

County hears benefits of drug monitoring program to combat opioid crisis

Charlea Estes-Jones

A meeting on Thursday evening, January 25, put Barry County one step closer to possible involvement in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to help combat the opioid crisis. The Barry County Health Department hosted the meeting, inviting the director of the St. Louis County PDMP to speak to the Barry County commissioners, area physicians, pharmacists, law enforcement and interested citizens.

The PDMP director Emily Varner gave a presentation to a group of around 20 in the Cassville FEMA building on Thursday evening, giving information as well as taking questions from interested parties.

Roger Brock, Barry County Health Department administrator, said he thought the meeting went well. He stated, "I thought it went fine. I think it was a good presentation and gave us an idea of how it works; and that was the objective.

"We're still going through the process right now, trying to get everything lined up. Ultimately, it's a board decision, but my thoughts are that this is something that could help. It's another tool to give pharmacies and physicians an opportunity to make good decisions based on the information it can provide for them."

Varner gave an in-depth overview of what the PDMP

would actually do for Barry County.

The PDMP logs how often and when certain medications are dispensed. If a patient goes to three or more healthcare providers for prescriptions and then fill them at three or more pharmacies within six months, healthcare providers and pharmacists will receive an alert on the patient.

Varner said, "This just issues an alert and the information. It does not necessarily indicate any wrongdoing."

The only medications that are kept on record with the PDMP are schedule II through IV drugs. That includes opiates, stimulants, muscle relaxants and benzodiazepines. Essentially, highly addictive drugs that also carry a risk of overdose.

To have access to the system, there are multiple requirements that healthcare providers and pharmacists have to meet to be able to register and access the PDMP.

To have a direct access account, they have to be a DEA number and current license to practice medicine or dispense medication for a pharmacist. Full information and proof of being a healthcare provider or pharmacist in good standing is required. Direct access is only given to healthcare providers, dispersers and their delegates.

Doctors and pharmacists can appoint delegates within their offices to enter infor-

Purdy School breaks ground on FEMA shelter, arts center

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After a bit of a delay because of the snowy weather, Purdy Schools recently held their ground breaking for the district's new FEMA shelter and performing arts building being built on the campus. Purdy students, faculty, the construction team and members of the community met at the site of the school's soon-to-be shelter and new classrooms on Tuesday morning, January 30, to bring an official start to the construction.

Purdy School District began planning the new addition to the campus in 2016. The school made a bond request to the voters in their district on the August 2016 Primary ballot. The school requested \$2.3 million in bond funding to help complete the \$4.1 million project. Voters passed the bond, allowing the school to erect not only the FEMA shelter, but convert the space into additional much-needed classrooms and a performing arts center, as well.

Purdy Schools superintendent Dr. Steven Chancellor said it made more sense for the district to make that space multipurpose than to just build a shelter. In addition to giving students and the community a safe place to go in the event of a tornadic storm, it'll also allow for school performances and a space to rent to the community, as well. Other additions to that structure include two preschool classrooms and a choir classroom.

Dr. Chancellor said, "Right now, we are in the ground-work phase. We will probably wrap that up in the next two



From left: Mike Freitas, RE Smith Construction Project Manager; Kirsten Whitehead, Paragon Architecture; Mindi Gates, Purdy Associate Superintendent; Ken Terry, Purdy Board Member; Russ Neill, Purdy Board Member; Trae Goetz, Purdy Board Member; Todd Schallert, Purdy Board Member; Randy Henderson, Purdy Board President; Derek Banwart, Purdy 7-12 Principal; Julie Dalton, Purdy K-6 Principal and Steven Chancellor, Purdy Superintendent.

weeks. Then, the tentative date for the walls to start going up is February 15. Because those walls are pre-made and delivered, we expect the shelter itself to be built within three weeks after that."

Essentially, by the second week of March, anyone driving by the school will see that the shelter has taken shape. From there, the school's contracting company will continue to make all of the additions and finish the inside to the school's specifications. The construction company completing the work is R.E. Smith. The school is using Paragon Architecture for the design of the building.

Inside the performing arts part of the building, there will be raised seating for around 700 people as well as a stage.

Additional seating may be brought in, as well. Dr. Chancellor said, "The seated occupancy is just under what our large gym is where we currently hold the types of events. We foresee the choir performances, band performances and plays will be in the performing arts center. We think we can do graduation, as well." Currently, all of those events are held in the larger gymnasium.

"One thing we all agreed on: we weren't going to skimp on the lighting and sound. The mistake a lot of schools make is they forget about the quality of what will be happening in that space. The whole building was designed to fix that problem. We don't have a good space to do those perfor-

mances in at this point. So we will have floor treatments, wall treatments and ceiling treatments to make sure we can use the performing arts center for what we need it for," stated Dr. Chancellor.

Since the grant money from FEMA essentially builds a concrete box, anything to make the space more usable to the district is the responsibility of the school. That includes seating, floors and any audio-visual equipment.

Dr. Chancellor himself went through quotes for audiovisual components for the building to ensure it would fit the needs of the district. "We are partnering with Kansas City Audiovisual, and they are consulting on all of the equipment so that we guaran-

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Inside this issue:

Rocky man arrested for threatening federal agent

A Rocky Comfort man was arrested for allegedly threatening a federal agent and his family. The investigation was done with the aid of the Barry County Sheriff's Department.

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Two injured in Butterfield crash

Two drivers were injured in a three-vehicle crash on highway 37 in Butterfield Monday morning.

3A

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1B

Barry Electric employee traveling to Bolivia

Barry Electric Cooperative employee Brian Robbins is traveling to Bolivia to help bring electricity to impoverished areas.

12A

Two announce intention to run for Barry County Presiding Commissioner

Charlea Estes-Jones

Two men have announced their intentions to run for Barry County's presiding commissioner seat, going up for election in November this year. Longtime Barry County clerk Gary Youngblood and local businessman John Hendricks are both running for the position currently held by Republican Cherry Warren.

Youngblood, 66, of Cassville, has been clerk for the county for just shy of 24 years. He announced a couple weeks ago that he would not be seeking reelection as county clerk, and instead would be running for a different office. Youngblood announced that the position he is seeking is presiding commissioner on Friday, January 26.

Youngblood said, "I have enjoyed working for the citizens of Barry County and have done my best to aid our many political subdivisions in preparing their tax levies to conserve funds while offering my best services possible. If permitted to

serve as presiding commissioner, I will continue to work for the betterment of our county government."

Thus far, Jill LeCompte has announced she is running for the county clerk position after deciding to retire as Cassville R-IV schools assistant superintendent. LeCompte is running as a Republican.

John Hendricks, 60, of Cassville, also announced he would be running for the presiding commissioner seat. Hendricks said, "The main goal for me is that I've been a businessman in town for almost 40 years, and I feel like with the economy as it is, I could bring a lot more opportunities to the county through my experiences."

Hendricks shared that he would like to improve the county's economy and development through job creation.

Hendricks owned Luck E Strike Corporation, a fishing lure company, and Jersey's restaurant

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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.
Tax Preparation for seniors will be done on Monday mornings only at Central Crossing Senior Center. Please call for an appointment at 417-858-6952.

January 31st

Golden Baptist Church will host a support group for single moms and children on January 31 at 6 p.m. For information, call 417-271-3605.

February 1st

Pickle ball is scheduled Thursday, February 1, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Central Crossing Senior Center.

Southwest Band Parent Booster Meeting will be Thursday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the band room. All parents and guardians are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Events and fundraisers will be planned at the meeting.

February 2nd

Pickle ball is scheduled Friday, February 2, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Central Crossing Senior Center.

Music will be held at Clio Community Building February 2 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Stella Senior Center will host a dance on Friday, February 2. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the dance starts at 7:00 p.m. The band will be “The McDonald County Playboys”, with a cover charge of \$4. There will be a meat loaf supper, and refreshments are available all evening. For information, call 417-628-3314.

February 3rd

Seligman Chamber will host a dance Saturday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m. For information, call 417-662-3612.

February 5th

Pickle ball is scheduled Monday, February 5, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Central Crossing Senior Center.

Dominoes is scheduled Monday, February 5, 12:30 p.m., and every Monday at Central Crossing Senior Center.

Monett Park Casino is hosting a dance featuring “Evelyn and the Outriders Band” from 7 to 10 p.m. Monday, February 5. Bring a snack to share.

February 6th

Bingo is scheduled Tuesday, February 6, 12:30 p.m. at Central Crossing Senior Center.

Cassville Cruisers monthly meeting will be February 6, 7:00 p.m., at Sho Me Plaza.

February 7th

Breakfast and Bingo. The Cassville Senior Center will be having breakfast from 8:00-9:30. It is free to attend, donations are welcome. Bingo will follow at 10:00.

Golden Baptist Church will host a support group for single moms and children on February 7 at 6 p.m. For information, call 417-271-3605.

February 8th

Valentine Bake Sale will be held at The Central Crossing Senior Center on Thursday, February 8, from 10:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. If you would like to bake something for the sale, you may sign up at the center or call 417-858-6952.

Southwest R-5 School Baccalaureate Meeting will be February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School commons area. Area Pastors, 2017-2018 Seniors and families please attend. For information, call 417-826-7019 or 417-435-2676.

February 9th

Purdy High School will host its annual Homecoming Basketball game vs. McAuley on Friday, February 9. The JV game will begin at 6 p.m.

February 10th

Chatty Crafters will meet at the Mane Station in Cassville on February 10 at 10 a.m. There is no charge. Call 417-498-2202 for more information.

Eagle Rock Fire House Breakfast will be Saturday, February 10, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

February 14th

Valentine’s Day Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cassville Senior Center with music by the Shell Knob Strings.

Senior Tax counseling is available at the Cassville Senior Center by appointment only. Call the center at 417-847-4510 to make an appointment.

February 16th

Music will be held at Clio Community Building February 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

School Menus: February 5- February 9

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

Southwest: Mon: B: oatmeal with toast, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: corn dog, wg macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, peach cups, ketchup, mustard or salad - fruit bar. Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, fresh fruit or cereal, juice, grape jelly. L: popcorn chicken, mashed ptoatoes, green beans, pears, bbq sauce or salad - fruit bar. Wed: B: scrambled eggs, mini cinnis, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: chicken & noodles, mixed vegetables, hot roll, butter, tropical fruit or salad - fruit bar. Thurs: B: breakfast sausage pizza, orange wedges or cereal, juice. L: spaghetti, romain salad, breadstick, Mandarin oranges or salad - fruit bar. Fri: B: hot ham & hash-brown sandwich, ketchup, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: hot dog, baked beans, carrots, celery & lite ranch, ketchup, mustard, applesauce or salad - fruit bar.

Exeter: Mon: B: whole grain biscuit, gravy, sausage links, peaches, fruit juice, cereal. L: chicken strips, whole wheat breadstick, tossed salad, ranch dressing, yellow squash, peaches. Tues: B: blueberry muffin, yogurt, fresh fruit, fruit juice, cereal, Pop Tart. L: cheesey breadsticks, marinara sauce, tossed salad, ranch dressing, corn, fruit. Wed: B: cereal, fruit, fruit juice, whole wheat toast. L: chicken tetrazzini, broccoli, whole wheat breadstick, fruit. Thurs: B: mini pancakes, syrup, fruit, fruit juice, cereal, toast. L: chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit. Fri: B: oatmeal, toast, bananas, fruit juice, cereal, Vertical bar. L: cheeseburger/bun, baked beans, baby carrots, Sidekicks, frozen juice.

Cassville (Prime., Int., Middle): Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: corndog or chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, glazed carrots, tropical fruit. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, applesauce or cereal, graham crackers, pears. L: soft taco or beef fajita, corn, vanilla pudding, vanilla wafers, juice. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on a stick, tropical fruit or cereal, pb & jelly, fruit snacks. L: chicken & noodles or country steak, gravy, whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, applesauce.

Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, orange or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple. L: cheeseburger or bbq pork, bbq chips, baked beans, juice. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or strawberry bagel, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop Tart, raisins. L: beef burrito or hot dog, nacho chips, nacho cheese, green beans, pineapple.

Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hash-brown, tropical fruit or cereal, peanut butter & jelly, banana. L: pizza wedge, corn, salad, tropical fruit or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or blueberry bagel, Go Gurt, peaches or cereal, Pop Tart, peaches. L: chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, green beans, yogurt/peaches or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, sausage/toast, orange or cereal, Nutri grain bar, apple. L: soft taco, tossed salad, refried beans, applesauce or pizza meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: popcorn chicken, potatoes/brown gravy, corn, breadstick, assorted juice or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on a stick, hashbrown, orange or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: general chicken, rice, egg rolls, carrots, fortune cookie, pineapple or pizza meal or salad meal.

Purdy: Mon: B: blueberry muffin, cereal, fruit, toast. L: wg chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, fruit. Tues: B: pancakes, syrup, cereal, yogurt, fresh fruit. L: baked pasta, romain salad/tomato, ww breadstick. Wed: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: tacos, salsa, refried beans, fruit, chocolate chip cookie. Thurs: B: scrambled eggs, ww toast, cereal, strawberry cup. L: popcorn chicken, bread slice, french fries, broccoli/cauliflower, ketchup, fruit. Fri: B: breakfast pizza, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: chicken patty sandwich, potato chips, baby carrots, ranch, fruit.

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Throughout this event, former and future graduates are being asked to work together with others from their class-- competing against other classes-- to raise money for the Endowment Fund. An electronic tally board will be posted on the Southwest R-V Endowment Fund website to keep graduates informed of how well their class is fundraising compared to other classes. The “Battle of the Classes” will conclude at the final Southwest home basket-

ball game on Thursday, February 15, with the class raising the greatest amount of money being recognized. During the “Battle of the Classes”, individuals will be able to make donations on behalf of their graduating class by mailing funds to the school district (529 E. Pineville Road, Washburn, MO 65772) or by electronically donating through the Southwest R-V Education Endowment Fund website. The benefits of the South-

west R-V Education Endowment Fund are: The interest earnings from the fund will be used for educational grants, to guarantee future generations the benefit of your contributions. Grants from the fund will be used for academic programs only. All contributions are tax deductible. The immediate goal is to raise an additional \$10,000 this year so that we can begin the granting process, and also reap

the benefits of a grant that we have already been awarded. If we are able to raise the \$10,000 in the month of February, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks will grant \$5,000 toward the fund. Reaching our goal will increase funds from \$5,000

to \$20,000. The school hopes for help to meet this challenge and enhance the education of future Southwest graduates. You can donate online at the following web address: <https://sites.google.com/swr5.net/sw-education-fund/home>.

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Going back to the emergency purpose of the building, in the event of an emergency, the shelter will hold approximately 1,200 people. Dr. Chancellor said, “In essence, it’s designed to hold the entire population of Purdy City limits.”

If all goes according to plan, construction of the FEMA building and perform-

ing arts center will be complete in September. Of the entire \$4.165 million price tag, \$2.3 million is a bond, FEMA is contributing \$1.579 million and the remaining approximate \$286,000 is the responsibility of the district. Dr. Chancellor said, “We have a couple options for the rest of the cost. We’re looking at a difference of roughly \$300,000 that will come from the district. The board and I are run-

ning through scenarios, like ‘Is that a wise use of our cash?’ We are looking at all of our options so that we don’t reduce our options to be agile and flexible in the future with our funds on hand.”

At the ground breaking Tuesday, students were clearly excited about the new project happening on their campus. Dr. Chancellor shared, “What we have learned since we announced the project and have began, is that we underestimated how much this was on the kids’ minds. They think about the shelter a lot and talk about it a lot. So to see them out there, they obviously had fun watching the ground breaking because it means something to them. They see it as something that will keep them safe at school, and they are very excited about it.”

The new building on Purdy’s campus will sit adjacent to the current high school entrance. The building will face Highway C.

Exeter announces Homecoming candidates



Exeter High School recently announced their 2018 Homecoming King and Queen candidates. This year’s candidates are: freshmen Jamison Nichols and Maya Martinez, sophomores Logan Rayburn and Mackenzie Fuller, juniors Jacob Foster and Audrey Tripp, and seniors Trevor Nelson and Jaden Fink.



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There is also a restricted/limited access to the PDMP available for State Boards, law enforcement, MOHealth representatives and Judicial officers. For anyone requesting information on a patient, they are required to have a subpoena and supporting information. Each request is evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and if all legal conditions are met, they can have access to the record.

In other words, law enforcement would not be able to request patient records for a suspected illegal activity. Varner said no requests have been made up to this point. She said, “This is a tool for healthcare providers. That is its purpose.”

Varner said, “No health department, local government or law enforcement has direct access to the system other than us, and that is just to maintain the system.”

Doctors would be able to see if their patient is seeing multiple other doctors and getting other prescriptions. Varner said, “It helps alert healthcare providers to possible doctor shoppers.” Doctor shopper is a slang term for patients who go to multiple doctors to get prescription medication.

The system also allows physicians and pharmacists to see the morphine equivalent for a patient based on their overall medication load. Varner said, “That gives doctors an idea that they might want to prescribe an alternative medication, or a pharmacist could talk to the patient about safer options.”

Brock shared, “With the governor and president declaring [the opioid crisis] a health emergency, an epidemic issue, we do provide information about opiates. But this would be a tool to help prevent issues.”

Varner said multiple times that the PDMP is not a solution to the opioid crisis. She stated, “This is a tool to help healthcare providers to see potentially fatally dosage and perhaps end up going a different prescription. It is a tool, not a complete solution.”

Physicians will also be able to compare their prescription rates to their colleagues and local physicians. That feature will not be available until 2019.

Multiple physicians were in attendance at the meeting and asked questions about the program. Coxhealth physician Dr. Brent Murphy, DO, asked, “Didn’t [Governor] Greitens just issue an executive order creating a state-wide program?”

Varner explained, “The governor did that. It supposedly went live in November. However, that is a regulatory

board and law enforcement tool targeting healthcare providers and pharmacists. The State has said they are complimentary programs, not competing programs.”

Currently, Missouri is the only state in the U.S. that does not have a state-wide PDMP in place.

Dr. Lisa Roark, MD, who is also a Barry County Health Department board member, asked if statistics were available proving the PDMP is making a difference.

Varner explained that Missouri’s county-voluntary PDMP has only been in place since April 2018, and that is not a long enough span to give statistics. She also said nationwide there were improvements with the PDMPs in place in different states.

Varner said, “It will help, but it will not solve the whole problem. It’s preventative to help prevent additional cases of addiction.”

Varner said that St. Louis created the PDMP and allowed other counties to enter into it after frustration that Missouri did not institute a state-wide PDMP. She said, “The program is everywhere and it’s

getting worse.” The Missouri Hospital Association recently released a press release that stated: “New research from the Hospital Industry Data Institute finds that the total economic cost of the opioid crisis in Missouri was \$12.6 billion in 2016, with the costs associated with overdose deaths accounting for 96 percent of the total economic burden. Researchers found the opioid overdose mortality rate in Missouri nearly doubled between 2012 and 2016.”

“The CEA tallied the national economic burden of opioid deaths and opioid use disorder finding a cost of \$504 billion, or 2.8 percent of the nation’s gross domestic product in 2015,” said Herb B. Kuhn, Missouri Hospital Association president and CEO. “The Missouri rate exceeds the national average, where 4.2 percent of the state’s GDP is lost to opioid use disorder and opioid-related deaths.”

Since there is no state-wide program, to participate in the PDMP, Barry County would have to enact legislation, sign a user agreement with St. Louis County’s PDMP, and set a date for the program to go live. St.

Louis County Health Department would be in charge of contacting all healthcare providers and pharmacists to get them registered and signed up with the program.

If Barry County enrolls in the PDMP, there will be no cost until 2019. St. Louis County Health Department applied for a grant that covered the cost. After that, the cost is based on the number of healthcare providers in a county. Barry County’s annual cost would be \$591.

Now that the presentation has been made, Brock said the health department board is moving forward with possibly joining. He said, “The idea is to develop an ordinance that is done jointly between the board of health and the commissioners, like the wastewa-

ter ordinance and food service ordinance.

“We’re trying to work on now. We’ve put together a rough draft and going from there.”

Brock said the board will look over the ordinance proposal at their February meeting. He said, “We took a draft ordinance to the board members for them to review and

the commissioners to review, and we’re waiting on input from everyone now to see if there is anything they want to add or take out.”

If PDMP enrollment for Barry County moves forward, Brock said he is unsure of the pace of action or when they would enroll if the Barry County commissioners agree.

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WILLIAM “DAVID” DARBRO

William “David” Darbro, age 57, of Shell Knob, passed away Saturday, January 27, 2018, at his home.

He was born October 13, 1960, in Wichita, Kansas, the son of Frank and Betty (Hallmark) Darbro. On November 17, 1990, in Derby, Kansas, he was united in marriage to Rhonda Keely, who survives. Also surviving are his mother, Betty Darbro of Elk City, Kansas; two sons, Sean Keely and his wife, Sabrina, of Eagle Rock, and Rodney Darbro and his wife, Victoria, of Berryville, Arkansas; one daughter, Darlene Darbro, of Shell Knob; one brother, Frank Darbro and his wife,

Carla, of El Dorado, Kansas; and six grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his father, Frank Darbro, and his grandparents.

David received his education in Kansas and graduated from high school in Derby, Kansas. He began working in construction after high school. Twenty-four years ago, he moved to Shell Knob where he continued to work in construction for a while and then was employed at Fasco. For the last ten years, he worked as an overnight stocker at Wal-Mart, remaining there until his health failed. He attended Lohmer Full Gospel Church in Shell Knob. Some of his favorite pastimes were building things and just being outside. He was an avid Kansas Jayhawks fan and Nebraska Cornhuskers football fan. He loved NHRA drag racing and most of all he loved his grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at Lohmer Full Gospel Church under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Pastor David Donaldson will conduct the services.

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The family will receive friends from 11:30 until service time Wednesday at the church.

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JOAN DELORES BAILEY

Joan Delores Bailey, age 77, of Exeter, passed away Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville.

She was born June 21, 1940, in Ridgley, the daughter of Marcell and Ada Lee (Crabb) Charles. She was united in marriage to John Tucker and to this union three

children were born. John preceded her in death. She later married Fred West, who also preceded her in death. She was married to Don Bailey for thirteen years before he passed away. Others preceding her in death were her parents and one son, Jamie Tucker.

Surviving are one son, Jerry Tucker and his wife, Angela, of Willow Springs; one daughter, Jana Catt and her husband, Sean, of Exeter; one brother, Les Charles and his wife, Donna, of Springfield; eleven grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Joan grew up and received her education at Exeter where she graduated from high school in 1958. For twenty-five years, she was employed at Fasco from which she retired. She was a member of Exeter First Baptist Church, where she was organist and pianist for many years. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Silver Leaf and Red Hatter.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 3, 2018, at Exeter First Baptist Church under direction of Fohn Funeral Home

in Cassville. Pastor Jerry Yarnall and Pastor Ethan Tucker will conduct the services. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 until service time Saturday morning in First Baptist Church at Exeter.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer’s Association or Silver Leaf in memory of Joan.

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MARILYN LOUISE BURLESON

Marilyn Louise Burleson, age 82, passed away on January 24, 2018, after several years of ill health. Meeting her in Heaven with arms outstretched were her mother and sister, who she had been missing for several years.

She was born April 5, 1935, to Cline and Pauline Hancock in Cassville. She spent almost her entire life in southwest Missouri. She met the love of her life, Louis Ray Burleson, while working in her uncle’s restaurant in Cassville and they were married 64 years this past December. She lived in Verona and Billings for many years and then she and Ray spent their retirement years at their home overlooking Table Rock Lake.

Marilyn was the mother of three children, Janie, Randy and Terri. In addition to raising her children, Marilyn worked in the garden, fed the hummingbirds, fished with Ray, loved to sew and made the best cinnamon rolls and pies you would ever eat. Marilyn loved children and taught Monett Head Start for many

years, but her favorites, of course, were her four grandchildren.

Marilyn was raised in the Church of Christ and continued to be a member for all her life. She loved going to church on Sunday morning and missed going these last few years. She loved gospel music and she and Ray went to many gospel concerts.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Ray; daughter, Janie, of Joplin; son, Randy, and wife, Teresa, of Neosho; and daughter, Terri, and husband, John, of Marshfield; grandchildren, Kenny and wife, Kristina, Clayton and wife, Natalie, Cierra and husband, Trevor, and her last grandson, Race; five precious great-grandchildren were also very special to her, Aleesa, Lyla, Nickolas, Owen and Stella; brother, Charles Hancock; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brother, Carl; and sisters, Margaret and Mary Helen.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 27, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. in the Peterson Funeral Chapel. Burial followed in Maple Park Cemetery.

MAROLD FREDRICK SMITH, JR.

Marold Fredrick Smith, Jr., age 70, of Monett, passed away Monday, January 22, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services were held at Friday, January 26, 2018, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Butterfield.

Contributions may be made to the family.

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The Family of Naomi (Sue) Duncan

We want to express our sincere appreciation for all the visits, prayers, flowers, and food. Thank you Kevin Hilton and Charles Chrisman and Karty Burbridge for the wonderful message. Thank you to the Phillips family and Lonnie Stockton for the beautiful songs. Thank you Joy Baker, Geneva Blair, Access Hospice and Oxford Care for all the special care you provided for Sue. Special thanks to Fohn Funeral Home and Charles McManus. You showed kindness to our family in our time of loss. Thank you Lohmer Church for the use of your church.

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PHILLIP RAY EWBANK

Phillip Ray Ewbank, age 80, of Washburn, passed away Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at his home.

He was born April 20, 1937, in Butler, the son of Perry and Blanche Eva (Dunavan) Ewbank. On June 7, 1963, in Pomona, California, he was united in marriage to Dar Lene Nelson, who preceded him in death on May 31, 2010. Also preceding him in death were his parents; one daughter, Eva Marie Ewbank; two brothers; and one sister.

Surviving are one son, David Ewbank and his wife, Lori, of Washburn; three brothers, Harold and Don, both of the Kansas City area and John, of Tennessee; three sisters, Muril, Shirley and Janie, all of the Kansas City area; two granddaughters, Jaclynn and Heather; one step-granddaughter, Nacole and; one great-grandson, Braelyn.

Phillip graduated from high school in Amsterdam. He then attended Mt. San Antonio Jr. College and Chafee College, receiving his associate degree. From 1960 until 1962, he served in the United States Army. For several years, he was a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service. In 1993, he moved from Montclair, California, to Washburn to make his home. He was a member of Church of God Seventh Day Adventist. Some of his favorite

pastimes were fixing things, working on his home and his church activities.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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JOSEPH DEAN “J.D.” STRINGER

Joseph Dean “J.D.” Stringer, age 73, of Golden, passed away Sunday, January 28, 2018, at Cassville Health and Rehabilitation.

He was born April 9, 1944, in Eagle Rock, the son of Aaron C. and Edith D. (Garrett) Stringer, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were one brother, Wendell Boyd Stringer; one sister, Luann Towler, and her husband, Emery.

Surviving are one son, Aaron Dean Stringer; one daughter, Tabitha Tillman; one brother, Wade Stringer, of

Golden; two sisters, Marzelle Foster, of Exeter, and Wyvern England and her husband, Robby, of Exeter; grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and many other family and friends.

J.D. received his education at Crane. Most of his adult life was spent in the Eagle Rock and Golden areas where he worked on farms. He was of the Baptist faith.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 2, 2018, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Terry Kidwell will conduct the services.

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CLAUDIA BELEN WESTON

Claudia Belen Weston, age 69, of Shell Knob, passed away Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at her home.

She was born December 15, 1948, in El Paso, Texas, the daughter of William Lonnie and Betty Jean (Wakefield) Weston. She married John Hodgson and to this union two sons were born. Surviving are her two sons, Ryan Hodgson and his wife, Gwen, of Bloomington, Illinois, and Damon Hodgson, of Republic; one sister,

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Lana Jean Weston Feldman, of Phoenix, Arizona; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

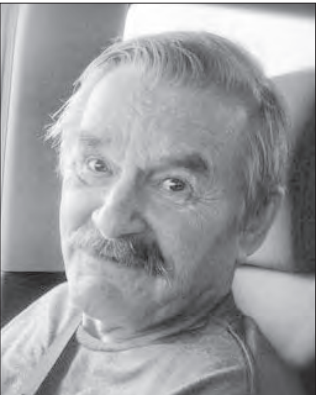
Claudia grew up and graduated from high school in El Paso, Texas. She attended Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield. For thirty years, she worked in the law field. She moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where she continued her work in law and then worked at Bank of America in Chandler, Arizona. After her retirement from Bank of America, she moved to Shell Knob to make her home.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 3, 2018, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Burial will be at Monett IOOF Cemetery in Monett.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 until 1:30 P.M. Saturday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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CARL “BUD” RIECK

Carl “Bud” Rieck was the only son of Carl and Ruth Rieck. He was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on June 29, 1941, minutes before his twin sister, Carolyn Bright. Carl and Ruth (Beltz) Rieck preceded him in death.

Bud became a master plumber and took much pride in his work. When he moved to Shell Knob around 30 years ago, he brought Bud’s Plumbing and Heating with him to serve the community and the surrounding areas. Bud also enjoying doing body work and restoring classic cars. He was the proud of the owner of several award-winning cars. He loved going to car shows and showing off his work as well as spending time with his good friends.

Surviving are one son, Todd Rieck; two daughters,

Tonya Hunt and her husband, Randy, and Naomi Rieck; and one twin sister, Carolyn Bright. Private services were held. Cremation arrangements were under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob.

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Robert Charles Griffith was born on July 27, 1960, in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. He passed away at his home in Shell Knob on Sunday, January 21, 2018.

Memorial services will be Friday, February 2, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at Snapp-Bearden Funeral Home and Crematory in Branson with private burial in Ozarks Memorial Park Cemetery, Branson.

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until recently.

He also shared, “I’d like to see a stronger county movement in terms of the opiate addiction problem in our county. I’d like to form a lot stronger alliance with the churches and have the county work stronger against the addiction problem we have. I think that will be through support of law enforcement and reaching the younger people

through the churches.”

Youngblood is running for presiding commissioner based on his experience in the county clerk position. “I believe the almost 24 years of serving as county clerk have given me valuable experience in the workings of county government. The county clerk serves as the budget officer for the county, working closely with

the county commission on budget, paying county bills and payroll, as well as maintaining minutes and records for the commission,” he said.

Hendricks, on the other hand, is counting on his perspective as an outsider to see him through in the election. He shared, “My experience with local government is that I am not a politician. I’ve been

involved through the years in doing anything I can to support the county and the things in the county, but I’m not a politician. I’ll stand my ground on that one as one of the main reasons I have the knowledge and experience to be a stronger candidate than some other candidates who may run. I believe my business background and dealing with the different entities will be

a big asset for me.”

As of now, the current presiding commissioner Cherry Warren has not announced whether he will be seeking reelection of his seat.

Youngblood will be seeking election as presiding commissioner as a Republican. Hendricks did not commit to how he would be running on the ballot yet. He shared, “The

best person running should be the one to win. I don’t think it’s about the political party when it comes to local government.”

If Hendricks runs on the republican ballot, he will face Youngblood on the Republican ballot in the August 7 Primary election. Otherwise, the two could face off in the November 6 General Election.

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Lady Trojans stumble at Galena Tournament

Lee Stubblefield

The Southwest Lady Trojans played their best game of the week on Saturday, but came up short in the seventh-place game of the Galena Lady Bear Classic. The host Lady Bears claimed a 49-40 victory, led by a 26-point performance by senior post Megan Caulfield.

After suffering blowout losses to Cassville and Hollister, the Southwest girls just wanted a little respect in the Saturday matinee game. But Galena opened with a 7-0 run, forcing an early timeout. Kaitlyn Bernard finally christened the rim for Southwest with a free throw at the 4:18 mark.

Emily Snyder swished a

pair from the line and then lasered in a long trey to cut the lead to 7-6. But Caulfield scored from the line and the field to end the quarter, giving Galena a 10-6 lead at the first break.

The Lady Bears opened the second period with a 5-0 blitz for a 15-6 advantage. Bernard answered with a scoring spree of her own. She scored 7 points in a two-minute span to lead Southwest all the way back to a 17-17 tie. Galena's Mary Yocum hit one of two free throws to give the Lady Bears an 18-17 lead at the half.

Caulfield took over the game as the third quarter opened. She tallied 9 points in three and half minutes as

the Lady Bears charged to a 27-19 lead. Southwest would only score 4 points in the period, and Galena held a 31-23 lead at the final break.

The Lady Trojans whittled the lead down to three points twice in the final quarter. But the Galena defense made big stops in critical situations, and Caulfield poured in 7 more points in an 8-2 finishing run to seal the deal.

Southwest scorers: Kaitlyn Bernard, 9; Emily Snyder, 9; Taylor Swindle, 6; Destiney Dulin, 6; Bonnie Robbins, 4; Maggie Robbins, 4; Caitlyn Blevins, 2.

Galena scorers: Megan Caulfield, 26; Mary Yocum, 10; Abby Rice, 9; Britney Doucey, 4.

Mustangs throw Wildcats, 53-37

Lee Stubblefield

The McDonald County Mustangs came to Cassville on Tuesday night, and claimed a 53-37 victory over the Wildcats. Cassville, 8-11 overall and 4-5 since Christmas break coming into the McDonald County fray, hoped to gain some traction entering the final month of regular season play. But the Mustangs played at a higher level than their 6-12 season record.

The Wildcats were cold

from the field, and struggled in rebounding. The visiting Mustangs played big around the rim at both ends, converting a number of offensive boards into easy points, and swatting numerous shots at the other end of the court.

Cassville claimed an early 7-4 lead, paced by Ethan Hoppes. But Mac clawed into the lead with a flurry of three pointers. The Mustangs finished the first quarter with a 12-2 run, and led 16-9 at the first break.

McDonald County then blew the game open, adding an 11-2 run to open the second quarter.

Luke Lowery broke into the scoring column with back to back buckets, and Hoppes added a driving score to get the lead down to 10 at 27-17. But Blake Gravette scored with an awkward shovel in the lane for the final points of the half as Mac took a 29-17 lead to the locker room.

Payton Barton connected with a trey to open the third

Lady Wildcats win Galena Lady Bear Classic

Lee Stubblefield

Just three weeks ago, Cassville and Wheaton clashed in the finals of the Southwest Girls Holiday Tournament. It must have seemed a little like Groundhog Day for Cassville's Chris Shore and Wheaton's Jessica Lombard when their teams met again Saturday in the championship game of the Galena Lady Bear Classic.

The Lady Wildcats reprised their holiday performance with a resounding 65-35 victory, led by tournament MVP Madi Stokes. Stokes only scored 18 on Saturday, just over half of her career-best 34 points against the Lady Bulldogs in their previous meeting. But Cassville had four scorers in double figures in an impressive team effort.

Everyone has their own idea of how to defend Stokes. Double team, front her. Box and one, triangle and two. "Hack a Shaq". The reality is,

unless you have a tall, skilled post, it is almost impossible to match up with Cassville's center. If you devote too many resources to guarding Stokes, Cassville's savvy senior support group will burn you from the perimeter.

Give Wheaton credit. The Lady Bulldogs opened with an aggressive double-team strategy, pushing and banging Stokes in a desperate attempt to wall her out of the lane. That resulted in two early fouls on Tori Goostree, and sent Wheaton into a tight zone for Plan B.

Cassville raced to an 11-0 start, and held a 13-4 lead after one quarter.

Wheaton got within 10 midway through the second quarter, thanks to a bomb and a free throw from Hallie Mitchell. But Ashlynn Howe answered with a trey and Stokes rolled in two more shots at the rim as Cassville rolled to a 33-18 halftime lead.

A 15-8 third quarter saw Wheaton trail by 25 twice. Then Cassville stepped on the gas to earn a running clock late in the final period enroute to the 65-35 win.

It was an impressive week for Shore's girls. Cassville opened with a 50-25 win over Southwest on Thursday night, then dropped Forsyth 57-39 to advance to the final. After playing Cinderella and reaching the championship game of the Southwest Holiday Tournament, the Wheaton girls have earned respect. This time, it was no surprise when the Lady Bulldogs reached a tournament championship game.

Cassville scorers: Madi Stokes, 18; Ashlynn Howe, 11; Madry McCrackin, 11; Hallie Long, 11; Lauren Turner, 6; Alondra Miller, 2.

Wheaton scorers: Alyia Prewitt, 13; Hallie Mitchell, 9; Zoie Simpson, 6; Rachel Lacey, 4; Tori Goostree, 3.

period as the Mustangs extended the lead. A Lowery hook, a Derek Christy trey, and three free throws from DJ White were the only Cassville scores in a 13-8 quarter that saw Mac claim a 17-point lead at 42-25 at quarter's end.

An 11-0 run that bled over into the fourth quar-

ter sealed the deal for the visitors. The lead touched 24 twice in the closing minutes, and subs were plentiful as the clock ran down on the 53-37 Mustang victory.

The Wildcats will host Lamar in a tipoff contest on Friday night.

Cassville scorers: DJ

White, 18; Ethan Hoppes, 7; Luke Lowery, 6; Derek Christy, 3; Jake Thomas, 3.

McDonald County scorers: Blake Gravette, 13; Tim Shields, 12; Cooper Reece, 10; Payton Barton, 9; Boston Dowd, 4; Cole DelosSantos, 3; Cade Smith, 2.


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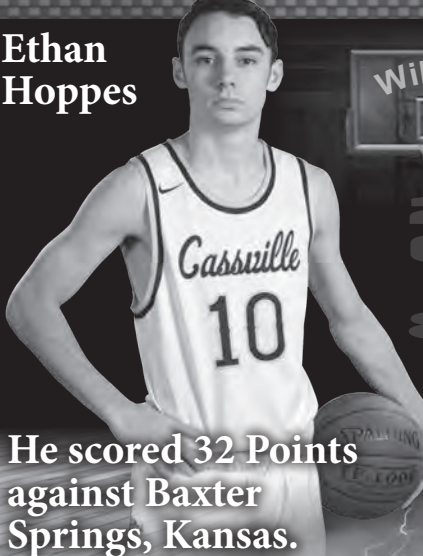
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Wheaton announces Homecoming court



Wheaton High School will celebrate Homecoming on Friday night, February 9, beginning at 6 p.m. with the boys basketball game against Southwest. Homecoming ceremonies will be between the JV and Varsity matches. Homecoming candidates are pictured above, from left to right: Allie Reed, sophomore; Karina Hernandez, freshman; Amaya Hudson, senior; Lina Hang, senior; and Tori Goostree, junior.

Allie Reed is the daughter of Keenan and Amie Reed, of Wheaton; Karina Hernandez is the daughter of Martha Hernandez and Manuel Hernandez, of Wheaton; Amaya Hudson, is the daughter of Brandy Bradford and Damon Hudson, of Rocky Comfort; Lina Hang is the daughter of Nhiazong and Cha Hang, of Purdy; and Tori Goostree is the daughter of Dan and Sarah Goostree, of Rocky Comfort.

Barry Electric lineman volunteering in Bolivia

Charlea Estes-Jones

One of Barry Electric Cooperative's own is going to be helping bring power to impoverished people in Bolivia this week. Brian Robbins, a journeyman/lineman for Barry Electric, was selected to go with a group to help bring power to a small village in Bolivia. He left on Sunday, January 28, and joins five other volunteers from the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives.

The project, dubbed Brighter Bolivia, is an effort that is set on bringing electricity to isolated villages in Bolivia who have not had access to electricity. The effort is made in partnership with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and ELFEC, a non-profit electric utility. This project is being done in Chapisirica, Cochabamba.

Robbins has been with the cooperative for seven years. This is the third time Robbins volunteered for this project.

On the last trip, his name was drawn as an alternate. He explained, "Once you are an alternate, you're guaranteed to go on the next trip."

Robbins said that being part of an electric cooperative, his job is to bring power to people who don't have it. Brighter Bolivia is merely an extension of that attitude of service he already has in his position in Barry County. "I thought it would be quite an experience to help people who have never had power. When you work at a co-op, you kind of already do that in your regular job."

The difference Robbins faces in this project as opposed to his regular job is that the work is done at 13,000 feet, a big change compared to Missouri's elevation.

The first team involved in this project was in the mountainous region in Bolivia from December 3 through December 15. The first group built several miles of power line, bringing power to many families living outside of the village. Robbins is part of the second phase, which will work to extend power lines farther into the Bolivian countryside, according to a press release.

Robbins and the first team who travelled to Bolivia are building approximately three and a half miles of power lines which will bring power to more than 100 Bolivian families of the first. For a lot of the families living without power, they rely on expensive generators to supply only a few hours of power at one time. The region Robbins will be working in has a poverty rate of roughly 60 percent, and an estimated 285,000 live without power there.

Robbins is part of a six-person team. The other members are Jacob Fain, of Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative in Kearney; Adam Helton, of Central Electric Power Cooperative in Jefferson City; Joe Cartwright, of Crawford Electric Cooperative in Bourbon; Hunter Ivie, of Pemiscot-Dunklin Electric Cooperative in Hayti; and Stetson Shirky, of Osage Valley Electric Cooperative in Butler.

This is not the first time that electric cooperatives across Missouri have sent volunteers to help bring power to impoverished areas. In 2016, Missouri sent a team to the Amazon region of Bolivia to bring power. It is estimated that 1.6 billion people live without electricity across the world.

NRECA International has a goal to help alleviate the burden of living without electricity through building power lines and donating equipment to areas that are in need. Electricity helps through allowing access to running water and refrigeration especially. It also eases a financial burden on families living in those conditions.

Robbins lives in Washburn with his wife of 22 years, Angie, and their two daughters, Maggie, 16, and Bonnie, 14.

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Exeter joins up with OACAC to show eighth graders real life consequences for choices

Charlea Estes-Jones

For the second year, Exeter School teamed up with the local Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) to help motivate students getting ready to enter high school. The program, called Reality Enrichment and Life Lessons (REALL), is presented to students to help them understand the consequences of both positive and negative life choices.

Gail Reed, local OACAC director, said, “Bottom line, it’s a project that we use with grades seven through 12 kids. It’s a stay-in-school motivational program. We show them both sides of life, which we call reactive or proactive.”

Reed explained that in the reactive scenario, students are given choices related to poor life choices. They then have to live out a



Exeter School had 25 eighth graders participate in the REALL program, learning the consequences of a proactive or reactive lifestyle. The program is put on by the school with partnership with OACAC. Above, students visit one of the life stations set up around the gym during the simulation.

virtual month in the life of a reactive person.

The proactive side is for

making more positive life choices. She said, “When they switch to proactive,

it’s when they’ve graduated from college, and they have money in the bank and a sta-

ble job; they are pretty well set.

“They learn to pay rent, daycare, utilities and that kind of thing.

“It shows them the difference good and bad choices in life can make.”

All of this played out in Exeter’s gymnasium full of eighth graders on Friday, January 26. Students worked through different stations in 20-minute intervals. Each station represents a different part of life: a bank, utility company, daycare, employer and more. Students have to survive the day on a limited income on the reactive track and a more stable income on the proactive side.

Exeter decided to participate after staff meetings brought up issues with students’ motivation in certain areas. Tim Jordan, Exeter elementary principal, is one of the staff who participated

in the discussion and planning.

He said, “We have leadership meetings monthly with the staff and talk about how to improve the school and help our students. We see some of the same things happening with students. We see students not care about their work and not try. This program is to help combat that.”

Exeter’s fifth through eighth grade language arts teacher Melissa Kirkbride was the teacher who worked with OACAC to make the program possible at the school. She said, “They work their two life scenarios. They’re making good life choices, and then they make bad life choices. They’re learning consequences of their actions. They have to make choices in both scenarios, and hopefully this will help to make good choices for themselves in the

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Shell Knob named Best Place to Escape

Charlea Estes-Jones

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The blog's author Lily Rogers said, "Life does not move fast in Shell Knob, and that is just what the doctor ordered. This is a place that encourages visitors to relax, slow down, and enjoy the pleasures of taking it easy."

Rogers went on to discuss the beautiful view of Table Rock Lake, as well as the fishing and trails at Pilot Knob Conservation Area.

She noted in the article that Table Rock Lake has some of the best fishing in the United States.

This is not the first time

that Shell Knob has been mentioned as an ideal place to vacation, especially for those who want a laid-back, relaxing vacation. Shell Knob is usually mentioned for lake recreation, golfing, antique shopping and quality restaurants.

Rogers specifically named Stonewater Cove's Treehouse Spa and Red Barn and Cup Cakes and Cream specifically in the article, noting, "Ease sore muscles with a massage in a treehouse at Stonewater Cove's Treehouse Spa, where there's also a meditation room. After these euphoria-inducing activities, a day on the town may seem downright bustling. Hunt for antique treasures at Red Barn and treat yourself to some sweets at Cup Cakes and Cream."

Southwest announces Homecoming court



Southwest High School will hold homecoming on Friday, February 2. Candidates include freshmen Harley Jester and Travis Sickles, sophomores Karlea Holder and Matthew Robbins, juniors Makenzey Reed and Lane Cargile, student council representatives Rachell Hedden and Trevor Sneed, and seniors Kaitlyn Bernard and Adam Ramirez. The theme is Americana and the boys basketball team plays Purdy. The ceremony is before the varsity game.

Cassville Library upcoming events

- Kids, don't miss out on February's 3:30 Thursday after-school activities:
- February 1: Balloon Antics
- February 8: Laughter & Lip Sync
- February 15: Movie: Wonder, PG
- February 22: LEGO Club
- Adult Trivia Night will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 1. Form your own team or join one when you arrive.
- The Monday Movie Matinee for February 5 at 1:30 p.m. will be the

- feature Breathe, the true love story of Robin and Diana Cavendish, who refuse to give up in the face of a devastating disease.
- Tech Tutor can help with your technical issues. February 8 and 22 at 10 a.m. will be this month's sessions. Call (417) 847-2121 for more information.
 - Adult Canvas Painting is set for Thursday, February 8, with sessions at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Registration is

- required.
- Crazy 8s Math Club for children kindergarten through fifth grade returns on February 13 at 3:30 p.m. Space is limited and you must sign up to participate.
 - Bingo is back on Tuesday, February 13, at 5:30 p.m.
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Cassville’s O’Gorek wins essay contest

Ava O’Gorek, daughter of Jarrad and Johanna O’Gorek and a seventh grader at Cassville Middle School, won first prize and \$100 in Division II (seventh and eighth graders) for her 300-word essay entitled “America’s Greatest Heroes” The contest for fifth through eighth graders was sponsored by the Holiday Island, Ark., Elks Lodge 1042 Americanism committee as part of the Elks National Contest: “Why Our American Veterans Are American’s He-

roes.” O’Gorek competed against five schools and 75 entries. Her essay has been forwarded for judging at the District then possibly at the State level for additional prize money. Holiday Island Americanism committee Peggy Lodewyks and Ken Brown presented the check and the certificates of appreciation to Mr. O’Gorek and her teacher Leslie McCullough.



Pictured above are, from left to right: Cassville Middle School principal Jimmie Barton, communication arts teacher Leslie McCullough, Ava O’Gorek, Elks Lodge representative Peggy Lodewyks, and Elks Lodge representative Ken Brown.

Walker Perez graduates from U of A

Walker Leighton Perez, of Cassville, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering at the University of Arkansas commencement ceremony, held on December 16, 2017. While at the Univer-

sity of Arkansas, Walker’s activities included Student Instructor (SI) in the Department of Chemistry, member of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, research and publication in the study of thin film photo-

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Purdy announces Homecoming, Tip-Off candidates



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Kindergarten Character Kids for January are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Jade Easley, Agnes Khu, Attison Autrey, Rayleigh Stehlik, Ava Gates and Chazlyn Artherton. Back row: Jonah Farris, Vinny Griffanti, Jace Burns, Garrett Matthew, Elijah Beall, Kohbe Ware, Will Holycross and Hayden Humphrey.

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First grade Character Kids for January are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Natalie Glenn, Raegan Doucet, Paisley Hayworth, Aubrey Younger and Lyndsie Vanderhoff. Back row: Brayden Phillips, Briston Elkins, Auden Mizer, Kaden Stearns and Spencer Drollinger. Not pictured: Dylan Sorensen.

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Second grade Character Kids for January are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Khloe Newman, Jacie Hudson, Arianna Greathouse, Allyson Going, Chloe Henry and Emily Gray. Back row: Owen Johnston, Kenny Lewallen, Spencer Essary and Brandt Reuter. Not pictured: Logan Parsons and Daniel Sledden.

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Reed said one of the reasons the program is successful is because it is stressed to the students that the “lives” they are living are real-world lives. While it mimics a game, it is a life that someone lives. She stated, “I tell them that this is someone’s real life. This isn’t made up.

“We’ve had nothing but positive feedback from the schools. It really makes a difference in some kids’ lives.”
 A proactive life shows students that living wage employment allows for affordable housing, affordable childcare and enough money to enjoy hobbies and other interests.

Kirkbride said, “During the first round, they were all given scenarios where the person they were assigned had made poor choices, and you could really see the frustration and stress this caused. Then the second round, when they had a scenario full of good choices, they were more relaxed and everything seemed to be easier for them.”

Jordan said Exeter is optimistic about the long-term impact. “Our goal with this is to get our kids to think about setting goals for their future now. We want them to really start the ground work for that now so they can be successful.”

According to the U.S. Census, high school dropouts earn \$1 million less in their lifetimes than a college graduate and \$200,000 less than a high school graduate. OACAC stated according to their data, poverty rates are tied to: development of life management skills, programs for self-improvement, and increased services to prepare for life after school. REALL was designed to combat challenges students face to finish school or go on to higher education.

A driving factor for continuing with REALL is to encourage students to put more effort into tests evaluating performance. Jordan said, “We’re looking at our benchmarks and asking if the kids are really trying their best on these tests. Some of them aren’t.

“So we look at how we can improve our scores and how can we get them to try on the tests so we know how to help them moving forward.”

Jordan concluded, “It’s intrinsic motivation that we are working on with this program.”

OACAC has implemented REALL across Missouri. Exeter joins other schools in Barry County that have implemented the tool to aid students in proactive choices. Cassville, Wheaton and Shell Knob are all partnered with OACAC and have presented REALL to

their students.
 Reed said, “This is a ten-county project. We’ve received lots of positive feedback from the schools and the students, also. At the end of it, you have a discussion time. Kids tell you that they don’t want to live life that way on that [reactive] path.”
 She continued, “We’re just trying to make them think about the choices they are making now. These choices can affect the rest of their lives.”

OACAC outlines the program’s discussion is to encourage kids to compare and contrast choices and life consequences. Students are encouraged to draw conclusions about how each choice impacts the overall quality of life.

OACAC’s website states since REALL began in 2010, Missouri’s graduation rate has risen from 81 percent to 87.3 percent, an all-time high for the state. OACAC credits the program and educators with the increase.

Exeter had 25 students participate in the program on Friday. This is the second year REALL was presented in the school.

Kirkbride concluded, once the students had finished the day, “The REALL program was a wonderful experience for our 8th grade students. I heard a lot of great comments from the students about the kind of life they did and did not want to have. I think this was good learning experience for them and I hope it really sticks with them.”

As 2017 ends, the Barry County Advertiser staff hopes you, your friends and family have a prosperous new year in 2018. Here is a look at some of the top news items of 2017.

August
 The Barry County Sheriff’s Department aided the secret service in an arrest in Barry County.

Seligman mayor Garry Thornton announced his resignation due to health problems.

Southwest’s building renovations were nearing completion.

Cassville’s former graduating class monuments were complete and installed by the district office.

The annual Hillbilly Golf Tournament was held.

Cassville Schools welcomed 11 new teachers.

Barry County experienced a 94 percent solar eclipse.

Wheaton Schools welcomed five new teachers.

The Ozarks Food Harvest began helping area schools’ backpack programs at Southwest and Exeter.

The Repurposed Faire in Monett was held.

Purdy Schools welcomed 11 new teachers.

Cassville Schools announced they were starting a new program called Kinder Academy that offered two years of kindergarten for select students.

Wheaton Fire held their 59th annual Wheaton BBQ.

Former Wheaton graduate Erisa K. (Hines) Stilley, a NASA engineer, spoke to Cassville students about the engineering field, the Mars Rover and the eclipse.

Exeter Schools welcomed five new teachers.

Southwest FFA won multiple awards at the Barry County Fair.

Mercy partnered with Cassville Schools to open a clinic at the school.

The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce gave new Cassville teachers welcome bags.

The family of the late Pastor Rocky Mills made the first donation to the Cassville Schools music programs from a new memorial fund.

Barry County Collector Janice Varner held the annual land tax sale.

The Exeter FFA Booster

Club held their annual Fish Fry.

September
 The Wheaton FFA collected donations for hurricane relief.

The Cassville Rotary Club held their annual demolition derby.

Cassville Schools received an exemplary bus maintenance award from the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Cassville High School crowned the Homecoming king and queen as Dalton O’Neill and Jesse Edie.

The Barry County Century Farm Family award went to EZ-H Ranch, owned by Jerry Henderson.

Cassville School brought back the homecoming parade tradition after over 20 years.

Dr. Carolyn Hunter sold her dental practice to Dr. Jared Spears.

Area schools celebrated Grandparents Day.

The Mercy Auxiliary purchased a new exercise bike for the rehab team.

The local American Legion was selected as a Lowe’s Heroes project and volunteers helped clean up the grounds.

Rex Stumpf retired after 56 years as a barber.

The City of Cassville hired a new public works director, David Brock.

Commerce Bank donated \$250 to His House Foundation.

Cassville Schools began offering telemedicine through CoxHealth.

The Purdy FFA held the Food for America day.

The Cassville Wildcats dominated the Monett Cubs in the Barry County Brawl.

Commerce Bank donated \$1,000 to Crowder College.

The Cassville Lady Wildcats won the Volleyfest Championship.



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Southwest High School second quarter honor rolls

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Cassville High School announces Tip-Off candidates



Cassville High School recently announced their candidates for Tip-Off King and Queen. They king and queen will be crowned at the Cassville home game on Friday, February 2. Candidates are freshmen Jaiden Reibert, son of Billie and Christ Reibert, of Cassville; and Hallie Hackler, granddaughter of Deana and Kenneth Herington, of Shell Knob; sophomores Kel Wilson, son of Justin and Tammy Wilson, of Wheaton; and Carmen Wolf, daughter of Monte Wolf and Aubrey Wolf, of Cassville; juniors Ethan Hoppes, son of Todd and Emma Hoppes, of Cassville, and Alondra Miller, granddaughter of Angie and Dave Claypool, of Eagle Rock; and seniors Savannah Lawrence, daughter of Bill Lawrence, of Cassville; Tempest Gray, granddaughter of Robin and Les Coomes, of Cassville; Megan Sloan, daughter of Suzanne Sloan, of Cassville; Austin Wilson, son of Justin and Tammy Wilson, of Wheaton; Skyler Wolf, son of Brent Wolf and Linda Wilson, of Cassville; and Trey Dalton, son of Anne Dalton, of Cassville, and Coy Dalton, of Raymore.

Pictured above, from left to right, in the front row: Hallie Hackler, Carmen Wolf, Tempest Gray, Savannah Lawrence, Megan Sloan and Alondra Miller. Back row: Jaiden Reibert, Kel Wilson, Trey Dalton, Skyler Wolf, Austin Wilson and Ethan Hoppes.

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