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Spotlight

Wrestling Tournament

The Wildcat Takedown Club will host the Roaring River Rumble wrestling tournament on Saturday, January 30, and Sunday, January 31. For more information, see page 10A.

Cassville Chamber Banquet

The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual banquet on Saturday, January 30, at the First Christian Church of Cassville at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. For more information, call the Chamber at (417) 847-2814.

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Burglary suspect extradited to Barry County to face charges

Charlea Mills

One of the two men charged with a string of robberies last year is finally in the Barry County Jail after being held in Berryville, Ark., on unrelated charges. Joseph Bass, 24, of Berryville, Ark., is being held in the Barry County Jail on a \$95,000 bond.

Bass and one other man, Andrew Roberts, 22, of Golden, were each charged after they were found to be involved in multiple burglaries around Eagle Rock. In September 2015, Bass and Roberts were traveling in a stolen vehicle what was taken from Uncle Roy's in Eagle Rock. Once they lost control, the two men fled into the woods.

The Barry County Sheriff's Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol were involved in the search for the men which included a helicopter sweep around Highway 86 and Route F. While in hiding, the two broke into a hunting cabin, disturbing several items and then fleeing when Troopers neared.

Other cabins were also broken into around the same time

and items were stolen, including multiple flat screen tv's. There was also damage done to property inside the cabins and windows and doors that were damaged in the break-ins.

Bass and Roberts were identified fairly quickly in connection with the crimes. During an interview with Detective Doug Henry with the Barry County Sheriff's Department, Roberts admitted that he and Bass were breaking into cabins and living in them in the Roaring River area and that they planned on selling the televisions they stole.

Bass and Roberts were both arrested in Carroll County, Ark. Bass signed a waiver of extradition and returned to Barry County last week after his charges in Arkansas were resolved. Roberts is still dealing with failure to appear and burglary charges. Epperly is unsure as to when Roberts will be able to be extradited back to Barry County.

Both men are facing 15 charges: four counts of burglary, five counts of stealing, four counts of property damage, and one count of tampering with a motor vehicle.

Emory Melton's \$25,000 donation makes library improvements possible



The new location of the children's area at the Cassville Branch Library makes it easy for more children to utilize the space and the new literacy stations made possible by Emory Melton's donation.

Charlea Mills

A generous gift to the Barry-Lawrence Library made a big impact on the Cassville and Monett branches and the youth of the community. Former Senator Emory Melton donated \$25,000 to be split between the two branches just

prior to his death. According to the Barry-Lawrence Library director Gina Milburn, the donation made a huge impact.

Melton made the donation to the library system which was announced at their November board meeting. Sen. Melton

passed away shortly after on December 26.

Milburn said the donation was accompanied by a letter which indicated that Melton wanted the donation made in honor of Judge Ed V. Sweeney and his wife, Marty. He wanted the donation to go to help youth in the community.

Melton decided to make the donation after he heard about the Cassville Community Foundation donating to help the Cassville branch purchase a literacy station for children. The literacy stations are tablets that have specialty keyboards, mice and apps for reading and learning for kids utilizing the children's department.

With the donation, the Cassville library purchased items for both the teen and children's sections. For the children's area, they added three new literacy stations like the one the CCF purchased, as well as new seating and a shelving unit.

For the teen area, they purchased two new tall tables and four chairs, as well as a shorter table and two chairs. Along with the new items purchased, the Cassville branch then made the move to switch the location of the teen and children's areas. The children's area is now located where the teen area was and vice versa. Verna Fry, youth services of the Cassville branch, said that the switch made a positive impact for both kids and teenagers who frequent the branch.

See LIBRARY on 2A

Mercy celebrates 125 years with flag ceremony

Charlea Mills

On Thursday, Mercy Hospital in Cassville had a special flag presentation to commemorate 125 years for the hospital group. The flags presented were hoisted on the hospitals poles later in the afternoon, where they will stay for the next year as a reminder of the legacy of the hospital and its humble beginnings.

Cassville hospital administrator Doug Stroemel opened the ceremony in a conference room of the hospital. He shared the importance of the event and the pride staff has of the long history Mercy has in the Southwest Missouri community. Stroemel shared, "To me, the most important part to be at Mercy is to be a part of faith-based healthcare." Stroemel invited chaplain Sid Allsbury to lead an invocation before the actual ceremony.

To remind the group of employees in attendance of how Mercy go its start, Sister Cabrini Koelsch joined via a phone conference due to the inclement weather. She told of how they got their start in Springfield in the early 1800's before the first building was completed in 1891. The nuns often faced torment and vio-



Linda Cooper, credentialing and privacy coordinator for Mercy, and George Roden, director of operations and human resources for Mercy, presented the symbolic flags at an event on Thursday afternoon, celebrating Mercy's 125th year.

lence due to being misunderstood back when they began, even being accused of witchcraft.

The first two maintenance men for the sisters took their positions after being nursed back to health. The nuns started out sitting on orange crates and eating off of box tops. Sr. Koelsch said, "We've come a long way from when the sisters used a chicken coop door as a stretcher."

In closing, she said, "They had one goal: to bring the will of God." This is some-

thing that Mercy says they carry on today.

Two flags were presented at the ceremony, carried by George Roden, the director of operations and human resources, and Linda Cooper, credentialing and privacy coordinator. The flags were hoisted up outside later that afternoon, following the presentation.

Stroemel said, "These flags serve as a symbolic representation of the last 125 years of Mercy."

According to a press re-

lease, Mercy Springfield Communities now have six hospitals, three specialty hospitals, almost 700 doctors and thousands of co-workers and clinic locations. Their mission statement remains, "To bring to life the healing ministry of Jesus."

Stroemel said, "The foundation put in place by the Sisters remains solid. At every turn, we're improving the technology and services we provide so we can reach more people than ever before."

LIBRARY from FRONT



The new location for the teen area at the Cassville Library allows the teens a more intimate space to read, study and socialize. Tables and materials were purchased with the donation made by Senator Melton.

She said, "It expanded the area for the younger children to be able to read their picture books, but also have more room to play. A lot more children can utilize the space at the same time, which is great."

The teen area also has new advantages. Fry said, "It gives the teens a more intimate space to be able

to read and visit. We have a powering station so that they can charge their phones or tablets if they need to and have a space that is more their own." The tables and chairs also make it easier for them to read and do their homework.

The swap between the two areas was being considered, but the donation made

it possible to do that and incorporate all of the new equipment funded through Sen. Melton's generous donation.

At the Monett branch, areas will be switched as well. Currently, the children's area is by the bathrooms, but they will be swapping it with the teen magazine section. Because

there isn't as much space available to move things without inconveniencing library patrons, the staff will do the transition while they are closed. All branches will be closed on February 15 for Presidents Day. However, the Monett branch will stay closed an additional day, Tuesday, February 16, to finish moving things around.

At the Monett branch, Melton's donation will fund a new desk for the children's library, a bulletin board and a rug. The rest of the funds will go to purchase children's and teen ebooks and physical materials.

The space in the Cassville branch is already being utilized by kids and teenagers and is a welcome change. The space is more open and utilizable for all of them.

Fry said, "[Sen. Melton] really left a legacy in a lot of ways, and this is a great way to support the youth of the community."

She continued, "We are just so appreciative of Emory's gift. It's really helped us."

BARRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOST WANTED

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Steven A. Handshy



Brandi Nicole Plopper

Steven A. Handshy, 28, of Aurora, is wanted for possession of a controlled substance. Handshy is 6' 2" and 180 pounds.

Brandi Nicole Plopper, 36, of Pierce City, is wanted for distribution of a controlled substance.

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Springfield ice rink renamed in honor of Stan Melton



Stan Melton stands above with the plaque commemorating the east rink's dedication to his efforts to establish ice hockey in Springfield and at Missouri State University.

Charlea Mills

After years of dedication and commitment to the Missouri State Ice Bears hockey team and Springfield's ice park, Stan Melton received a surprising honor last Friday. When he arrived at the ice park in downtown Springfield, the entire Springfield Park Board, the board president, and others were gathered to bestow a huge honor on Stan. As of Friday, the ice rink at the Mediacom Ice Park that the Ice Bears play on has been renamed the Stan Melton Ice Rink.

As humble as Melton is about the whole ordeal, hearing the story behind how the Mediacom Ice Park was built and how the Ice Bears were started makes it obvious as to why the name switch occurred. Without him, there would not be a collegiate hockey team in Springfield.

It began in 1997 when the Springfield Park Board began working on a project to get an ice rink in the planning stages for the city. Melton, who had been friends with park board president Dan Kinney for a number of years, had told him that he wanted to be involved if an ice rink was in the works. After surveys were completed by the city, it was apparent that citizens wanted an ice skating rink and the board moved forward with the plan.

Melton said, "I told Dan if there was ever a possibility for an ice park that I wanted to help get the facility here." He started a citizen's community board whose goal would be to get the support in the community for the park to come to fruition. Melton worked for six months to get 30 members on the committee.

By 1999, the parks system had a bond measure

legiate team going at Missouri State, as well as men's and youth leagues."

The park board broke ground on the ice park in 2000, and Melton continued, "It was then that we started putting together a team."

Melton funded the initial start up and took on the general manager position as a volunteer, a position he held until the 2015-2016 season when he stepped down to take care of his father, Senator Emory Melton, when he became ill.

It took a year for Melton to get the equipment, figure out how they were going to sell tickets, and fund the team. Today, the Ice Bears costs around \$200,000 to operate each year. Since they are a club team, they only qualify for \$5,000 from MSU for funding. Funding was the major battle. Melton said, "We knew we could find enough students because we had so many kids from St. Louis at the college, and St. Louis has had high school ice hockey teams for 30 years." For that first 2001-2002 season, there were 23 players on the roster.

So why was Melton so driven to bring ice hockey to Springfield? He said, "I've been addicted as a professional hockey fan since college in the early 70's. So, I had a great desire to get ice hockey in Springfield." After a friend took Stan to his first game, he was hooked for life.

Stan's drive to make this team happen was unparalleled. He knew that if they wanted to keep the team,

they had to treat it like a professional team. He said, "Funds come from ticket sales and sponsors as well as our merchandise sales, just like a pro team. We're lucky that hockey fans are incredibly loyal. Once you see it live, it's addictive; television doesn't do it justice."

In their first season, they had around 200 to 300 in attendance per game. Now, they average between 900 and 1,000 fans each game in a rink that has a capacity of 1,100. Melton said, "It's the highest paid attendance of all of the sports at MSU, and that's amazing for a club team. And 25 percent are season ticket holders."

The hard work invested by Melton, the staff and the players has resulted in back-to-back years where the Ice Bears won their regional tournament and played in the Nationals. Last season, they placed 12th out of the 16 teams at nationals. The year before, they placed sixth. That means that out of 200 teams, the Ice Bears were ranked 12 last year and six the year before. Last year, they moved up to become a Division I team.

Melton said, "It's really amazing to see us go from

start up to where we are now. It's taken a lot of hard work from everybody to get here."

When the rink was revealed to be renamed after Melton, he was surprised to say the least. He knew he was getting an award, but it wasn't until their announcer began that he realized how monumental it was. He said, "I was absolutely in total shock. I could not believe I was being honored in that way, having the ice rink named after me. I knew I was going to get some kind of a plaque or award, but when I saw all of the park board there, I still wasn't sure what was going on."

Melton continued, "I about fell over I was in such total shock and completed humbled. It was an amazing feeling. I just did what I could be doing because of where my heart was. I love hockey."

Melton doesn't begin to take credit for everything with the team. He said, "The naming doesn't just mean me, but the players, the coaches, and volunteer managers who put in all of the work. I want to thank my wife, Cindy, for letting me put in the full time work

to make this happen. She was kind enough to allow me to make this basically a full-time unpaid job. And I want to thank the Springfield Park Board and parks management for approving this huge honor.

"I still have to pinch myself to make sure I'm not dreaming."

Melton was born and raised in Cassville, the son of the late Emory and Jean Melton. He and his wife, Cindy, live in Fremont Hills near Springfield where Stan continues to be assistant to the general manager for the Ice Bears and goes to every hockey game he can.



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Central Crossing Senior Center will offer free simple tax preparation on Mondays only by appointment. You can call (417)858-6952 to schedule an appointment.



January 28th

Pierce City Senior Center will host a dance with The Fun Timers Band on Thursday, January 28, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. For information, call (417)476-5800 or (417)737-4900.

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.

Stella Senior Center will have a dinner and dance Friday, January 29, starting at 5:30 p.m. Music will be provided by The McDonald County Playboys.

January 30th

Barry County Fair will have a chili bake potato and dinner and dessert auction on January 30 at 6 p.m. The event will be at the Crowder College Community Building. For information, call (479)903-2683.

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 on 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.

February 1st

Monett Senior Center will have a dance on February 1 at the Monett Park Casino from 7 to 10 p.m. Music will be provided by Evelyn Lock and the Outriders Band. Please bring a potluck or a snack to share.

February 3rd

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Exeter: Mon: B: Biscuit & gravy, peaches or cereal, biscuit, peaches. L: Cheese pizza, salad, green beans, fruit. Tues: B: Breakfast burrito, apple or cereal, vertical bar, apple. L: Chicken strips, hash brown, carrot, fruit. Wed: B: Cinnamon roll, pineapple or cereal, pop tart, pineapple. L: Chili, biscuit, corn, cheese stick, fruit. Thurs: B: Muffin, yogurt, fruit or cereal, toast, fruit. L: Chicken tetrazzini, yellow squash, breadstick, fruit. Fri: B: Sausage biscuit, fruit or cereal, vertical bar, fruit. L: Corndog, sweet potato fries, mixed veggies, fruit.

Southwest: Mon: B: French toast sticks, cinnamon apples or cereal, juice. L: Cheese pizza, romain salad w/tomatoes, corn, pears, ranch cup or salad bar meal. Tues: B: Biscuit & gravy, sausage patty, fresh fruit, juice, or cereal. L: Chicken noodle soup, crackers, baby carrots, peaches, chocolate pudding or salad bar meal. Wed: B: Breakfast sausage pizza, fresh fruit, yogurt cup or cereal, juice. L: Beef pasta bake, breadsticks, green beans, mandarin oranges or salad bar meal. Thurs: B: Oatmeal, fresh fruit, cinnamon toast or cereal, juice. L: Chicken nuggets, peas & carrots, chocolate cake/pb icing, applesauce or salad bar meal. Fri: B: Hot ham sandwich, fresh fruit, juice or cereal. L: Ham & cheese sandwich, lettuce leaf, pickles, sweet potato chips, apple slices w/caramel or salad bar meal.

February 7th

80th Birthday Party for Ed Sanders will be at the Cassville Senior Center on February 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

February 12th

Cassville Band Boosters will be offering a special invitation to attend their annual jazz night on February 12 at 7 p.m. Jazz night will be in the Cassville R-IV Event Center. For ticket prices, call (417)846-3216.

February 20th

Cassville Senior Center will host a dance on February 20 at 7 p.m. The music will be provided by Roaring River Sound Band. For information, call (417)846-3024 or (417)846-5355.

New Prospect Baptist Church in Garfield will host a concert with Steve Hess & Southern Salvation from Nashville. The concert will be February 20 at 7 p.m. For information, call (479)381-9481.

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Local E9-1-1 director Mike Phillips earns recognition for excellence in service

Charlea Mills

Local E9-1-1 director Mike Phillips earned a special distinction that sets him apart from most other directors. Phillips earned the Emergency Professional certification by the National Emergency Number Association (NENA).

In order to become certified, Phillips had to meet a multitude of requirements that prove his abilities and dedication to the 9-1-1 field. Being in his 12th year of service, Phillips has worked toward the recognition for a long time. In all, only 1,100 people have achieved this certification and he is one of only 20 in the state of Missouri.

To become certified as an ENP, Phillips had to prove his eligibility based on a variety of criteria. He was evaluated on experiences, professional development through training courses, service through NENA as an officer, committee member or local emergency service boards, published articles, presentations submissions for ENP item reviews, participation on an ENP item review panel, course instruction, professional mentoring, establishing a wellness program or obtaining special credentialing. It was created to provide a benchmark for emergency number program management.

NENA hopes that the certification encourages a comprehensive body of knowledge for emergency professionals, a standard of competence, awareness of current issues and more.

Now that Phillips has earned the recognition, he'll have to recertify every four years to maintain it. In his 12 years of service, Phillips has worked in a variety of capacities of 9-1-1 service, including call taking, dispatching, management, maintenance, and mapping and addressing.

Barry County E9-1-1 Board Chairman Jon Horner said, "By achieving this certification, Phillips has distinguished himself as a leader within the 9-1-1 field and his commitment to Barry County Emergency Services E9-1-1 and his chosen profession. I am very proud of Mike for achieving this status."



Mike Phillips, director for the Barry County E9-1-1 Center, earned a special ENP certification for his expertise in the emergency numbers field.

Phillips said, "I became interested in Public Safety at a young age. My family has always been involved in EMS, fire and law. When I was first hired into this profession, I felt like I was where I needed to be and have enjoyed it ever since.

I enjoy helping people, it provides me with a sense of satisfaction when I can assist someone on what could have been the worst day of their life, and to make sure we are providing the best service to them."

Phillips lives in Eagle

Cassville's Students of the Quarter



The Elks Lodge of Holiday Island, Ark., chose the Cassville High School Students of the Quarter for the second quarter of the school year. This quarter's students were Mattie Stephenson and Colton Dilbeck.

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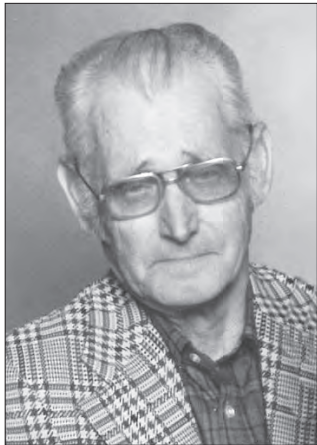
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LAVERN JAMES RAY

Lavern James Ray, born July 29, 1922, to Joe and Parelee (Dody) Ray, of Cato, passed away January 23, 2016, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation, Cassville.

He lived in Barry County all of his life. He attended the Fairview School and Pentecostal Church.

He married Tessie Reed, of Cassville, on May 24, 1941. They resided in the Shell Knob area and purchased their current farm in 1952.

He was a farmer and worked for the U.S. Forestry Department of Cassville as a Classified Forest Technician. Later, he supervised a youth program for the department and taught them forestry work. Upon his retirement, he raised beef cattle on the farm.

He is survived by his wife, Tessie, of 74 years and, to this union, nine children were born: Leon and Freda Ray, of Aurora, Ronnie Ray, of Neosho, Luther and Rowena Ray, of Aurora, Mike and Anette

Ray, of Kirbyville, Norma Gibson, of Cassville, Linda Welch, of Kearney, Joyce and Charles Bacon, of Marionville and Mary and Melvin Harris, of Verona; one stepdaughter, Pat Furry, of Redlands, Calif.; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and one sister, Blanche Hadlow.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Ira, Alvin, Loya and Net Ray; two sisters, Irene Bailey and Lottie Greffie; one son, Bob Ray; two grandchildren, Gary Lee Gibson, Jr., and Robin Smith; two sons-in-law, Gary Gibson, Sr., and Wayne Welch; and one daughter-in-law, Naomi Ray.

His favorite pastimes were hunting, fishing, spending time with his grandchildren, and playing Mexican Train Dominos with his family.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, January 27, 2016, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Pastor Jody Ray and Pastor Lonnie Stockton conducted the services. Burial will be in Clio Cemetery, Jenkins.

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

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LORENZO "FRANK" DELAMORA

Lorenzo "Frank" DeLamora, 77, of Exeter, passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at his home. Mr. DeLamora was born on December 19, 1938, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Jose Lorenzo and Albina (Ayala) DeLamora. Lorenzo worked as an engineer for GM Motors in California and Louisiana before retiring and moving to Exeter. On July 30, 1983, he was united in marriage to Margaret Berlin. She survives. He had a special place in his heart for his animals.

In addition to his wife of thirty-two years, he is survived by one daughter, Annette DeLamora and her husband, Eddie Gonzales, of Los Angeles, Calif.; nine stepdaughters, Darlene Dodd, Arthelda Richter, and Catherine Richter, all of Katy, Texas, Desi Ford, Sandy Richter, Susan Reddy, and Michelle Thomas and her husband, Mike, all of Exeter, Carol Bland, of Springfield, and Pam Tennyson, of Monett; three stepsons, Bruce Richter, of Russellville, Ark., Peter Richter and his wife, Daphne, of Aurora, and Daniel Ford and his wife, Joy, of Exeter; nineteen grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents,

he was preceded in death by two sisters, Connie and Lupe Delamora.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project and entrusted to the White Funeral Home & Crematory, P.O. 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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

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UNA "MARLENE" EARLE

Una "Marlene" Earle, born April 6, 1936, daughter of Nolan and Gladys (Miller) Scott, died January 23, 2016, at Lacoba Nursing Home, Monett, after a short illness.

Una is survived by six children, Shelley, Carissa, Scott, Ken, Kerry, Terry and their spouses; eighteen grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; four nieces; one cousin; and lots of friends. Proceeding her in death were her parents; son, Kevin; and sister, Betty.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Peterson Funeral Chapel, Aurora.

A family memorial will take place at a later date.



DALE EUGENE PRIVETT

Dale Eugene Privett, 70, of Wheaton, passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2016, in his home.

He was born December 31, 1945, in Washburn, the son of Claude and Grace (Wade) Privett, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death was one brother, Donald Privett.

Surviving are his companion, Paula Withers; two brothers, Russell Privett and his wife, Louise, of Grandview, and Charles Privett, of Granby; one sister, Sarah Lenora Haynes and her husband, Ron, of Blue Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

Dale received his education at Wheaton, where he graduated from high school. For over thirty years, he was a self-employed truck driver delivering litter. Some of his favorite pastimes were raising cattle, baling hay, fishing and just being outdoors.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 25, 2016, in McQueen Funeral Home, Wheaton. Pastor Tony Ball conducted the services. Burial was in Muncie Chapel Cemetery, Wheaton.

The family received friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time Monday in McQueen Funeral Home, Wheaton.

Contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice in memory of Dale.

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FLORENCE L. "FLO" ENNIS

Florence L. "Flo" Ennis, 74, of Exeter, passed away Friday, January 22, 2016, in Cassville Health Care and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born February 25, 1941, in Barry County, the daughter of H.T. and Effie (Carter) Futrell. She was united in marriage to Glen Ennis, and to this union two sons were born. Surviving are one son, Jerry Ennis and his wife, Tammy, of Washburn; six grandchildren, Cody, Aaron, Chase, Kaleigh, Clayton and Kelsey; one great-grandson, Noah Ennis, and one to be born in July.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one son, Billy Ennis; and a half-sister, Winifred Gray.

Flo received her education at Exeter, where she graduated from high school. She had been employed at Tyson's, and, for fifteen years, owned and operated a flower shop at Exeter. She was a member of Exeter First Baptist Church and enjoyed helping with G.A.'s youth group and playing the piano. Her grandkids were her pride and joy and she enjoyed watching them play sports. She loved them dearly.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, 2016, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Pastor Jerry Yarnall conducted the services. Burial was in Maplewood Cemetery, Exeter.

The family received friends from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.

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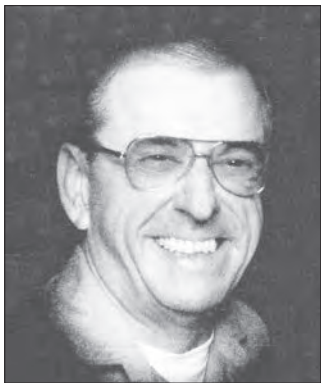
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THEODORE "TED" EDWARD FRIESNER

Theodore "Ted" Edward Friesner, 86, of Golden, died of natural causes January 20, 2016, at Cedar Ridge Care Center. Ted was born September 23, 1929, in Grundy Center, Iowa, the son of John Harvey and Kathryn Maud (Richards) Friesner, Sr. He graduated from Grundy Center High School in 1947. He was united in marriage on September 19, 1948, to Phyllis Lea Eldridge in Waterloo, Iowa. He had worked at the Rath Packing Company and finally the Iowa Army National Guard. He served in the Iowa Army National Guard for thirty-eight years in various command and staff assignments and locations including: Waterloo, Dubuque, Fort Dodge and Camp Dodge, Johnston, Iowa. His final assignment was the Director of Personnel, Iowa National Guard. While serving as Director of Personnel, he served on a number of committees at the National Guard Bureau level, setting policies for the Army National Guard. He retired in 1985 as a brevet Brigadier General.

Ted enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends and enjoyed travelling to visit them. He was a collector of various antiques and had been a longtime member of the National Toothpick Holder Collectors' Society. He enjoyed telling stories of his life experiences.

Ted is survived by one son, Mark Jay Friesner, of Des Moines, Iowa; two grandchildren, Amber (Friesner) Daniels, of Ankeny, Iowa, April Friesner, of Savanna, Ill.; and three great-grandchildren, Aliyah, Taryn and Brieya, all of Ankeny, Iowa.

Ted was preceded in death by his wife; grandson; both parents; two brothers; and a sister.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2016, at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Waterloo, Iowa, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.

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ANGELA MARIE PREWITT

Our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Angela Marie Prewitt, 54, of Wheaton went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, January 24, 2016, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis.

Angela was born March 12, 1961, in Stella, the daughter of Charlie and Thelma (Clouse) Keeling. She graduated from Wheaton High School with the Class of 1979. High school biology is where she met the love of her life. On November 2, 1979, she was united in marriage to her best friend, Howard Lee Prewitt, who strongly stood by and never left her side her entire battle of cancer. To this union, they had two daughters, Tara Beck, of Exeter, and Casey Prewitt, of Wheaton; and six grandchildren, Joseph, Aaron and Whitney Beck, and Allison, Shayle and Ashlyn Prewitt. Also surviving are sisters, Crystal Ross, of Fairview, and Sarah Hutsell, of Whea-

ton; brothers, Randy Lawson, of Neosho, and Don Keeling, of Fairview; brothers and sisters-in-law, Kristy Lawson, of Joplin, Larry and Diane Prewitt, Jeannie Henderson, Richard and Shelly Bruton, all of Wheaton, Renea and Gary Corn, of Cassville, and Brian and Lisa Prewitt, of Ridgley; as well as tons of nieces and nephews whom she loved.

Angela was a strong Pentecostal woman who knew heaven was her eternal home. She was an active member and Sunday school teacher at Granby Miracle Church. She loved her job as the deputy Barry County Assessor and enjoyed serving the people of Barry County for twenty-four years. "Nanny", as her family knew her, loved to cook and spend time with her family. She was the glue that held everyone together. She also loved planting flowers and a garden and keeping her home beautiful. Her most precious joys were her grandbabies. She will be remembered and missed by everyone who knew her.

The family will receive friends at the Ridgley Baptist Church, where Howard and Angela were united in marriage thirty-six years ago, today, Wednesday, January 27, 2016, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Services will also be at the church on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., under direction of McQueen Funeral Home, Wheaton. Burial will be at Chitwood Cemetery, Wheaton.

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DANNY STEVE ROSE

Danny Steve Rose, 59, of Washburn, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at Mercy Hospital, Rogers, Ark.

Danny was born March 4, 1956, in Wichita, Kan., the son of Leroy Vernon and Freda Lou (Banks) Rose. On June 23, 1979, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Gail Kathleen (Pendergraft) Rose. From this union, they had one son, Joshua Daniel Rose, of Washburn; and one daughter, Rachel Elizabeth Rose, of Washburn; and three wonderful grandchildren, Shaylea, Braydan, and Addilea Rose. Also surviving are one sister, Angela Darlene (Rose) David and her husband, Jerry, along with several other brother and sister-in-laws, and a multitude of nieces and nephews, cousins, and other loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He graduated from Fayetteville High School and received a welding degree from Sequoia Tech. He was a construction contractor by trade, and he loved to build and create. He was a very active member of Washburn First Baptist Church.

Danny loved spending time with his family and

church family. He was a wonderful and devoted husband, daddy, papa, and brother. He loved telling others about Christ, hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors. He loved to learn and to teach. He was a friend to everyone he met, and a best friend to many. He will be forever missed, and never forgotten.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. today, Wednesday, January 27, 2016, in the Activity Center of Washburn First Baptist Church, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Reverend Jim Erwin and Reverend Glenn Erwin conducted the services. Burial was in Mountain Community Cemetery, Washburn.

The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday in the Activity Center of Washburn First Baptist Church.

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CAROL ANN WALKER

Carol Ann Walker, 65, of LeAnn, passed away Sunday, January 24, 2016, in her home.

She was born April 25, 1950, in Chico, Calif., the daughter of Clifford A. and Lois L. (Jennings) Brisco, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death was one sister.

Surviving are two sons, Steven Walker and his wife, Amy, of Aurora, and Robert Walker, of Springfield; one brother, Bill Brisco, of Pierce City; three sisters, Linda Brisco and Ina Moss, both of Monett, and Lonna Tucker, of Aurora; and four grandchildren, Piper, Phoebe, Trey and Sarah.

Carol moved at the age of eight with her family from California to Crane, where she graduated from high school. She received her degree in education and a minor in psychology from College of the Ozarks. She joined the United States Navy, from which she retired. Carol loved her kids and grandkids.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 31, 2016, in LeAnn Church. Military honors will be held at 3 p.m. Burial will be later in Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield.

Contributions may be made to LeAnn Church in memory of Carol.

Arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.

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CLARA M. VANDERPOOL

Clara M. Vanderpool, age 66, of Carthage, passed away Thursday, January 21, 2016, in Mercy Hospital, Joplin.

Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Private services will be held.

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Cassville High School cheerleaders attend NCA National competition in Teaxas

Last weekend, the National Cheerleading Association (NCA) hosted hundreds of cheerleading squads from across the county and thousands of spectators in Dallas, Texas at the NCA National Cheerleading Competition.

After earning a bid to Nationals during a NCA camp this summer, the Cassville High School Cheerleaders decided they were up to the challenge to compete at such an elite level.

“When we got the bid in July, I wasn’t sure if our squad would be able to attend such a prestigious event,” said Lisa Schell, CHS cheerleading coach. “Once we were given permission to go, the

girls dedicated many hours of practice time to be able to step on that mat with over 250 teams this past weekend.”

Natalie Ward coaches alongside Schell as the assistant cheerleading coach.

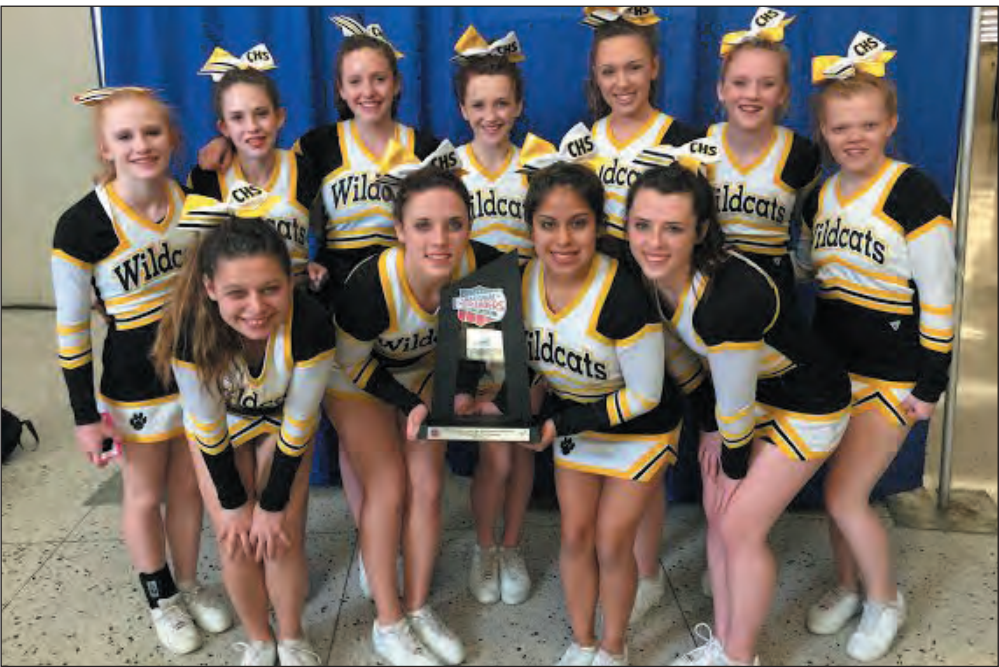
During the two day competition, they competed in the Intermediate Non-Tumbling and Game Time divisions. They earned recognition and a trophy in both divisions finishing 12th in the Intermediate Non-Tumbling division and in the top 30 in Game Time performance.

“As a coach, I am honored that I had the opportunity to work with such dedicated athletes,” said Schell.

This is the first time CHS

has competed at NCA Nationals.

“These 11 young ladies from Cassville represented our small town with class, dedication and talent. Memories were made that will last a lifetime, but this experience also taught this team that hard work and perseverance pays off. A little town in southwest Missouri can compete with big cities from all over the U.S. I can't wait to see what the future holds for CHS Cheer. We hope to make a second appearance next year. Thank you, Cassville Schools and the entire Cassville community, for this amazing experience and your support,” said Schell.



Back row, left to right: Michaela Preddy, Somer Brooks, Emily Sink, Morgan Popanz, Grace Schell, Raven Ganoung and Carley Klewer.

Front row: Brett Cochran, Micah Cole, Keyla Martinez and Abby Rose.

Purdy High School Hall of Fame to induct two new members

The Purdy High School Athletic Department will host its second annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in conjunction with the district’s Homecoming festivities, on Friday, February 12.

The junior boys’ basketball team will start the action at 6 p.m., when they take the court against McAuley.

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and 2016 Homecoming and Mr. Tip-Off Coronation will be held immediately following the game.

The Purdy varsity boys’ basketball team will conclude the evening’s events when

they battle the Warriors.

This year’s Purdy High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductees include Coach Mike Payne and Purdy High School softball pitcher Megan Leonard.

Payne began his career at Purdy in 1978. He retired in 2005, but returned to the basketball court last year, as assistant coach for the Lady Eagles.

Throughout his 28-year tenure, Payne has coached basketball, track, softball and cross country and has instilled the values of hard work, determination, confidence and school spirit in

countless players of all ages. He also left his mark on generations of Purdy Eagles as a social studies teacher, mentor, hero and friend.

Megan Leonard led the Lady Eagles softball team to the State tournament in 2003 and again in 2004.

Her high school accolades included two-time Conference Player of the Year, four-time First Team All-State selection and Newsleader All Area Team selection.

Leonard continued to collect softball honors after her 2005 Purdy High School graduation. She pitched for Crowder College, where

she broke the Single Season Strike Record. Her record still stands.

Leonard finished her college softball pitching career at the University of Central Missouri (UCM), where she broke the UCM Single Season Strike-Out record with 303 strike-outs and tied the Single Season Saves record.

During her senior year she was named MIAA Conference Pitcher of the Year, Senior Female Athlete of the Year and National Pitcher of the Week. She led her team to the MIAA Conference Championship and tied the NCAA Division II record



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Cassville WTC wrestlers compete in CJ



The Wildcat Takedown Club wrestlers competed at the Carl Junction Open and Novice tournaments on January 9 and 10.

There were 12 wrestlers at the open on Saturday with Camden Runnels, Colton Roark and Tristan Thompson bringing home first place gold plaques.

WTC had seven wrestlers who placed at the novice on Sunday: with Camden Runnels, Jarret Hinson, Eli Roark, and Gabe Hunter all receiving first place gold medals and Cutter Hicks, Simon Gates and Maddock Roark receiving second place silver medals.

Cassville Lady Wildcats tame Hollister, 59-53

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Lady Wildcats struggled late but out-scored Hollister 18-11 in the final period to claim a 59-53 win over the visiting Hollister Lady Tigers on Monday night. Cassville's Devyn Callahan led all scorers with 20 points, 11 of those in the critical fourth quarter. Halie

Allred led Hollister with 19.

Chris Shore's pregame evaluation of the Lady Tigers was spot on.

"They have an excellent guard and they are big," said Shore. They have improved a lot. They have a lot of their volleyball girls out and that gives them depth."

While Madi Stokes was

easily the tallest player on the court, she found herself in a game-long battle for position with Hollister's Alexa Bekemeier. Although Bekemeier was a hand shorter, she held her own in the paint with sheer power.

Cassville bolted to a 6-0 lead with short jumpers by

See BASKETBALL on 10A

Cassville girls, Purdy teams highlight area tournaments

Lee Stubblefield

Snow and tournaments don't mix. A number of area winter basketball tournaments had to scramble their schedules to work around bad weather and snow days.

The Cassville Lady Wildcats played their way into the finals of the Galena Tournament with a 59-29 quarter-final win over Reeds Spring, and a 58-43 victory over Forsyth in the Saturday semifinal.

After taking down Wheaton, 73-28, the Purdy Lady Eagles defeated Hollister in the other Galena semi, 67-45, as Desirie Ennes scored the 1,000th point of her career. Cassville will play Purdy in the finals on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

At Spokane, the Cassville Wildcats opened with a 77-61 win over the host Owls, but then dropped an 80-56 semifinal game to Reeds Spring on Saturday.

The Sarcoxie Tournament, extended to Wednesday, will have the Purdy boys playing Billings in the championship



Purdy's Desirie Ennes is pictured above scoring against Sarcoxie in the Galena Tournament.

game. The Eagles defeated Sarcoxie in the semifinals, 70-51.

Playing at the Kansas Army National Guard boys basketball tournament at Frontenac, the Southwest Trojans lost a tight opening game against the hometown

Frontenac team, 58-55. The Trojans fell in the seventh-place game on Saturday to Prairie View, 47-38.

The Southwest Lady Trojans are slated to play in the Lebanon Central Bank Lady's Basketball Tournament, next weekend.

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TYLER MORGAN

Steven and Tyler both won Gold Medals at Kickapoo Tournament.

STEVEN HUNTER

SW volleyball players named All-Academic

CHS wrestlers bring home hardware



Six Southwest players made the Academic All-State volleyball team. Baylea Ford, Brianna Learned, Karla Catron, Savana Leonhardt, Sydney Delosantos, and Jaime Shrum. The girls needed a 3.6 GPA for the first semester. The entire Southwest varsity volleyball team had a combined GPA of 3.5, according to Coach Steve Voyak.



BASKETBALL from 9A

Makenzy Durossette and Macey Parsons, and a pair of freebies from Stokes. Stokes was held to just four points in the opening period, but blocked two shots and snared three boards at the defensive end.

Allred brought Hollister back with long range shooting though, and the Lady Wildcats led by only 14-12 at the end of the first quarter.

The teams traded baskets in the second quarter. Three times the Lady Tigers pulled within a point, but the Ladycats gapped back in front each time. Stokes and Audra Brooks scored in the paint to give Cassville a 30-23 lead, but Allred poured in a trey from the right wing to cut the lead to 30-26 at the half.

Foul trouble plagued Cassville in the third quarter. Stokes picked up her third foul at the 6:11 mark and went to the bench for an extended stay. The Lady Wildcats had a 37-29 lead at that point, but the momentum shifted when Stokes left the floor.

Hollister exploded with an 8-0 run to tie the game at 37-37 at the 3:17 mark. Hallie Long immediately answered with a short jumper, and then Parsons scored with a putback for a 41-37 Cassville lead. But Hollister scored the last five points of the quarter to earn their first lead of the game at the final break, 42-41.

Stokes returned to the fray, but it was Callahan who took over the game. With the accuracy of Clint Eastwood's "Dirty Harry Callahan" character, Cassville's junior guard made play after play to rescue her Lady Wildcats. Besides scoring, she pitched a perfect lob to Stokes in the paint for a 50-46 lead with 5:47 remaining. She hit a three, her second of the game, and then nailed six consecutive free throws to seal the deal.

The Lady Wildcats won the non-conference tilt, 59-53.

Cassville improved to 12-6 with the victory, while Hollister slipped to 8-9.

Cassville scorers: Devyn Callahan, 20; Madi Stokes, 12; Hallie Long, 11; Makenzy Durossette, 4; Macey Parsons, 4; Audra Brooks, 4; Ashlynn Howe, 2; and Kandace Wallace, 2.

Last weekend, the Cassville High School junior varsity wrestling team competed in the Kickapoo Tournament.

Six wildcats won medals in the tournament.

Those receiving medals were: Steven Hunter, first place; Tyler Morgan, first place; Michael Hunter, second place; David Whittimire, second place; Braden Branham, second place; Geoffrey Corn second place; and Owen Morris third place.

CHS wrestling coach Brian Barbee stated, "I am proud of the boys desire to compete. They have shown a commitment to wrestling and it's starting to payoff."

"I believe a big part of their improvement is learning what it means to be a wrestler, and that's much more than being able to take a double leg shot and run a half Nelson. It's how to work hard in a practice when drilling moves and pushing yourself to do one more sprint because you know it'll make you better."

"They've come a long way from the first practice in understanding what it means to be a wrestler, and that's showing when we compete," Coach Barbee stated.

Cassville's wrestlers will compete Thursday in the Neosho Duel.

The **Wheaton R-III School District** has completed candidate filing for the Board of Education, election date of April 5, 2016. The district will **NOT** hold and election because the number of candidates filing was equal to the number of open positions. The following candidates will be sworn into office at the Board of Education's reorganization meeting:

Dan Goostree - Chris Park

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WTC to host Roaring River Rumble

The Wildcat Takedown wrestling club will host their first tournament on Saturday, January 30 through Sunday, January 31.

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

The open tournament will be held Saturday with the novice tournament will to be held on Sunday.

The tournament looks to have 300 to 500 entries from the region.

The WTC wrestling region includes: Monett, Webb City, Joplin, Diamond, Carl Junction, Carthage, Aurora, Springfield, Seneca, Neosho, Willard, Rogers, Ark., and Pittsburg, Kan.

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16c

CHS volleyball to hold camp for third through six grades

The Cassville High School volleyball program will hold a volleyball camp for young ladycats.

Camp will be held for third and fourth graders February 16 through February 19 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Camp for fifth and sixth graders will be held February 22 through February 26 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Both camps will be held in the Cassville Middle School gym.

For more information, contact Coach Walnofer at kwalnofer@cassville.k12.mo.us or call the CHS office at 847-3137.

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CHS helps students transition to work, college Johnson awarded special Scholarship to U of O

In partnership with the University of Missouri and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Cassville High School is now offering Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS) to freshmen and sophomore students who are not yet eligible for similar services through Vocational Rehabilitation.

PETS is supported by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and places an emphasis on providing training to students ages 16 through 21 with disabilities to ensure they receive the skills and training necessary to reach their education and career goals.

"I first learned of the MU PETS program at a workshop this fall. The PETS program is designed to help our students with the transition from high school to work or college," said Bob Deffenbaugh, CHS Transition Coordinator.

PETS focuses on providing hands-on support in five

instructional areas: job explorations, work based learning, counseling for post-secondary education, workplace readiness and instruction in self-advocacy, including peer mentoring.

"Our students involved in the PETS program will complete job shadowing, mock interviews and counseling that will benefit them when they leave CHS," said Jeff Swadley, CHS principal. "We are excited to offer this valuable resource to our students and we hope they will take full advantage of this learning opportunity."

University of Missouri PETS Specialist, Amanda Jackson, visits the district every three weeks and spends time speaking with students, as a group and individually, about their future plans and goals.

"It has been great getting to know the students and faculty at CHS. I would like to say thank you to Mr. Deffenbaugh for getting Pre-Employment Services started at CHS as well

as to the office staff for always being so helpful," said Jackson.

Carnes makes President's List

Chase N. Burns, daughter of Gary Burns, of Purdy, and Angela Carnes, of Tucson, Ariz., is on the President's List for her scholastic performance at Cottey College during the fall 2015 semester. In order to be on the President's List, the student's grade point average must be between a 3.75 and 4.0 on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 credit hours completed.



Autumn Johnson of Seligman, a senior at Southwest High School, has been awarded a Commitment to Excellence Scholarship to attend University of the Ozarks, beginning in the fall 2016 semester.

Autumn is the daughter of Angel Andersen. She plans to major in elementary education at U of O.

A SWHS, Autumn served as captain of the color guard, treasurer of the senior class,

section leader of the choir and was selected most dedicated in the choir for two years. She is ranked No. 14 academically in her class and has volunteered with Soldier on Service Dogs and attended an FBLA leadership conference in 2015.

The Commitment to Excellence Scholarship is worth \$10,000 per year and is awarded based on significant achievement and academic excellence in high school, combined with above average college entrance test scores.

SKITS holding auditions for upcoming spring play

The Bold, The Young, and the Murdered. You read it right. Sounds like the popular, long-running soap opera, doesn't it? The reference is intentional as that's the plot behind SKIT's 2016 Spring play being performed April 29, 30 and May 1.

SKITS is holding auditions for this play on Saturday, February 6, at 10 a.m., at the Central Crossing Senior Center in Shell Knob. Director Kim Przybyl and the SKITS Board will be there to explain the character roles and the play requirements in detail.

This is SKITS' seventh play. No experience is necessary to try out. Almost all of the SKITS actors auditioned with no prior acting experience. The public is invited to be a part of this process. They need men and women. There are no children's parts, just actors that may act like kids.

The story revolves around the dysfunctional cast and crew of a cheesy soap opera The Young and the Bold. It begins with the long suffering director struggling desperately with a disgruntled and self-absorbed cast, uncooperative crew members and a pesky new intern to realize his creative vision. Faced with flagging viewership and poor productivity, he is issued an ultimatum by the show's executive producer: complete one episode in one night or the show dies. Locked in the studio for the night, he sets about attempting to corral performances from his charges, only for people to start dying under mysterious circumstances. The play features shock, intrigue, suspense and comedy.

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Legislative Overview

In early January the legislature gaveled in for the second regular session of the 98th General Assembly. As we look towards the year ahead, I wanted to make you aware of some legislation the House will work on this month as well as some of the bills I have filed this session.

Ethics Reform

Following a year in which multiple legislators resigned as a result of ethical missteps, House members have chosen to make comprehensive ethics reform the first priority of the New Year. Among other ideas, the house is expected to ban or substantially limit on lobbyist gifts, create a waiting period before legislators can become lobbyists after ending their service, impose more transparent financial disclosure requirements, and put an end to former legislators' lobbying while maintaining an active campaign account. These are needed reforms that provide a common-sense path forward to restoring order in the Capitol after a tumultuous session, and rebuilding the public's faith in the legislative process.

Transportation Funding

As you all are aware, another substantial issue we face this year is identifying a sustainable, long-term highway funding solution. Missouri has one of the largest state highway systems in the country—yet ranks near the bottom in terms of funding available for maintenance. I have filed legislation this year that would permanently move a portion of our existing sales tax revenues into a dedicated fund to pay for ongoing transportation maintenance. Missourians have made clear at the ballot box that they will not support an increase in taxes to support transportation infrastructure. This move will force the legislature to make the difficult decisions necessary to balance the budget, while ensuring there is enough money for MODOT to match available federal funding, so that we aren't leaving money on the table to be sent to other states. I am also working on another plan that would reform our state's tax credit programs and invest the savings in transportation. This would accomplish a similar result as the sales



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I want to ensure with any plan that the legislature passes is that we aren't OVER funding MODOT. It is not smart business to provide MODOT with more money than the feds are willing to match.

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I have once again filed legislation that would allow s-corporation shareholders to voluntarily reject workers' compensation coverage for themselves. They would still be required to carry insurance on their employees. S-corporations have been around for a long time—and while other new business classifications have been created, nobody has taken the time to make sure the rules governing s-corporations remain uniform and up-to-date. HB 1867 simply brings workers' comp rules in line with other business structures like LLCs. Last year, this bill passed the House 127-23 but ran out of time before it could get out of the Senate.

Honoring Senator Melton

I was deeply saddened by the passing of former State Senator Emory Melton. Senator Melton represented southwest Missouri for 24 years in the Missouri Senate. His example still lives in the Missouri Capitol. Though none of the legislators with whom he served are still in office, many people who worked in the Capitol during his time there still share stories of the senator and talk of how respected he was by every member of the legislature. Throughout his time in office, he developed a reputation for being an honorable public servant and a dear friend to many. I count myself incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to seek his advice during my first three years in the legislature. I will sorely miss his input, but he will remain the example which I hope to emulate during my time in the legislature. Senator Sater and I are co-sponsoring legislation this year to name Business 37 in Cassville after Senator Melton.

It is hard to believe I am beginning my fourth year as your Representative. I continue to be grateful for this opportunity, and hope you feel I am representing you well. Stuart and I are here to help if you need assistance with an agency of state government, and I welcome your input on pending legislation if you have an opinion you wish to share.

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tax transfer, but would be less likely to impact other vital state services like Public Safety, Corrections, and Education. One thing



The Missouri Senate and House recently kicked off the 2016 legislative session and it looks to be a busy and productive one. Like others, this session will be filled with challenges but also great opportunities. Some of those challenges are obvious; a president and federal government that too often don't share our values in Missouri; a federal debt that is closing in on \$19 trillion; and government that has grown too big and isn't responsive to the people it is supposed to serve. The opportunities are there, too. We can restore public trust in our state government by passing ethics reform legislation; we can limit the size and scope of government by making it live within its means and rooting out fraud and abuse; and we can promote a business climate that creates jobs and strengthens our economy.

The quick start to session is highlighted by swift action on ethics reform. Missourians should know that their elected officials work for them and no one else. Serving the people of southwest Missouri is a privilege and an honor and there are few things I value more than the oaths I take to uphold the U.S. and Missouri Constitutions. The people of Missouri and those documents should be guiding our decisions on public policy, not lobbyists or special interests. That process begins with closing the revolving door of legislators becoming lobbyists after their terms are up. This is an obvious step we can take to protect the integrity of the legislative process and ensure that legislators put their constituents before their job search. The next step is to eliminate the practice of sitting elected officials serving as paid consultants for other officials. Our job is to work for our constituents and this practice of serving two masters ends up the same way the Bible tells us it will: with that person being devoted to one over the other. These are just a few of the ethics reform proposals the General Assembly will be considering. You can count on my support of ethics reform because our state government is not for sale and not a place for anyone who puts special interests above his or her constituents. Missourians know it is the right thing to do and I believe we can get it done.

Folks in Washington, D.C., would probably dispute this statement but government is too big and spends too much of our money. Government cannot be all things to all people. This may also shock some in Washington, but government is not the answer to every problem and the problems it does try to solve can't be fixed by just throwing money at it. We need to limit government to a few core functions and it should operate like our small businesses do; smart and efficient. When I ran my pharmacy for 30 years, I knew that I had to run it within its means, be efficient and competitive, and be involved in my community. Government can operate the same way.

This year, I am applying this approach to the management of Missouri's welfare programs. There are literally thousands of people in Missouri collecting welfare who are no longer eligible for it. It's fraud and the state's Department of Social Services, which is responsible for verifying the welfare recipient eligibility, just isn't very good at stopping it. My solution is to take this responsibility and put it in the hands of a private vendor that has access to better data and is trained and efficient in interpreting that data. This will result in less fraud and abuse that ends up diverting resources away from those truly in need. At the same time, we can save taxpayer dollars and shrink the size of government. That's a win-win in my book.

Missourians aren't looking for a cradle to the grave nanny state. They are looking for hard work, personal responsibility, and leadership. That is our real challenge this session and I will strive to deliver on all three.

As always, I welcome your ideas, questions and concerns about Missouri government. You may contact me at the State Capitol as follows: (573) 751-1480, david.sater@senate.mo.gov or by writing to Sen. David Sater, Missouri State Capitol, Room 419, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

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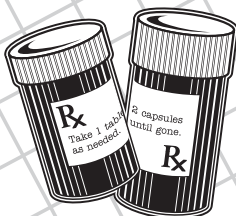


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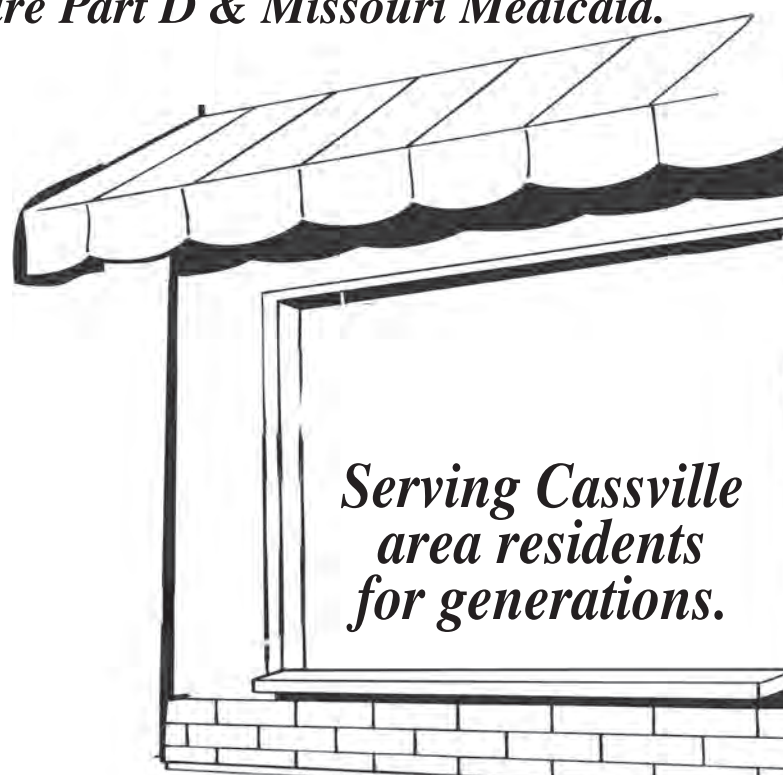
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Central Crossing seniors honor volunteers, staff

SBA offers low-interest disaster loans



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Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to Missouri businesses and residents as a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet announced.

The declaration covers the Barry, Barton, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Cole, Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Jefferson, Laclede, Lawrence, Lincoln, Maries, McDonald, Morgan, Newton, Osage, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Scott, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Stone, Taney, Texas, Webster and Wright counties as a result of the severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding that occurred December 23, 2015 - January 9, 2016.

"The SBA is strongly committed to providing Missouri with the most effective and customer-focused response possible and with access to federal disaster loans to help Missouri businesses and residents affected by this disaster," said Contreras-Sweet. "Getting our businesses and communities up and running after a disaster is our highest priority at SBA."

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to businesses and homeowners to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available to businesses regardless of any property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates can be as low as 4 percent for businesses, 2.625 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 1.813 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, victims must first call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at (800) 621-FEMA (3362). As soon as Federal-State Disaster Recovery Centers open throughout the affected area, SBA will provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants. Additional information and details on the location of disaster recovery centers is available by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955.

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Central Methodist
fall 2015 Dean's List

Central Methodist University has announced the fall 2015 Dean's List. This list is comprised of students from the main campus in Fayette, as well as the online programs and extended sites across the state.

Local students on this list include:

- Emily Speakman, from Cassville. Speakman is a pre-nursing major at the main campus in Fayette.
- Jacqueline Breazzeal, from Purdy. Breazzeal is an accounting major in the CMU online program.
- Kaitlin McCurdy, from Fairview. McCurdy is in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion Program online.

To qualify for Dean's List recognition, one must have completed 12 or more credit hours during the fall and achieved a 3.50 or higher grade point average on the University's 4.0 scale, according to Dr. Rita Gulstad, Provost.

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2015 Year in Review

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

We wish you and your families a happy new year.

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

October

Spiritual Streams Fellowship celebrated their 35th anniversary.

Geraldine Fields celebrated 14 years as a breast cancer survivor.

The Habitat for Humanity completed a house for a local family.

Jeffery Hynes, of Golden, had 30 marijuana plants and methamphetamine confiscated from his home. He was charged with two counts of possession of a control substance.

The City of Seligman announced they would be taking over the Seligman

Cemetery.

Christa Metter was appointed as the new Exeter alderman after Keith Johnson resigned due to health issues.

Two California men were sentenced for a methamphetamine conspiracy in Monett.

Local churches participated in Kindness in Action Day, volunteering around the community to help others.

Seligman officers were to receive new body cameras and pistols.

Three people, Christopher Youngblood, Rebecca Marie Drye and Kevin Anthony Elkins, were charged with breaking into an elderly woman's home.

Freddie Napier, Southwest High School class of 1966, initiated a project to replace senior photos of classes up to 1974 lost in a fire.

Crane woman Melissa Ann Hoyt allegedly stole

two trucks in Barry County, crashing both.

The Cassville Chamber of Commerce held the annual Chili Cook-Off with Barry Electric taking first in the chili contest.

Barry County Judicial Center employees carved pumpkins to raise funds for fellow county employee Angela Prewitt's cancer battle.

Former NFL player Tim Lester gave motivational speeches to Southwest and Cassville students.

Eagle Rock Daze was held, drawing a huge crowd in the community.

Sports World moved to downtown Cassville.

November

Cassville students Brooke Cornell and Zachary Denton were selected as the Elks Lodge students of the quarter.

The YMCA of Cassville announced that they would be building a new facility with ground breaking sometime in 2016.

New charges were filed against Christopher Paschall, the man accused of murdering Casey Brace and Howard Townsend in January. New charges were an additional murder in the first degree charge, parental kidnapping and two counts of armed criminal action.

Area churches held a community Thanksgiving service.

The South Barry County Ambulance Board opted to switch services from Cox-Health to Mercy starting in March 2016.

Southwest Superintendent Bob Walker announced his resignation at the end of the school year. The Board hired current high school principal Tosha Watson.

Samantha Cosper was recognized for a teaching presentation at a Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Science conference.

Seligman Shop With a

Cop program brought in almost \$10,000 in donations.

Southwest students engage in a peer-to-peer tutoring program to bring up math scores.

December

The Cassville FFA presented charter FFA member Doyle Nickle 77 years after he helped start the club.

The Cassville Community Foundation presented \$5,737 to area charities.

Cassville Schools began plans to make a monument to honor graduates' whose class sidewalks will be impacted by the MoDOT sidewalk upgrades.

Southwest crowns 2015 Tip-Off Queen as Cassie Teal.

Shell Knob's Ray family sets up their huge Christmas light display for the 37th year in memory of Loya and Dora Ray.

Seligman Police officers take kids to "Shop With a Cop," a program geared toward getting Christmas

gifts for underprivileged children.

The Eagle Rock-Golden-Mano Fire Department earned safer ratings by building a new fire house among other improvements.

Local moms Mindi and Kelly Artherton were featured for starting a website just for local moms called SouthwestMissouriMoms.com in February.

The newest Habitat for Humanity home was turned over to new owner Bobbie Dowling.

Cassville crowned Colleen Pearman and Audra Brooks as Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas.

The ladies of the Cassville United Methodist Church held their 13th annual Tinsel Tea to benefit the Cassville Food Pantry.

Former State Senator Emory Melton passed away at age 92.

Heavy flooding wreaked havoc on Barry County.

C of O releases fall 2015 Dean's List

The College of the Ozarks at Point Lookout released the fall 2015 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's list, students must maintain a 3.6 minimum grade point average during the semester and carry at least 15 credit hours.

• Lydia Alverson, of Exeter, Exeter High School graduate.

• Jennifer Allison, of

Cassville, Cassville High School graduate.

• Sarah McCullough, of Shell Knob, Blue Eye graduate.

• Cheyenne Sheets, of Shell Knob, Blue Eye High School graduate.

• Christina Willard, of Aurora, Cassville High School graduate.



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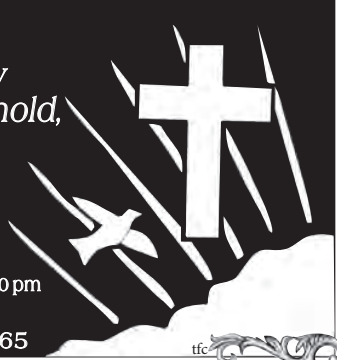
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Disaster declaration made for Barry County

President Barack Obama granted Gov. Jay Nixon's request for a major disaster declaration for Missouri as a result of the two strong storm systems in late December and early January that brought severe weather and historic flooding to much of the state. The storms led to 16 confirmed deaths and destroyed or significantly damaged nearly 1,000 homes. The Governor made the request on Jan. 15.

The declaration makes the individual assistance program available to eligible residents in 33 Missouri counties who can now seek federal assistance, such as help with temporary housing and repairs, and to replace household items damaged or lost as a result of flooding. Those affected by the flooding are encouraged to document losses, including photographing damage and retaining receipts.

"This was a significant disaster that did widespread damage, and its impact continues to be felt in communities across the state," Gov. Nixon said. "This federal declaration will help affected residents and businesses rebuild and recover, and I thank the President for granting our request."

The 33 Missouri counties eligible under the individual assistance program are Barry, Barton, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Cole, Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Jefferson, Laclede, Lawrence, Lincoln, Maries, McDonald, Morgan, Newton, Osage, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Scott, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Stone, Taney, Texas, Webster and Wright.

Individuals who sustained damage or losses due to the flooding between

Dec. 23, 2015 and Jan. 9, 2016 in one of the Missouri counties included in the disaster declaration may register for disaster aid online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling FEMA's toll-free registration line at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The Governor said the quicker that Missourians register with FEMA, the more quickly they may be able to receive assistance.

The deadline for most individual assistance programs is 60 days following the President's major disaster declaration. Disaster aid to eligible individuals generally falls into the following categories:

Housing Assistance may be available for up to 18 months for displaced persons whose residences were heavily damaged or destroyed. Funding also can be provided for housing repairs and replacement of damaged items to make homes habitable.

Disaster Grants, which are available to help meet other serious disaster related needs and necessary expenses not covered by insurance and other aid programs. These may include replacement of personal property, and transportation, medical, dental and

funeral expenses.

Low-Interest Disaster Loans are available after a disaster for homeowners and renters from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to cover uninsured property losses. Loans may be available for repair or replacement of homes, automobiles, clothing or other damaged personal property. Loans are also available to businesses for property loss and economic injury.

Other Disaster Aid Programs include crisis counseling, disaster-related unemployment assistance, legal aid and assistance with income tax, Social Security and veterans' benefits.

The Governor said damage assessments are continuing across the state to determine the costs for damage to public infrastructure and emergency response costs for state and local government agencies and nonprofits in responding to the disaster.

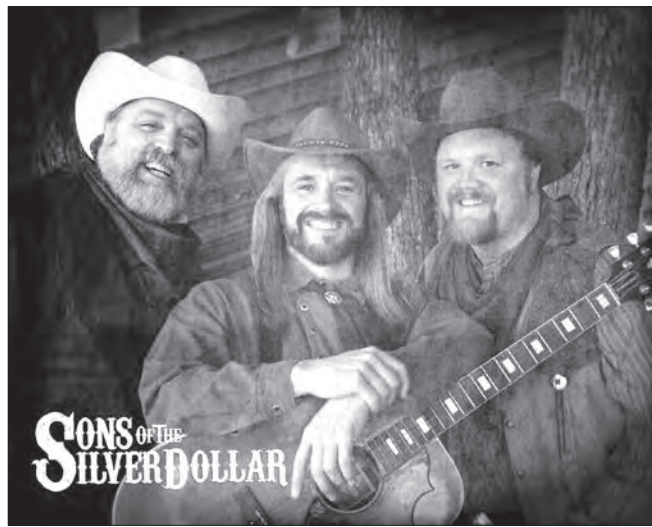
Gov. Nixon declared a state of emergency in Missouri on Dec. 27, as heavy rain, flooding and flash flooding impacted the state. The Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan also was activated, allowing state agencies to coordinate

directly with local jurisdictions to provide emergency services.

On Jan. 2, the Governor announced that the President had approved his request for a federal emergency declaration to speed debris removal and relieve the strain of response and recovery costs in the St. Louis region. As a result of that request, Gov. Nixon announced Operation Recovery, a federal and state debris removal program being coordinated by the Missouri National Guard, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Debris removal has been underway in Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles and St. Louis counties.

For more information about the debris collection program, please visit <http://www.mo.gov/flood-recovery>, which will continue to be updated as new information becomes available. Residents should follow local guidance for special instructions in assisting and complying with these efforts. The website also contains information about documenting property losses.

All Faith Methodist to host Sons of the Silver Dollar



On February 20, the Sons of Silver Dollar will be performing at All Faith United Methodist Church in Eagle Rock. There will be a free dinner from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. before the concert.

Guests are invited to make a donation to Convoy of Hope for their work locally and around the world. Convoy's trucks are often first on the site of disasters bringing needed supplies and encouragement to those affected. After the dinner, the Sons of Silver Dollar will perform bringing great music from a variety of genres. A love offering will be taken after the performance.

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Maddie Vanzandt competes in MJRC rodeo



Maddie Vanzandt participated in the MJRC rodeo association during the 2015 season. She won a saddle and buckle in pole bending. She also won Rookie of the Year in her age division. She won her saddle on her horse Charlie, which she also team roped and barrel raced on. Maddie is the daughter of Clifty and Heather Vanzandt and the sister of Clancy Vanzandt. She is the granddaughter of Carroll and Lola Vanzandt, Bill and Mona Paulsen, and the great-granddaughter of Mary Lou Mathias. She is sponsored by C & H Cattle, J B Consulting Services, Van's Millworks and Prairieview Kennels.

Mizzou fall 2015 Deans' List

The University of Missouri - Columbia released the fall 2015 Deans' List. During each academic term, students who have earned a minimum GPA of 3.6 or better in 12 or more points of letter credit in the preceding term are placed on the Dean's List.

Barry County students are:

- Ashley Nikole Reid, Cassville, senior, business.
- Kenny Tutee Yang, senior, education.

Kerry Hays named DNR's Employee of the Month

Kerry Hays, a Natural Resource Manager with Missouri State Parks, was named Missouri Natural Resources' December 2015 Employee of the Month. Hays was cited for his quick response to a July 2015 Flash Flood Watch at Roaring River State Park. Rapidly rising flood waters quickly turned into a real-life race against time to protect campers and guest at the park. Hays' responsiveness was critical at a time when fast action by his team did not appear to be warranted, since only a watch had been issued. His instincts told him differently. On July 7, 2015, Roaring River State Park experienced a Flash Flood Watch that would ultimately be declared a Flash Flood Emergency. The leadership demonstrated by Hays between the time of the watch to the emergency declaration was critical to the outcome, in which no injury, loss of life or swift-water rescues were required. Over time, Hays, who serves as the park manager at Roaring River, has worked closely with the staff to create a strong team.

"In times of emergency, Kerry's team displays the true value and skill of its leadership," said Kim Today, assistant district supervisor of Missouri State Parks' Ozarks District.

"They work tirelessly to ensure an optimum experience for our park guests," said Today, who nominated Hays for the award.

At 7:20 a.m., the National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Watch for the area. Hays and his staff immediately began observations to determine if and when guest should be evacuated. At that time, the water level of Roaring River measured 1.4 feet at the USGS river gauge located within the park- more than 3 feet below flood stage.

As reports began to come back, Hays realized that the situation was unfolding in an atypical manner. Staff reported rapidly rising water in Campground 1, which is normally last to be affected by flooding. Hays immediately ordered campers in that area to be evacuated due to the unusual flooding sequence. He quickly determined that it was only a matter of time before the river would reach flood stage throughout the park and decided it was safest to evacuate the entire park. By 8:10 a.m., guests in all three campgrounds were evacuated to safety. By 8:15 a.m., the river had risen beyond flood stage to 4.89 feet, just after evacuation was complete. The park now was fully inundated with flood waters. At 10

a.m., the National Weather Service called Hays, who reported on the conditions at the park, prompting the NWS to issue a Flash Flood Emergency for the area, indicating extreme and life-threatening circumstances. By 11:30 a.m., the river crested at 9.2 feet, the second highest level recorded since the installation of the USGS river gauge within the park.

During the evacuation, several fishermen were separated from their spouses who were back at camp. Staff hiked trails and visited isolated sites to locate any guest who were unaccounted for, and reported back to loved ones that their friends or family were safe.

"There were some fishermen's wives who were desperately worried," said Today. "They were all very grateful that the park staff would go to such lengths to calm their fears."

The decision to evacuate a state park facility is never made lightly, consideration must be given to every possible impact of doing so. With public safety as Hays' number one concern, he quickly concluded that it outweighed all other considerations in this instance. Lead forecaster, Andy Foster of the NWS summed up Hays' and his team's effort: "Missouri Parks' staff did an incredible job in ensuring the safety of park visi-



Hays

tors, including evacuations at Roaring River on July 7. Your efforts saved lives."

The decision Hays made to immediately send staff to observe all areas of the park, making no assumptions, revealed that the highest elevation campground was in the greatest danger. His decision to evacuate outside of historic indicators was critical to the safety of park guest.

If Kerry had followed the historic protocol, I strongly believe that the outcome would have been very different, given that there would have been less than 10 minutes time to evacuate all campgrounds," said Today. "This would have been a nearly impossible task and would likely have involved the danger of swift-water rescues."

Kerry Hays joined the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in 2009 and resides in Cassville.

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1. Will be so costly to rehabilitate that Federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive agricultural use.
2. Is unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area.
3. Affect the productive capacity of the farmland.
4. Will impair or endanger the land.

A producer qualifying for

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1. Removing debris from farmland.
2. Grading, shaping, or releveling severely damaged farmland.
3. Restoring permanent fences.
4. Restoring conservation structures and other similar installations.

Producers who have suffered a loss from a natural disaster may contact the local FSA County Office and re-

quest assistance from January 11, 2016, to February 9, 2016.

To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until all of the following are met:

1. An application for cost-share assistance has been filed.
2. The local FSA County Committee (COC) or its representative, has conducted an onsite inspection of the damaged area.
3. The Agency responsible for technical assistance, such as the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has needs determination, which may include cubic yards of earthmoving, etc., required for rehabilitation.



Purdy Principals Janet Boys (K-6) and Matt Gower (7-12) announced the December Students of the Month. Each month, the middle school core class teachers nominate one student from each grade level, fifth through eighth. December's winners are pictured from left to right: Jake Young, fifth grade; Matthew Cornelius, sixth grade; Lizandro Villa, seventh grade and Haylie Harris, eighth grade.

Community Lutheran donates to food pantry



Steve Spilker, president of Community Lutheran, presented the checks to Ed and Charlie Trease.

On December 12, 2015, the Community Lutheran Church in Eagle Rock started a milk project to benefit the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Eagle Rock. Thrivent Financial helped with this project by giving \$250 to be used as seed money for the milk project.

On Sunday morning at their worship service, they were able to present Ed Trease, treasurer of the Food Pantry, and his wife, Charlie, who is a volunteer at the pantry, with checks amounting to \$515 plus a gift card for Walmart. This money will be used for milk for the clients of the food pantry.

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Hunters check 2,520 deer in late youth season

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that young deer hunters ages 6 through 15 checked 2,520 deer during Missouri's late youth portion of the 2015-2016 deer hunting season, which ran Jan. 2-3. Last year's late youth portion harvest total was 1,123.

Youth hunters harvested a combined total of 16,615 deer during the early and late youth portions. The top counties for the early and late youth portions combined were Franklin with 384, Osage with 376, and Howell with 323 deer checked. Last year's early and late youth harvest total for the 2014-2015 seasons was 19,415.

For 2015 harvest totals by county and season portion, visit the MDC website at <http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-harvest-reports> under "Telecheck: Deer and Turkey Harvest Data." For past season numbers, visit the same link under "Deer Harvest Summaries."

Deer hunting continues for this season with statewide archery hunting through Jan. 15.

Missouri offers some of

the best deer hunting in the country, and deer hunting is an important part of many Missourians' lives and family traditions. Deer hunting is also an important economic driver in Missouri and gives a \$1 billion annual boost to the state and local economies. For more on Missouri deer hunting, go online to the MDC website at mdc.mo.gov and click on Hunting/Trapping at the top of the home page.

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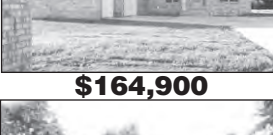








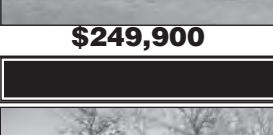


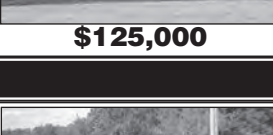






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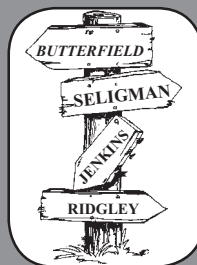
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The Central Crossing Senior Center's 2015 Medicare counseling team is pictured above. In the front row, from left to right: Leona Beezley, Dee Bailey, Kindra Willey, Rita Goodhead, and Glenn Phillips. Back row: Cindy Thomovsky, Janet Horine, Jerry Arnold, Harriet Rhea, Sara Phillips. Not Pictured: Sue Mead and Joann Gary.

For eight years now, Central Crossing Senior Center has offered free, unbiased Medicare counseling for area seniors.

The CCSC Medicare counseling began back in 2008 and since its inception the counselor/volunteers have advised 1,370 seniors. The probable savings are just shy of \$300,000.

CCSC currently has eight trained counselors, all volunteers. These individuals only incentive is to help our area seniors save on their medical and prescription drug expenses. They do this by educating the seniors on their available options. They also consult on Medicaid, TriCare, New to Medicare, Missouri RX, Medicare Parts "A," "B" and

"D," as well as all Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplements.

Between setting up counseling and actual consultations, the Medicare volunteer team clocked in 327 hours in 2015. That's up from an average of 275 hours in years past. Part of the reason for this increase is that prescription drug formularies changed drastically for the year 2016. For example, where an individual may have spent \$X with Plan A in years past, that same Plan A may now charge \$2X for the same prescription in 2016. This change will be brought to light during counseling. Often times, the counselor can find an alternative that will bring that cost back to

where it was in years past and sometimes even less.

Of the 270 Medicare consultations in 2015, 64 of them resulted in a cost savings to the senior. Many others saw less of an increase than they would have had they not changed plans. When you consider how health care costs have increase throughout the United States, those statistics are impressive. To put it another way, the average savings to a senior who had a savings was \$1,079. That's a very nice Christmas present indeed. While it is true that not every senior had a savings, each of those individuals who were counseled have the comfort in knowing their Medicare Part "D" program is the most afford-

able plan for them.

Barry County counseling resulted in almost \$38,000 in savings. Stone County counseling resulted in over \$19,000 in savings. Most economists agree that monies saved locally are available to be spent locally and have a magnification value of five times. In the case of Barry County, this means the economic activity resulting from those savings is \$188,900 and in the case of Stone County, the economic activity resulting from those savings is \$95,000. This helps not only the individual with the savings, but the resulting economic activity helps those counties where the savings are generated.

Since the program has been growing steadily over the years, CCSC is looking for volunteers who are willing to be trained to counsel our area seniors. You will be trained and your reward will be the great comfort you receive knowing you've helped our area seniors in a such a tangible way. It will be a joy when you are able to save a senior some of their precious resources to spend in another way. It will be a joy to know that as a result of your counsel, that senior has the best plan available to them. If this interests you, call Central Crossing Senior Center at (417) 858-6952 to find out how you can be a part of the team.

Cassville Library events

- Good at games and full of facts? Try Trivia on Thursday, January 28, starting at 6 p.m. Snacks provided.

- A free crochet class meets each Friday morning beginning at 10:30 a.m. Call the library at (417) 847-2121 for more information.

- Friday's movie will be Goosebumps, rated PG. It will be shown on January 29 at 4 p.m. You may bring your own snacks.

- A Prime Time Story Time will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 1, in the library's lower level.

- The movie Hotel Transylvania 2 has been re-scheduled for Friday, February 5, at 4 p.m. It is rated PG and is sponsored by the Cassville Area Friends of the Library.

- The Martian, rated PG-13, will be shown at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 5. This is a 2016 Golden Globe recipient and has also been nominated for an Academy Award.

- Suicide Prevention is a special seminar to be held on Thursday, February 11, at 6 p.m. Information presented by Valerie Yarmouth of Mercy Healthcare will focus on identifying and helping people struggling with suicidal thoughts. A question and answer time will follow and the program is free and open to the public.

MSSU fall 2015 Deans List

The Deans List for the Fall 2015 semester at Missouri Southern has been released.

The list recognizes full-time students from Missouri Southern 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 being enrolled in 12 or more hours of credit courses.

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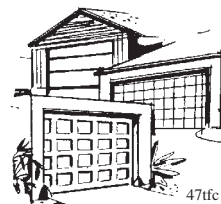
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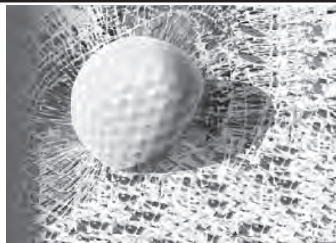


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