

Cassville Dispensary officially awarded license, slated to open this year

Charlea Estes-Jones

The news is official, cannabis is coming to Cassville. Dr. Lisa Roark's medical marijuana dispensary application was officially accepted by the state, and patients can expect it to open later this year. The Cassville Dispensary was the only dispensary application approved inside Barry County.

Dr. Roark said the news is exciting, and she is looking forward to the positive impact her new business venture will have on the community. She said, "I am super excited that we'll get to bring a quality medical marijuana program to our tiny southwest Missouri town."

The Cassville Dispensary was one of 192 licenses awarded by the Department of Health and Senior Services last Thursday, January 23. The dispensary is sure to be busy and will serve many patients in rural southwest Missouri due to facilities in Monett and surrounding areas being conditionally denied. The closest facilities

outside of Cassville will be in Branson West, Republic or Neosho.

Dr. Roark said she anticipates the location of the Cassville Dispensary will lead to a lot of business once cannabis is available. She said, "I expect that we will be very, very busy."

She added, "But, it'll probably be late spring when we open."

Cassville Dispensary will be located at 460 State Highway 76 in Cassville. The building is currently being completely remodeled and will be split with the dispensary on one side and a new coffee shop on the other side. The coffee shop, also owned by Dr. Roark, will feature indoor and outdoor patio seating and a drive-thru, as well. She said, "Cassville needs a coffee shop. It'll also give patients a place to wait if there is a line at the dispensary."

The dispensary itself will carry more than just cannabis, including medicating supplies, home cultivation

supplies, plant clones and seeds for cultivators. Dr. Roark said the dispensary will also stock a lot of patient education materials as well as have a lending library of books for patients to check out.

Dr. Roark is also expanding her medical clinic, a separate facility located at 1101 Main Street. She said, "We have had so many people ask, and no, we are not putting a dispensary in at the clinic. It will be a totally separate business."

"I will be the medical director over the dispensary, but I will not be at the dispensary for the daily operation. I have hired an incredible management team who will be in charge of all of the day-to-day operations. My role will be more as the medical side of it and to choose what strains and products we need to carry in terms of patient need."

Dr. Roark's dispensary application scored high in the rigorous application process. Only 24 licenses were awarded in each of the

Congressional Districts, as outlined in Article XIV of the Missouri Constitution. When asked why she felt her application scored so highly

amongst competitors, she said, "I think having a really good local management team planned out was a big part of it. Each person on

our staff fills a little need from the accounting side to the healthcare side to the hands-on interaction for

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Kids get comfy for Eagle Rock PJ reading day



On Monday, January 27, the Eagle Rock Branch Library hosted a special reading event for children of the area. Both kids and librarians engaged in a special pajama day reading event where they read, did arts and crafts and wore their finest sleepwear. Pictured above, Shonna Mowery, Dillion Mowery, 1, librarian Jennifer Cochran and Isabella Mowery, all of Eagle Rock, read "Llama Llama" in their pajamas.

Barry County commission approves \$4.9 million budget

Charlea Estes-Jones

The Barry County Commission approved the county's annual budget at a meeting on Thursday, January 23. The commissioners approved a budget of \$4,914,979.55, a marginal increase over 2019's approved budget of \$4,887,461.39.

In all, county officeholders requested \$5,162,656.77, however, Barry County commissioners Gary Schad,

Wayne Hendrix and Gary Youngblood stick to the commission's tradition of maintaining a fiscally conservative approach to the county's finances in the event that sales tax revenue takes a downturn during the year.

Northern commissioner Gary Schad said, "We have a really good group of office holders. Historically, we budget very conservatively, and they understand that"

Barry County clerk Jill LeCompte read the budget summary, noting they estimated the revenue for 2020 to be \$4,229,488.00. They add the remaining balances from 2019, which was \$824,350.80 for a total allowable of \$5,053,838.80. Even in the event of a low-revenue year, the county should be able to maintain the budget.

Presiding commissioner Gary Youngblood said, "The

economy is good. As long as fuel prices stay low, which that affects more than a lot of other things, we do well. If they have \$4 a gallon gas, then people don't have the money to spend on other sales tax items."

The departments with the biggest changes from 2019 to 2020 are the county commission's budget, the sheriff's office budget and the jail. All of the other offices maintained a budget close to the same as last year.

The county commission budget dropped from \$389,503.00 in 2019 to \$288,655.00 approved in 2020. Youngblood said that change was to return the commission's budget to a more standard number. In 2019, they had to purchase new voting machines, which was a big ticket item in the budget, but was a mandatory change.

The sheriff's office budget changed from the \$910,920.23 approved in 2019 to \$943,211.70 approved for this year. Last year, Sheriff Gary Davis's office came in under budget by over \$33,000 and the jail's budget was under by over \$68,000. Davis said he was under budget due to staffing issues, a problem he attri-

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Local LEGO Club founders to compete on new FOX show



Pictured above, from left to right, Jessie Rex and Kara Fletcher standing on the stage of LEGO Masters on Fox. The stage includes a massive amount of bins with sorted LEGO pieces that the builders can use in their creations. Photo courtesy of Fox Networks.

Vinnie Roberts

Of the many clubs and events in Barry County, one stands out as the most unique. For the last seven years, the LEGO Club, based in Eagle Rock, has provided a fun, safe and free activity for the area's children to build and create. Now, after spreading their love of colored bricks to the community, the creators of the club are about to make their love and skills known to everyone with a TV set.

Kara Fletcher and Jessie Rex started the LEGO Club in Eagle Rock years ago as a means to give area kids a place to build

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butes to Barry County’s lower pay scale. He said, “At the jail, we can’t keep people for what we pay.”

This year’s jail budget is very similar to last year’s at \$585,512.36. Jailers will start at \$24,000 a year with the ability to be bumped up to \$25,000 annually after three to six months. Davis said the jail currently has four vacant positions, which has been a recurring issue.

Last year, the commission approved a pay bump for road deputies to attempt to alleviate the staffing issues that plagued the department. Road deputies with Barry County make \$30,000 per year, but in neighboring counties, the pay is higher. Davis said Stone County pays \$35,000 and Newton County pays \$38,000 annually.

One big change that will take place this year is regarding the jail. The county appropriates \$280,000 each year for capital projects. This year, that money will go toward a jail remodel that Davis says is long overdue. The part of the jail that was built in 1971 will be remodeled, converting it to 24 beds in a dorm-style room. While the project probably will not be completed this year, it will begin and work toward a comprehensive remodel of the jail.

While a couple of office holders requested funds that were not granted by the commission, most budgets requested around the same amounts as last year and were approved for the same amount.

At the conclusion of the budget hearing, Youngblood said, “We want to thank the office holders for their conservative values.”

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Multiple races contested for general municipal election April 7

Vinnie Roberts

The time is once again drawing near for the citizens of Barry County to take to the polls and perform the greatest of all civil duties, vote. The general municipal election will be Tuesday, April 7. Last week, on Tuesday, January 21, the deadline to file in these elections closed, cementing those who had entered as candidates in this year’s local election.

In Cassville, two positions on the board of alderman were up for election. The incumbents of those seats, Mike Vining and Jerry Marple, have both filed for re-election and will be running unopposed. Both positions carry a two-year term.

For additional information on elections in Cassville, call Cassville City Hall at (417) 847-4441.

Exeter also has two alderman positions up for election in this cycle. Incumbent in the south ward, Tyler Henderson, will be running unopposed. Meanwhile, incumbent alderman Tasha McNabb will go up against newcomer Gus Robbins for the north ward seat on

the council.

McNabb is a 10-year resident of Exeter and a married mother of three. She has had two years of experience as an alderman for the city. She was originally appointed before being elected to the position in the following election.

“I am familiar with the workings of government,” explained McNabb. “We’re currently working with FEMA to repair our storm-damaged roads. I feel I am the best-qualified candidate, as I am the incumbent and I know what our city needs to keep moving forward.”

Gus Robbins is a 22-year old lifelong resident of Exeter. He and his family run the Robbins Family Horse Auction in Exeter and in his off time, he can be found at public events all across the county singing with his band. Robbins graduated from Exeter High and went on to attain an associate of arts in business from Crowder College.

“I’ve always been interested in politics,” said Robbins. “I grew up in Exeter and I’d really

like to give back to the community and this seems like a good way.”

For additional information regarding the election in Exeter, contact city hall at (417) 835-2823.

Two alderman positions in Wheaton were open for filing this year in both the east and west wards. In the east, incumbent Brandon Shockley will be running unopposed. In the west, incumbent Stacy Beck has chosen not to file for reelection. The only other person to file for the west ward seat, Jerry Wilkins, will run unopposed. Both positions carry a two-year term.

For additional information on this year’s elections, contact Wheaton City Hall at (417) 652-3314.

In Butterfield, mayor Tony Cope will run opposed for reelection. According to a representative from Butterfield City Hall, this will be Cope’s 14th year holding the position, having originally been elected in 2006. The Butterfield mayoral seat carries a two-year term.

Butterfield also has two alderman positions on this year’s ballot, in both the east and west wards. Incumbent aldermen Donald Privett and Rusty Dillbeck are both running unopposed for their seats. Both positions carry a two-year term.

For additional information on Butterfield’s election, contact city hall at (417) 442-7975.

Three seats on the Purdy board of alderman are slated to be on the ballot this year, with one seat in ward one and two in ward two.

In ward one, incumbent Robert Mosier will be running unopposed for reelection. In ward two, both incumbents, Brian Bowers and Dan Musgrove, will be running unopposed. This will be Musgrove’s first official full term as alderman after having been appointed to replace the previous one in July of 2019.

For more information on Purdy’s election this year, contact Purdy City Hall at (417) 442-3273.

To the south, Washburn had two alderman-at-large positions open for reelection. Both incumbents for those seats, Cheryl Floyd and Connie Deans, will be running unopposed in April. Alderman-at-large seats in Washburn carry a two-year term.

To inquire further about the 2020 election in Washburn, call city hall at (417) 826-5242.

Finally, in Seligman, two alderman seats will be on this year’s ballot. In the east ward, incumbent alderman Gerald Harling will be running unopposed. In the west ward, appointed alderman Bob Lovstad will be running against newcomer Brenda Germain for the seat.

Lovstad is a 10-year resident of the city of Seligman.

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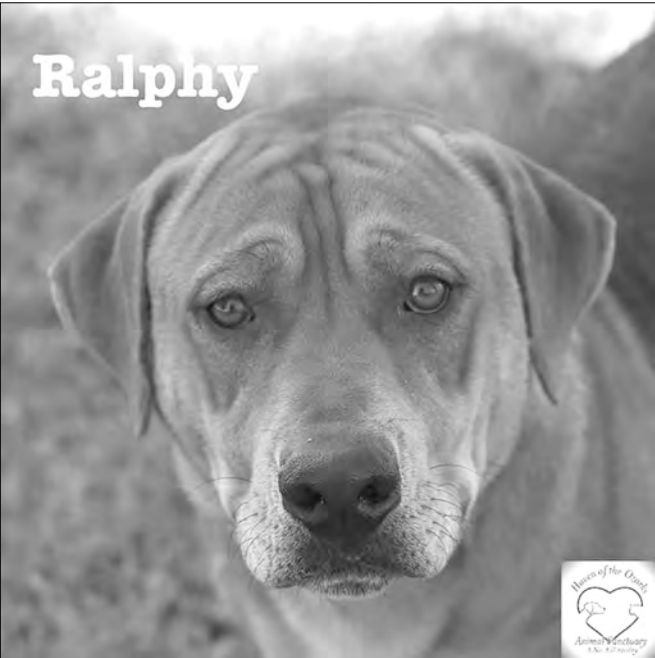
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Missouri State releases fall 2019 dean's list

Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain academic excellence are named to the dean's list.

For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the fall semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale).

Local students who earned places on the fall 2019 dean's list at Missouri State University were:

- Lauren Bass, of Monett
- Andrew Berndt, of Cassville
- Devon Blevins, of Monett
- Jarrett Brattin, of Exeter
- Kallen Brown, of Monett
- Kaylyn Bryant, of

- Crane
- Cody Cameron, of Purdy
- Jennifer Carpenter, of Washburn
- Kaden Clark, of Cassville
- Karmen DePriest, of Monett
- Veronica Gemmecke, of Cassville
- Amy Gentry, of Seligman
- Anthony Harris, of Cassville
- Deven Kimzey, of Monett
- Hunter Laney, of Washburn
- Kacie Lawrence-Cantwell, of Monett
- Crystal Mallory, of Cassville
- Morgan McDavid, of Purdy
- Shelby Michael, of Monett
- Colton Moore, of Cassville
- Madison Olbertz, of Shell Knob
- Sydney Olbertz, of Shell Knob
- Collin Pearman, of Eagle Rock
- Tory Pinkly, of Verona
- Carrigan Randles, of Cassville
- Brant Remington, of Monett
- Abby Rose, of Cassville
- Taylor Sanders, of Jenkins
- Alexandra Serrano, of Purdy
- Anne Sommers, of Golden
- Katherine Still, of Monett
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- Washburn
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Notice:

The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on the following dates: Wednesday, February 12, 2020, in observance of Lincoln’s birthday; Monday, February 17, 2020, in observance of Washington’s birthday.

Simple Tax Preparation will be offered at Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, each Tuesday through April 7, 2020. Please call (417) 858-6952 for an appointment.

Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob will host ‘Walking With Friends’ every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Jan. 31st

Music will be held at the Clio Community Building beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Senator David Sater will be recognized for his support of seniors and his roll in the passing of the *Growth and Development Bill* at the Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, in a program starting at 11 a.m. The program will be followed by lunch.

A Roaring Twenties Dance will be hosted at the Stella Senior Center with doors opening at 6 p.m. Dwayne Bowman will be playing for the dance which begins at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome to dress in Roaring Twenties attire. The cover charge is \$6, and refreshments will be available all evening. Guests are encouraged to bring finger food to share at break time.

Feb. 1st

“Purdy’s Got Talent” will be hosted by the Purdy R-II School District at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Feb. 2nd

The Veterans Taskforce of America, Inc. will be meeting at the Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett at 4 p.m. All honorably discharged men, women, war time or peacetime, are welcome to attend.

Feb. 3rd

The February Monett Dance will be held at the Monett Park Casino from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Timberline Band will perform, and guests are encouraged to bring a snack to share. Everyone is welcome.

Barry County Democrats will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Cassville Library. Participants are asked to bring Valentines to sign for residents of local nursing homes. Guest speakers are coming from Southwest Missouri Democrat headquarters and the Chairperson for the 29th Missouri Senatorial District. There will be discussion of local headquarter set-up and support of local candidates. For more information, call (231) 343-2727.

Monett Library will host Teen Book Club at 5 p.m.

Feb. 4th

Monett Branch Library will host Crochet-Knitting at 1 p.m. and Story Time at 4:15 p.m.

Computer and Technology Assistance is being offered at Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, at 12:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. This program will be ongoing, the first Tuesday of each month.

Feb. 5th

Monett Branch Library will host rug making at 1 p.m. and Story Time at 4:15 p.m.

Wii Bowling will be hosted at Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, at 12:30 p.m. All ages and new players are invited to join in.

Feb. 6th

Monett Branch Library will host the February Craft at 1:30 p.m. Call (417) 235-6646 for supply list and details.

Feb. 8th

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

Feb. 10th

Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob will host a make and take Valentine craft at 12:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to create adorable chocolate mice. All materials will be supplied. Please call (417) 858-6952 or sign up at the Senior Center to register.

Feb. 11th

Bingo at Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, will begin at 12:45 p.m. All ages are welcome.

Feb. 13th

Monett Branch Library will host Dennis Epperly, author of “Growing Up In The Ozarks During the 1950’s”, at 1:30 p.m.

“All That Jazz”, with music by the High School and Middle School Jazz bands, will be hosted by the Cassville Band Boosters at 7 p.m. at the Cassville R-IV Event Center. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Ticket prices are \$10 per person in advance and \$70 per table (seats). Tickets will be available at the door based on availability. Tickets may be purchased at Cassville High School Office and Tomblin’s Jewelry.

Speaker Dr. Sam Tillman Sound Advice Hearing Doctor will be at Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dr. Tillman will be providing lunch.

Feb. 21st

Annual Fish Fry and Labor Auction will be hosted by the Purdy FFA Chapter at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria/commons area. Cost is \$6 per plate, per person.

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Cassville PR-Int.-Middle:

Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage, orange or cereal, Pop-Tart, peaches. L: corndog or BBQ pork rib, mac & cheese, glazed carrots, fruit cocktail. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, hashbrown, toast, pears or cereal, granola bar, applesauce. L: spaghetti or popcorn chicken, salad, broccoli & cheese, breadstick, pears. Wed: biscuit & gravy or pancake on a stick, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, blueberry muffin, orange. L: chicken & noodles or country steak, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, peaches. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, pineapple or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple. L: pork patty sandwich or cheeseburger, french fries, carrots, juice. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or mini cini, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, peaches. L: pepperoni pizza or chicken alfredo, salad, vegetable mix, mandarin oranges.

Cassville High School:

Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, peaches or cereal, yogurt cups, fruit cocktail. L: chicken crispito, corn, refried beans, nachos, applesauce or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, pears or cereal, granola bars, orange. L: general chicken, rice, carrots, egg roll, fortune cookie, pineapple or pizza meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, toast, yogurt cup, peaches or cereal, Pop-Tart, orange. L: spaghetti, salad, green beans, breadstick, juice or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, Nutri Grain Bar, pears. L: pizza wedge, salad, corn, peaches or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or cinnamon bun, Go-gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, banana muffin, applesauce. L: cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, Sun Chips, carrot sticks, mandarin oranges or pizza meal or salad meal.

Purdy:

Mon: B: strawberry mini pancakes, syrup, toast, cereal, fruit. L: chicken nuggets, savory loops, bread, fruit. Tues: B: pancake/sausage on stick, syrup, yogurt, cereal, fruit. L: cheese pizza, romaine salad/tomato, ranch, fruit. Wed: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, carrots, fruit. Thurs: B: breakfast pizza, toast, cereal, fruit. L: chicken fried steak, wg roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit. Fri: B: blueberry muffin, yogurt, cereal, fruit. L: hamburger on ww bun, lettuce/tomato, potato chips, peas/carrots, fruit.

Southwest:

Mon: B: french toast sticks, syrup, Unipro pears or cereal, juice. L: chili & cheese burrito, fiesta corn, pears or salad/fruit bar. Tues: B: breakfast sausage pizza, peaches or cereal, juice. L: general chicken, fried rice, fortune cookie, apricots or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: biscuits & gravy, sausage links, apple slices or cereal, juice. L: country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: scrambled eggs with bacon, Pop-Tart, dried cranberries or cereal, juice. L: mac & cheese with hot dogs, hot roll, green beans, tropical fruit or salad/fruit bar. Fri: B: sausage & egg sandwich, hash brown potatoes, ketchup, orange wedges or cereal, juice. L: sloppy joe, celery with peanut butter, rosy applesauce or salad/fruit bar.

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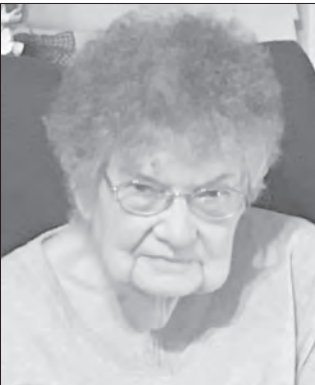
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ARNOLD P. MAPLES
Arnold P. Maples, age 90, of Springdale, Arkansas, formerly of Shell Knob, passed away Monday, January 20, 2020, in Springdale.
He was born January 25, 1929, in Browns Spring, the son of Ward and Mary (Childers) Maples. On May 6, 1947, in Marionville, he was united in marriage to Neoma McCullah, who preceded him in death on September 10, 2019. Also preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Clarence and Willis Maples; and one sister, Kathryn Faucher.
Surviving are two sons, Dennis Maples and his wife, Pat, of Columbia, and Danny Maples and his wife, Brenda, of Olathe, Kansas; one daughter, Deyann Corbin and her husband, Bob, of Springdale, Arkansas; one brother, Kenneth Maples, of Marionville; eight grandchildren, Wendi Corbin,

Heather Keeney, Karen Fischer, Bobby Corbin Jr., Christopher Maples, Jennifer Maples, Steven Maples and Joshua Maples; and fourteen great-grandchildren, Lauren Fischer, Jamey Fischer, Cada Fischer, Luke Fischer, Haley Johns, Zoe Johns, Chase Rudolf, Nikki Rudolf, Kristen Keeney, Kora Corbin, Nikki Corbin, Jake Corbin, Avalee Maples and Lindsay Maples.
Arnold grew up and received his education in Marionville, where he graduated from high school. At age sixteen, he learned to operate the telegraph and went to work for the Frisco Railroad. A few years later, he went to work for Rock Island where he taught the “Book of Rules” in a little red caboose that traveled over 13 states. When Rock Island folded in 1983, he finished his last five years at Southern Pacific in Kansas City and retired in 1988 - 43-1/2 years, three different railroads. On family vacations, he always enjoyed checking out the trains he passed along the way and train museums. One of his favorite pastimes was running the church bus ministry in Shell Knob with his wife, Neoma. He was head deacon at First Baptist Church in Shell Knob and was currently a member of First Baptist

Church in Lowell, Arkansas.
Services were held Saturday, January 25, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Gary D. Gilmore conducted the services. Burial was at Marionville IOOF Cemetery.
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ELDA “JEWELL” PATTERSON
Elda “Jewell” Patterson, age 82, of Washburn, passed away Saturday, January 25, 2020, at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville, Arkansas.
She was born December 6, 1937, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, the daughter of

Mark and Lula Mae (Craig) McElhannon. On September 21, 1958, she was united in marriage to Preston Patterson, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Joyce Shrum and her husband, Lynn, of Washburn, and Donna Lambert and her husband, John, of Winter Springs, Florida; one son, Allen Patterson and his wife, Debi, of Bella Vista, Arkansas; one sister, Mary Reagan, of Phoenix, Arizona; eleven grandchildren, Franchesca Schibi and Joe Epling, Beth Stouder and husband, Luke, Benjamin Lambert and fiancé, Joe Nguyen, Jason Shrum and friend, AJ Busey, Allen Hensley and wife, Ashley, Kellie Arrasmith and husband, Brett, Phillip Lambert and fiancé, Alejandro Osorio, Timothy Lambert and husband, MacLaren, Caleb Lambert and wife, Baileigh, Heather Feierabend and husband, Alex, and Aaron Lambert; and seventeen great-grandchildren.
Preceding her in death were her parents; one daughter, Louise DeWitt; two grandsons, James and Mark DeWitt; one great-granddaughter, Jayci Shrum; six brothers; and two sisters.

Jewell grew up and received her education in Oklahoma and then attended beauty school. For eight years, she resided in Hobbs, New Mexico, and in 1973 moved to Missouri to make her home. Some of her favorite pastimes were camping, fishing, canning, sewing and she loved wildlife.
Services were held Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at Roller Baptist Church in Washburn under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Rev. Lawrence Shuey conducted the services. Burial was at Roller Cemetery in Washburn.
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ANN YANG HANG
Ann Yang Hang, age 89, of Warren, Michigan, passed

away Thursday, January 16, 2020, at St. John Macomb Oakland Hospital in Warren, Michigan.
Services will be held at 9-11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Burial will be at Granby Memorial Cemetery.
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CLARA VIRGINIA WOZAR
Clara Virginia Wozar, age 71, of Seligman, Missouri, passed away on Thursday, January 23, 2020, in Monett.
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CLONA D. BERTALOTTO
Clona D. Bertalotto, age 87, of Rocky Comfort, passed away Monday, January 27, 2020, at Lacoba Homes in Monett.
She was born September 13, 1932, in McNatt, the daughter of Ottie L. and Wanda A. (Ball) Brazeal. On June 2, 1947, she was united in marriage to Hugh McClellan, who passed away in 1982. In June 1993, she married James Bertalotto, who also preceded her in death.

Others preceding her in death were her parents; one son, Richard; three brothers, Edward, Earl and Wilford Brazeal; and two sisters, Nellie Brown and Georgia Mahurin.

Surviving are one daughter, Connie Christen and her husband, Craig, of Monett; four grandchildren, Bradley McClellan, Chip McClellan and his wife, Jennifer, Kenneth Christen and Keith Christen; and three great-grandchildren, Chanceton, Hailey and London McClellan.

Clona grew up and received her education in McDonald County, where she attended Puckett School. For many years, she worked for La-Z-Boy in Neosho and had also worked at Cardwell Memorial Hospital in Stella. Some of her favorite pastimes were crocheting, baking pies and going to church. She was a member of Beth-

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lehem Freewill Baptist Church.
Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 31, 2020, at Bethlehem Freewill Baptist Church in Bethlehem, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Hap Anders will conduct the services. Burial will be at Union Cemetery, south of Stella.
The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Thursday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
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CHRISTOPHER JOHN HUDSON
Christopher John Hudson, age 31, of Purdy, passed away on Saturday, January 25, 2020.
Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2020, at the Lighthouse Full Gospel Church in Eagle Rock. The family will receive friends from noon until service time at the church.
Service arrangements and cremation are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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ROBERT WESLEY "WES" WILSON
Robert Wesley "Wes" Wilson, 82, of Aurora, passed away Friday, January 24, 2020, in his home.
Wes was born in Sacramento, California, in an elevator on the way up. And up in the world he went. He loved nature, airplanes, and was raised in the country where his father was superintendent of a pear orchard during the Depression. He

had two older brothers, John, who became prominent as an engineer in Aerospace, and Ray, an insurance executive who also raised five children in the country of the Ozarks. John and Ray preceded him in death. Wes attended Sacramento City College and San Francisco State College, completing three years. Then he was asked by Chet Helms to do posters for his dances at the Fillmore Auditorium in San Francisco. Bill Graham also ran the Fillmore, and the posters became very prominent in American and world culture. Wes was married twice, once for two years and he spent 54 years with his second wife, who still holds down the farm in Aurora. He has six children, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandson, age three. Wes painted, did commercial art, fine art, and had a job as a print supervisor at City Utilities in Springfield for eight years. He raised cows, chickens, and landscaping the farm was his dearest love. The farm is called Living Water Ranch and he wanted to be buried close to his true home.
He is survived by his wife, Eva, and his children, grandchildren and great-grandson. He has many friends and followed Jesus Christ. He will be sorely missed.
Wes was preceded in death by a three year old sister who drowned when he was one and called her name often as a child.
Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 28, 2020, in Leann Cemetery south of Aurora under the care of Peterson Funeral Chapel.
A celebration of life will be held in the summer.

STANLEY ALLEN WARNER
Stanley Allen Warner, age 66, of Ridgley, passed away Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at his home.
He was born August 18, 1953, in Blackwell, Oklahoma, the son of Robert and Lucy (Wilson) Warner, who preceded him in death. On December 24, 1972, in Ridgley, he was united in marriage to Della Eckert, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Jennifer Stephens and her husband, Richard, of Rocky Comfort; four brothers, Winford Warner, of Fort Scott, Kansas, Clifford Warner, of Wheaton, Rick Warner, of Joplin, and Kenneth Warner, of Exeter; three sisters, Theresa Culver, of Aurora, Carol Barnett and Elizabeth Eckert, both of Sweetwater, Tennessee; and two grandchildren, Makala Stephens, of Alexandria, Virginia, and Kenzie Stephens, of Rocky Comfort.
Stan grew up in Wayne and received his education at Washburn. He was employed at EFCO for over 20 years. His favorite pastimes were reading westerns, fishing and spending time with his wife.
A memorial will be held Saturday, February 1, 2020, at the Wheaton Community Center from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Cremation arrangements are under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton.
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TINA MARIE SHAW

Tina Marie Shaw, age 56, of Cassville, passed away January 16, 2020. She entered this life on January 6, 1964, in Norwich, Connecticut, the daughter of Carol (Reynolds) Petrucci. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Cremations of the Ozarks. Throughout her life, Tina owned her own business in printer repairs and ink cartridge refills. She was an avid animal lover who enjoyed watching birds, especially cardinals. Tina delighted in gardening, diamond art, and Harley Davidsons. She came to the Lord and was baptized in November of 2017, changing her forever. A very sociable and caring person, Tina became an active member at Roaring River Health and Rehab and was President of

Residence. She was a good friend and will be missed for all time. Tina is survived by her daughter, Jennifer (Marco) Biagioni, of Nixa; granddaughter, Clara Biagioni, of Nixa; mother, Carol (Bob) Petrucci, of Canterbury, Connecticut; dog, Lucy; six siblings; numerous nieces and nephews; and many loving friends. Want to thank Roaring River Health and Rehab for doing an amazing job and making Tina feel like she was at home. No services are being planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Haven of the Ozarks (<https://www.havenoftheozarks.org/>). To leave an online condolence, please visit www.cremationsoftheozarks.com.

TENG MOUA

Teng Moua, age 55, of Granby, passed away Monday, January 20, 2020, at his home. Services will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Sunday, February 2, 2020, and from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Monday, February 3, 2020, at McQueen

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JAMES DAVID MAGEE

James David Magee, age 47, of Exeter, passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2020, in Bentonville, Arkansas. David Magee, son of Johnny Dave and Wilma (Antle) Magee, was born on January 15, 1973, in Stella. He attended school in Bentonville and graduated in 1991. David worked for Vaughan Trucking in Monett as a truck driver. Survivors include his

mother, Wilma Magee, of Exeter; his daughter, Molly Ann Magee, of Springdale, Arkansas; and several aunts, uncles and friends who will all miss him dearly. David was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Magee; his paternal grandparents, Jay Magee and Roslea Allen; and maternal grandparents, Everett and Geneva Antle. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. today, Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, with Pastor Randy Comer officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at the funeral home. Service arrangements and cremation are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

MARY LEE EVANS

Mary Lee Evans, age 74, of Hollister, passed away on

Saturday, January 25, 2020, in Branson. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett. **BARBARA S. MOBLEY** Barbara S. Mobley, age 85, of Eagle Rock, passed away on Saturday, January 25, 2020, in Bentonville, Arkansas. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

BONES SKELTON

Bones Skelton, age 60, of Seligman, passed away on Monday, January 20, 2020.

A visitation was held on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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Dr. Roark plans to employ 10 people to run the dispensary. The management and security teams are already decided and were

part of her application process with the state. She said she anticipates the dispensary to be a positive benefit for the community and will generate a healthy amount of tax revenue for the county. While the dispensary is located inside Cassville city limits, the property is annexed outside of the city.

She said, "I think this is a change for the better."

The Cassville Dispensary will also work closely with the Springfield-based non-profit Ayden's Alliance, which will help families of children in need afford their medication. Dr. Roark said, "We will continue to work closely with Aydens' Alliance. So far I've done 50 free certifications for families in need. We will continue to support through basically dispensary income their program to help patients who are low income afford their cannabis."

One of the two Monett dispensary applications was applied for by Dr. Paul Cal-

licoat, who also owns Sarcoxie Nursery. Dr. Callicoat was hoping to have a vertically integrated business approach to grow, infuse products and sell cannabis through dispensaries. All of his applications for cultivation, manufacturing and dispensaries were denied. Dr. Callicoat is currently suing the state over the decision to deny his applications.

A second Monett dispensary application was originally filed for in Monett under the name Horizon Growth, LLC, but after scores were released, it appears Horizon Growth opted to change the location of the dispensary application to Springfield.

Only one other Barry County-based application was approved by the state. Holistic Industries, LLC, under the name Holistic Missouri, LLC, a Washington, D.C.-based vertically-integrated business that is currently in six other states, was approved for a cultiva-



Dr. Lisa Roark, owner of The Dispensary, LLC, in Cassville, stands in what will be the lobby of the new medical marijuana facility to open later this year in Cassville. The dispensary will be located at 460 State Highway 76.

tion facility. The reported location of the potential cannabis grow will be near Cassville's Industrial Park on Highway 76/86.

In Barry County, infused manufacturing licenses were applied for by Choice

Extracts, LLC, in Monett, Holistic Missouri, LLC, and Ozark Mountain Green, LLC. All of those applications were denied.

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For more information about the medical marijuana program in Missouri, go to: <http://medicalmarijuana.mo.gov>.

Exeter driver injured after rear ending second vehicle in Wheaton

Charlea Estes-Jones

An Exeter man was injured after a rear ending crash outside of Wheaton on Highway 86 on Monday evening, January 27. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, Wesley A. Kissinger, 26, of Exeter, struck a second vehicle in the rear around 6:55 p.m.

Kissinger was driving a 2013 Ford Explorer southbound on Highway 86 in Wheaton. The vehicle that was rear ended was a 2006 Chevrolet Avalanche, driven by

Jeffrey K. Haselden, 37, of Fairview.

Kissinger suffered moderate injuries and was transported from the scene to Mercy Hospital in Cassville. Haselden had no reported injuries at the scene.

Both were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash. There were no other parties reported to be in the vehicles at the time.

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The 2020 Purdy High School Homecoming Host and Hostess were Callen Terry, son of Spencer (PHS Class of 2007) and Shelby (Davidson) Terry (PHS Class of 2009; Current PTSO President) and Grecia Lozano, daughter of Grisel Perez (PHS Class of 2009) and Ivan Lozano. Both are students in Mrs. Abramovitz's kindergarten class. Photo courtesy of Ashley Brown.

Purdy High School crowned its 2020 Homecoming Queen at a special coronation ceremony between basketball games on Friday, January 17, following a fun-filled week of activities, sponsored by the Purdy High School Cheerleaders. High School students enjoyed a semi-formal Homecoming Dance on Saturday, January 18, sponsored by Student Council. The 2020 Royal Court is pictured at right, from left to right: freshman Anna Hoffman, daughter of Joe and Lisa Hoffman; junior Lauren Schallert, daughter of Todd and Tracy Schallert; Queen Kylie Wood (senior), daughter of Darrin Wood and Lenni Jeffers; and sophomore M'Kena Propps, daughter of Mica Propps and the Late Kevin Propps. Photo courtesy of Ashley Brown.



ELECTION from 2A

According to him, he moved to town from Pea Ridge to get back to a small town atmosphere, something that Lovstad says Pea Ridge began losing during his time there. "I've lived in Seligman for 10 years," explained Lovstad. "I like the small town atmosphere. There's not a whole lot of red tape to cut through to do what we need to do. It's an interesting job and there's a lot to learn. There's always something new and different to do every week." The opponent for the west ward seat, Brenda Germain, could not be reached for comment at the time of publication. For more information on election 2020 in Seligman, contact city hall at (417) 662-3600.



The 2020 Purdy High School Mr. Tip-Off was introduced at a special assembly hosted by the PHS Cheerleaders on Friday afternoon, January 17th. Junior Zack Brewer, son of Jason and Cassie Brewer, was crowned by PHS Cheerleaders Sydney Rea, daughter of Jennifer and Brandon Rose and Kevin Rea (left) and Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of Joe and Lisa Hoffman (right). Photo courtesy of Ashley Brown.

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According to Fletcher, her love of LEGO has been lifelong. She has worked with LEGO since she was a child and, as a stay at home mom for a period of time, shared her love with her children and helped them work on projects.

“I grew up playing with LEGOs,” Fletcher explained. “My best friend and I grew up playing with them through our teens. I’ve always been a child at heart and a toy collector. So, when I had my kids, I was able to expand and really get into it.”

She is noteworthy in the community at large, having done several large-scale LEGO projects for Cassville Schools.

“People in the school and the community used to know me as ‘The LEGO Lady,’” Fletcher said. “I did a display build for the Cassville intermediate school. I wanted something that the kids could relate to, so I built the Cat in the Hat.”

Fletcher has also built a giant Wildcat head for Cassville Schools, made entirely of LEGO. She has also since expanded the Cat in the Hat build in an effort to raise money to aid a district construction project.

“Back when they were doing the grants for the FEMA building, Paragon Architecture in Springfield hosted a LEGO contest for local schools,” explained Fletcher. “I brought the Cat in the Hat and had some of the kids who helped with that project add on to. So, we were able to win with that build and get some money for the school toward the building.”

While Rex doesn’t have as extensive a history working with LEGO, she has worked with her children on a number of projects in their youth.

“Ever since my first child was big enough to play with LEGO, we’ve been buying them,” Rex explained. “Then we kept buying them after his brothers were born. We all absolutely love LEGO. It’s

something that they enjoyed.”

Rex went on to explain that, in addition to several large scale projects, her sons have also made stop-motion LEGO films.

Fletcher and Rex met years ago while attending church. Both had smaller children at the time and thus spending large portions of Sundays in the church nursery, where they bonded over helping their children with Duplo blocks.

After some deliberation, the two decided to appear before the Eagle Rock Community Association to ask for space to host the club.

“At the time, I was doing some volunteer work for our community association,” said Fletcher. “So, we approached the board and asked them if we could do a LEGO club twice a month for children in our community.”

The ERCA granted the club the use of the Eagle Rock Branch Library, giving the club the last component to begin meeting. To this day, the club still uses Fletcher’s private, massive collection of bricks in their construction.

“I have a very large collection, and I love to share it,” Fletcher explained. “Everything’s better when you share it. If I were to keep them all to myself for me and my family to use, I feel like that would be a waste. It’s better to share it and help inspire new kids.”

While the club is still active, it’s founders have since left the area. Rex and her family have relocated to Hawaii, while Fletcher now lives and works in Rogers, Ark. They have remained friends and kept in touch.

Last year, Fletcher, while reading through message boards, came across a casting call for LEGO builder teams interested in competing on a new television series.

“I’m involved with several LEGO user groups in Springfield and online,” said Fletcher. “I was seeing a lot of things about the show come through and decided to apply. I went home to fill out the application and I realized that LEGOs had been a part of my life for almost 50 years now.”

The show is called LEGO Masters and is set to air on the Fox network at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5. Hosted by the voice of LEGO

Batman himself, Will Arnett, the show will see builders from all over the country compete in a series of challenges designed to prove who the best LEGO builders in the world are.

According to Rex, the duo was chosen after an arduous trial process that included a variety of challenges.

“As part of the application process, we had assignments,” explained Rex. “We did builds and took videos and photos. After a while, it got to the point that they liked what they saw and invited us to the casting finals.”

From there, the pair were flown to California to film and compete for the show. While Fletcher and Rex can’t discuss the particulars of the show, they did share some of their feelings about getting to compete on the national stage.

“It was amazing and overwhelming to be around such intense talent,” explained Fletcher. “I was really in my comfort zone, though.”

“[Will Arnett] was hilarious, friendly and interactive,” Rex continued. “It was the experience of a lifetime. They did an amazing job on casting. We loved all of the other teams, and I feel like we all became a little LEGO family.”

Fletcher and Rex will appear as competitors on the LEGO Masters premiere on Fox on Wednesday, February 5, at 8 P.M., central time. For any questions about the show, or to watch a trailer, visit their official website at www.fox.com/LEGO-masters. To inquire about the Eagle Rock LEGO Club, call (417) 846-3059.



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Purdy FFA attends Greenhand Conference

Macy Terry, Purdy FFA reporter

First-year members of the Purdy FFA Chapter attended the annual Greenhand Conference, hosted by the Mis-

souri FFA State Officer Team on January 9th, 2020.

At the conference, members split into groups to develop teamwork and leadership skills and to discover the

many opportunities FFA has to offer. Members also had the chance to hear a motivational speech from FFA State Vice President Jessica Janorschke.

Alex Aldaba noted of the event, "It was a fun time listening to the motivational speaker, meeting new friends, and learning about what FFA has to offer."



Purdy FFA members and the FFA state officer team are pictured from left to right. Front row: FFA state officers Andrew Moore, Kaylee Lewis, Jacob Hall, Jacob Knaebel and Jessica Janorschke. Middle row: Joey Billingsly, Alex Aldaba, Joey Biloki, Ezequial Garcia, Carlee Deditius, Alli Hayes, Francis Matthews, Xo Lai Lee, Josh Brown, Destry Patton, Alyssa Bolin, Libby Roden and Addy Abramovitz. Back row: Jessie Robertson, Braden Hintt, Stephanie Webb, Michael Stanford, Dax Henry, Jordan Corter, Javier Villa, Travis Hughes, Jake Young, Bosten Goetz, Trey Hughes, Sophia Hutchens, Lesly Haros and Taryn Orwig.

Cassville Library events

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- The Cassville Library is located at 301 W. 17th Street with the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Extended hours until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Call (417) 847-2121 or visit their Facebook page for more information.
- On January 30, the movie "Harriet" plays at 2 p.m., rated PG-13.
- On January 31, crochet is at 10:30 a.m.
- On February 3, crochet is at 6 p.m.
- February 7, 8 and 9, the Cassville Friends of the Library host a book sale. The hours will be Friday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- On February 13, Trivia Night is at 6 p.m.
- On February 6, 13, 20 and 27, there will be a free Family History Class at 11 a.m. Pre-register by phone or at the front desk.
- On February 13, Fun @ 4:00 will be Valentine fuse bead crafts for grades kindergarten through 8th.

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Shell Knob woman, passenger injured in slide off crash

Charlea Estes-Jones

A 39 year old woman from Shell Knob was left in serious condition after a slide off crash outside of Cassville on Wednesday morning, January 22. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, Rebecca A. Boyd, of Shell Knob, was driving on MO 76 about eight miles east of Cassville when the crash occurred.

The report states Boyd was driving a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe eastbound when it slid off the left side of the roadway

and struck a tree around 7:20 a.m. Boyd was westbound at the time of the crash.

Boyd was seriously injured in the crash. A 16 year old female passenger, not identified in the crash report, suffered minor injuries.

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If you are unable to vote in person, you may send a written request to the office of Jill H. LeCompte, Barry County Clerk, 700 Main St. Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625 or fax to (417) 847-5311. The clerk's office will need:

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The last day to request absentee ballot by mail is Wednesday, March 3, 2020, for the March 10, 2020, Presidential Preference Primary.

For more information, call the Barry County Clerk's Office at (417) 847-2561 or email jhlecompte@barrycounty-clerk.com.

Jymme Ash named to Arkansas Tech Dean's List

Arkansas Tech University announced its Dean's List for undergraduate students on its Russellville campus for the fall 2019 semester.

A student must achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher and complete at least 12 hours of college-level coursework to be named to the Dean's List.

A total of 1,971 Arkansas Tech students achieved that distinction during fall 2019. Included in the fall 2019 Dean's List are 831 students that achieved a 4.0 grade

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The members of the fall 2019 Arkansas Tech University Dean's List, listed alphabetically by the town of their permanent address, are:

Jymme Ann Ash, of Seligman.

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EFI Tax Service: Keeping the small business tradition in Shell Knob

Vinnie Roberts

Some small businesses can lay claim to being essential to their communities, but no other business covers as many bases as EFI Tax Service, in Shell Knob. Since 2010, this service has offered financial services to the Shell Knob and Cassville communities, in addition to a wide variety of other essential services.

EFI began as a tax-only business in the home of original owner James P. Aurthur. It has since grown to its own location and changed hands. According to current co-owner and primary public accountant, Zanetta Campbell, she was originally recruited by Aurthur to help him with the business, and soon grew to be a crucial component of the operation.

"I went to school through some H&R Block classes in 2009," explained Campbell. "I went to work with the gentleman that owned EFI prior to that. In 2013, we moved to Shell Knob from where we started out, just doing taxes at his house. When we moved to Shell Knob, he continued

to do taxes while I picked up payroll and bookkeeping, expanding the business."

Campbell purchased EFI from Aurthur after his retirement in 2014. She currently co-owns EFI with Karlton Burbridge, who is not active in day-to-day operations.

According to Campbell, she has been involved in business her entire professional life, and coming to own EFI is the fruition of a life-long goal.

"I've always been involved in business," Campbell explained. "My parents had a trucking company and I was an office manager there from the time I was 18 until the time that I was 25. From there, I worked various different jobs and been in management."

"I had always wanted to go to work for myself and own my own business. When the opportunity came up, Mr. Aurthur told me to take those classes and then he'd show me everything that he knows."

EFI has once again moved locations, now to 23693 State Hwy. 39, in Shell Knob. The



EFI Tax Service in Shell Knob celebrated their change of location with an open house for the community. Those in attendance at the open house are pictured above. From left to right, in the front row: Karty Burbridge; Kirkland Burbridge; Steven Parrott; Keith Burbridge; Linzie Dotson; Zanetta Campbell, owner; Justine Jaeger; Axle Jaeger; Emma Collings; and Jaxon Jaeger. Back row: Mary-Ann Craig; Karlton Burbridge; Christy Campbell; Keisha Spain; Lincoln Spain; Jeremiah Jaeger; Jazzmenn Spain; and Jason Spain.

business is open to customers 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment on Saturday.

The business offers year-round tax services, payroll and other accounting services. According to Campbell, the core ideals of EFI entail assisting small business in enriching the community.

"We strive to handle each of our clients on an indi-

vidual basis and handle their needs," said Campbell. "We're a small firm and we want to stay small. We want to help small businesses grow to what they need to be. Their goals are our goals."

The business caters to more than just those in need of tax services. For the last few years, in an effort to keep vital services within Shell Knob city limits, Campbell

has added several facets to the facility. It currently functions as both a UPS and FedEx drop off location, as well as a U-Haul rental site.

"We've been in operation since 2013," said Campbell. "In 2018, the local U-Haul dealer closed. As a member of the community, I didn't want to see another business leave Shell Knob, so we took it over."

"I'm very much into trying to help as much business as I can stay in Shell Knob," she continued. "We're a small community and there's a lot of things that we can't afford to lose. I'd also like to see it grow some, and that's never going to happen if we let vital businesses close."

She went on to explain that she has been very active in the community, having once been part of the Shell Knob PTA. Campbell can

also be found helping out another Shell Knob business, Steak-Inn, on weekends as a lounge server and bartender.

Campbell concluded, explaining that her work within the community is rewarding, seeing EFI as a vital component to Shell Knob and its people.

"It's very rewarding. I have people who I know everything about, even though I just file their taxes," she explained. "I'm there with them through everything. The good and the bad, when they're talking about college expenses or when they're getting divorced. Sometimes, as the tax accountant, I end up being an extension of the family."

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Cassville takes third at Spokane to highlight tournament week

Lee Stubblefield

A busy week saw local basketball teams competing at four area tournaments as coaches and players begin their last month of play before heading into districts.

Spokane Tournament

The Cassville Wildcats defeated College Heights, 56-38, for third place at Spokane. Cassville drilled Southwest in the tourney opener, 73-44. The Cats then dropped a semifinal to Blue Eye, 47-36. Barrett Milleson's team improved to 6-10 with the two victories.

The Southwest Trojans rebounded from losses to Cassville and Seymour, and claimed a 47-42 win over Verona in the seventh-place game. Southwest now sports a

6-12 record.

Bill Hanson Memorial Tournament (Girls)

The Cassville Lady Wildcats shocked state-ranked Chanute, 53-45, in their tournament opener at the Bill Hanson Memorial Tournament at Pittsburg, KS. But the Ladycats finished the week with a 65-16 loss to Kickapoo in the semis, and a 48-23 loss to Carthage in the third-place game to slip to 5-11 for the season.

Galena Lady Bears Tournament

At Galena, the Wheaton Lady Bulldogs beat Verona, 55-48, to advance into the semis. But the Wheaton girls then dropped a 69-31 game to Forsyth, and lost a close battle with Galena in the third-place game, 40-36. Wheaton's

Monica Hinojosa was named to the all-tournament team as the Lady Bulldogs finished the week with a 6-10 season record.

The Southwest Lady Trojans opened with losses to Galena, 74-46, and Seymour, 51-43. But the Lady Trojans - winless a year ago - edged RUSH in the seventh-place game, 49-47 to improve to 6-11 for the season.

Marionville Lady Comets Classic

The Purdy Lady Eagles struggled at Marionville. Purdy lost to Ash Grove, 62-17, in the opener, and then fell to Billings, 68-38. But Purdy recovered to rout Diamond in the seventh-place game, 64-23, improving to 3-12 with the win.

Purdy baseball players inks deal with C of O



On Tuesday, January 28, Purdy baseball player Andrew Martinez signed a deal agreeing to play for College of the Ozarks, located in Point Lookout, during next year's season. During the signing, Martinez was accompanied by both his family and coaches in a ceremony attended by his teammates.

Pictured above, from left to right, front row: Yadi Martinez, mother; Andrew Martinez; and Rich Hart, father. Back row: Derek Mann, Purdy assistant baseball coach; Joshua Hughes, Purdy head baseball coach; and Justin McMillin, College of the Ozarks assistant coach and recruiting coordinator.

First Christian Church opens time capsule



When the capsule was removed from the wall it only contained one item: an issue of the Cassville Democrat from 1970. The issue contained the first ever full color photo printed in the paper, which was a photo announcing the completion of the church. Pictured above, Dr. Chuck Terrill, Joel Stough and Sam Madsen hold up the paper for the congregation to see.

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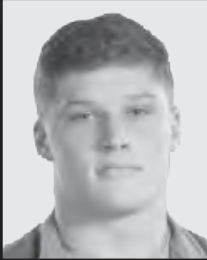
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CHS football recieves recognition letter from state senator



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"I send my congratulations on a very impressive football season," stated Senator Sater in a letter submitted to Dr. Asbill, Cassville R-IV Superintendent. "I am proud of the team's accomplishments," continued Sater.

Pictured above, from left to right: CHS Senior football captains: Bowen Preddy and Troy Hagins, Senator Sater, CHS Head Coach Lance Parnell, CHS Senior football captains Deven Bates and DJ White.

SW volleyball players named Academic All-State



On Friday, January 24, it was announced that five members of the Southwest High varsity volleyball have been recognized as Academic All-State Players. In order to achieve this status, players had to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.9 or higher.

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