

Cassville School Board approves \$1.56 mil. for Intermediate repairs, mitigation

Charlea Estes

The Cassville R-IV School Board voted to accept a \$1.56 million bid for repairs and mitigation of the Intermediate building that was damaged during heavy flooding in 2015. The school district received two bids and accepted the lower of the two with the advisement of an engineering group and architect group.

The unanimous vote puts the school on track to have the repairs and changes made before the 2017-18 school year starts, with displaced fifth grade classrooms, Title I rooms, special education rooms and the nurse's office returned to the basement level of the Intermediate building. Those classrooms were moved to existing classrooms in the middle school for part of the 2015-16 school year and all of the 2016-17 school year.

Cassville Superintendent Dr. Richard Asbill said work is to begin between February 27 and March 1 and continue through the spring and summer.

Bids for the project included repair work that will be covered by the school's insurance policy, approximately 70 percent of the total cost, and mitigation to make improvements that will prevent the school from flooding again, about 30 percent of the total, which will be provided by the school district. While many construction companies requested bid packets, only two returned with a bid. The winning company was Construction Services Group out of Neosho with a total bid of \$1,564,168.50. As the project begins to take shape, that total could change slightly as the school makes choices between various options in the construction process.

Up to this point, the school has done all of the demolition and clean up necessary to move forward. When the flooding damaged the classrooms, it permeated the slab in the floor, lifting up concrete and creating cracks, as well as damaging the tile and walls.

Existing slabs were demolished and removed by Nabholz Construction. Nabholz took the bid with \$139,573 and was completed in June 2016.

During the demolition, Anderson Engineering and Paragon Architects were on site to provide insight and studies to make suggestions on how to mitigate future flooding. After Anderson and Paragon completed their studies, the school offered bid packets to get estimates for the work. Bids came in lower than the school anticipated.

Dr. Asbill said, "I was expecting to hear two and then a comma, but the bids were both under \$2 million."

Prior to the vote between the two companies, Construction Services Group and Bennett Construction out of Lamar, board member Jon Horner asked representatives from Anderson and Paragon if they were capable. He asked, "Do they have a reputation of being able to complete a project of this scale?" Both assured him that they do. The vote to select the Neosho company.

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Annual Chamber banquet brings laughs, awards



Outgoing Chamber president Wade Hermansen (left) shares a laugh with Mike McCracken (right) who was bestowed with the individual award for community service by the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Cassville man arrested for assaulting two women

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A Cassville man was arrested for assaulting two women with no explanation, according to an affidavit of probable cause by the Cassville Police Department. James A. Smith, 33, of Cassville, was charged with two counts of domestic assault in the second degree.

According to the report by officer Jonathan Cherney, he responded to a domestic assault call on Hickory Street in Cassville on Friday, February 3. The victim had a swollen nose and blood on her clothing and coming out of her nose when the officer arrived.

The victim told officer Cherney that Smith was her nephew and he was breaking things in his room. She said when she asked what was wrong, he struck her with a closed fist in her face and body. The victim stated he followed her into the living room, still punching her.

Smith's girlfriend was also in the residence at the time and said she saw him assaulting his aunt. She told officers when she walked in, Smith began hitting her, as well. His girlfriend claimed she laid face down to protect herself and that Smith was stomping on her and kicking her.

Smith's girlfriend was

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The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual banquet on Saturday, February 4, in the commons area of Cassville High School. The event, which serves as a social gathering as well as a ceremony to thank board members and present community awards, was well-attended with a large meal and entertainment by clean comedian Kent Rader.

This year's banquet offered up recognition to retiring board members, welcomed new board members and also recognized members of the community who had made a positive impact through service or business beautification in Cassville.

Opening the banquet was outgoing board president Wade Hermansen with the invocation by pastor James Weaver. Angela Seymour presented to banquet attendees about the Chamber program Tomorrow's Leaders Today, a Cassville High School collaboration where students learn about business and industry in the area.

Retiring board members Gary Whyte, Stacy Runnels, Angela Seymour and Wade Hermansen were all thanked for the dedication to the board and given parting gifts. They also welcomed new members Devon Forsythe, Rick Ragsdale, Ryan Stockton and Laura Holycross.

The main entertainment for the evening was selected and introduced by incoming board president Jeff Swadley, principal of Cassville High School. Entertainer Kent Rader provided comedy during the banquet, giving lots of laughs for those in attendance. Rader's focus is on the importance of laughter in the workplace.

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A Monett man was arrested for allegedly assaulting, drugging and raping a woman. **10A**

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Purdy High School crowned their Homecoming Queen and inducted a new member in their Hall of Fame. **12-13A**

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President Hermansen presented a beautification award to representatives of Roaring River Healthcare and Rehab for their greenhouse addition to their facility. Pictured above, left to right are Hermansen, Terri Desrochers and Melissa Inman.

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Former jailer charged with child sex crimes

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A Cassville man is in jail facing statutory sodomy, child molestation and child endangerment charges after an alleged molestation of a child under the age of 14. Danny Brock, 39, of Cassville, was booked into the Barry County Jail on Friday, February 3, and posted a \$25,000 bond and was released today, Wednesday, February 8.

According to the affidavit of probable cause by Cassville Police Department officer Danny Boyd, the victim was a juvenile female who claimed she was sexually assaulted by Brock. The child had told her step-mother about the events.

The victim was interviewed at the Child Advocacy Center in Monett on January 6. The report states the child said Brock had her wear clear plastic gloves to touch his private part. The report also stated the child demonstrated the action with her hands.

According to the affidavit, the assault took place between five and seven times in Brock's bedroom.

Brock was formerly employed with the Barry County Sheriff's Department as a jailer and was a reserve officer with the department. Barry County Sheriff Gary Davis said his reserve has been revoked and he hasn't worked for the

department in two years.

Davis said, "Mr. Brock was previously employed as a jailer. I haven't reviewed his personnel file, but I know he did not receive a penny from the department since 2015. He has not worked here in two years."

"He does have a Missouri State Peace Officer license and he was a reserve officer with the department. Since we found out about the charges, that [the reserve status] was cancelled."

Barry County Prosecuting Attorney Amy Boxx charged Brock with statutory sodomy in the first degree, sexual intercourse with a child under the age of 14, child molestation in the first degree and endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree as a first offense with sexual conduct. Brock is scheduled to have a preliminary hearing on April 27 under Judge Robert Foulke.

Cassville's Knowledge Bowl team takes 5th



The Cassville High School Knowledge Bowl Team competed at the Big 8 Conference meet in East Newton on Saturday, February 4. Eli Herrin, freshman, tied for second place as high individual scorer. This places Herrin on the All Conference Team. Overall, the team placed fifth. The Knowledge Bowl team is coached by Stephanie Mebruer and Michael Hall.

The team is pictured above, from left to right: Eli Herrin, Camille Holman, Grace Schell and Collin Pearman.

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Community Calendar

Notice:

Community Calendar page is free as a courtesy to local events. If your event is relying on advertising for attendance, then it is vital for you to place a paid ad. There is no guarantee that your event will be placed in community calendar. Deadline for community calendar is Monday a 5 p.m.

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

Washburn First Baptist Church has new hours for Sunday services, 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school and 11 a.m. for worship.

Cassville Senior Center has tax appointments available for seniors every Wednesday until April 12. Please make an appointment by calling (417)847-4510.

February 9th

Southwest R-5 School will host a baccalaureate meeting on February 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons area.

February 10th

Crowder College in Cassville will offer HiSET testing on February 10 and February 11 at 9:30 a.m. For information, call (417)847-1706.

Central Crossing Senior Center will host balance and flexibility exercises on February 10 at 9:30 a.m.

February 11th

Eagle Rock Fire Department will host a breakfast on February 11 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

CASK will host a Paint N' Pour on February 11 at 10 a.m. For information, call (417)858-0423.

Seligman Chamber will host a dance on February 11 at 7 p.m. For information, call (417)662-3612.

McDowell Schoolhouse invites you to come and enjoy music on February 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Roaring River Baptist Church will present a play, "How's Your Heart", and dinner on February 11 at 5 p.m.

February 13th

Central Crossing Senior Center will offer simple tax preparation on Monday morning only beginning February 13 through April 3. Please call, (417)858-6952 for an appointment.

Central Crossing Senior Center will host balance and flexibility exercises on February 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Central Crossing Senior Center will host Dominoes on February 13 at 12:45 p.m.

February 14th

Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District N will hold its monthly executive meeting on February 14 at 11:50 a.m. The meeting will be at Angus Branch Steakhouse.

Cassville Senior Center will host a Valentine lunch on February 14 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For information, call (417)847-4510.

February 15th

Central Crossing Senior Center will host blood pressure check on February 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

February 18th

Seligman Chamber will host a dance on February 18 at 7 p.m. For information, call (417)662-3612.

February 19th

Exeter Community Center will host a free meal on February 19 at 4 p.m.

Seligman Community Center will host a free meal and clothing on February 19 at 3 p.m.

February 23rd

Cassville Senior Center will host a blood pressure check on February 23 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

February 25th

McDowell Schoolhouse invites you to come and enjoy music on February 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Seligman Chamber will host a dance on February 25 at 7 p.m. For information, call (417) 662-3612.

Eagle Rock Fire Department will host breakfast on February 25 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

February 27th

Cassville Emmanuel Baptist Church will host Life Line Screening on February 27. For an appointment, call (888)814-0416.

March 3rd

Cassville FFA will host a baked potato fundraiser on March 3. Residents can pre-order and have potatoes delivered or pick up at the Ag. Building from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call (417)847-6736.

School Menus: February 13 - February 17

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

Southwest: Mon: B: Oatmeal, toast, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Hot Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rosy applesauce or salad/fruit bar. Tues: B: Biscuits & gravy, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Cheese pizza, romain salad, pears or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: waffles, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, pineapple or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: Cereal, yogurt cup, grapes, juice. L: Taco salad, lettuce, cheese, mexican corn, tropical fruit or salad/fruit bar. Fri: No School.

Purdy: Mon: B: Blueberry muffin, cereal, fruit, toast. L: Sweet & sour chicken, brown rice, broccoli & carrots, fruit, glazed strawberries/bananas. Tues: B: Pancakes, syrup, cereal, yogurt, fresh fruit. L: Ravioli, breadstick, carrots, fruit cup. Wed: B: Biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: Loaded baked potato, breadstick, tossed salad, ranch, fruit. Thurs: B: Scrambled eggs, toast, cereal, strawberry cup. L: Chicken patty sandwich, lettuce, tomato, broccoli, ranch, applesauce. Fri: No School.

Exeter: Mon: B: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice or cereal, pop tart, fruit, juice. L: Pepperoni pizza, salad, corn, mixed fruit. Tues: B: Pancake on a stick, apple, juice or cereal, animal crackers, apple, juice. L: Lasagna roll up w/sauce, California blend veggies, breadstick, fruit. Wed: B: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice or cereal, pop tart, fruit, juice. L: Cashew chicken, brown rice, oriental veggies, fortune cookie, fruit. Thurs: B: Sausage/egg biscuit, fruit, juice or cereal, biscuit, fruit, juice. L: Ham & cheese sandwich, sun chips, baby carrots, grape tomatoes, sidekick. Fri: No School.

Cassville: Mon: B: Biscuits & gravy or french toast sticks, sausage patty, blueberries or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: Chicken sandwich(chicken crispitos), tater tots, broccoli & cheese, juice or salad meal. Tues: B: Biscuits &

gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, orange or cereal, rice krispy treat, apple. L: Frito pie(steak sandwich), potato wedge, corn, juice or salad meal. Wed: B: Biscuits & gravy or brfst pizza, mandarin oranges or cereal, blueberry muffin, pears. L: Corndog(turkey sandwich), mac & cheese, glazed carrots, peaches or salad meal. Thurs: B: Biscuits & gravy or scrambled eggs & ham, hashbrown, toast, peaches or cereal, cocoa krispy cereal bar, applesauce. L: Chicken strips(pork choppette), whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, pineapple chunks or salad meal. Fri: B: Biscuits & gravy or honey bun, go-gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, banana muffin, peaches. L: Chili(little smokies), saltine crackers, mozz string cheese, carrot sticks, peaches or baked potato meal.

Cassville High: Mon: B: Biscuits & gravy or sausage biscuit, go-gurt, tropical fruit or cereal, pop tart, peaches. L: Fish sticks, mac & cheese, green beans, yogurt cup, tropical fruit or pizza meal or salad meal. Tues: B: Biscuits & gravy or pancake on a stick, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, cherry frudel, fruit & nut mix. L: Beef burrito, nachos, corn, refried beans, pineapple chunks or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Wed: B: Biscuit & gravy or strawberry bagel, sausage patty, strawberries or cereal, cereal bar, apple. L: Chicken sandwich, baked lays chips, baked beans, coleslaw, fruit cocktail or pizza meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: Biscuit & gravy or cinnamon roll, sausage patty, yogurt cup, peaches or cereal, pop tart, tangerine. L: Steak sandwich, lettuce, tomato, tater tots, broccoli casserole, juice or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Fri: B: Biscuit & gravy or eggs extravaganza, sausage patty, toast, fruit cocktail or cereal, blueberry muffin, applesauce. L: Popcorn chicken bowl, whipped potatoes, corn, brown gravy, breadstick, juice or pizza meal or salad meal.

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TERESA JEAN (PRIER) WOOD

Teresa Jean (Prier) Wood, 53, of Golden, passed away Thursday, February 2, 2017, at Mercy Hospital in Cassville.

Teresa was born January 18, 1964, in Monett, the daughter of Winfred and Lee Ona (Foreman) Prier, of Golden, who survive. Also surviving are one sister, Tari Underwood, and her husband, David, of Eagle Rock; one brother, Jeff Prier and his wife, Mandi, of Golden; five nephews, Jacob and Ross Underwood; Austin, Adam, and Andrew Prier; a niece, Lacy Fox and her husband, Michael; and a great-niece, Rosalie Fox.

Teresa attended elementary school in Golden, then graduated from Cassville High School in 1982. Afterwards, she earned her Cosmetology License in Springdale, Ark., and worked for several years as a beautician. In her twenties, she moved to Albuquerque, N.M., and worked as a teacher for mentally and physically handicapped children in the local high school. This time in her career was the most challenging and rewarding. She made life better for many children. A joy of her time in Albuquerque was her energetic Pomeranian named Dinky Dog. Later, Teresa moved back home to

Golden, to be closer to family. In Golden, she continued to work with children in the foster care system for several years. Teresa also spent time with two families helping raise their girls. She loved them as her own, and talked about them constantly. For the last ten years of her life, Teresa worked as the Curator of Golden Pioneer Museum where she met many interesting people and collectors.

One of Teresa's all-time favorite things was her annual family trips to Pensacola Beach. She also enjoyed spending time with her family for after-church dinners, enjoying campfires and board games at Roaring River, going for Mexican food with the family, collecting hummingbird figurines, and watching the St. Louis Cardinals play baseball.

Teresa deeply loved the Lord and attended the First Baptist Church of Blue Eye where she taught Sunday school for many years. She had the sweetest spirit and kindest heart, and she always put other people before herself. We love her deeply.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 5, 2017 at the First Baptist Church of Blue Eye, under the direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Visitation was from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church. Burial was in Munsey Cemetery overlooking the peaceful Roaring River.



ALLAN DALE STURGEON

Allan Dale Sturgeon, 65, of Stark City, passed away Monday, February 6, 2017, at his home.

He was born April 8, 1951, in Monett, the son of Homer Garvin and Dorothy Charlotte (Beaver) Sturgeon. On May 7, 1977, he was united in marriage to Vicki Patterson, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Dusty Sturgeon and his wife, Val, of Stark City; two daughters, Lindsay Bigham and her husband, Chad, of Stark City, and Amy James and her husband, Brad, of Granby; two sisters, Anita Savage and her husband, Garland, of Fairview, and Leta Berno, of Neosho; and seven grandchildren, Frank James, Jesse James, Shelly James, Chet Sturgeon, Tyke Sturgeon, Chandler Bigham and

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Allan attended school at Fairview and Wheaton. He spent his entire life in Newton County and Stark City and was a cattle and poultry farmer. He enjoyed fishing and he loved farming, especially watching his heifers have their baby calves.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 9, 2017, at Mount Olive Cemetery in Pioneer, under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Paul Wahlert will conduct the services.

The family will receive friends after 5:00 p.m. Wednesday at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton.

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LUKE E. ROLLER

Luke E. Roller, 84, of Seligman, passed away Friday, February 3, 2017, at his home.

He was born October 2, 1932, in Clantonville, Ark., the son of Frank and Flora (Ash) Roller. On November 9, 1957, he was united in marriage to Peggy Roller, who preceded him in death on July 7, 1991. On September 1, 1996, he married Georgia (Catron) Pippin Douglas, who died January 8, 2014. Also preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Harold and Norman Roller; one sister, Virginia Skelton; and a niece, Bernita Brown.

Surviving are one daughter, Bea Roller, of Seligman; two grandchildren, Austin and Charlie Pippin; seven nephews, Keith, Kenny, David, James and Donald Roller and Gayle and Glen Skelton; and two nieces, Donna Kay Reiling and Barbara Skelton.

Luke received his education at Washburn where he graduated from high school. He then joined the United

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KIMIE T. GAUTNEY

Kimie T. Gautney, 92, of Jenkins, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at the home of her son, Dean Gautney, of Aurora.

She was born November 9, 1924, in Kofu, Japan. On January 9, 1953, she was united in marriage to Bill Gautney, who preceded her in death on May 16, 1987. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one brother; one sister; and a granddaughter.

Surviving are two sons, Dean Gautney and his wife, Jeannie, of Aurora, and Donnie Gautney and his wife, Connie, of Exeter; one daughter, Ann Boles and her husband, Randy, of Marionville; two brothers; six grandchildren, Adam, Amanda, Sarah, Gary, Jennifer, and Carla; and eight great-grandchildren, Levi, Mason, Hailey, Jaeron, Kadence, Jaxson, Aaron, and Easton.

Kimie grew up in Japan where she was a second grade teacher. From 1955 until 1975 she worked with her husband, Bill, at Gautney's Store in Jenkins. She then began working at Fasco Industries, retiring from there in 2010 at the age of 86. She was a member of Shiloah Baptist Church and loved cooking, quilting, growing flowers, crocheting and reading. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2017, at Clío Cemetery in Jenkins under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Greg Forester conducted the services.

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Contributions may be made to Clío Cemetery in memory of Kimie.

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RUTH HORTON

Ruth Horton, 79, of Rocky Comfort, traded in her cross for a crown on Sunday, February 5, 2017, after a courageous battle with a long illness. She lived in a small town where everybody knows your name, and you are allowed to write a really, really long obituary.

Her journey here on earth began on January 8, 1938, in Jane, the daughter of Charlie and Jewel (Dalton) Poe. She received her education in Jane, graduating in the White Rock High School Class of 1957 as Mrs. Robert (Bob) Horton after uniting in marriage on December 29, 1956.

Ruth is survived by her husband Bob of 60 years. Together they ran Horton Dairy, while she also worked at Fas-

JAMES LEONARD
"JIM" GRAGSON

James Leonard "Jim" Gragson, 85, of Shell Knob, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at the home of his son in Springfield.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2017, at Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Reverend Henry Grodecki, C.M. conducted the services. Military honors were conducted by VFW #2203.

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Every night Ruth would predict what color the dress was going to be on Wheel of Fortune. She made the most delicious meals. Ruth enjoyed when her sisters would come spend the day with her cleaning out a kitchen drawer, drinking a pot of coffee, or putting up her Christmas tree. She taught her children how to cook and keep house which she learned from Bob's mother, Elsie. She and Diane were the best of friends and did everything together. She would tell everyone how proud she was of Kenny, making sure he'd always bring his guitar to play and sing. Nothing brought her greater joy than spending time with her grandkids, Mikayla, Ashleigh, Tristen, Lindsey, and Macy (Stillions), Dylan, Carter, and Drew (Lewis) and Trinity, Grace, and Kurtis (Morgan). When asked, they'd say their best memories were fishing at the lake, wading in the swimming pool, blowing bubbles, and shucking corn. Above all, Ruth was absolutely devoted to her husband and children. She loved to be surrounded by her family. Ruth supported, respected, and loved her husband unconditionally. They were the perfect example of true love, and she will forever be Bob's sweetheart. She was a woman of strong faith, believing in the power and strength of Jesus Christ's love. Ruth's passing will leave a large void in the lives of many.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 9, at 5:00 p.m., and a celebration of Ruth's life will be on February 10 at 2:00 p.m. Both services will be held at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton.

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LILLIAN M. KRUEGER

Lillian M. Krueger, 88, of Ridgedale, formerly of Shell Knob, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at her home.

Graveside memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Shell Knob.

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

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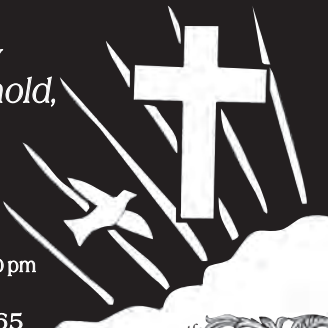
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The first phase of the mitigation project is to build an internal drain system in each of the flooded classrooms. Perforated 12-inch pipes will go around the perimeter of the classrooms before the slabs are poured. Those pipes will be fed to a central drain in the middle of the floor.

The second phase is directional boring. Three 15-inch pipes will run under the building and take the water away down to drain at Flat Creek. The classroom drains will be connected to the directional boring lines.

Finally, the school will

also have a six-foot diameter concrete perforated pipe that goes 40 feet into the ground outside of the Intermediate building with a pump inside. The pump is designed to kick in when any groundwater seeps into the pipe. Since the well pipe is below the Intermediate classrooms, it will pump water out to the directional boring lines before it reaches the school. If a large influx of water reaches the well, there is an additional drain line to control overflow. Asbill added that, if necessary, two more pumps can be put in around the school.

The system, once complete, will have the ability to remove 1,500 gallons of water per minute.

The school anticipates work to finish by August 1, and classrooms will return to the basement level of the Intermediate for the new school year.

Southwest High School’s 2017 Homecoming Court



Southwest’s 2017 Homecoming Court is pictured above. From left to right in the front row: Lacey Reeves, Alissa Walker, Hannah Outhouse, Taylor Swindle and Ashley Sharp. Back row: Eli Atkinson, Josh Clay, Austin Roberts, Tanner Leonhardt and Calob Stewart .

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Monett man arrested for alleged rape, assault

Charlea Estes

A Monett man was arrested after allegedly assaulting and raping a woman on February 1. According to the affidavits of probable cause by the Monett Police Department, the victim made the report with evidence of an assault, including a broken nose and stitches on her face, claiming Umfress had drugged her drink. Robert C. Umfress II, 36, of Monett, was charged with domestic assault in the second degree, rape in the first degree and sodomy in the first degree.

According to the affidavit of probable cause by Officer David Haskins with the Monett Police Department, the victim made the report at the police station. When she arrived, officers saw evidence of the assault, which she claimed happened on January 26. She sought medical care on the same day for stitches and a broken nose.

The victim told officers she and Umfress had argued, and he has struck her in the face. During an interview, Umfress allegedly confessed to officers that he had stuck her after she had struck him.

The victim, who lives with Umfress, stated that around 12 p.m. on February 1, Umfress had come into their room and began having sexual intercourse with her while she was asleep. She said when she tried to get away, he pulled her back by her ankles and sodomized her. She said when she pulled away again, he stopped.

The victim also told officers she believed he had put a sleeping drug in her Kool-Aid that made her fall asleep and not wake up when the assault started.

Umfress claimed the sex was consensual when interviewed by officers. Umfress is currently being held in the Barry County jail in lieu of a \$60,000 bond.

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The Cassville FBLA Chapter recently held its Bi-Annual Career Fair with over 40 professionals and over 500 students participating. The event was a very beneficial for students, who got to choose three different careers and do a question and answer session with the speaker. Pictured above, Dr. Brent Herrin, veterinarian, speaks to students.



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ASSAULT from FRONT

able to run to a neighbor's for help when he began assaulting his aunt again. Both victims told officers they did not know why he was destroying the house or beating them, according to the report.

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Purdy High School crowns queen, welcomes Hall of Fame member



Former PHS Lady Eagles Basketball Coach Bill Reece calls “his girls” into a huddle to celebrate Brenda Keeling McNeil’s Hall of Fame induction. From left: DeAnna (England) Crossland; Janice (Saville) Courdin; Becky (Fly) Woods; Coach Bill Reece; Brenda (Keeling) McNeill; Mary (Mareth) Rummel; and Sherri (Veith) Brooks.



Purdy High School Athletic Director Alan Spencer presents Brenda Keeling McNeil with her official Hall of Fame plaque and welcomes her as the sixth member of the Purdy High School Athletic Hall of Fame, as family, friends, former teammates and fellow Hall of Fame members applaud.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

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Palyn,
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on Friday, February 3. Spears received the crown and sash from varsity basketball players Leighton Harkey, son of Sam Harkey and Amy Harkey, and Justin LaNore, son of Robyn and Kelly Rosewicz and David and Heidi LaNore. Harkey was crowned the 2017 Mr. Tip-Off in an assembly during the school day.

Joining Spears’ royal court were Senior Candidate Briana Granados, daughter of Martha and Mario Granados; Sophomore Candidate Myrka Salas, daughter of Maricela and Juan Salas and Freshman Candidate Shadyn Minton, daughter of Samantha Minton. The royal procession was led by flowergirls Laney and

Lauren Lamp, daughters of Nathan and Eva Lamp, and crownbearer Dallas Farris, son of Jason and Kerri Farris. Both sets of parents are Purdy High School alumni, and Kerri was the 2000 PHS Homecoming Queen. Homecoming evening also featured the third annual Purdy High School Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony, led by Athletic Director Alan Spencer, who welcomed new member Brenda (Keeling) McNeil to the Hall. McNeil’s parents, Allen and Leona Keeling, members of the Purdy High School Class of 1960, joined her on the floor as she received her plaque, as did husband Dwayne and daughter Callie. Also joining in the induction were McNeil’s former PHS teammates Becky (Fly) Woods, Mary (Mareth) Rummel, Sherri (Veith) Brooks, Janice (Saville) Courdin and DeAnna (England) Crossland, along with their coach Bill Reece. Welcoming McNeil to the Hall of Fame were existing members Becky (Fly) Woods, Mike Payne, Dorothy Gibbons (representing her late husband Norman “Gabby” Gibbons), Curtis Schallert (representing his late friend Earl Miller) and Vicki Leonard (representing her daughter Megan Leonard). Athletic Director Spencer hosted a reception for members and their honored guests, and all attendees enjoyed browsing various memorabilia displays. Brenda McNeil, who graduated in 1981, made the trip to the State Basketball tournament with her Lady Eagles teammates in 1980 and 1981, bringing home the State Championship title in 1981, her senior year. She became the first female athlete from Purdy High School to receive first team All State honors in 1980 and was named to the 1981 All State first team by unanimous selection. Brenda

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was also a four-year member of the All Conference team, a three-year member of the All District team and a two-year member of the All Ozark team. She was named All Conference Most Valuable Player in 1980. Upon receiving her Hall of Fame membership McNeil stated, "I would like to thank everyone for this incredible honor – and thank each and every one of my family, teammates, coaches, fans, teachers & community members for all of the wonderful memories and unbelievable support, both past & present. Every young athlete that picks up a ball has a dream of someday winning a state championship – it just doesn't happen every day. Purdy High School has a special place in my heart – the girls basketball program has an even bigger one – it is truly special and has encouraged and allowed so many young dreams to be fulfilled. Here's to thee dear Purdy High School."

Purdy High School's

Homecoming activities are sponsored, planned and carried out by a joint effort between the PHS Student Council and Cheerleaders. Purdy High School Student Council President Kaden Propps noted of this year's events, "I am very pleased with the participation and spirit displayed by our students, staff and community. We tried several new projects this year, including our first Homecoming Tailgate, which we hope will become an annual tradition. We also made a concerted effort this year to reflect the Homecoming theme of "The Emerald City" in each of our special dress days and activities. In observing the hard work, staff and student participation and smiles on our alumni's faces I think it's safe to say we all concur with Dorothy's lesson learned on her journey down the yellow brick road - there truly is no place like home, especially during Homecoming week."



Queen Cailyn and her court. Back row, from left: Sophomore Myrka Salas, daughter of Maricela and Juan Salas; Senior Briana Granados, daughter of Martha and Mario Granados; Queen Cailyn Spears, daughter of Donnie and Amanda Spears; Freshman Shadyn Minton, daughter of Samantha Minton. Center, from left: Flowergirls Laney and Lauren Lamp, daughters of Nathan and Eva Lamp. Front: Crownbearer Dallas Farris, son of Jason and Kerri Farris.



Purdy High School's 2017 Mr. Tip-Off, Senior Leighton Harkey (left), smiles with newly crowned Homecoming Queen Cailyn Spears (center) and fellow escort Senior Justin LaNore (right). Spears is the daughter of Donnie and Amanda Spears; Harkey is the son of Sam Harkey and Amy Harkey; LaNore is the son of Robyn and Kelly Rosewicz and David and Heidi LaNore.

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SW volleyball receives Academic All-State honors



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Maples too clever for Lady Wildcats

Lee Stubblefield

Hannah Maples, Clever's jewel of a point guard, lit up the nets for 30 points in leading the Clever Lady Jays to an 85-45 win over the visitors from Cassville.

Madi Stokes put on her own show in the first quarter. Cassville's center scored 8 points and owned the lane at both ends as the Lady Wildcats grabbed a 17-14

lead at the first break. Stokes scored again to open the second frame, and Cassville led, 19-14.

Then the Lady Jays took over. Tessa Newman hit from the corner for Clever, Harper Little swished two free throws, and Maples connected with a long three to give the Lady Jays a 20-19 lead at the 6:02 mark. The Ladycats would only score

11 points in the quarter - 8 of them by Stokes - as Clever raced to a 45-27 halftime lead. The Lady Jays finished the half with a 31-8 run.

Turnovers and missed opportunities turned Cassville's game upside down. Stokes was unstoppable in the lane, but Clever's suffocating press destroyed Cassville's offensive scheme.

The third quarter saw more of the same. Maples shot lights out against Cassville's amoeba zone, and her baseline drive at the 3:42 mark put Clever ahead by 31 points, 63-32. A running clock cooled off the fourth quarter scoring, but the Lady Jays defense only allowed 7 points in the final frame as the lead stretched to 42 at its peak.

There were not a lot of positives for Cassville in this game. Stokes scored 21 to lead the Lady Wildcats.

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Purdy rolls in homecoming win over Southwest

Lee Stubblefield

Parked on the Purdy bench since 2010, Tommy Egan has seen his share of Purdy and Southwest basketball games. Egan's Eagles are 4-4 against the Trojans in his tenure, an illustration of the intensity of this Ozark 7 rivalry.

Since the Ozark 7 changed its league schedule away from home-and-away every season starting in 2012-2013, there have been three constants about the Purdy-Southwest contests:

There are no empty seats in these late season games.

The games are always close, no matter the teams' records going in.

The game always has a direct bearing on determining the conference champion.

In February 2014, Southwest barely survived against an average Purdy squad, 46-45. Last year, Purdy had the stronger

squad and better record, yet barely held off the Trojans in a 74-71 barnburner.

Why expect anything different in this year's collision? Because, for this year at least, Purdy is just better and this game was anything but close. The Eagles dominated a 15-6 first quarter to set the tone for Friday night's homecoming game. Hunter Cook's desperation heave beat the buzzer for a 41-25 halftime lead. Southwest chipped the lead down to 58-44 at the final break, but could never gain any traction in the fourth quarter as the Eagles rolled to a 77-56 victory.

With the Trojan defense keying on Tyler Keeler, Purdy's Matt Wilson stepped up and led all scorers with 24 points. Paton Clay topped Southwest with 20.

The Eagles extended their winning streak to six games while improving to 14-7. Southwest dropped to 6-10.



Purdy's Matt Wilson scores late against Southwest in the Eagles' homecoming victory on Friday night.

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Purdy Lady Eagles post 20th win for the season

Lee Stubblefield

The Purdy Lady Eagles defeated McDonald County on Saturday, 67-46, to win the Seneca Girls Basketball Tournament championship, and improved to 20-1 for the season.

Purdy was tested in the first round by a good Joplin team, 64-62. Then the Lady Eagles took down the Carl Junction JV squad, 46-28 to set up the final with Mac County.

Purdy led by just 13-7 and 28-19 at the first two quarter

breaks against McDonald County. But a 21-13 third period put the game out of reach.

Sami House scored 19 to lead a balanced Purdy attack. Layne Skiles scored 15 and Rion Boyd also reached double figures with 11.

The Lady Eagles have three regular season games remaining. Eli Ernst's girls travel to McAuley on Thursday, then entertain Wheaton on February 13 before finishing at Exeter on February 16.

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- The Monday Movie Matinee at 1:30 on February 13 will be Denial, rated PG-13. Debra Lipstadt, played by Rachel Weisz, stands up to Holocaust denier David Irving, portrayed by Timothy Spall in this powerful true story.
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Local Bradley Lueckenhoff accepted to Patrol Academy

Lieutenant Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, acting superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announced that 38 people reported to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy on January 2, 2017, to begin the 25-week training course to become a trooper.

The 104th Recruit Class is scheduled to graduate on June 23, 2017. As of February 3, 2017, 29 recruits remain in the Academy. The average age of the members of the 104th Recruit Class is 23 years. Eight of the recruits have attended some college, three have earned an associate's degree, two have credits that total more than an associate's degree, 13 hold bachelor's degrees, one holds a master's degree, and one has earned a doctorate. Seven of the recruits have prior military experience; five of the recruits have prior experience in law enforcement.

Listed below are the names and hometowns of members of the 104th Recruit Class:

- Bradley J. Lueckenhoff, Cassville.

MSU releases fall 2016 Dean's List

Missouri State University - Springfield released their fall 2016 Dean's list. Local students who earned a place on the list were:

- Cassville: Krystal S. Haney, Brandy R. Hess, Cynthia M. Holman, Alyssa K. Knight, Marsha A. Lawson, Chelsea L. McCracken, Kendra R. Richter, Jordan T. Shore, Trevor D. Tanner, Kelly R. Tolbert and Alex S. Williams.
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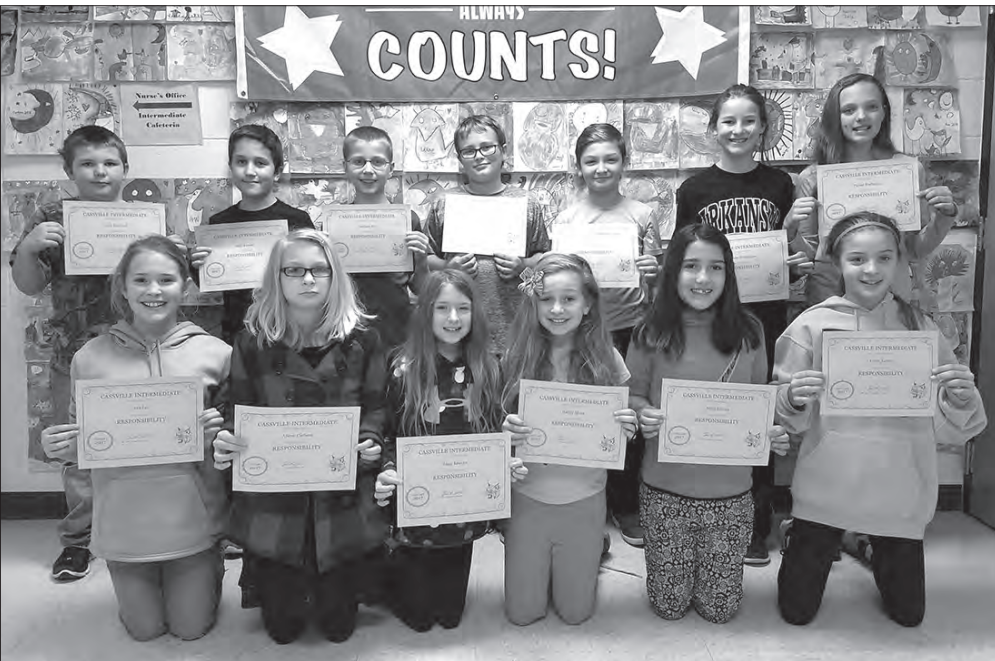
Cassville’s January Character Kids



Cassville Intermediate named their January Character Award winners. Students were selected for the trait responsibility. Third graders are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Kailey Atnip, Kennedy Webb, Rylee Sleeth, Isabel Serrano, Courtney Wall, Shae Turner and Glandy Salas. Back row: Jacob Hall, Issac Luney, Cameron Hall, Tyson Bohmke, Colton Roark and Raegan Caddell. Not pictured: Darren Birchfield.



Cassville Intermediate named their January Character Award winners. Students were selected for the trait responsibility. Fourth graders are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Clo-vee Williams, Hailey Bryan, Aleigha Bryan, Kalee Lowe, Gracen Hilburn, Jaret Hinson and Cole Cash. Back row: Kyle Bailey, Ryan Norris, Cloud Swolley, Maddock Roark, Kaitlyn Tiner, Shayden Hilburn and Mackenzie Watkins.



Cassville Intermediate named their January Character Award winners. Students were selected for the trait responsibility. Fifth graders are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Ava Lee, Aileen Curbow, Josie Keevan, Hailey Meeks, Myia Rivera and Faith James. Back row: Josh Bickford, Matt Kunda, Jackson Ray, Joseph Burton, Hunter James, Madison Halterman and Pazlee Burbridge.

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The Cassville Fire Protection district Board will be accepting bids until 6:30 pm on February 13, 2017, at the District Office, for the 2017 season.
Bid specifications will be available CFPD Station 1 located at 393 Sale Barn Road, Cassville, and will also be posted near the west office door of the fire station if no one is available. Previous bidders should be aware that we have revised mowing specifications.
Bids can be mailed to CFPD, PO Box 798, Cassville, MO 65625 and must be received on or before February 13, 2017 and should be marked "2017 Mowing bid".
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Cassville Intermediate hosts Spelling Bee

On Wednesday, 38 fourth and fifth grade students competed for the title of Cassville Intermediate Spelling Bee Champion. Students competed for a chance to participate in The Joplin Globe Spelling Bee on March 20 at Thomas Jefferson Inde-

pendent Day School in Joplin. Fourth grade student Dustin Simon won the spelling bee. Dustin is the son of Amanda Simon of Cassville and Jared Simon of Colorado. Dustin is in Mrs. Morris' class.

CJ Rose came in second and will serve as alternate. CJ is the son of Cody and Starla Rose of Cassville. He is a fifth grade student in Mrs. Farwell's class.



Front row, left to right: Andrew Gray, Matt Kunda, Emma Berndt, Liam Mills, Jacob Verde, Christian Renkoski, Adelee Hendricks and Clovee Williams. Second row: Timothy Roberts, Isabella Rodriguez Muise, Hailey Bryan, Kristian Simmons, Makayla Hollingsworth-Hopkins, Monique Lopez, Violet Rillstone, Justine Robar, Kaitlyn Birchfield and Jacob Duncan. Third row: Devon Archuleta, Maggie Kirkpatrick, Miller Reid, Evan Butler, Elly Ramaeker, Gracen Hilburn, Alexis Rayburn, Dustin Simon, Jessica Marlowe and Kelsi Ware. Back row: Cosmo Rhoads, Brody Osborne, Nathan Buckner, Josie Bivens, Nic Fierro, C.J. Rose, Kaysha Stockton, Bentley Barber, Aileen Curbow and Sean Marcum. Absent from photo: Avery Chappel.



Dustin Simon (right) took first place and CJ Rose (left) took second in Cassville Intermediate's Spelling Bee.

Missouri Farm Bureau: 'Thank a Farmer'

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Farm Bureau and County Farm Bureau's across the state celebrate the importance of agriculture.

A recently completed study, commissioned by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and the Missouri Farm Bureau, found agriculture remains the top industry in our state with a contribution of some \$88.4 billion to the economy. The study further revealed that in 2016, agriculture provided 378,000 jobs, \$2.2 billion in state/local taxes and \$17.5 billion in labor income.

This information drives home the importance of agriculture. The labors of agriculture impact our lives each day. In addition to food, agriculture provides clothing, fuel, medicine, entertainment, sports equipment, personal care products, school supplies and the list goes on.

It is a fact: agriculture is a driving force of communities both rural and urban. According to the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, innovations in agriculture allow one U.S. farmer to provide enough food and fiber for 168 people in the United States and abroad. Consumers in this country spend less than 10 percent of their disposable income on food, according to the USDA. That is less than any other country in the world.

So, join Missouri Farm Bureau as we Celebrate Agriculture and Thank a Farmer.

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