

Roaring River Hatchery updates continue

OPENING DAY TO BE UNAFFECTED BY HATCHERY PROJECT DELAYS

Charlea Estes-Jones

The \$1.9 million hatchery renovation project at the Roaring River Hatchery is still ongoing after a few delays. However, hatchery manager Paul Spurgeon said the delays in construction will not have any impact on Opening Day and things will be business as usual, just as it's been during catch and release season.

The project was announced during the annual informational meeting at the park in June, and the ground breaking of the project was held in September.

Spurgeon said, "We're a little bit behind schedule. Part of the issue is getting some of the hatchery components were custom built. They send the measurements for the parts to the factory, and then they send them out. Some of the most key components won't be here until April. Assuming it doesn't flood or slow down the concrete pouring. It's a huge challenge to do what they are doing."

The renovations and improvements to the hatchery include flood control structures at the spring pools being replaced by electric stainless steel gates. The gates will be corrosion proof, replacing the current aluminum ones which had a much shorter lifespan and are susceptible to corrosion and damage. There will also be leak-proof pipeline installed from the spring's entrance to the hatchery feed. The water con-

trol valves will also be stainless steel.

A travelling screen will also be installed meaning the screen for the water going into the hatchery will be self-cleaning and will improve the water quality as it enters the hatchery, ideally making the hatchery more prolific when it comes to raising fish. MDC confirmed this is the first of its kind to be used in a state-owned hatchery in Missouri.

Spurgeon said, "The plan was to have the lower structure complete by the first of the year, that way would be able to recirculate in the lower six pools and use those in March. As of today, we have a footing poured, but we don't have a structure. We have a ways to go until March. We would be partially up and running if that structure gets complete enough to have fish here. We might be able to have 50,000 on hand. Usually we have over 200,000."

Each year, the hatchery produces around 500,000 rainbow trout. Roaring River is one of five cold water facilities in the MDC system, and one of four that raises fish. To make up for Roaring River's downtime, most of the fish have been transported from Mauntauk State Park's hatchery to stock the waters during catch and release and that will continue in preparation of Opening Day.

The Conservation Department's hatcheries operate as a closed system to make

Gov. Parson key speaker at Chamber banquet



Missouri Governor Mike Parson was the featured speaker at the annual Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce banquet on Saturday, January 19. Gov. Parson spoke to members about his plan for the state, his experience in the Chamber of Commerce in his hometown of Bolivar and his selection of local State Representative Scott Fitzpatrick as State Treasurer. Parson is pictured above speaking. Scott Fitzpatrick at right and his mother, Sandy Fitzpatrick, at left. See more photos from the banquet on 7A.

sure all of the trout parks in the state are stocked. The system is designed so that construction or unforeseen circumstances don't affect anglers casting lines in the water.

Spurgeon said, "If someone has a disease problem or flood, the other hatcheries make that up. The budget that we aren't using to raise fish is going to Mauntauk to raise those fish." He added that Mauntauk

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Exeter moves forward on city attorney, water changes in council meeting

Vinnie Roberts

On Thursday, January 10, the Exeter City Council had its first meeting of the new year. Many issues were discussed, prompting some policy changes within the city. These changes involve city court proceedings, repairs to the water and sewer systems, and water billing.

First, the council made a decision on the selection of the new city attorney. It was determined that city prosecutor and city attorney would no longer be served by a single attorney. Instead, current attorney Jim LeCompte would remain the prosecutor while Blake Fields will serve as the city

attorney. Both have offices in Cassville.

Fields was one of two attorneys who put in a bid for the position, the other being attorney Darlene Parrigon, of Pierce City. Parrigon offered an hourly rate of \$150, while Fields offered a flat rate of \$100 a month for three months with an option

to adjust the rate after the three-month period ends.

In addition, the city ruled that repairs and renovations would be made to the Exeter dog pound after learning that the city will have to hold stray dogs for five to seven days before employees can take the animals to Haven of the Ozarks. The city plans to add cedar chips to the concrete floor, as well as wire to the posts that support the pound, and add a new dog house in order to adhere to USDA regulations.

The city is also working on changes to the court system. Previously, all Exeter Court records were kept in house at City Hall. Under this new system, the court clerk will upload documents online in the Show-Me Court system. Exeter's records will not be fully available online until March.

"It will help us collect fines from people who have evaded us for years," said court clerk Marissa Robbins during the meeting.

The system also posts cases to MoCaseNet, which allows plaintiffs and citizens

to track court proceedings related to Exeter's Municipal court.

It was also determined that, due to complaints from constituents regarding lack of night time patrol, Exeter Police officer Willie Stephens would be splitting his hours between nighttime and daytime at irregular intervals.

"He's doing an awesome job with his day time hours at the crosswalk, and he does a lot," said mayor pro tem Rhonda Scott. "There are always people who would like to see some night time patrol. It could be at his choosing what he needs to do so that it's not a set time so people don't get used to it."

City council also approved funds to repair a supplemental pump within city well one. The pump was reportedly starting to fail. The pump cost was \$125.

Additionally, the council approved funding to repair the sewer system. The sewer will require new solenoids, which will cost the city \$200 and a new starter for an electrical panel that has shut down, costing \$1,009.

Additionally, the sand filter pits at the Exeter sewage facility are full of sand that has been in the pits for upwards of 20 years, according to information presented during the meeting by Robbins. One pit no longer functions while the other barely functions.

Enviroline, Inc. has been brought on by the city to give an estimate on either rebuilding or replacing the sand pits.

Finally, council agreed to remove a long-standing guideline regarding water billing. Previously, the city wouldn't commit to shutting off a citizen's water unless the outstanding balance was over \$200. However, the city did not adhere to the policy, opting on a regular basis to shut off water to most customers with a recurrent delinquent amount on their bill.

Moving forward, the city will issue a shutoff notice after the first missed payment, after which citizens will have ten days to pay their outstanding balance or their water will be shut off.

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helps McDowell Schoolhouse

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The McDowell school-

According to official sources, the original schoolhouse was a log cabin during the 1800's before another school, similar to the one we know today was built. That version of the schoolhouse, however, burned in 1929 and was re-

Snodgrass has helped to erect a historical marker displaying the history of the town near the schoolhouse, has been instrumental in the McDowell Homecoming, an annual gathering of former students and members of the community in early fall to celebrate the history of the town, and has recently been made the treasury of the McDowell School House Foundation. The foundation

The Golden Jubilee is open



Truman Hieder, of McDowell, tuned up his fiddle and jammed with the band on Saturday night during the McDowell Golden Jubilee.

to musicians from all over the area who begin the evening by jamming in the back room of the schoolhouse to warm up before taking turns playing on stage. The music featured is primarily country and bluegrass, as the goal of the Jubilee is the preservation of the Ozarkian variants of those genres.

The original Golden Jubilee was started by Raymond Clevenger, Jerel Rickman, William Ozbun and wife Sylvia.

“People really enjoy the old timey music,” said Snodgrass. “Without the music, there would be no schoolhouse. We want to keep the schoolhouse preserved and keep the music alive.”

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ODET releases end of 2018 statistics

The Ozarks Drug Enforcement Team (ODET) released the statistics for 2018. ODET is made up of eight detectives that covers five counties. The counties covered by ODET are Jasper, Barton, Newton, McDonald and Barry. The primary function of ODET is to dismantle large scale drug trafficking organizations. Some of these organizations are directly connected to drug cartels in Mexico.

Over 95 percent of the methamphetamine seized in United States today is manufactured in Mexico. ODET is major player in the war on these organizations and works closely with FBI, DEA and ATF on the dismantling of these organizations.

In 2018, ODET detectives seized 6,230 grams of methamphetamine (roughly 14 pounds) with a street value of \$623,000. ODET detectives seized 33,448 grams of high-grade marijuana (roughly 74 pounds) with a street value of \$259,000.

ODET detectives served 111 search warrants and arrested 134 suspects for possession of methamphetamine. ODET detectives seized 177 firearms and arrested 144 fugitives on outstanding warrants. ODET detectives were responsible for the indictments of 13 suspects in 2018.

If anyone has drug information that they believe could be helpful to ODET, call at (417) 624-9365 or call your local agency. ODET is supported by grants and local agency contributions and cannot be operated without that support.

Commander Chad Allison, with ODET, said, "I want to thank each agency and community that participates in ODET and we look forward to serving your coverage area in 2019."

Cassville Library events

- Round out your Saturdays with Game Day at the library. Board and card games are available or you may bring your own. The event is perfect for some quality family time, unplugged. The library hours are from 8 :30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- First Man will be shown as the Monday Movie Matinee on January 28 at 1:30 p.m. Bring your own snacks for this PG-13 film. Ryan Gosling stars in the retelling of Neil Armstrong's journey as the first man on the moon.
- Yoga practice is held each Monday at 4:30 p.m. Led by a certified instructor, the class is an hour in length and costs \$10, cash-only please. Bring your own mat and arrive ten minutes prior to the beginning of class.
- The Cassville Area Friends of the Library will hold its quarterly meeting on Monday, January 28, at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend to learn how you can support library programs.
- There will be a tween canvas painting session for children ages nine to 12 on Thursday, January 31, beginning at 3:30 p.m. All supplies and instruction are furnished, but please stop by or call (417) 847-2121 to reserve your spot. The project will have a Valentine-related theme.
- Crafting opportunities are available each week and includes sewing, quilting, and crochet. Beginners are welcome. Call the library for additional information.

Cassville working on change to allow fireworks

Vinnie Roberts

At the monthly meeting of the Cassville City Council on Monday, January 14, an ordinance was proposed that would amend city regulations regarding the discharge of fireworks within city limits.

Currently, the discharge of fireworks within city limits is illegal, despite fireworks being sold within city limits on and around the Fourth of July.

Alderman Jon Horner brought the proposal before city council, explaining that he had been contacted by constituents regarding the ordinance and felt it should be amended. He then asked City Administrator Steve Walensky to draft a revision to the ordinance that would allow for the discharge of fireworks within city limits.

"I've had citizens reach out to me over the last few years and ask why we didn't allow fireworks being set off in the city when we sold them," said Horner "They felt like the city was being inconsistent. The more I thought about it, and talked with other citizens, I felt like we could come up with what I think is a smart, common-sense compromise."

Horner further explained during the meeting the current ordinance created problems for the police department by taking time away from other policing to deal with fireworks complaints, which has led to citizens detonating the fireworks despite the ordinance.

"The main thing is, we'll get a call about fireworks going off and we'll go to that area and it's hard to find where they're even being shot off at," said Dana Kammerlohr, Cassville Chief of police. "It would free us up from that. Now, as to whether or not this will lead to more calls, I don't know."

Under the new ordinance, citizens would be allowed to set off fireworks during reasonable hours on specified

dates both before and during the Fourth. These hours would be between 12 p.m. and 10 p.m. on July 1 through July 3 and 10 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on July 4.

A motion to approve the bill was made by Alderman Cindy Carr and seconded by Alderman Horner. A roll call vote was taken, with Aldermen Carr and Horner voting to approve the bill, while Alderman Jerry Marple voted nay and Alderman Mike Vining not being in attendance. This led to the bill not being passed.

"I felt like that's what the community would want," said Marple in regards to his nay vote. "That's the way that it's been and I haven't heard any complaints about that. I feel like they want to continue to have the ordinance the way that it is."

Alderman Cindy Carr could not be reached for comment at time of publication.

According to state law, since the council was attempting to pass a new ordinance, a majority of the entire council must be in agreement. With Marple's nay vote and the absence of Vining, the ordinance was not able to attain all three necessary votes to make a majority.

The bill has since been tabled due to the lack of a majority vote from the council and is expected to be brought before council again next month on Monday, February 11, at 6 p.m. with Alderman Vining expecting to be in attendance.

"I'll listen to all the facts about what the new ordinance will contain, and I'll go from there," said Vining.


Auditions for SKITS community theatre's spring comedy

SKITS announced auditions for its upcoming production of "A Nose for the News." This clever comedy transports the plot of the classic Cyrano de Bergerac to a present-day TV station where Cyrano is the station manager. He would love to be Roxanne's co-anchor on the news show...if only he didn't have such an enormous, bulbous honker.

Auditions will take place Saturday, February 2, 10 a.m. at Central Crossing Senior Center, 20801 YY-15, Shell Knob. Both male and female adult roles are available. You do not have to have theatre or acting experience to audition, but having fun is required.

Performance dates are Friday, April 26, through Sunday, April 28.

If you're unable to make the audition but are interested in a part, contact director Randall Walker at (417) 669-7221 prior to February 2.



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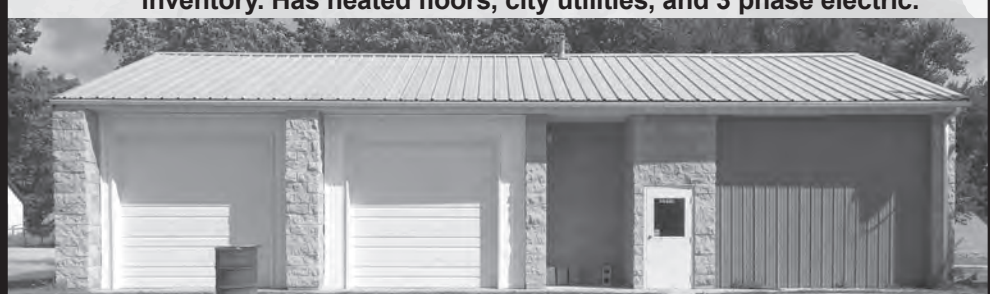
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Notice:

Cassville Farmers' Market will be on the square every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. (417) 652-7308.

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

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

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

January 24th

A Dance with The Fun Timers Band will be held at the Pierce City Senior Ceter, 104 N. Locust, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$4. Guests are welcome to bring finger foods. For more information, call (417) 476-5800 or (417) 737-4900.

January 25th

A Blood Drive will be held at Mercy Hospital, Aurora, from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information about donating blood, visit the CBC website at www.cbco.org or call (800) 280-5337.

A Dinner and Dance will be held at the Stella Senior Center. Starting at 5:30 p.m., there will be a Pot Luck Supper. At 7 p.m., the dance starts with music by The Timberline Country Band. Cover charge for the dance is \$5. Refreshments are available all evening. Guests are welcome to bring a dish to share.

January 26th

McDowell Gold Jubilee features free stage performances open to the public and open jams for acoustic music. Show starts at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. All proceeds go to support the Jubilee and the Historic McDowell School House Foundations.

A Fund Raiser Breakfast will be held at the Eagle Rock Fire Station from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

January 30th

Wii Bowling will be held at Central Crossing Senior Center every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. If you have a team, or would like to be placed on a team, talk to Janet Horine or the administrator Terry or call (913) 526-0180 or (417) 858-6952.

February 2nd

Purdy's Got Talent, the annual all-school talent show, will be held at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts center auditorium. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

February 4th

The Monett Dance will be held at the Monett Park Casino from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Timberline Country Band will be performing. Admission is \$5. Guests may bring a snack to share.

February 9th

Chili Supper and Auction Fundraiser will be hosted by South West Project Granduation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the high school commons area. Two bands are scheduled to perform. More information will follow at a later date.

Chatty Crafters will meet at the Mane Station in Cassville at 10 a.m. There is no charge. Please call (417) 498-2202 for more information.

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School Menus: January 28 - February 1

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

Southwest: Mon: B: breakfast sausage pizza, mandarin oranges or cereal, juice. L: sweet & sour chicken, rice, broccoli, pineapple or salad/fruit bar. Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, sausage links, fresh fruit, grape jelly or cereal, juice. L: vegetable beef stew, corn muffin, mozz. cheese stick, fruit cocktail or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: bacon breakfast burrito, salsa, berry blend or cereal, juice. L: turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: french toast sticks, syrup cup, bananas or cereal, juice. L: cashew chicken, rice, egg rolls, mandarin oranges or salad/fruit bar. Fri: To be announced.


Cassville Prim.-Int.-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, graham crackers, pineapple chunks. L: cheese pizza or chicken crispito, corn, broccoli, fruit cocktail. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, blueberry muffin, orange. L: grilled cheese or turkey sandwich, Sun Chips, carrot sticks, applesauce. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, hashbrown, pineapple chunks or cereal, toast, peaches. L: chicken sandwich or hamburger, lettuce, tomato, Doritos, carrot sticks, juice. Thurs: B: biscuits & gravy or cherry frudel, yogurt cups, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, mandarin oranges. L: chicken nuggets

or tangerine chicken, rice, green beans, egg roll, fortune cookie, pineapple chunks. Fri: To be announced.

Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, cinnamon toast, orange. L: beef burrito, cheese, nachos, refried beans, corn, juice or pizza meal or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, pears or cereal, blueberry muffin, pineapple chunks. L: corn dog, mac & cheese, glazed carrots, juice or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, granola bar, pears. L: pork chopette, potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread stick, pineapple or nugget meal or salad meal. Thurs: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal Pop-Tart, fruit cocktail. L: chili, cheese, crackers, green beans, sugar cookie, juice or pizza meal or salad meal. Fri: To be announced.

Purdy: Mon: B: skillet omelet, ww toast, cereal, strawberry cup. L: chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, celery, ranch, fruit, choc. chip cookie. Tues: B: wg pancake wrap, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: corn dog, tater tots, green beans, fruit. Wed: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: nacho bell grande, pinto beans, corn, fruit. Thurs: B: skillet omelet, ww toast, cereal, strawberry cup. L: ravioli, ww bread stick, corn on the cob, fruit.

Exeter: Mon: B: cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice or cereal, biscuit, fruit. L: cheeseburger, bun, french fries, baked beans, fruit. Tues: B: muffin, yogurt, orange, juice or cereal, Pop-tart, orange, juice. L: spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, carrots, breadstick, fruit. Wed: B: pancake on a stick, fruit, juice or cereal, Pop-Tart, fruit, juice. L: chicken strips, mac & cheese, yellow squash, fruit. Thurs: B: oatmeal, toast, banana, juice or cereal, Vertical Bar, banana, juice. L: breaded beef patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, monaco veggies, fruit. Fri: To be announced.



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Fifth Grade B: Jordan Coscia, Marissa Freeman, Ellysa Kettner, Aldo Perez, Gabe Tate, Lisa Vang, Nery Aguilar, Elijah Bowers, Fe-

Five generations



Pictured above are five generations of the Rhea family. Pictured left to right are: Kyle Rhea, 4th generation; (Pops) Darren Rhea, 3rd generation; great-great-grandma Alice Rhea, 1st generation; Ottillia (Tillie) Rhea, 5th generation; and great-papa Jim Rhea, 2nd generation. Ninety-four years difference between first and fifth generation.

Vows to be exchanged



Mark and Susan Dotson and Brian and Laura Rose are happy to announce the wedding of their children, Kira Linn Dotson and Jeremy Keith Rose, on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. at the Washburn First Baptist Church Activity Center. Family and friends invited. Reception to follow.

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Bob and Sue (Brown) Mitchell, of Cassville, recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with family and friends in Overland Park, Kan. The couple were married January 3, 1949, in Bentonville, Ark. They lived in San Diego, Calif., from 1951 to 1953 while Bob served in public relations for the U.S. Navy. When they returned to Cassville in 1953, Bob joined the Cassville Democrat, later becoming editor and publisher. Sue worked alongside Bob for many years, handling newspaper advertising. She also enjoyed several years as a beautician. In June 1995, they sold the newspaper, ending 123 years of operation by the founding Ray family. Bob and Sue have been active in many community initiatives over the years.

The couple have one son, Bruce (Janice), of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one daughter, Shelley (Dennis) Bartkoski, of Overland Park, Kan.; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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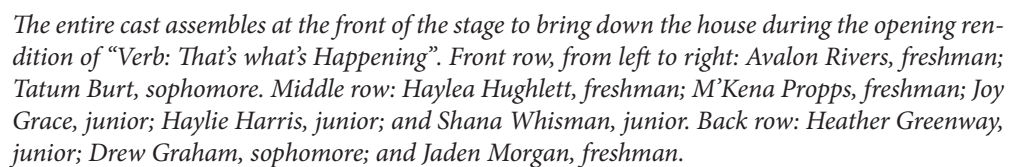
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Vinnie Roberts

The performance took classic songs from the series and wrapped them around a narrative focused on a character named Tom, a new elementary school teacher, having anxiety about his first day on the job. Tom turns on his television to find that a classic episode of *Schoolhouse Rock* is on. Tom is then met by a cast of voices who report to manifestations of their psyche attempting to help him remember important educational details through songs

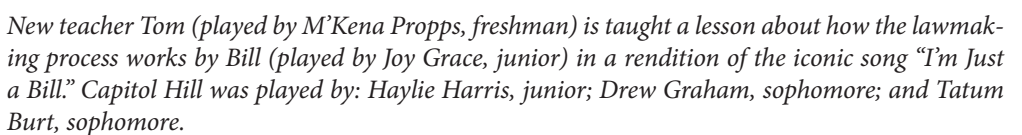
Lee went on to discuss how environmental factors at the school influenced her decision to choose this particular musical.

The show was fronted by freshman actress M'Kenna Propps, who played Tom. Propps, despite being one of the youngest members of the cast, was already gifted with



Junior Shana Whisman, who starred in the previous year's production of "Annie", spoke on the struggles of putting together the production.

Whisman went on to elaborate that time, as well as the introduction of Propps,



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Cassville Chamber banquet changes a success

that ultimately led to the cast coming together for the performance.

“M’Kena came in and had experience in dance, which was really helpful,” said Whisman. “As we came together and got to know each other, it got a whole lot easier.”

Lee also commented on the tremendous workload that went into the performance from a production standpoint.

“It is a lot of work,” said Lee. “Listening to the songs, reading scripts, paperwork to obtain the rights and rental agreements of musical. Then there are auditions, rehearsal schedules, and dealing with schedule conflicts. You start collecting and preparing props and figuring where to place them on the stage so the actors can get to the them quickly but being out of the way for other songs.”

Lee went on to state that without the support from other entities within the school and the support of her students, the play could have never happened.

“I am so fortunate this year to have a Set and Props designer, my colleague, Linda Van Deuren,” said Lee. “This year, we had all new lights, sound, and added projection. I had to figure out how to work it all, know what I wanted, and teach it to the students while the actors are rehearsing on stage. Then, somehow, it magically, through a lot of hard work, appears one day on the stage during a rehearsal. What seemed like chaos before is now a perform-able musical.”

The production also received assistance from the Purdy Agriculture department who built the set. The production also extended a special thanks to: Jimmy Ad-

ams, sultan of sound; Adrenaline Apparel, logo lenders; Advanced Art and Connie Lee, backdrop masterpiece makers; Michael Bell, Ashley Brown, Christina Harmon and Dr. Richard Wagner, props providers; Greg Bennett, Joe Hoffman, and Glen Terry, custodial crew; Dixie Brenon, “our steady beat”; Areli Garcia and Damian Graessle, ticketmasters; Elizabeth Hoffman, Sierra Hutchens and Aubrey Knatcal, lighting; Susan Layman, errand runner extraordinaire, costume creator and resident “mamaw”; Jake Keller, projectionist; Connie Lee, “she pounds out the sound”; Kaden Propps, blocking; Purdy Board of Education and Administration, builders of the new stage; and Linda VanDeuren, credited as “Mrs. Lee’s listening ear”.

Reactions to the musical from the community have been positive.

“Everyone seemed to love it,” said Lee. “Most comments that I received were that, ‘It was so fun’ or, ‘I remember those songs’ People also recognized the hard work the students put into the production.”

“We’ve gotten a lot of compliments from teachers and adults,” said Propps.

“Schoolhouse Rock is an older cartoon so, I think that the teachers really responded to it because they grew up with it,” said Whisman.

Correction:
In last week’s issue of the Advertiser, there was an incorrect date for the April Municipal Election where voters will determine city council members, mayors and school board members. The correct date for the Municipal Election is Tuesday, April 2.



Cassville Chamber director Rachael Freeman, middle, introduced Gov. Parson to community members before the meal during the banquet. Above, Gov. Parson speaks with Annette Henderson.



This year, the Cassville Chamber presented an award for Community Commitment to Hutchens Construction, represented by Kayla Ragsdale, Hutchens CFO. Hutchens was honored for their commitment to providing a \$1,000 prize to the Kids Choice winner of the Christmas parade indefinitely.



Retiring Chamber members were thanked for their service to the board during the banquet by director Rachael Freeman. Pictured above, from left to right: Dr. Chad Johnson, Freeman, Skyler Bowman and Wade Hermansen.

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MASON LEE LOWE
Mason Lee Lowe, 25, of Exeter, passed away Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at Denver Memorial Hospital in Denver, Colorado, from injuries he received in a bull riding accident.
Mason was born September 12, 1993, at Cox South Hospital in Springfield, the son of Stacy Lowe and Melissa Whisenhunt. Mason received his education at Exeter, graduating in 2012.
Growing up, Mason's passion was the sport of rodeo. He spent countless hours riding and a barrel hung in a tree in the backyard of the family home. Mason started riding calves at the age of three. While the family was feeding bottle calves, his dad would place him on them and he got the biggest thrill. Little did we know what it would turn out to be.
Mason was a member of several youth rodeo associations, including Missouri Junior Rodeo Circuit, All Youth Rodeo Association,

National Junior Bull Riders Association, Junior Bull Riders Association, winning many event, year end and all-around cowboy titles, including a National Championship in 2009. It wasn't long for everyone to figure out that God had given him a gift. Mason started entering events at the amateur level at the age of 15, qualifying for his first National Federation of Professional Bull Riders Association Finals. He went on to be a 7-time qualifier for the NFPB Finals, 2-time Finals Champion and the 2013 Federation Cup National Championship. Mason was also a member of Bull Riders of America, Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Arkansas Cowboys Association, winning several event, year end and finals championships. Mason's dream came true when he turned 18 and joined the Professional Bull Riders Association, where he was a 4-time finals qualifier. Mason had a gift, but the biggest gift was his heart, doing charity work, his favorite pastime, visiting with children who were sick and stuck in hospitals. Mason gave his heart to his Lord and Savior at the age of ten and was baptized shortly after at Corinth Baptist Church in Cassville.
Mason is survived by his wife, Abbey Cooper Lowe; his father, Stacy Lowe, of Carthage; his mother and stepfather, Jerry and Melissa Whisenhunt, of Exeter; his

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mother-in-law and father-in-law, Brian and Stephanie Cooper, of Rocheport; two sisters, Kayla Lowe, of Exeter, and Alyssa Whisenhunt, of Exeter; one sister-in-law, Campbell Cooper, of Rocheport; his grandparents, Larry Reed, of Exeter, Junior and Brenda Lowe, of Cassville, and Jerry and Ida Whisenhunt, of Cassville; his biggest fan, his niece, Blazi Lowe; a very special brother from another mother, Dusty Hayes and his wife, Abby, of Exeter; several uncles, Aaron Lowe and his wife, Katy of Lockwood, Loren Lowe III, of Cassville, Cody Lowe, of Branson; his aunts, Cherri Morgan and her husband, Troy, of Cassville, Tracy Lowe, of Carthage, Amanda Bowen and her husband, Justin, of Cassville, Jody Gallardo and her husband, Carlos, of Butterfield, and Jennifer Drake and her husband, Joey, of Butterfield; several cousins, friends and fans.
Mason was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Beverly Reed; paternal grandmother, Cheryl Jean Lowe; and great-grandparents, Loren Lowe I, Fern Lowe and Lloyd Reed.
A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 27, 2019, at Exeter School Multi-Purpose Room under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
Memorial contribution may be made to St Jude Children's Hospital in memory of Mason.
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FAYE KATHERINE FOLTZ
Faye Katherine Foltz, age 84, of Seligman, passed away Friday, January 18, 2019, at Legacy Village in Bentonville, Arkansas.
She was born on October 31, 1934, in Clinton, Indiana, the daughter of Elmo and Ella (Lovell) Armstrong. On October 13, 1951, in Clinton, Indiana, she was united in marriage to Tomey Lee Foltz, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one son, Tomey Foltz; one daughter, Misty White; one sister, Virgie Dean Shepherd; and two brothers, Bob Armstrong and Jack Armstrong.
Surviving are two sons, Gary Foltz and his wife, Robin, of Springfield, and Doug Foltz and his wife, Robin, of Seligman; three daughters, Brenda Apsey and her husband, Leo, of Emerald Beach, Helen O'dell, of Emerald Beach, and Debbie Foltz, of Emerald Beach; twenty-two grandchildren; thirty-four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.
Faye received her education in Clinton, Indiana. For twenty years, she lived in Golden before moving

to Seligman. She sold log homes in Noel and loved to camp and fish. She was a member of New Life Fellowship in Pea Ridge, Arkansas.
Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Gary Ryals will conduct the services. Burial will be at Viney Creek Cemetery in Golden.
The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
Memorial contributions may be made to Circle of Life Hospice in memory of Faye.
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KENNETH CARL STURGEON
Kenneth Carl Sturgeon, of Stella, passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at Freeman West Hospital in Joplin at the age of 95 years, 5 months and 23 days.
He was born July 23, 1923, at Granby, the son of Charles Harve and Inez Marie (Camerer) Sturgeon. On February 24, 1967, in Wheaton, he was united in marriage to Willadean (McQueen) Cooper, who preceded him in death on February 4, 2018, after spending over fifty years of their life together. Also preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Carl Sturgeon; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Cooper; and one brother, Corky Sturgeon.
Survivors include his children, Bill Cooper, of Wheaton, Joy Tichenor and her husband, Ed, of Abilene, Texas, and Beverly Hill, of



Arma, Kansas; a daughter-in-law, Janet Sturgeon, of Fairview; seven grandchildren, Zeb Sturgeon and his wife, Brynae, of Natoma, Kansas, Kenneth Sturgeon, of Stella, Alicia Robbins and her husband, Patrick, of Neosho, Kayleen Rosales and her husband, Juan, of Abilene, Texas, Stacey Tichenor and her husband, Mike, of Wheaton, Elizabeth Gomez, of Cassville, and Mary Shipman and her husband, Chris, of Sedalia; sixteen great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; two nieces; other relatives and many friends.
Kenneth grew up and attended school in Newton County. In February 1943, he entered the United States Army and served in Germany as Sergeant until March 1946. At a young age, he was saved and was a charter member of Wheaton Southern Baptist Church. He and Willadean were dedicated to family, church and traveling.
For fifty years, Kenneth served as a Board Member of the Barry County Co-op. He was a farmer his whole life, and took great pride in his cattle and grain.
Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Paul Wahler conducted the services. Burial was at Muncie Chapel Cemetery in Wheaton.
Contributions may be made to Wheaton Southern Baptist Church in memory of Kenneth.
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NOLAN GENE MCNEILL
Nolan Gene McNeill, age 84, of Cassville, passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.
Arrangements will be announced by Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
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CHERYL ANN SWADLEY
Cheryl Ann Swadley, age 59, of Seligman, passed away Monday, January 21, 2019, at her home.

She was born October 6, 1959, in Clinton, Iowa, the daughter of Dale E and Betty (Wallross) Clark. On December 23, 1974, she was united in marriage to Albert Clinton Swadley Jr., who preceded her in death on December 22, 2018. Also preceding her in death were her parents and one sister, Sheila Anderson.

Survivors include one son, Albert Swadley III and his wife, Taylor, of Rogers, Arkansas; two daughters, Samantha Craighead, of Sallisaw, Oklahoma, and Mellisa Junior, of McCord, Oklahoma; one brother, Dale Clark Jr., of South Dakota, and seven grandchildren.

Cheryl moved from Arkansas to Seligman nine years ago to make her home. She was employed as a cook and will be missed dearly by those

who knew her.
Burial will held at a later date at Tuck's Chapel Cemetery in Rogers, Arkansas. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
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CHANDLER "PAUL" ASH
Chandler "Paul" Ash, 86, of Aurora, passed away Friday, January 18, 2019, in his daughter's home.

He was born to Marion and Monnie Holloway Ash on November 22, 1932, in Star City. He retired from the U.S. Navy as a radar technician specialist.

Survivors include one son, Max Ash and wife, Lynda, of Maco, Colo.; four daughters, P.J. Graham and her husband, Ed, of Aurora, Monnie Flom and her husband, Larry, of Marionville, Debbie Gervais and her husband, David, of Galena, and Laurie Wright and her husband, Rick, of Dillon, Mont.; two sisters, Ruth Stoddard, of Aurora, and Wilma Brown, of Derby, Kan.; 15 grandchildren; and a multitude of great and great-great-grandchildren and many step-children and step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Jean;

his second wife, Nellie; and one son, Scotty Lee Ash.
Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 26, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Peterson Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow in Log Church Cemetery near Butterfield with full military honors. A gathering will be held in the Log Church Reception room following the graveside service.
Visitation will be held Friday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

KELLY RONDA SHEPARD
Kelly Ronda Shepard, age 60, of Purdy, passed away Saturday, January 19, 2019, at her home.

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Correction: In last week's issue of the Advertiser, there was an error regarding candidates' election filings in Seligman. Michael Avers is running unopposed for the position of mayor.
Incumbent Ron Corn will face current mayor Carol Frost for an east ward seat. Roberts Hughes is running unopposed for west ward alderman. All seats carry a two-year term.

Exeter announces Homecoming court



Exeter R-6 will celebrate Homecoming on Friday, January 25, with Girls and Boys Basketball games against McAuley. The 10th anniversary of the Girl's Basketball Team State Championship in 2009 will also be celebrated. The events will begin at 5 p.m. and the order will be: two quarters of junior varsity girls basketball, two quarters of junior varsity boys basketball, homecoming, Varsity boys basketball, recognition of the 10th anniversary of the Girls State Championship Team, and varsity girls basketball.
Homecoming candidates pictured are, from left to right, in the front row: Julia Grant, senior; Madison Tarr, junior; Breana Grant, sophomore; and Emily Sandlin, freshman. Back row: Clayton Elders, senior; Logan Rayburn, junior; Hank Woods, sophomore; and Peyton Rayburn, freshman.

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Mr. Twain hit upon one of the basic truths of mankind. Almost without exception, man's accomplishments are the result of many workers, while only one or two get the credit. In sports, we speak of how many games the pitcher has "won." In football, the same is often said of the quarterbacks. Generals and admirals often "win" a battle. We all know the rank and file carried out the actions that decided the actual victory. In politics, the President, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate Majority Leader often get credit for effort that took dozens of people hundreds of hours to prepare for the final action or vote. It is human nature to want to be recognized for our efforts.
The Bible is very careful in recognizing the behind the scenes workers that are the difference between success and failure. Twenty-two people are named and more implied in Romans 16:6-15. Six more are mentioned in 1 Corinthians 16. The unspoken message of all these acknowledgments is: the success of the Gospel depends upon the unnamed as much or more than those who publicly lead.
Let's remember we are recognized for our works. "Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, 'Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'" Matthew 25: 37;40

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The newly formed McDowell School House Foundation is working to ensure that both the music and the school stay a part of the community for future generations. As it currently stands, the school is more than fit to host company but, the foundation has several goals in mind to restore the building to its former glory.

“We recently put in new flooring,” said Snodgrass. “We have the original blackboard and the church has the bell. It still needs some new windows and a new roof. The ceilings in-

side are decaying so, those will need replaced. We also want to put in a bathroom. We’ve got two outhouses outside which we’ll keep for history’s sake.”

The foundation held a meeting on Saturday, January 5, wherein it formally elected members to the restoration committee’s board. Newly elected officials for 2019 include : Toni Hinkle, president; Tim Smith, vice president; Tracie Snodgrass, treasurer; and Julie Coltharp, secretary. Board members are: Walter Price, Shirley Clevenger, Toni

Hinkle, Julie Coltherp, Tracie Snodgrass, Randy Breshears, Tim Smith.

The board has no formal plans to move forward yet but will continue to meet in the future to discuss restorations.

The McDowell Golden Jubilee is held every other Saturday in every season except summer and is open to any able bodied musician, children included. The next Jubilee will be Saturday, February 2 and will begin at 6:30 p.m.



The modern day McDowell schoolhouse. The front section was added on sometime in the 1900’s while the back section contains the original schoolhouse.

Exeter names November Character Kids



Exeter Elementary named the November Character Kids of the Month. Students were selected for the character trait of self-control. In the front row, from left to right: Payton Beck, Christopher Tackett, Elisa Alcaraz, Luke Grant, Jay Schmelzer, Bryson Lyons and Emma Higgs. Back row: Kimsey Miller, Brandt Sorenson, Mason Lee, Colton Rogers, Jayson Bogle, Whitney Beck and Zachary Meyers.

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is running at near full capacity to keep up with Roaring River’s demands as well as its own.

With the pools empty and employees freed up for other projects, Spurgeon said the staff is using the most of that time to do maintenance they otherwise wouldn’t be able to do. He said, “Since we are dried up, that gives us the

opportunity to do a lot of small maintenance projects to the pools. They are doing maintenance work on the hatchery and stuff they normally wouldn’t have time to do.”

Maintenance projects are the forefront now, but Opening Day will prove different for staff. Spurgeon said, “It’ll be more complicated for our staff for

Opening Day. We’ll pull it off, but if we’re running behind due to construction, all of those fish stocked here will have to be hauled in, roughly 5,000 at a time.

“We stock usually 5,000 to 6,000 for Opening Day, which works out to three per tag, and we usually expect around 2,000 people.”

Spurgeon assured that it will not have any impact on those who show up to fish, though. Things will be stocked as normal.

He said stocking went smooth during catch and release, and he doesn’t anticipate Opening Day to pose different challenges. “Keep fish coming in. Every two weeks for catch and release. We made an initial stocking and then three stockings of 1,500 for catch and release,” Spurgeon said. He added that fish get tired if they aren’t restocked at least a few times during the catch and release season.

Once Opening Day comes and goes and construction is complete in late spring or early summer, then the hatchery will work to get back up to capacity. Spurgeon said, “There will be a lot of fish to get hauled in here. It’ll be a big effort to get us back up and running.”

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Wildcats hobble the Mustangs, 72-64

Lee Stubblefield

Big games are won at the free throw line.

The Cassville Wildcats put on a free throw shooting clinic Tuesday night against McDonald County. The Cats shot a torrid 82% from the line through the first three quarters, and buried 7 of 10 from the stripe in the final minute to claim a 72-64 conference victory over the Mustangs.

McDonald County's big center Cooper Reece tallied 33 points in a tremendous effort, despite struggling in the first half. DJ White led Cassville with 23 points.

The Mustangs outmuscled the Wildcats to start the contest, taking a 9-6 lead when Reece scored on an inbounds catch and shoot with 3:17 on the clock. But Barrett Milleson switched to a smaller, faster lineup to speed up the game, and Cassville responded with a 13-0 run to take a 19-9 lead. Mac's Trent Alik buried a trey at the buzzer to cut the lead to 19-12, but the damage was done. The Mustangs would never regain the lead.

The teams played the second quarter to a draw until Ethan Hoppes scored off a backcourt steal, and Carson Roller hit the first of a pair from the line to lift Cassville to a 34-24 halftime lead.

The Wildcats ran at will in the third quarter, taking a 13-point lead when White's trey created a 46-33 score at the 3:23 mark. Koby McAlister scored to trim the lead, but then Hoppes came up with a loose ball and found White all alone for a snowbird layup and a 50-37 advantage.

A Jarrod Wallace basket closed the quarter, and Cassville led 54-38 at the final

break.

The Wildcats went to a controlled stall to start the final frame. The cat and mouse game had both good and bad consequences. Cassville slowly drained the clock, but the slower pace favored the Mustangs and especially Reece. The Mustangs whittled the lead down, creating turnovers with their full court press and putting the game in Reece's big hands.

After blistering the nets from the free throw line early, the Wildcats missed 4 of their first 5 attempts in the fourth quarter, including two front end opportunities. McDonald County pulled within 6 twice before White buried a pair of freebies to stretch the lead to 62-53 with 2:10 remaining.

But Mac used every timeout and every foul opportunity to shave that lead again. Reece scored his final points in the lane to pull the Mustangs within 5 at 69-64 with 17 seconds left. But Wallace and White scored the final points of the game from the line, and Cassville earned the 72-64 lead.

The Wildcats improved to 10-8 with the victory, while McDonald County fell to 4-12.

Cassville scorers: DJ White, 23; Ethan Hoppes, 21; Jarrod Wallace, 14; Carson Roller, 11, Luke Lowery, 2.

McDonald County scorers: Carson Reece, 33; Boston Dowd, 14; Trent Alik, 7; Saul Garcia, 6; Koby McAlister, 2; Cole Martin, 2.

McDonald County Lady Mustangs 42, Cassville 23

The McDonald County Lady Mustangs burned the Lady Wildcats in a 20-5 first quarter, and then cruised to a 42-23 Big 8 Conference victory at Cassville on Tuesday

night.

The Lady Wildcats could not contain the taller and quicker opponents, at least not in the man defense they started the game in. Tom Hubbard switched his troops to a tight zone in the second quarter to seal off the interior. That led to a 6-5 quarter in favor of Mac County, and a 26-10 lead for the visitors.

McDonald County point guard Ragan Wilson was the clear leader on the floor. When she took a rare rest break on the bench, Cassville held even. But with Wilson and Penn putting pressure on from both outside and in, the game tipped in favor of the Lady Mustangs.

The third quarter saw more of the same. The Lady Mustangs led 32-14 when Madry McCrackin buried a long trey for Cassville. But McDonald County led at the final break, 35-17, and Chris Kennedy's girls added another point to the lead in claiming the 42-23 win.

Cassville slipped to 3-11 with the loss, while McDonald County improved to 5-10.

Cassville scorers: Madry McCrackin, 16; Sharayah Seymour, 3; Alondra Miller, 2; Kyren Postlewait, 2.

McDonald County scorers: Ragan Wilson, 13; Kristin Penn, 13; Rita Santillon, 5; Caitlyn Barton, 4; Mattie Leach, 4; Samantha Frazier, 2; Sydney Killion, 2.

Tournament Trials Trip Top Teams

Lee Stubblefield

Two things stood out in this last week of basketball invitational tournaments.

The McAuley girls are for real.

Southwest doesn't quit.

The McAuley Lady Warriors shocked the field at Sarcoxie, felling College Heights in an overtime thriller, and then handing the host Lady Bears their first defeat of the season. In the span of a week, McAuley's girls shuffled the district leaderboard and cast doubt on earlier conference predictions.

Southwest's boys, struggling through a rebuilding year, trailed Galena by 12 points after three quarters in their seventh-place game at Spokane. But Rusty Roe's troops rose up and delivered a 26-6 final quarter to claim a 52-44 victory. It was Southwest's third win of the season.

The Cassville Wildcats dropped a 54-38 decision to Blue Eye in the third place game at Spokane, while the Lady Wildcats won the consolation final over the host team at Galena, 54-49.

The Wheaton Lady Bulldogs, once owners of a 10-1 record, slipped to 12-4 with back to back losses at Galena. Wheaton lost to Holister in the third place game, 52-40.

The Purdy Lady Eagles defeated Diamond, 29-26, in their consolation semifinal at Marionville, then beat Marionville, 35-32, in the consolation finals. The Purdy boys dropped their first two games at Sarcoxie but rebounded to finish with a 63-59 win over Billings.

The Southwest girls were winless at Galena.

Sarcoxie Tournament (boys)

Sarcoxie 51, Purdy 37
Billings 68, College Heights 60
Sarcoxie 68, Billings 55
College Heights 56, Purdy 41
Purdy 63, Billings 59

Championship

College Heights 62, Sarcoxie 59

Spokane Tournament (boys)

Cassville 61, Reeds Spring 52
Verona 74, Southwest 44
Blue Eye 60, Galena 28
Spokane 80, Seymour 74

Semifinals

Verona 57, Cassville 56

Spokane 60, Blue Eye 55

Consolation semifinals

Reeds Spring 60, Southwest 38
Seymour 74, Galena 41

Seventh Place

Southwest 52, Galena 44

Consolation Finals

Seymour 76, Reeds Spring 48

Third Place

Blue Eye 53, Cassville 38

Championship

Spokane 67, Verona 49

Marionville Tournament (girls)

Crane 58, Purdy 22

Billings 65, Diamond 43

Ash Grove 53, Marionville 28

Spokane 59, Pleasant Hope 20

Consolation Semifinals

Purdy 29, Diamond 26

Marionville 43, Pleasant Hope 42

Semifinals

Ash Grove 51, Spokane 36

Crane 54, Billings 30

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Consolation Finals	55	
Purdy 35, Marionville 32		Forsyth 76, Southwest 18
Third Place		Consolation Semifinals
Spokane 56, Billings 52		Cassville 52, Southwest 17
Championship		Semifinals
Ash Grove 47, Crane 30		Forsyth 55, Hollister 43
Sarcoxie Tournament (girls)		Reeds Spring 57, Wheaton 46
McAuley 45, College Heights 35 OT		Seventh Place
Sarcoxie 60, Riverton 24		Rush 47, Southwest 26
McAuley 63, Riverton 33		Consolation
Sarcoxie 67, College Heights 52		Cassville 54, Galena 49
Championship		Third Place
McAuley 58, Sarcoxie 54		Hollister 52, Wheaton 40
Galena (girls) 56		Championship
Wheaton 57, Hollister JV		Forsyth 65, Reeds Spring

Wildcat Takedown Club to host tournament on January 27



This year's Wildcat Takedown Club boasts 67 members from ages four to fourteen. The team began practicing in November and started attending tournaments in early December. They have wrestled all over Southwest Missouri in cities such as Seneca, Neosho, Joplin, Marshfield, Diamond, MacDonald County, Carl Junction, Ozark, Nixa, Branson, Willard, and Webb City. On Sunday, January 27, the Takedown club will be hosting a tournament in the Cassville High School Gym. Competition begins at 9 a.m. and is expected to end at 2 p.m.

Wildcat Stadium to receive new concession stand

Vinnie Roberts

The students and parents of Cassville R-IV said goodbye to a local mainstay on Tuesday, January 15. The concession stand that has long served Wildcat Stadium between the home bleachers and the ramp to access the track was demolished.

The demolition was a long-anticipated project for the district. Increased attendance of Cassville home football games exceeded the stand's capacity to serve the community.

"The old one really wasn't serving our needs anymore," said Dusty Reid, Cassville Schools' director of facilities and operations. "It didn't have an adequate number of restrooms on the men's or the women's side, and the facility had been added on to over the years. That created some problems with the plumbing. During larger events, we found that the toilets were backing up time and time

again. There was also some sewage stoppage going on during some of our games."

Reid went on to explain that there were several minor safety issues that plagued the facility, as well making entering the stand difficult for some.

"When they built the original concession stand, they had raised the ground level outside of the stand with multiple overlays of asphalt. So, when you walked into the concession stand, you had to step down and it had created a significant tripping hazard."

That same issue made it difficult to bring concession items in and out of the stand on game days.

"It didn't allow us to use hand carts or dollies to get anything in or out," said Reid. "You had to stop at the door and carry everything in by hand."

Safety issues and the small size put the

concession stand on the list of projects the school needed to address.

"It didn't have enough room for coolers, either," said Reid. "We would traditionally have to go to George's before every home game and come back with about 1200 pounds of ice to ice all of the drinks down before the game. That isn't a really efficient way of doing things."

The new stand will have a variety of expanded features to benefit not only the customers, but those working concessions during events.

"Our new concession stand will allow for a lot more cooler space inside so that all of our drinks can be cooled in refrigerators before the game starts," said Reid.

Reed also chose to emphasize the utility of the space as more than just a means to generate revenue during football and track season.

"We use the concession stand a lot for events that are hosted throughout the day for our students," said Reid. "We have field day, assemblies and reward days. There's a lot of days that we take students out to the track. Sometimes, the primary students earn the right to go have a picnic out on the football field. There's a lot of events that our concession stand will serve that aren't just football games."

The new facility will also feature a larger window, almost double the size of the previous one, according to Reid. It will also be angled differently, so as to allow a better view

of the field and scoreboard from the concession window. The concession stand will also be moved back to allow easier access to the field and cut down on congestion in that area.

The restrooms will also get an upgrade. The previous facility housed four stalls, two toilets and two urinals, along with two sinks in the men's room. The new facility will house six toilets as well as four sinks. The women's restroom previously housed six stalls and two sinks. The new women's restroom will upgrade that to nine stalls and four sinks.

The new stand will be constructed through the end of the 2018-19 school year and into the summer.

"A lot of the work will be done in house," said Reid. "We're going to contract out certain parts of it, but a lot of it will be done by us. So, it will take a little bit longer than hiring a construction company to come in and take care of it. Our goal is to have it done early summer."

The budget for the new facility is coming directly from the capital projects money that the school already has in place and will not use funds from Vision 150, the \$4 million bond issue that the school board will be putting on the ballot in April.

Demolition of the previous stand cost approximately \$6,500, according to Dr. Richard Asbill, Cassville superintendent. The school anticipates overall construction costs will be under \$300,000.

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Southwest FFA Greenhands attend motivational conference



Allison Corwin, Chapter FFA Reporter

On January 8th, 2019, nine first year FFA members from the Southwest FFA chapter had the opportunity to attend the Springfield Greenhand Motivational Conference. During the conference, the students were able to learn about being positive role models, making sound choices, becoming active team members and making a positive difference in their community.

Through interactive workshops and skits, the State FFA Officers encouraged first-year FFA members to explore their talents and reach outside their comfort zone for the opportunities provided through FFA membership. They helped the new agriculture students set goals for their education, careers, and FFA experience.

Southwest students are pictured at left with the State FFA officers. The students pictured in the back row are, from left to right: Macy Colf, Amy Reeves, Samuel Jennings, Elizabeth Ross, Teresa Toby, Ryan Lawrence, Ty Howard, and Stacy Skelton. The State officers are in the front row: Ryan Siegel, Abby Bertz, Madelyn Derks, Hannah Viets, Regan Ragsdale and Dillon Reinitz.

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Construction delays may push opening of new Rte. 39

Acquiring the necessary approvals from the railroad to build a bridge over the tracks at Missouri Route 39 and Carnation Avenue and improve railroad crossings to create a train “quiet zone” in Aurora has delayed the project, the Missouri Department of Transportation said.

The original date for completion and opening of the bridge and crossings is Feb. 28, 2019.

Work has temporarily been suspended while the railroad, Burlington Northern-Santa Fe (BNSF), reviews submittals from the contractor, Hartman & Company, Inc.

The railroad requires the contractor to submit several plans for approval prior to beginning work over and near the tracks. These include plans for lifting beams and materials safely into place over the tracks as well as shoring and forming plans for excavating and constructing bridge columns and footings near the tracks.

This approval process has taken longer than anticipated. MoDOT has been monitoring the process, but does not have a timeline for when the railroad will give its final approvals to the plans.

Winter weather could further delay work. MoDOT will continue to keep the community informed of the progress, with every effort being made to keep the project on track.

Work began on the project the week of July 16, 2018.

Here’s a look at the project:

New bridge will be built over BNSF railroad tracks near Carnation Drive.

Box culvert replaced at Route 39 at Chat Creek.

New railroad signals and crossing arms will be installed on Elliot Avenue (Lawrence County Route K) between Olive Street (Route 39) and Mill Street creating a quiet zone (Once railroad crossing improvements are made, the City of Aurora will apply to the Federal Railroad Administration to establish a quiet zone which means trains will no longer sound their warning horns while traveling between Route 39 and Elliot Avenue in Aurora).

New sidewalks will be built along the north side of Mill Street between McNatt Avenue and Elliot Avenue and along west side of Elliot Avenue between Mill Street and Olive Street.

Pedestrian crossing arms will be installed on the west side of Elliot Street on either side of the railroad tracks between Mill Street and Olive Street.

Railroad crossings will be permanently closed at Morgan Avenue and McNatt Avenue after bridge improvements are in place on Route 39.

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VFW hosts Christmas party for Mt. Vernon Veterans Home

Jeff Harp

The Shell Knob VFW Memorial Post 2203 had the distinct privilege of honoring some of our nation's aging patriots over the weekend of the December 17 with a Christmas party at the Post in Shell Knob.

The goal was to both honor and entertain these wonderful men and women who have served honorably in the military in years past. Clearly that goal was met as one could see the sparkles in their eyes and smiles on their faces as they toured the Post's winter wonderland displays.

The tour was followed up by a chicken dinner with all the fixins and desserts. That wasn't all, though, as entertainment followed the meal and all of the veterans then participated in rousing games of Bingo.

Amazingly, everyone was seemingly a winner to one degree or another. The afternoon festivities finally came to an end, but not be-



fore each and every vet was thanked for their service to our nation and as the buses drove away, the senior veterans were saluted by the Post's veterans. A distinguished send off to some very worthy patriots indeed.



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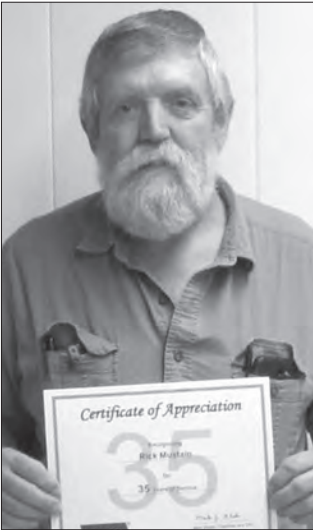
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Regal celebrates employees' years of service

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Those employees celebrating were: with five years of service; Adriana Garcia and Billy Newby; 15 years: Michael Peachee, Melanie Skinner, Loyd Dowell, Matt Hood, Paula Stockton, Justin Mason, Lucio Moreno, Jeanetta Periman, Jeremy Moore, Gualberto Serrano, June Sharp, Ricardo Gomez, Maricela Salas, Barbara Deal, José Meza, Autumn Murphy and José Rodriguez; 20 years: James Stockton, Michelle Pettengill, Allen Taylor, Shanda Downey and Melissa Garrison; 25 years: Stacy Blisard, Kerry McCowan, Diana Neumayer, David Orr and Tammy Robinson; 30 years: Steve Dalton, Carol Roller, David Hadlow, Tracy Roney, Desiree Ford, Buddy Garland, Mickey Munday and Janice Ray; 35 years: Johnny Allison, Joyce Pendergraft, Ray Boxley, Rick Mustain, Brenda Boxley, Jana Strahan, Carol Craig, Donnie Brattin, Mark England, Gene Hastings, Vicki Leonard, Brian Rose, Diana Lyons and Kimberly May; 40 years: Sue Garrison, Jim Senters, Cindy Staponski, Beverly "Kay" Stewart, Ruth Stubbs, Evelyn Nicholas and Larry Greek; and 45 years: Allen Durie.



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Cassville names December Character Kids



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Third grade award winners are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Emma Bowling, Allyson Going, Chloe Sleeth, Alexis Carter, Jasmine Reed and Emili Manners. Back row: Max Nichols, Cylas Austin, Jarred Ralls, Elizabeth Hunter, Alex Holycross and Shevy Smith.



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Fourth grade award winners are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Mikayla Hartin-Espinoza, Angel Kraft, Makenna Willis, Audrey Kennedy, Sadie Koheler and Alexis Lopez. Back row: Lucas Hudson, Dale Stockton, Kyle Brown, Keely Bailey and Addison Elkins. Not pictured: Elijah Tilford.



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2. Salsa was held at 47°F and ranch at 48°F on the condiment bar.*
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Routine 12/20/18:
Priority Violations: 1
1. Soda nozzles of the soda fountain were soiled by bacteria growth.
Core Violations: 0
Follow-up 12/27/18:
The priority violation from the previous inspection was corrected.

• **Oriental House Cassville**
Routine 12/27/18:
Priority Violations: 1*
1. The dish machine does not have a strong enough sanitizing rinse.*
Core Violations: 0

• **Jersey’s Bar & Grill Cassville**
Routine 12/27/18:
Priority Violations: 11
1. No one was ServSafe certified or the equivalent on duty.
2. The violations page of the most recent inspection was not visible for the public to read.*
3. There was an uncovered employee beverage in kitchen by the microwave.*
4. Clorox disinfectant was used on food contact surfaces instead of sanitizer.*
5. There was a partially smoked cigarette on kitchen shelf next to food handler gloves.*

6. There was a live mouse observed in the dry storage. There were numerous rodent droppings observed in the silverware caddy, sugar and on the shelf in the dry storage.

7. The julienne slicer was heavily soiled from a previous day. The coffee maker was soiled from a lack of cleaning. The inside of the ice machine door was soiled. Shelves throughout were dirty (walk-in cooler, under coffee maker, blender, where clean utensils are stored, etc.) The food thermometer stored as clean was soiled.

8. Cooked shrimp was not labeled with a discard date.*

9. Raw fish, onion rings, breading mix, etc. were past discard date of 12/25/18*

10. Chili, meat loaf, burger, etc., was given a ten-day discard date rather than seven days*

11. A food handler was wiping/drying hands on a wiping cloth rather than washing hands and drying them with a single-service towel.*
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