

Washburn home fire claims two lives Tuesday morning

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Charlea Estes-Jones

A fire in rural Washburn took the life of two early Tuesday morning, February 4. The two who lost their lives were an unidentified 24 year-old male and a four year old boy who was a preschooler at Cassville Public Schools.

According to Washburn Fire Chief Danny Dalton, the fire department responded to the mobile home fire at 4:14 a.m. and were on scene until 10 a.m.

He said, "The fire was fully involved when we got there.

"The neighbor made the call. There was an adult female and adult male who got out and ran up to the neighbor's house to the back door. So the neighbor called."

Dalton continued and said the two survivors were taken to the burn unit in Springfield for treatment.

The fire occurred at 3401 Farm Road 2230, just off of UU in Washburn.

According to Dalton, there were also two fire marshals on the scene. He said, "They said the cause was undetermined because of how hot the fire got and how much was burnt."

Dalton said the structure was a total loss due to the fire.

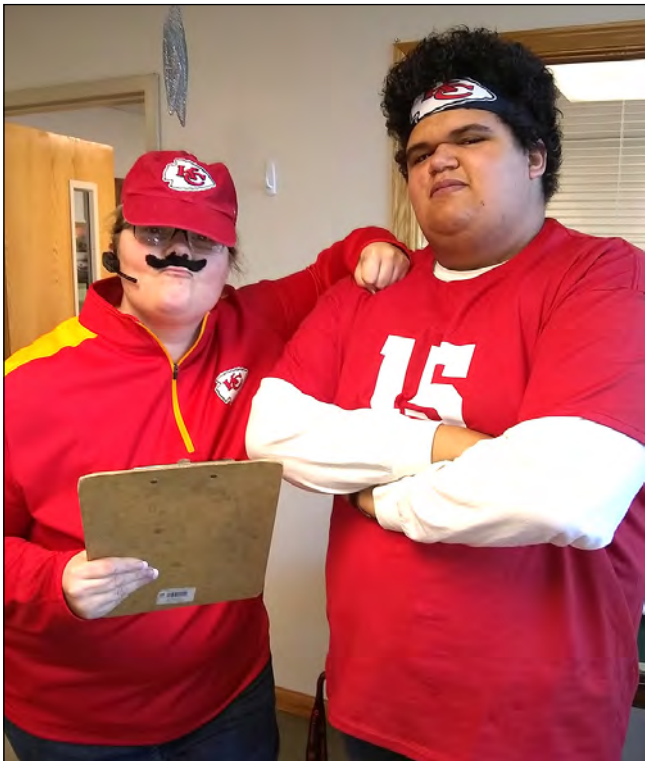
Mutual aid was provided by Exeter, Cassville and Seligman Fire Departments. The fire marshal and Mercy EMS were also on scene.

Cassville Primary School principal Catherine Weaver issued a statement to parents regarding the incident and how to help preschoolers deal with grief. The statement and information is available on Cassville R-IV School's website.

Julie Stolting, disaster program specialist with the American Red Cross, confirmed the organization was helping the family during this time. She said, "We reach out to the family. I've reached out to Mercy so we can give them individual assistance. We also give them assistance for funeral expenses. We also help out for immediate needs for housing, personal items, medications that are lost and funeral expenses."

A GoFundMe has been set up to help the family with expenses and can be accessed here: https://www.gofundme.com/f/a499e-funeral-expenses?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link-tip&utm_campaign=pcp+share-sheet

Cassville School gets in the Chiefs spirit



During the week leading up to the Super Bowl, Cassville R-IV students and staff participated in a Super Bowl Spirit Week. Wildcats across the district had the opportunity to dress up and cheer on their respective teams. Pictured above, instructional assistant Drake Thomas (right) and second grade teacher Mandi Lyall (left) were dressed up for "Mahomes Monday."



Middle school students Lorelei VanDerhoef and Elly Ramaeker were spotted on "Favorite Player Wednesday" when wildcats could chose to dress as their favorite player.

Candidates selected for 2020 school board races

Vinnie Roberts

Election filings for the general municipal election on April 7 have closed, cementing those who filed officially as candidates. Out of all the major races in Barry County, most hotly contested of all this year are the races for school board seats.

In Cassville, no election will be held for school board. Previously, the seats that were slated to be on this

year's ballot belonged to Jon Horner, Becky Henningson and David Haddock. Both Horner and Henningson filed for reelection, but Haddock has elected to step away from the board.

In his place steps newcomer Dr. Chad Johnson, Cassville local, Rotary member and owner of Johnson Chiropractic Sports and Wellness Clinic in Cassville. Johnson will begin his term after the April 7 election. All school board seats in Cassville carry a three-year term.

Exeter will have an election for this year's school board. Three positions will be on this year's ballot. Currently, those seats belong to incumbents Gary Stringer, Stacy Hall and Kelly Lee.

All incumbents have filed for reelection as well as newcomer Joseph Still. Still could not be reached for comment at the time of this publication. Additionally, incumbent Gary Stringer was also not available for comment at the time of publication.

Kelly Lee is a wife and mother of three. She has been a resident of Exeter for that last 17 years.

"We have three children currently enrolled in the Exeter School District," explained Lee. "I have served as a board member for the last three years. As a current board member, I believe that the our school provides a great education. I understand the values of our community and the impact the school has on our community. Therefore, I would like the opportunity to continue to serve as a board member to ensure that all the children in our district continues to receive the best quality education possible."

Stacy Hall originally grew up in Washburn, but has been a resident of Exeter for the last six years. She is the mother of two, one who is a current Exeter student and another who will start school there next year. Hall was appointed to the board to fill the vacant seat left after previous board member Kerri Mattingly resigned.

"I've been on the board since last July and I've really enjoyed it. I like seeing how the staff and administration supports the kids and I would like to continue to do so," explained Hall. "I had a

lot of teachers and coaches who made a big impact on my life and I wanted to be a part of that."

In Wheaton, no election will be necessary as only the incumbents filed for their positions. Incumbents on the Wheaton school board are Lewis Royer, Josh Kinaman and Tony Ball. All positions on the Wheaton school board carry a three-year term.

Additionally, there will be no election held for Purdy's school board. Originally, the board seats belonging to Travis Brown, Russ Mill and Tray Goetz were slated to be on this year's ballot. Of those three incumbents, the only one to file for reelection was Brown.

Beginning April 7, Brown will be joined on the school board by the only other people in Purdy to file for the open seats, Levi Roden and David Young. All seats on the Purdy school board carry a three-year term.

To the north, Monett's school board will have three seats on the ballot in April. The incumbents for those seats are Dr. Darren Bass, Dr. Jeff Carr and Jim Ran-

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A Lampe man was charged with a shooting in Shell Knob this week.

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Crowder College and MSU recently entered into a new agreement to make the admissions process for Crowder students transferring to MSU more beneficial.

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dall. Both Dr. Bass and Dr. Carr have chosen to file for reelection, but Randall has opted not to file.

Dr. Darren Bass is the president of Cox Monett. He and his family have been residents of Monett since 2000. He has been a part of the board for nine years, making this his fourth run for his seat.

“Right now, I think our school is really going through some good problems,” explained Dr. Bass. “All of our buildings are maxed out and we’re doing a lot of strategic planning. We have an upcoming vote for a bond increase, so it’s really important to have some consistency on the board to make sure that those plans continue to evolve if it’s approved so that we can continue to follow through with our commitments.”

Dr. Jeff Carr is a practicing chiropractor currently working and living in Monett. This is his second run for school board.

“We’re running the bond issue again this year and it’s been a lot of work and I want to make sure that it gets done,” explained Dr. Carr. “I’m trying my best to make sure that I give back to the community that has given so much to me.”

Dr. Carr and Dr. Bass

will be joined on this year’s ballot by newcomers Kaley Thigpen, Jack Williams and Andy Brandt.

Kaley Thigpen is a wife and mother of two. She is currently the administrator over the CoxHealth clinics in Monett and is pursuing her Master’s in business administration.

“I’m running for school board because I’m involved in the community and my kids go to school there,” explained Thigpen. “I don’t have an agenda, I just think that it’s important to be involved and have a voice in the community.”

Jack Williams is the president of Wintech, a door and window manufacturer with facilities in both Cassville and Monett. He is also a graduate of the University of Arkansas as well as a seven year veteran of the United States Air Force.

“The board serves the important role of selecting the superintendent as the CEO as well as guiding and assisting in strategy in direction. In my current position, that’s what I do on a daily basis,” explained Williams.

Andy Brandt could not be reached for comment at the time of publication.

All school board terms in Monett carry a three-year

term.

In Shell Knob, there will not be an election for the school board. There were three seats set for the April election. Those seats belonged to incumbents Roger Pinnell, Stephen Crandall and Howard Trimble.

While both Pinnell and Crandall have filed for reelection, Trimble has elected to step down. In his place, newcomer April Williams has been chosen to fill the seat.

School board seats in Shell Knob carry a three-year term.

Finally, in Southwest, there will be three seats on April’s ballot. Incumbents for those seats are Doug Henry, Terry Meek and Ruth Henderson. All three incumbents have filed for reelection.

Doug Henry is a detective with the Barry County Sheriff’s office. He has 23 years of law enforcement experience and is also a youth minister. He is also an alum of Southwest High. This will be his second term if elected.

“If you ever come into running for school board thinking that you’re going to change this and that, you need to change that thinking, because you’re going to spend the first few years

learning how things work,” said Henry. “There’s a lot that goes into running a school.

“I’m of the opinion that if we take care of the teachers, they’ll take care of your students,” continued Henry. “I’ve had the pleasure of working with a lot of really good people so far.”

Henderson has served six years on the school board. If reelected, this would be her third term. She currently works as a paralegal for Walmart.

“I care about this school,” explained Henderson. “I have family that goes to school there. I know what’s going on there at the school.”

They will be joined on the ballot by newcomer Diana Roller. Roller moved to Washburn in 2011. She has put four of her five children through school, with the fifth currently attending Southwest High.

“My son has an IEP and I feel that our school board needs more people on it that know more about the special education program,” explained Roller. “Having a child that’s in the special education program, I feel that I can help.”

Cassville Library book sale Feb. 7 through Feb. 9

The Cassville Area Friends of the Library is hosting a huge book sale at the Cassville Branch Library, located at 301 W. 17th Street in Cassville, on Friday, February 7, through Sunday, February 9. Patrons should attend the sale Friday between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. for the best selection. On Saturday, February 8, there will be buy-on-get-one-free from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday, February 9, buy a bag for \$5 and fill it with items between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The sale will include a huge collection of quilt books and magazines, collectors’ manuals and price guides, cookbooks, fiction and non-fiction books, stuffed toys, games, CDs, DVDs and other miscellaneous items.

The Friends of the Library wish to encourage everyone to attend the sale and help provide funds used to support the Cassville Branch Library’s children, teen and adult programs. The sale is open to the public. Cash or check is the only method of payment accepted.

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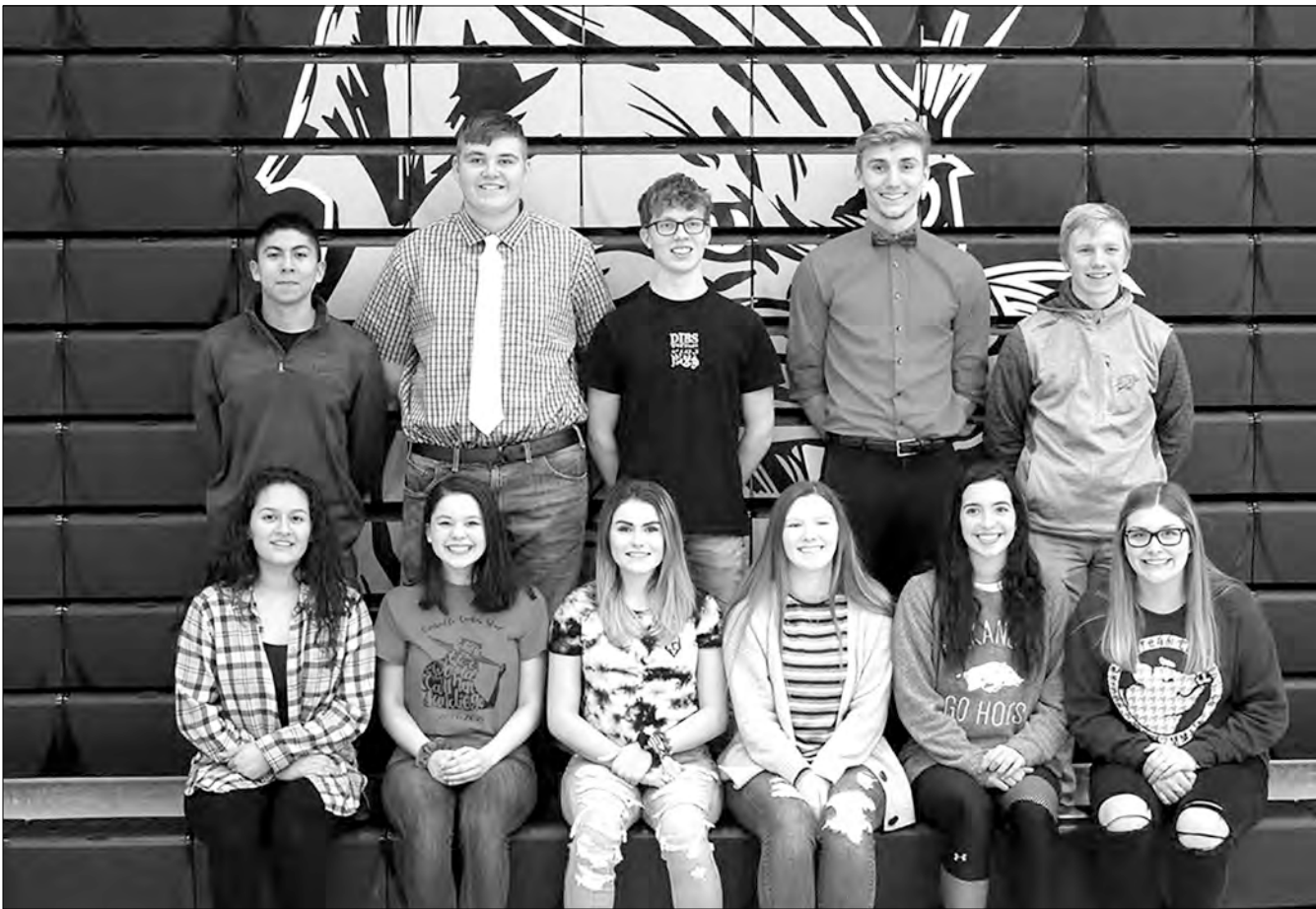
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Cassville announces Tip-Off candidates



Cassville High School recently announced the candidates for this year's Tip-Off. Candidates are pictured above, from left to right, in the front row: freshman Dulce Rivera, daughter of Jose and Yolanda Rivera; sophomore Hallie Fratus, daughter of Michael and Charlotte Fratus; senior Kya Kraft, daughter of Shawna and Marc Kraft; senior Summer Kilpatrick, daughter of Jared Kilpatrick and Chastity Rosser; senior Madry McCrackin, daughter of Todd and Jennifer McCrackin; and junior Haylie Rickard, daughter of Rusty and Tonya Rickard. Back row: freshman Jacob Martinez, son of Maria and Felipe Mendoza; Bradan Dickinson, son of Jason and Deanna Dickinson; senior Phoenix Martin, son of Michele and John Van Cleve; senior Jarrod Wallace, son of Gary Wallace; and junior Carson Whitemire, son of Mark and Chris Whitemire. Not pictured: senior DJ White.

The Tip-Off royalty will be crowned at the game on February 14.

Lampe man charged in Shell Knob shooting

Isaac Estes-Jones

A Stone County man was arrested on Monday, February 3, after allegedly firing a pistol at an occupied vehicle outside of Shell Knob. Teddy Blevins, 58, of Lampe, is being held in the Stone County Jail without bond as of press time. He is charged with assault in the first degree and armed criminal action.

According to a press release from Sheriff Doug Rader, the suspect and victim knew each other and had an existing conflict of an unspecified nature.

The Sheriff's report states the victim was driving in the Turkey Two subdivision near Shell Knob when they encountered a vehicle they recognized as belonging to the suspect.

The victim "tried to turn around to avoid a confrontation," according to the release. It was during this time that the victim noticed the driver of the other vehicle point a pistol out the driver's window and shoot towards the victim.

Deputies were dispatched to the area and made contact with the victim.

While the victim was never hit, their vehicle sustained a total of three bullet strikes.

Detectives later located the second vehicle and took the suspect into custody. While a probable cause statement has been filed with the Stone County Prosecuting Attorney, formal charges have not been filed with the courts against the suspect.

The Sheriff's Office concludes their release saying, "This was an isolated incident between two parties, and we feel there is no danger to the community."

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Notice:

February 2020 Barry County OATS Transit Schedule: to Springfield: Feb. 3; to Joplin: Feb. 10 and 24; to Neosho: Feb. 5 and 19; to Mt. Vernon: Feb. 26. To schedule a ride in Barry County call the OATS office at (800) 770-6287.

Missouri Driver Examination Stations 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.

Feb. 7th

A Huge Fundraiser Book Sale will be held by the Cassville Area Friends of the Library at the Cassville Branch Library. Friday, Feb. 7, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. will offer the best selection. Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. will feature a buy-one-get-one free sale. Sunday, Feb. 9, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The sale will include a huge collection of quilt books and magazines, collectors' manuals and price guides, cookbooks, fiction, non-fiction, stuffed toys, games, CDs, DVDs, and other miscellaneous items.

A Dance will be hosted at the Stella Senior Center with doors opening at 6 p.m. The dance will start at 7 p.m. with the band "Rangeline". The cover charge is \$5 and refreshments will be available all evening. Guests are encouraged to bring finger foods to share at break time.

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.

A Blood Drive with the CBCO will be held at Aurora High School from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Kim Mobley (417) 678-3355.

The Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District N will hold its monthly Executive Board Meeting at 11:50 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett.

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. 14th

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

Feb. 18th

Southwest Community Baccalaureate Committee will be having their first meeting at 6 p.m. in the Southwest R-5 High School commons area. All 2020 seniors, parents, and clergy are urged to attend.

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

Feb. 19th

Wii Bowling will be hosted at Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, at 12:30 p.m. New players are welcome.

Monett Library will host Rug Making at 1 p.m. and Story Time at 4:15 p.m.

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.

Love Your Heart Screening will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A at Cox Monett Hospital. The fee of \$40 will cover stroke and cardiac assessment, labs for cholesterol, blood sugar, kidney, and thyroid function, and more. There will also be a heart healthy breakfast. Registration is required. Please call (417) 354-1288.



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Cassville PR-Int.-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: hamburger or hot dogs, BBQ chips, green beans, Sidekicks. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, toast, sausage, mandarin oranges or cereal, Pop-Tart, peaches. L: chicken crispito or ham sandwich, corn, vanilla pudding, vanilla wafer, applesauce. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, orange or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple. L: country steak or pork chopette, potatoes, gravy, juice. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or strawberry bagel, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop-Tart, pineapple. L: tangerine chicken or chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, egg roll, fortune cookie, pineapple chunks. Fri: B: biscuits & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, blueberry muffin, tropical fruit. L: chili or chili cheese fries, saltine crackers, breaded mozz sticks, corn, pears.

Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage, pears or cereal, blueberry muffin, applesauce. L: chicken sandwich, barbeque chips, baked beans, vegetable mix, fruit cocktail or pizza meal or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, pineapple or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: country steak, potatoes, gravy, green beans, breadstick, pears or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, sausage patty, mandarin oranges or cereal, Nutri Grain Bar, apple. L: chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, corn, yogurt, peaches or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or mini cini, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail or cereal, banana muffin, peaches. L: little smokies, cheese sticks, crackers, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges or popcorn chicken meal or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, cinnamon toast, peaches. L: beef burrito, nachos, refried beans, carrots, juice or popcorn chicken meal or salad meal.

Purdy: Mon: B: french toast sticks, syrup, toast, cereal, fruit. L: tangerine chicken, brown rice, broccoli, carrots, mandarin oranges, fortune cookie. Tues: B: waffles, syrup, yogurt, cereal, fruit. L: spaghetti with meat sauce, ww breadstick, romaine, salad/tomato, ranch, fruit. Wed: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: Frito pie, refried beans, corn, fruit. Thurs: B: oatmeal, toast, cereal, fruit. L: hot dog on bun, ketchup, mustard, baked beans, potato chips, fruit. Fri: No School.

Southwest: Mon: B: french toast sticks, syrup, pineapple or cereal, juice. L: chicken alfredo, garlic bread, winter blend veggies, valentine pears or salad/fruit bar. Tues: B: breakfast sausage pizza, peaches or cereal, juice. L: pork fritter sandwich, mayo, ketchup, leaf lettuce, baked beans, rosy applesauce or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: biscuits & gravy, sausage links, apple slices or cereal, juice. L: cheese pizza crunchers, romaine salad, mandarin oranges, strawberry ice cream or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: mini pancakes, bananas or cereal, juice. L: BBQ rib sandwich, cole slaw, peach cups, valentine cookie or salad/fruit bar. Fri: No School.

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William Daingerfield, of Monett, was named to the list. Daingerfield is undecided in his major.

Students on the dean's list have earned between a 3.5 and 3.99 grade point average and were enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours with no grade lower than a C.

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Baker retires from Justin Brands



Jan Baker enjoys retirement after 25 years of service with Justin Brands. Pictured is Jan Baker with plant manager Marc McCracken.

Culver-Stockton announces admitted students for fall 2020

The following students were admitted into Culver-Stockton College's incoming class for the fall 2020 semester and received academic scholarships.

Christine Cordova, from Aurora, and a senior at Aurora R-8 High School, also was awarded the Hilltop Scholarship, a \$10,000 per year scholarship for four years.

Juan Cavazos, from Monett, and a senior at Monett R-I High School, also was awarded the Promise Scholarship, a \$6,000 per year scholarship for four years.

These scholarships are awarded based upon academic credentials and are renewable provided the student remains in good academic standing.

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Harper Lin Lucero

Brendan and Staci Lucero, of Cassville, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a girl, Harper Lin, born September 23, 2019, at 12:48 p.m., at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, weighing 5 lbs. and 18-3/4 inches long. Harper was welcomed home by big brother, Easton Lucero. Harper's family tree includes maternal grandparents, Greg and Patty Day, of Cassville; great-grandparents, Irene Snyder and the late Wayne Snyder; paternal grandparents, Christy and Josh Carlin, of Monett, and Gabe and Crystal Lucero, of Sedalia; and great-grandparents, Bobby and Cindy Gage, of Paris, Texas.

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LANETTA “SHORTY” SUE RAY

Lanetta “Shorty” Sue Ray, 58, of Shell Knob, passed away at her home on Friday, January 31, 2020. Mrs. Ray, daughter of John and Freda (Fletcher) Suttles, was born on September 23, 1961, in Aurora. She was a 1979 Cassville High School graduate. On July 29, 1978, she was united in marriage to Ricky Ray at Victory Church in McDowell. Mrs. Ray worked for Vollen-

weider Orchards in Exeter and subsequently went on to work for the Shell Knob School District, where she greeted many children with her warm smile serving lunches. She was known at the farmer’s market for her wide variety of vegetables and she also volunteered her time at the United Methodist Church food pantry and vacation Bible school, teaching crafts. Lanetta was never seen without her crochet needle and ball of yarn. She has made several blankets for her family and friends that will always be treasured.

She was a loving and caring woman with a heart of gold who always put other’s needs before her own. Lanetta loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, all of whom she was very proud of. She also enjoyed the outdoors, cooking, and was very talented at crafts. Lanetta

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touched so many lives in her short time here and was loved by so many. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her husband of forty-one years, Ricky Ray, of Shell Knob; three sons, Rick Ray and his wife, Rachel, of Carr Lane, Josh Ray and his wife, Telisha, of Springfield, and Brian Ray and his wife, Tanja, of Pea Ridge, Ark.; eight grandchildren, Ryan, Roman, Andrew, Tiana, Nymeria, Brooke, Connor, and Mason; her father, John Suttles, of Aurora; one brother, Jeremy Suttles, of Michigan; two sisters, Diana Sapiens and her husband, Tony, and Debra Lane, all of Aurora; and several nieces and nephews.

Lanetta was preceded in death by her mother; her twin sister, Janetta Gregory; and her cousin, Gloria “Sharlene” Gilliam, whom she was very close to and was like a sister to her.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, with Pastor Lonnie Stockton officiating. Burial followed at King Cemetery in

Jenkins. The family received friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church Food Pantry in Shell Knob and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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

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JEFF “JEFFRO” MCCAFFREY

Jeff “Jeffro” McCaffrey, 70, of Monett, passed away on Saturday, February 1, 2020, in Monett.

Funeral Mass was held today, Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Pierce City. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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RICK STOTT

Rick Stott, 51 years, 2 months, 27 days old, of Cassville, passed away on January 28, 2020, at his home. Richard was born October 31, 1968, in Springfield, to Robert and Vada (Atchison) Stott.

Rick was an electrician for many years. He enjoyed working on trucks, and at one time helped build a dirt track race car. Rick was a big fan of NASCAR and the Chiefs. He liked canoe float trips, but his favorite thing to do was spend time with his family, especially his wife and kids.

Richard and Patricia (Foster) were united in marriage on October 15, 2011, at Leann, and to this union they were blessed with three children.

Richard was preceded in death by his father, Robert Preston Stott, and a great-nephew, Lucas Stott.

Richard is survived by his wife, Patricia Stott, of the home; three children, Ethan, Abigail and Raegan; his mother, Vada Stott; and a brother, Bruce Stott, all of Cassville; as well as a host of other family and friends who will miss Rick very much.

Graveside services for Richard were held Friday, January 31, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at the Brushyknob Cemetery. Officiating was Pastor Donald Potter. Memorials may be made to Brushyknob Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to www.clinkingbeardfuneralhome.com.

JANE MARIE HILBURN

Jane Marie Hilburn, 52, of Purdy, passed away Friday, January 31, 2020, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Ralph Hilburn will conduct the services. Burial will be at Russell Cemetery in Butterfield at a later date.

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JAMES “JIM” EDWARD CHARLSON

James “Jim” Edward Charlson, 72, Eagle Rock, passed away at his home on Friday, January 31, 2020. Jim Charlson, son of Bert and Dorothy (Evans) Charlson, was born on August 29, 1947, in Rifle, Colorado. Following his graduation from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he served in the Honor Guard in Washington, D.C. On June 9, 1968, he was united in marriage to Delores “Lorri” Gunn in Boulder, Colo. In 1977, Jim graduated from the Colorado State Patrol Academy. He then moved with his family to Kremmling, Colo., in pursuit of his career with the Patrol. He was passionate about serving and protecting his community, and did it well. As his daughters grew, he enjoyed spending time with and providing guidance for them as well as their peers. Jim taught hunter safety, coached little league baseball, and attended as many

of his girls’ sporting events as he could. Jim enjoyed rebuilding and restoring classic cars, from the Model “T” to Mustangs. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, telling stories, and making people laugh. He had a wonderful sense of humor and thoroughly loved making people smile. He enjoyed a good laugh and pulling a quick one over anyone who would fall for his shenanigans. Some of his favorite past times include jewelry making, tying flies, fishing, gun-smithing, hunting, traveling and riding around the neighborhood in the mule with his sweet dog Belle.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-one years, Lorri Charlson, of Eagle Rock; two daughters, Katy Charlson and her partner, Stefanie, of San Diego, Calif., and Laura Charlson and her partner, Christine, of Ashland; and four grandchildren, Marissa, Jarod, Jacob and Ethan.

No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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JAMES LARRY DUTRA

James Larry Dutra, 77, of Cassville, passed away Monday, January 27, 2020, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

He was born September 20, 1942, in Oakland, Calif., the son of Tony and Angelina (O’Dell) Dutra. On March 22, 1999, he was united in marriage to Rhonda Wofford, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Larry James Dutra, of Stockton, Calif.; one daughter, Helene Neuman, of Stockton, Calif.; one brother, Dennis Dutra, of Tracy, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother.

James grew up and received his education in San Leandro, Calif., where he graduated from high school. On March 16, 1966, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving until March 15, 1972. Most of his life was spent as a truck driver for Green Valley Transportation, delivering asphalt and military goods. Two and a half years ago, he moved from California to Cassville to make his home.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 7, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Deacon Michael Wofford will conduct the services. Burial with military honors will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences. FOHN FUNERAL HOME CASSVILLE, MO. 417-847-2141

ROBERTA “BOBBI” LA JEAN MORRIS

Roberta “Bobbi” La Jean Morris, 72, of Monett, passed away at her home on Saturday, February 1, 2020.

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

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WALTER FRANK PELCZYNSKI

Walter Frank Pelczynski, 75, of Eagle Rock, passed away Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at his home.

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

Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences. FOHN FUNERAL HOME CASSVILLE, MO. 417-847-2141

Cassville announces Elks Students of the Quarter



The Cassville High School Students of the Quarter, presented by the Elks Lodge in Holiday Island, Ark., was presented to Lindee Mitchell and Jacob Thomas.

Mitchell is a senior at CHS and is currently serving as the chapter president for FFA. She is the daughter of Tony Mitchell and Leah Thompson.

Thomas is also a senior at CHS and is a member of the CHS basketball team and also takes classes at vo-tech. He is the son of Kirby Thomas and Debbie Howard.

Mitchell and Thomas are pictured left to right.

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Eagle Rock Ambulance facility nearing completion



As the new ambulance facility in Eagle Rock nears completion, the various structures it contains have begun to take shape. Pictured above is the garage of the facility, equipped to house up to two ambulances, one that will be stationed there 24 hours a day and another space for other medical vehicles. The facility is expected to be complete in March.

Cassville kids celebrate 100 days of school



Cassville Primary students celebrated an annual milestone last week: the 100th day of school. Each grade had a special celebration for 100 day. Kinder Academy students are pictured above where they dressed up as if they were 100 years old.
Pictured from left to right, in the front row: Lisa Lester, Paisley Lehman and Winter Tidwell. Second row: Camile Smith, Ian Rundall, Nicolas Mitchell, Marcus Norris, Jemma Meltabarger, Nathan Oberst, Luke Bauman, Justis Houston and Zevaeh Kerns. Back row: Mrs. Brewer, Lilith Woods, John Farris, Gabriel Varges, Kiptyn Johnson, Casen Green, Fuchi Thao, CJ Walls, Alec Smith, Marli Dowler, Mrs. Ramaeker and Jayden Hall.

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CMS TSA members give robotics demo at Rotary



The Cassville Middle School Technology Student Association (TSA) presented at the Cassville Rotary Club on Wednesday, January 29. The TSA students present showed off their robots that they built and will compete with later in the year. The robotics team is advised by Robbie Artherton. Robbie Artherton is pictured at front, explaining how the program works. Students operating the robot on the stage are all eighth graders. From left to right: Avery Chapell, Gracie Harmon, Kayden Fuchs and Bentley Barber.

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According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, the number of farms in Missouri dropped from 99,171 on 28.5 million acres of land in 2012 to 95,320 on 27.8 million acres. Despite the drop in farm numbers and acreage, Missouri continues to rank among the top 10 states in production of major commodities and provides an \$88.4 billion economic impact.

America's farms and farmers are the most productive in the world. Each farm annually produces enough food and fiber for 166 people,

106 in the U.S. and 60 abroad. American consumers benefit from this bounty yet spend less than 10 percent of their disposable income on food. By 2050, the global population is expected to increase by 2.2 million people. Farmers will have to grow about 70 percent more food than is now produced.

With all that they produce, it is remarkable that farm and ranch families account for less than 2 percent of the U.S. population. Across the United States, there are 2 million farms with 3.4 million farm operators. This number includes owners, their families, hired workers, tenants and renters or sharecroppers. Many farms today find multiple generations working together to produce food and fiber.

A recent study commissioned by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and Missouri Farm Bureau confirmed that agriculture is the top industry in the state with a contribution of some \$88.4

billion to the economy. The study further revealed that 378,232 jobs, \$2.2 billion in state/local taxes and \$17.5 billion in labor income are derived from agriculture. Agriculture matters to all. Food, clothing, fuel, medicine, entertainment, sports equipment, personal care products, school supplies, the list goes on; all would be much different without it.

So, join Farm Bureau as they celebrate agriculture and thank a Farmer.

Look for local events sponsored by the Barry County Farm Bureau, such as the upcoming Marketing meeting on February 11, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., at the University of Missouri Southwest Research Center 14548 Highway H, Mount Vernon.

"Agriculture is important to our daily lives and our community. Because 98 percent of the population doesn't farm, it is easy to take for granted the importance of our farmers," Lana Couch, Barry County Farm Bureau president says. "Celebrate Agriculture: Thank a Farmer Week is a great time to recognize the important contribution made by farmers."



Four Cassville Middle School students earned spots in the Southwest Missouri Junior High District Honor Band. Students competed against musicians from 27 others schools across Southwest Missouri.

CMS students who earned spots in the honor band are pictured, from left to right: Kaitlyn Tiner, 2nd chair flute; Tori Mitchell, 8th chair clarinet; Avery Chappell, 9th chair flute; and Chaney Cox, 1st chair tenor sax.

The District Honor Band performed on Saturday, February 1 in Carl Junction. The Cassville Middle School band is led by instructor Erica Gorman.

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Crowder College and MSU sign new articulation agreement

Vinnie Roberts

On January 10, the heads of Crowder College in Neosho and Missouri State University (MSU) in Springfield, signed an articulation agreement for both schools to work together to provide a better education to their students.

The agreement contains several major shifts in the admissions process for Crowder students pursuing a transfer to MSU. The most major and well-defined point in the agreement has to do with both schools' nursing programs.

"Students can always finish their associate of science in nursing and go into the field as a registered nurse, that's not changing," explained Keith Zoromski, Crowder College's vice president of academic affairs. "What's changing is that many medical employers are requiring their nurses to obtain a bachelors to maintain and receive employment."

Crowder College currently only offers associate-level degree courses for its students. In response to this, Crowder's agreement with MSU lays out a clear roadmap for students who wish to continue their nursing education.

"What this agreement

does is create a stream-lined partnership where students can continue their education at MSU without having to retake courses to earn their bachelors," continued Zoromski.

"Different nursing programs set their curriculums differently," Zoromski explained. "Some universities might require different course work or requirements for their students at that level. This lowers that barrier without lowering expectations. It will allow them to transfer in immediately as a bachelor's student."

According to Zoromski, this agreement would cut out any need for remediation as well as any issues regarding student transfer.

"They take our associate degree plan and accept it as is in their degree catalogue," said Zoromski. "They still have to go through the process of being accepted into the nursing program, but when they are accepted, their degree will be treated like they received it at MSU."

With this agreement come several other, less well-defined aspects. The first of these is what the schools are calling a "Two Plus Two" transfer plan. According to Zoromski, this section of the agreement will cut down

on issues with students who achieve associate-level degrees from Crowder aiming to transfer to MSU.

"It doesn't necessarily fit to any one program," said Zoromski. "What it does is open the door for us to articulate these Two Plus Two agreements in specific fields that recognize that the core requirements of a general education have been met and will not need to be repeated at MSU. There might be specific requirements outside of that they will still have to meet, but the nice thing is that they will be guaranteed admission to Missouri State through these programs."

According to Zoromski, students will be transferred in as juniors with their general education requirements met. Special programs, such as the nursing and band programs, will still require students to go through a screening and acceptance process.

While the agreement will stand as a general rule going forward, it is not yet known which additional programs that the agreement could apply to. Zoromski could only comment that multiple



Pictured above, from left to right: Glenn Coltharp, Crowder College president, and Frank Einhellig, Missouri State University provost, as they sign the new articulation agreement between their two schools.

liberal arts and science programs are currently being targeted as part of the expanded agreement.

The final major aspect of the agreement will also see a variety of new scholarship opportunities open up for Crowder students who plan to transfer.

For more information on the articulation agreement, graduation requirements or transfers regarding this

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Barry Lawrence County Developmental Center receives \$1,000 donation

On January 21, 2020, The Barry Lawrence County Developmental Center received a \$1,000 check from the Verona Knights of Columbus Council #2265. The check represented half of the net proceeds from the recent Council Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities, commonly known as the annual Tootsie Roll Drive.
 Grand Knight Mark Conn stated that he was really proud of the community response of the recent fundraising drive and was honored and happy to present the money to the Center.

The Developmental Center has been providing early intervention services and therapy to children with developmental disabilities since 1973. Currently the Center has 28 children enrolled in it's various programs. The Center is located in an old family residence and has out grown the current facility.

Director Lynda Painter thanked the Knights of Columbus for the generous donation and stated that the donation will go into the Capital Campaign for the new building that is planned to be in Monett.

The new building will allow the center to provide services for up to 50 children on a weekly basis.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Organization dedicated to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, and conducts various fundraising for worthwhile causes.



The Director of Barry Lawrence County Development Center Lynda Painter (left) received a donation of \$1,000 from Mark Conn (right), grand knight of Verona Knights of Columbus Council, to benefit their building project.

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- Friends of the Library will hold a huge book sale on Friday, February 7, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, February 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, February 9, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Fun @ 4:00 for kindergarten through 8th grade ages will be Thursday, February 13, with Valentine crafts.
- Adult Trivia Night will be on Thursday, February 13, starting at 6 p.m. Test your knowledge of trivial facts. Snacks and prizes included.
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Cassville Primary names December Character Kids





Kindergarten award winners are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Charlotte Mulford, Rilynn Crain, Sopheya Hilton, Shannon Doucet, Jasmine Salas, Arianna Melchor, Jemma Meltabarger and Camile Smith. Back row: Noah Persons, Jaxon Bohmke, Brenton Baker, Danny Beuterbaugh, Noah Case and Jude Colf. Not pictured: Nani McLay and Anderson Vinson-Davis.

Cassville Primary counseling staff and teachers team up to present a different character trait every month. Classroom teachers then nominate students for awards in recognition of exemplifying that trait. Students were selected during the month of December for integrity.




First grade award winners are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Aubrey Miller, Alexa Fierro, Isabella Cota, Gemma Johnson, Kaiden McNabb, Serenity Dupuis and Treasury Vang. Back row: Shawn Burdiss, Calvin Moore and Luken Elkins. Not pictured: Christopher Brown and Remington Stehlik.




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Second grade award winners are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Kai Hinson, Cara Leach, Elizabeth Buntin, Jaylyn Bateman and Scoti Blankenship. Back row: Jackson Mitchell, Kamrey Harris, Vinny Griffanti, Jace Burns and Carson Parker. Not pictured: Aubrey Cole and Aaron Ortega.




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Gale, Tate lead Spokane past Southwest, 79-44

Lee Stubblefield

The Southwest Trojans struggled in SWCL play this past week, losing on the road to Billings, 79-52, and then falling to Spokane at home on Friday night, 79-44.

The move from the Ozark 7 to the SWCL, a league populated with schools of equal or larger enrollments, has been tough on the Trojans. While the move was necessary for a number of reasons, it came during a down cycle for both the Southwest boys and girls basketball programs.

The Friday contest with Spokane fully illustrated the challenges Southwest faces this season. Rusty Roe's starting lineup featured four guards - three sophomores and a freshman - and 5-10 senior forward Aubrey Cornell. The Owls, led by flashy 6-5 guard Zayne Gale and 6-8 center JD Tate, had a tremendous size advantage.

Gale and Tate combined for 14 points in the first quarter as Spokane took a 16-12 lead.

Southwest's tandem of Zak Starr and Cruz Marquez buried treys to dig out of an 8-0 hole, and Caden Uthe scored twice to keep the Trojans within hailing distance.

But Spokane owned the second quarter, turning that

frame into a 23-5 run. Marquez scored at the 6:30 mark but the Trojans were stuck on 14 for the next three minutes as the Owls raced to a 39-17 halftime lead.

Marquez opened the third quarter with a half court steal and layup, but then Gale took over for Spokane. His fifth bucket of the quarter gave the Owls a 60-30 lead with 55 seconds remaining. Only Uthe's late trey avoided a running clock at the final break.

Spokane kept the pressure on, outscoring Southwest 19-11 over the last eight minutes. A rough and tumble quarter saw two Southwest players exit with contact injuries before mass substitutions for both teams. Tate scored the final basket with a powerful offensive board and follow to give the Owls a 79-44 victory.

Spokane improved to 12-5 with the win. Southwest slipped to 6-14.

Southwest scorers: Caden Uthe, 18; Cruz Marquez, 9; Brandon Brooks, 5; Zak Starr, 4; Otis Rainer, 3; Max Terry, 2; Zak Corwin, 2; Rayden Blackburn, 1.

Spokane scorers: Zane Gale, 29; JD Tate, 17; Jacob Wiggins, 12; Jackson Bray, 11; Sam Shuman, 6; Grant Stewart, 4.

Spokane Lady Owls 64, Southwest Lady Trojans 23

On Thursday night, the Spokane girls ran away from Southwest for a 64-23 road victory. Senior center Paige Tate poured in 28 points in a dominating performance to lead the Owls. Anna Church led Southwest with 8 points.

Spokane improved to 11-5 with the win, while Southwest dipped to 6-13.

Area scores: Webb City 73, Cassville 45

Despite having three players in double figures, the Cassville Wildcats fell to Webb City on the road on Friday night, 73-45. The Cardinals opened with a 22-5 blitz, scoring off turnovers and transition baskets. The Wildcats never got out of the hole, although Barrett Milleson's squad did pull within 36-25 at halftime. The Cardinals put the game away with a 22-9 show in the final quarter.

Webb City, with former Southwest coach Jason Horn on the bench, improved to 8-7 on the season. Cassville slipped to 6-12.

McAuley 77, Exeter 64

McAuley girls 72, Exeter 28

Wheaton 50, College Heights 49

College Heights girls 65, Wheaton 35

Exeter volleyball players named academic all-state



On Friday, January 24, it was announced that five members of the Exeter 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.

Pictured above, from left to right: Madison Crumpler, Jolie Mattingly, Aubry Antle, Tori Rose and Lindsey Nelson.

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