Saima Akhtar, Kaden Propps, Carly England and Rion Boyd. Back row: Morgan Grisson, Courtney White and Skylar Lakey.

## Wheaton's December Students of the Month



Wheaton Schools named their December Students of the Month as Alyssa Xiong and Miranda Booth. Alyssa Xiong (left) is the daughter of Andrew and Sara Xiong. Miranda Booth (right) is the daughter of Andrew Kelley and Wyona Plata.

## Cassville Intermediate 2nd qtr. perfect attendance

### 3rd grade:

Vanessa Alexander, Ashley Alonso, Conner Annecharico, Tyler Ball, Hanna Blankenship, Kyla Bowling, Caydance Brophy, Hailey Bryan, Traiton Burnette, Evan Bulter, Mallery Cornell, Dylan Criswell, Autumn Davis, Xavier Day, Elija Deadmond, Dalton Deiser, Isabella Dunbar, Ashlie Estrada, Kamryn Fare, Nicolas Fierro, Rebekah Fry, Conner Gahagan, Simon Gates, Hailey Gautney, Angel Gomez, Jace Gregory, Monty Hang, Matthew Harris, Cody Hawks, Tyler Hayward, Adelee Hendricks, Laura Henry, Gracen Hilburn, Shayden Hilburn, Makayla Hollingsworth, Kinlee Holman, Isabella Hopper, Monica Housekeeper, Nathan Hunsucker, Isabelle Jones-tice, Christan Knoles, Bradly Kraft, Zane Larson, Mikayla Manwarren, Gracie Marlowe, Austyn Meltabarger, Jagger Miller, Ryker Nelson, Ryan Norris, Spencer Osborne, Lilliann Palmer, Maliki Pate, Ella Pearman, Yovanni Perez, Ava Periman, Elly Ramaeker, Talen Reed, Laramee Reynolds, Maddock Roark, Justine Robar, Timothy Roberts, Issabella Rodriguez Muise, Casey Roller, Bodee Rose, Dustin Simon, Tierany Sloan, Lauren Sparkman, Melody Stephens, Cricket Stockton, Rylee Stringer, Bradley Stumpff, Kade Swolley, Macie Talbert, Kendall Taylor, Malcolm Terry, David Turner, Lorelei Vanderhoff, Mackenzie Watkins, Kaylyn Weiser, Kaden Wilson and Johnathan Wood.

### 4th grade:

Fernando Alonso, Shannon Aplin, Sawyer Asbill, Cruz Baca, Dustin Barnes, Hali Bates, Josie Bivens, Colton Blankenship, Ethan Bohmke, Rylee Bow-

man, Pazlee Burbridge, Vincent Chadwick, Ryan Cotton, Zoie Coupland, Jonathan Dunbar, Jeremiah Ewing, Richard Fohn, Jessica Forrester, Jacob Freeman, Kayden Fuchs, Emily Griffin, Madison Halterman, Nathaniel Hang, Brylee Hendrix, Deigo Hernandez, Dakota Hood, Jessi Hoppes, Juan Ibarra, Ashlyn Jackson, Bryson Jacobson, Hunter James, Josie Keeven, Monique Lopez, Kelsey Mackey, Garrin Madison, Branson Maher, Kiley Miller, Brooklynn Mitchell, Keith Moore, Kathryn Morris, Paul Najdek, London Newton, Macen Ogletree, James Osborn, Asusena Perez, Emilio Perez, Nathalia Perez, Joseph Reuter, Jerryd Reynolds, Cosmo Rhoads, Hailey Roberts, Daniel Roper, Cody Rose, Aracely Serrano, Makiah Shirley, Brooklynn Slye, Jasmine Sports, Kaysha Stockton, Autumn Stoerger, Ryleigh Tabor, Christian Vail, Angel Velasquez-Vail, Elizabeth Wood and Sophia Wyman.

### 5th grade:

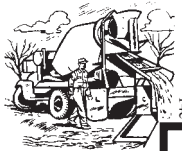
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sureing that they begin their journey in education as prepared as possible.

In respect to capital improvements, this past summer we replaced the floor tile in the elementary cafeteria and office areas. This was much needed and has provided a safer, more attractive floor. We are planning on similar work in the kitchen and food storage areas this coming summer.

In addition, our 400 meter running track has finally been completed. There were certainly some missteps along the way, but the good news is Southwest has a quality running track and something that will not only benefit our kids, but the health of our residents as well. I really appreciate Nabholz Construction, CEI Engineering, and more locally, Hutchens Construction, for working together to make the necessary corrections. The Fisher Tracks company followed up their work with the application of a synthetic surface and striping. If you haven't been to the track, I would encourage you to check it out.

We are continuing to upgrade our phone system with our goal being to provide a more effective, uniform communications network. This includes the normal day to day activities of conducting school business, but also our emergency communications needs. Meshing three separate phone systems into one, and doing this as economically as possible, has been challenging. Our technology director, Dan Shelton, has done an excellent job of guiding our campus through this process.

To get into some "kid stuff", I continue to be amazed at some of the things our students do. I'm pleased

that Southwest can offer a variety of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, and I'm thankful for our quality staff members who work within these programs, but these would be unfulfilled without the participation of our students. I might mention in particular our Vocal Music department, which is under the direction of Mary Ellen Conrad. Mrs. Conrad's students really put on some nice performances. If you want your emotions to awaken, I would recommend observing a Veterans' Day assembly at Southwest when the elementary student body stands proudly, singing to honor our guests. It is very inspiring. And vocal music is only one facet of our Fine Arts. Our Band program continues to function at a very high level, offering participants the opportunity to take part in both instrumental and marching events, while including a drill team component. And our Theatre/Drama department is undoubtedly one of the most unique programs that I have seen, especially for a school district our size. Year after year these students demonstrate courage and confidence through a variety of excellent performances. I encourage everyone to come out to see some of the events these three programs host. I know you will enjoy their efforts.

I sound like a broken record, but our high school Volleyball team enjoyed another outstanding season this past semester, once again achieving plus 20 wins. Seniors Savana Leonhardt and Jaime Shrum received all conference recognition, as did junior Brianna Learned. In addition, Jaime is the Ozark Seven Conference

Player of the Year, while being named to the All District and All Region teams. She ended her very accomplished career at Southwest with an all-time ranking of 4th in the state for service aces. Our Cross Country kids competed well this fall, culminating with our high school hosting the district meet at the end of October. Freshman Jarrett Pike ran well at the district meet and was rewarded by qualifying for state.

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is a new experience that some of our elementary students are engaged in. Southwest parent Marlene Benninger is overseeing this program in coordination with Principal Jeff Payne. OM is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and world level. Although this program involves a relatively small group of kids and operates independently of Southwest schools, I believe it will have a positive influence academically on our entire elementary.

In closing, I want to again thank our parents and those who care for our students. We recognize that educating children is a partnership and we certainly acknowledge your contributions. We appreciate your support, as well as the support of all the Southwest R-V residents.

## Knights of Columbus donates for special needs



The Cassville Knights of Columbus Council 8865 donated \$335 to the Cassville K-12 Special Needs Program. The proceeds come from their annual Tootsie Roll drive for persons with developmental disabilities. At the check presentation were, from left to right: Becky Jones, drive chairman Roger King, Grand Knight Tim Colf and special needs teacher Sally Knight.



The Cassville Knights of Columbus Council 8865 also donated \$335 to the Arc of the Ozarks. Pictured above are, from left to right: shift supervisor Sondra Buckner, drive chairman Roger King and Grand Knight Tim Colf.

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Conservation makes Missouri a great place to turkey hunt. To learn more about turkey hunting visit MDC's website at <http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey>.

## Southwest's December Super Hero students



During the month of December, Southwest students were chosen to be "Super Hero" Students of the Month. These students exhibited the character trait of caring. They were honored at an assembly. The students are pictured above, from left to right. Front row: Emma Out-house, Ashley Oxford, Kalyln Sullenger and Domenick Sierra. Middle row: Jayden Lee, Morgan Slaughter, Lane Hendrix and Payten Cotton. Back row: Addison Cotton, Raeli Miles, Tobias Smith, Michael Freeman, Brendyn Paulsen and Shelbee Whiteaker. Not pictured: Justice Bramlett.

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**John Ellrick**

John Ellrick, 30, of Purdy, is wanted for tampering with a motor vehicle.



**John P. McCaffrey**

John P. McCaffrey, 30, of Monett, is wanted for two counts of forgery and possession of a controlled substance. McCaffrey is 6'1" and 205 pounds.

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3. Employees were handling tortillas with their bare hands.\*

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### PUBLIC NOTICE - MISSOURI DR-4238-MO

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse state and local Missouri governments and agencies, and eligible private nonprofit organizations for eligible costs incurred to repair and/or replace facilities damaged by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding during the period of May 15 to July 27, 2015.

This notice applies to the Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) programs implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC §§ 5121-5207, as amended.

Under a major disaster declaration (DR-4238-MO) signed by the President on August 7, 2015, the following counties in the state of Missouri have been designated adversely affected by the disaster and are eligible for Public Assistance: Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barry, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Caldwell, Chariton, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Daviess, DeKalb, Douglas, Gentry, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, McDonald, Macon, Maries, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Osage, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Pike, Platte, Polk, Putnam, Ralls, Ray, Ste. Genevieve, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shannon, Shelby, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Texas, Washington, Webster, Worth, and Wright counties.

An additional eight counties in the state of Missouri were added to the federal disaster declaration on August 31, 2015 and are eligible for Public Assistance: Camden, Jackson, New Madrid, Nodaway, Oregon, Pemiscot, Phelps and St. Clair counties.

All counties in the state of Missouri are eligible for HMGP. There are no counties designated for Individual Assistance.

This public notice concerns public assistance activities that may affect historic properties, activities that are located in, or affect, wetland areas or the 100-year floodplain (areas determined to have a one-percent probability of flooding in any given year), and critical actions within the 500-year floodplain. Such activities may adversely affect the historic property, floodplain or wetland, or may result in continuing vulnerability to flood damage.

Such activities may include restoring facilities located in a floodplain with eligible damage to pre-disaster condition. Examples of such activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Non-emergency debris removal and disposal;
2. Non-emergency protective measures;
3. Repair/replacement of roads, including streets, culverts, and bridges;
4. Repair/replacement of public dams, reservoirs and channels;
5. Repair/replacement of public buildings and related equipment;
6. Repair/replacement of public water control facilities, pipes and distribution systems;
7. Repair/replacement of public utilities, including sewage treatment plants, sewers and electrical power distribution systems; and
8. Repair/replacement of eligible private, nonprofit facilities (hospitals, educational centers, emergency and custodial care services, etc.).

The President's Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, require that all federal actions in or affecting the 100-year floodplain or wetland areas be reviewed for opportunities to move the facility out of the floodplain or wetland and to reduce the risk of future damage or loss from flooding and minimize harms to wetlands. However, FEMA has determined that in certain situations there are no alternatives to restoring an eligible facility located in the floodplain to its pre-disaster condition. These situations meet all of the following criteria:

1. The FEMA-estimated cost of repairs is less than 50 percent of the estimated cost to replace the facility and the replacement cost of the facility is less than \$100,000;
2. The facility is not located in a floodway or coastal high hazard area;
3. The facility has not sustained structural damage in a previous presidentially declared flood disaster or emergency;
4. The facility is not defined as critical (e.g., hospital, generating plant, contains dangerous materials, emergency operation center, etc.).

FEMA will provide assistance to restore the facilities described above to their pre-disaster condition except when measures to mitigate the effects of future flooding may be incorporated into the restoration work. For example, insufficient waterway openings under culverts and bridges may cause water backup to wash out the structures. The water backup could wash out the facility and could damage other facilities in the area. Increasing the size of the waterway opening would mitigate, or lessen, the potential for this damage. Additional examples of mitigation measures include providing erosion protection at bridge abutments or levees, and extending entrance tubes on sewage lift stations.

Disaster assistance projects to restore facilities, which do not meet the criteria listed above, must undergo a detailed review. The review will include a study to determine if the facility can be moved out of the floodplain. The public is invited to participate in the review. The public may identify alternatives for restoring the facility and may participate in analyzing the impact of the alternatives on the facility and the floodplain. An address and phone number for obtaining information about specific assistance projects is provided at the end of this Notice. The final determination regarding the restoration of these facilities in a floodplain will be announced in future Public Notices.

Due to the urgent need for and/or use of the certain facilities in a floodplain, actions to restore the facility may have started before the federal inspector visits the site. Some of these facilities may meet the criteria for a detailed review to determine if they should be relocated. Generally, facilities may be restored in their original location where at least one of the following conditions applies:

1. The facility, such as a flood-control device or bridge, is functionally dependent on its floodplain location;
2. The facility, such as a park or other open-use space, already represents sound floodplain management and, therefore, there is no need to change it;
3. The facility, such as a road or a utility, is an integral part of a larger network that could not be relocated economically;
4. Emergency action is needed to address a threat to public health and safety.

The effects of not relocating the facilities will be examined. In each case, the examination must show an overriding public need for the facility at its original location that clearly outweighs the requirements in the Executive Order to relocate the facility out of the floodplain. FEMA also will consult state and local officials to make certain that no actions taken will violate either state or local floodplain protection standards. The restoration of these facilities may also incorporate certain measures designed to mitigate the effects of future flooding. This will be the only Notice to the public concerning these facilities.

The National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. Those actions or activities affecting buildings, structures, districts or objects 50 years or older or that affect archeological sites or undisturbed ground will require further review to determine if the property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (Register). If the property is determined to be eligible for the Register, and FEMA's undertaking will adversely affect it, FEMA will provide additional Public Notices. For historic properties not adversely affected by FEMA's undertaking, this will be the only Public Notice.

FEMA also intends to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding under Section 404 of the Stafford Act to the state of Missouri for the purposes of mitigating future disaster damages. Hazard mitigation projects may involve the construction of a new facility (e.g., retention pond, or debris dam), modification of an existing undamaged facility (e.g., improving waterway openings of bridges or culverts), and the relocation of facilities out of the floodplain. Subsequent Notices will provide more specific information as project proposals are developed.

Information about assistance projects may be obtained by submitting a written request to the Regional Administrator, DHS-FEMA Region VII; 9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 300; Kansas City, MO 64114-3372. The information may also be obtained by calling: (816) 283-7060, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday. Comments should be sent in writing to the Regional Administrator, at the above address, within 15 days of the date of publication of this Notice.




































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• Color Me Mellow, a coloring group for grown-ups, will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 21, at 6 p.m. Call (417) 847-2121 for additional information.  
• Protecting your Kids in the Digital Age will be presented on Saturday, January 23, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Conducted by J.J. Goulbourne, the IT specialist for the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library system, the class will yield helpful tips for navigating the internet, social media and technological safety.

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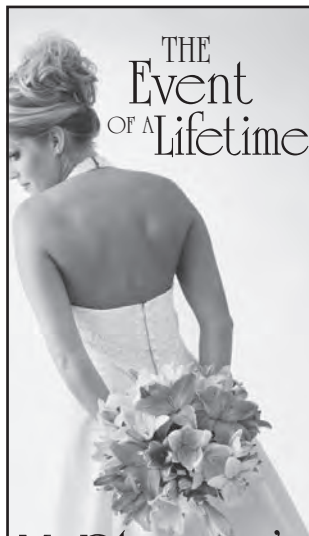
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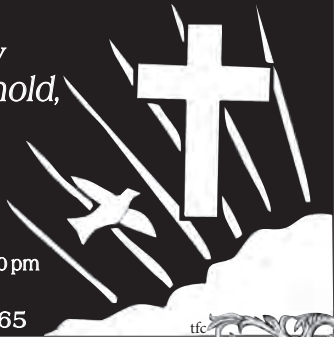
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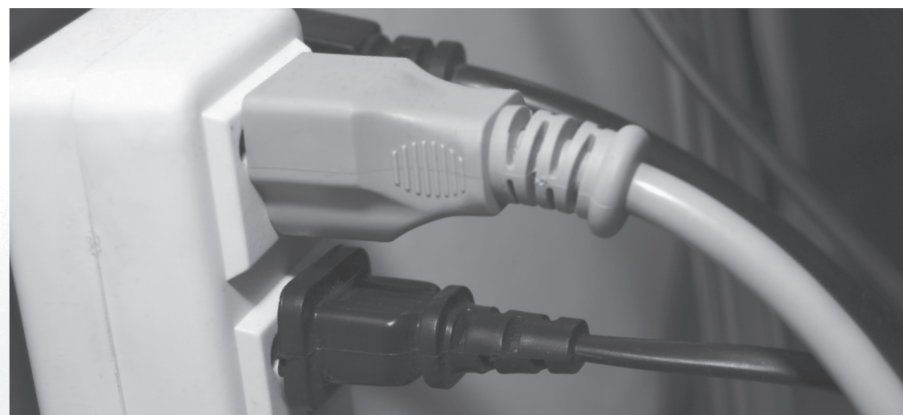
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