

Former Cassville teacher leaves \$1 million for scholarships in his will

Vinnie Roberts

On Wednesday, January 30, Dr. Richard Asbill gathered the staff of Cassville R-IV School in the event center beside the football stadium for what seemed like a routine monthly address. The address was anything but routine however, as it culminated in an emotional announcement from Asbill.

With tears in his eyes, Asbill announced that James Doyle “J.D.” Riddle, a former Cassville student and teacher who passed away in September 2018, left specific instructions in his will to grant \$1 million of Riddle’s life savings to create a scholarship fund for Cassville graduates. The fund would be saved for Cassville graduates who plan on going into the education field.

Riddle graduated from Cassville in 1942. He was active in agricultural classes and was a basketball player. Afterward, he served in the Army as an Infantry Unit Commander for several years where he was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater in World War II. When he returned home, he attended college to become a teacher.

Riddle was a resident of Bronaugh for most of his adult life. He taught at several schools in the area, including Bronaugh, Cassville and Nevada. Riddle also served

as a Vernon County Sheriff’s deputy.

Dr. Asbill stated that the scholarship will not be available for some time as all the legal work that goes in to setting up such a request is extensive.

“The gift itself is sizeable,” said Asbill. “The legal work could take six months to a year to complete. We’re excited about the opportunity, but we’re in a holding phase to work to make sure that his wishes are fulfilled. It’s important that we do that in an appropriate and judicious manner.”

“The process to establish a trust will be handled by his attorney,” Asbill continued. “They have contacted the district, and we are providing them our scholarship platform or the guidelines of how we determine scholarships. All of that will have to be approved by the trustee, in this case his attorney, as they set up the trust.”

Currently, the process of awarding scholarships is handled by a committee of mostly high school staff and community members. The committee makes determination based on students’ academic performance, economic need and the program they intend to major in.

“What he’s done is created an opportunity for future generations to benefit,” said Asbill. “It’s very moving. In a

Purdy kids settle in at new performing arts, early childhood center

Charlea Estes-Jones

After a long process, Purdy’s youngest students are in their new classrooms at the school’s brand new performing arts and early childhood center on the school’s campus. The project, which was made possible through bonds and a FEMA grant, afforded the school a new choir room, two new preschool classrooms and a performing arts center for the school’s performances.

Purdy superintendent Dr. Steven Chancellor said the space is already making a big impact for students of all ages in the district. The preschoolers are enjoying their new space and multiple performances have already been held in the building which dons permanent tiered chair seating and additional bleachers at the top of the venue.

The two preschool classrooms are spacious with plenty of different learning centers and play areas. Purdy’s preschool program is split into a morning class and an afternoon class, each with approximately 15 to 18 students. The school’s choir also has a room for practices on the east side of the building.

Dr. Chancellor said, “We’ve had great feedback so far from students and teachers.”

As with any new building, the school staff is learning what still needs to be added to make the space perfect for their needs, but overall,

Chancellor said the space is perfect for them.

He stated, “We’re in the phase all new construction projects go through where we are seeing the little things we need that will make things go a little smoother. As good as the architects are, you just can’t plan for every little detail. There is always a bit of oversight.”

So far, the school has only added mobile coat racks to accommodate students’ large winter coats.

Dr. Chancellor continued, “We’re loving it.

“We’ve done a handful of events in the new building and they’ve all been successful. We’ve gotten great feedback from everyone. It’s just

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Dr. Steven Chancellor shows off one of the new preschool classrooms.



Pictured above, two Purdy preschool students, Ryder Ellis and Callen Terry, sit reading in their new classroom.

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Local woman killed when truck hit group of pedestrians

Charlea Estes-Jones

Two women were killed when a truck hit a group of three people at a crosswalk at the Branson Landing over the weekend. According to a press release by the Branson Police Department, the truck was travelling southbound when it hit the group at a marked crosswalk around 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 2.

According to the release, a 1999 Ford truck, driven by Steven C. Weter, of Hollister, hit a group of three pedestrians who had entered the marked crosswalk on Branson Landing Boulevard. The three were Gregory T. Curnes and Laura A. Curnes, of Shell Knob, and Jean L. Moncrief.

All three were transported by ambulance to a Springfield hospital, but Laura Curnes and Moncrief both later died from injuries

they sustained in the crash, according to the release. Gregory Curnes is still hospitalized.

The driver was transported for medical reasons but was not injured in the crash.

Officers reported the driver stayed on the scene and is cooperating with the investigation.

The Branson Police Department released the following statement: “The City of Branson extends its sincerest condolences to the family as they mourn the loss of Mrs. Curnes.”

The Branson Police Department, Branson Fire Department and the Taney County Ambulance District responded to the crash when it occurred.

The release stated the crash is still under investigation by the Branson Police Department and witnesses are asked to contact Sgt. Kauffman at (417) 334-3300.

City of Purdy considers disc golf, city hall changes

Charlea Estes-Jones

During Purdy’s city council meeting on January 14, topics of a disc golf course, rehabbing the old fishing pond and a possible change to the location of city hall offices were all brought up for discussion. With time and consideration, at least one of those projects could be tackled by mid-summer.

Purdy mayor Bo Prock presented a few ideas to the council members to consider for the future of the city. Among those ideas were two different recreational changes that could improve residents’ recreation.

Prock said he came up with the idea while visiting with Purdy School superintendent Dr. Steven Chancellor. The two thought a possible collaboration between the city and the school could yield enough space for a disc golf course to be constructed.

Prock said, “We’ve several pop up in the area, so this was something that looked like it would be a trend.” The two hope it would be another, different recreational outlet that people could enjoy and would improve the city.

Dr. Chancellor said, “[Bo Prock] and I talk often about what we can do as a community to attract young couples and a lot about sustainability from a community standpoint. What are some things we

can offer to the community with a shared partnership between the community and the school? That came out of those conversations.

“It’s certainly on our list. Is if feasible? Yes. Does it require a lot? No. It could be a really simple way to add a feature to Purdy. Obviously, we have quite a bit of land to the east side of the school that, just because of the topography, it is hard to utilize or maximize. It would be perfect for a walking trail or frisbee golf course to get people outside and doing things in groups.”

Dr. Chancellor added that he has not presented the idea to the school board, so there is still more to discuss before the school approves the project.

Prock also said his personal interest in golf led him to discuss the possibility of a course in Purdy. While the concept is in early stages, the city council was receptive to the idea contingent upon the Purdy R-II school board is also in favor. Prock said the course would be partially on city-owned land and partially on the school’s land.

Prock said, “If we move forward, the city’s land where the caboose is on Highway C would be included, as well as across the road where the school’s outdoor classroom is located.”

The price point of the possible addition of the

course is also within a reasonable reach for Purdy, as well. When Prock got the quote, he was pleasantly surprised at the dollar amount. He said, “When we got the information on it, we realized it was totally within reach even for a small city.”

The cost for an 18-hole course was \$15,579, however, Purdy would only be putting in nine holes, and Prock believes all of the construction could be done by city employees, saving even more on the total cost. The only cost for the city would be the actual materials to install, which would be under \$6,000.

If both the council and the school board approve the project, it could be complete as early as the summer. Prock said, “I would say we would have it by the middle of summer. The equipment is readily available, and the funding is there.”

Prock also posted a Facebook poll asking what residents would prefer the focus of the improvement project: a disc golf course or a fishing pond. The Facebook poll showed citizens most interested in a fish pond. However, Prock wants to do both projects if there is support for them.

He said, “Both projects ought to be relatively cheap and simple and there are multiple people in the community would help pitch in

on those projects, as well.”

The city used to have a fish pond off of 9th Street where the old east lagoon was located. Prock said, “The pond was operational in the 1990s, but it’s been roughly 20 years since it was used as a fish pond. A project attempting to make the pond deeper breached the seal and now it does not hold water.”

Prock discussed the idea of getting an estimate to reseal the pond and get it restocked, hopefully by the Missouri Department of Conservation. If the project is approved, the fishing should be catch-and-release.

The final big project discussed at the meeting was what to do with the other half of the city’s community

building once the Purdy Library closes. By May, the city will be back in control of the space after the library vacates in April.

With the library moving out of the city-owned space, the council is considering moving the public-facing offices, like city manager Debbie Redshaw, to the community building. The other half of that build-

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Letter to the Editor

To the citizens of Cassville, The City of Cassville affords many lovely parks for the citizens of Cassville and visitors to use. There are tennis, and basketball courts, volleyball, horseshoes, an aquatic center, greenway trails and baseball fields. The City tries its best to maintain them.

There are always a few who try to tear up things. Just a few examples: litter left on the ground when a dumpster is just as close, target shooting (broken bottles), setting fires, and if the ground is wet, it is a must to do donuts and obscene drawings.

Another issue is, for many years, we have a few families who think it is the citizens of Cassville’s responsibility to pay to haul off their trash. Just this past week, three park dump-

sters have been filled with trash from farm roads. Along with a box and packing for a 70” TV, six Pizza Hut boxes and two large meat boxes. We pay \$16 a month for our individual trash services.

Cassville has recycling for the residents who wish to participate. Also, there is a business who offers recycling at no charge.

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February 9th

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

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

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

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

A Veterans' Breakfast will be hosted at the VFW Memorial Post 2203 on Hwy. 39 north of Shell Knob from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Veterans of the armed services and their family members are invited to the breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee and juice at no cost.

February 11th

Simple Tax Preparation for Seniors will be offered at Central Crossing Senior Center. Please call for an appointment, (417) 858-6952.

February 12th

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

February 13th

Valentine Bake Sale will be held at Central Crossing Senior Center from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

February 14th

The Habitat ReStore, Cassville, is having 50% Off. Exclusions are paint and bundled wood.

A Valentine's Day Lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cassville Senior Center. The cost for anyone 60+ is a suggested donation of \$3.50. For everyone else, the cost is \$6. There will be Bingo from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.

February 16th

Valentine Weekend Brunch for a free will offering will be held at Central Crossing Senior Center from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

February 17th

Ozark Festival Orchestra will present a "Masterpieces and Young Artist" concert at the Monett High School Performing Arts Center at 3 p.m. Admission is \$10, \$5 for senior citizens 65 and older. Students high school age and younger will be admitted free.

February 19th

Southwest Community Baccalaureate Committee will be having a meeting at 6 p.m. in the Southwest R-5 High School commons area. Pastors, parents, seniors and community are urged to come and participate and support the 2019 seniors.

The Barry County Commission will hold a public meeting at the Jenkins Fire Department at 6:30 p.m. at the Clio Community Building to discuss demolition of the Old Jenkins Bridge on Farm Road 1215.

A Free Computer Class open to all skill levels will be hosted at Central Crossing Senior Center from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. A low cost lunch will be served prior to the class from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

February 23rd

Annual Men's Club Chili Supper will be hosted at St. John's Lutheran Church, Stones Prairie Parish, at 6 p.m. The menu will include chili, potato soup, relishes, drinks, and homemade desserts.

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Notice:

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

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

School Menus: February 11 - February 15

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

Southwest: Mon: B: french toast sticks, syrup cup, bananas or cereal, juice. L: popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches or salad/fruit bar. Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, sausage links, orange wedges or cereal, juice. L: chili, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, crackers, baby carrots, pears or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: breakfast sausage pizza, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: tacos, salsa, lettuce, cheese, refried beans, mandarin oranges or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: pancake on a stick, mandarin oranges or cereal, juice. L: chicken filet, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rosy applesauce, valentine cookie or salad/fruit bar.

Cassville Prim.-Int.-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, orange or cereal, Pop-Tart, peaches. L: chicken crispito or ham sandwich, corn, vanilla pudding, vanilla wafers, applesauce. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy, scrambled eggs, hashbrown, toast, pears or cereal, granaola bar, applesauce. L: spaghetti or popcorn chicken, salad, broccoli & cheese, breadstick, pears. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, blueberry muffin, orange. L: chicken nuggets or tangerine chicken, rice, green beans, egg roll, fortune cookie, pineapple chunks. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy, breakfast burrito, hashbrown, mandarin oranges or cereal, cinnamon toast, pineapple chunks. L: Frito pie or chicken quesadilla, refried beans, corn, peaches. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or mini cinni, trail mix or cereal, cinnamon toast, peaches. L: pork patty or cheeseburger, french fries, carrot sticks, juice.

Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, peaches or cereal, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail. L: chicken crispito, corn, nachos, refried beans, applesauce or cheeseburger meal or salad meal.

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

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

Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, pears or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: general chicken, rice, carrots, egg roll, pineapple or pizza meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, toast, yogurt cup, peaches or cereal, Pop-Tart, orange. L: spaghetti, salad, carrots, breadstick, juice or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, Nutri Grain Bar, pears. L: chili cheese fries, green beans, chocolate chip cookies, juice or pizza meal or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or cinnamon bun, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, banana muffin, applesauce. L: pizza wedge, salad, corn, peaches or cheeseburger meal or salad meal.

Purdy: Mon: B: eggstravaganza, ww toast, cereal, fruit. L: spaghetti, meat sauce, ww breadstick, corn, fruit. Tues: B: waffles, syrup, cereal, yogurt, fresh fruit. L: teriyaki chicken, brown rice, broccoli, carrots, fruit. Wed: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: chicken fingers, au gratin potatoes, baked beans, fruit. Thurs: B: breakfast wrap, ww toast, cereal, strawberry cup. L: chicken alfredo, romaine salad, tomato, ranch, mixed veggies, fruit, ww breadstick. Fri: B: breakfast pizza, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: grilled chicken sandwich, Sun Chips, baby carrots, ranch, fresh fruit, ice cream cup.

Exeter: Mon: B: cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice or cereal, Pop-Tart, fruit, juice. L: burrito with cheese, salsa, pinto beans, fruit. Tues: B: french toast sticks, fruit, juice or cereal, Pop-Tart, fruit, juice. L: chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, winter mix, fruit. Wed: B: chicken biscuit, apple, juice or cereal, Vertical Bar, apple, juice. L: beef stew, carrots, cornbread, fruit. Thurs: mini pancakes, fruit, juice or cereal, toast, fruit, juice. L: chicken alfredo, green beans, breadstick, fruit. Fri: B: breakfast slider, banana, juice or cereal, graham crackers, banana, juice. L: chicken patty, bun, hash brown, baked beans, Sidekick.

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an ideal environment for a whole subset of things we do here that we always didn't have the proper environment for. The acoustics are phenomenal, and we already have groups inquiring about how they can rent it."

Chancellor said he didn't anticipate people being so enthusiastic to rent the space and the board is still deciding what to charge to help cover custodial. He said, "I didn't think the demand would come that quickly."

Prior to the completion of the FEMA building, performances were held in gymnasiums and other spaces in the main building, and preschoolers were taught in two different spaces.

First was a former Army barracks that the school moved around campus for different purposes as a classroom. Later, daycare in Purdy sold, giving the school the opportunity to purchase it, along with all of the equipment. Dr. Chancellor said the school still owns that building, and that it eventually may be used to start a daycare at the school.

He said, "The current plan is to figure out what we can do to make that a daycare. We have a supply and demand issue in the district due to an overwhelming number of kids who need care. This is a need for us as a community."

He continued, "This is a need for us. There isn't a clear timeline right now, but it's equipped to be a daycare with a playground and everything



In a marriage of design and safety, the permanent stage and seating in the new performing arts center will also protect the community in the event of severe weather as it doubles as a FEMA shelter.

already included."

The new preschool is also designed to grow, so there would be no need to expand classrooms back to the old building. The performing arts and early childhood center is designed to be able to add classrooms on the west side if the school needs to. They are also adding fencing and a playground once the weather is accommodating.

With the FEMA project closing out, Dr. Chancellor said there are other projects the school plans to work on in terms of overall campus improvement. He said, "We are to the point of the closeout

paperwork with FEMA, so we can't put that 100 percent done stamp on it yet, but we are close. After that, we've got our eye on some lighting projects at the school to convert to LEDs and things like that.

"Every year, we are looking at projects, and we get closer to determining where we will put our buses: how to we store them and do maintenance where they are inside? When the dust settles, then we'll start prioritizing other projects from there."

He said the FEMA project came in slightly under budget, which helps the school move forward with other projects.

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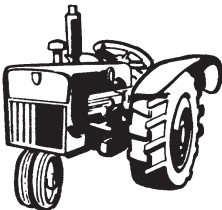
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Kenny and Carol have two children, Tammy House Caldwell and Chris House, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

"I'd like to get us where we're looking at projects annually."

Purdy district voters approved a \$2.3 million bond initiative on the August 2016 ballot. The bond was dedicated to constructing the new building with the aid of FEMA funding. Of the entire \$4.165 million price tag, \$2.3 million is a bond, FEMA contributed \$1.579 million and the remaining approximate \$286,000 is the responsibility of the district. The school broke ground on the project in January 2018 with construction complete in late fall 2018.

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Southwest names January Students of the Month

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February

Monday, February 11th

2:00 p.m.

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Join us for a fashion show at Peachtree with Bonworth Clothing! Bonworth Clothing is located in Springdale, and they will dress up some of our Peachtree models in their latest collections. Please join us for this special event! Beverages and cookies will be served. Please RSVP. See you there!

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Local quilter’s art on display at Barry County Museum

Vinnie Roberts

Vickie Clancy has quietly made a mark on the town of Cassville in the five years that she’s been here. She’s a masterful quilter, and her work will be on display in the Barry County Museum in a dedicated exhibit until March 16.

Clancy also makes quilts for people out of her studio for her in-home business Cottage Quilt Studio. The studio boasts a varied assortment of fabrics and materials, some of which are for sale. Clancy fashions quilts of all shapes, sizes, and materials by commission.

Clancy lived most of her life in the Los Angeles area of California before moving to Missouri in 2005. She then moved to Cassville after marrying husband, Scott, in 2014.

Clancy has been perfecting her quilting for more than two and a half decades. She is mostly self-taught and has made countless quilts for friends, relatives, and customers, in addition to some charitable quilting work within the community.

“I quilt for a variety of reasons,” said Clancy. “It’s a creative outlet in addition to producing useful items.”

Clancy is a seasoned veteran when it comes to quilting, having spent many years honing the craft.

“I have been quilting for 26 years,” said Clancy “I saw something in a magazine and said ‘I can do that’ so, I did.”

Clancy elaborated, “It’s a creative outlet, and it’s enjoyable for me. It’s very tactile. You’re giving the warm hug and sending it to your grand-

child who doesn’t live by you. As with any art, there is a wide range of emotions that go in to it. The colors and textures can express beauty and strength. If I’m making something for someone in particular, I often pray for them while working.”

Clancy spent her first decade in the art teaching herself how to quilt but, eventually began to learn from others to adapt new techniques and styles such as unique stitching techniques and using unique materials.

“I took my first actual class with an instructor ten years after I started,” said Clancy. “Every class has benefits because people have different ways of approaching different techniques. There’s so many different things that you can do that could be called ‘quilting.’”

In addition to her own in-home business, Clancy is the president of the Ozark Country Quilters (OCQ), an organization that has members from both Missouri and Arkansas. The Quilters’ first mission is to keep the craft of quilting alive for generations to come.

“We do classes and things like that because some of these ladies have been doing it their whole lives,” said Clancy. “They remember grandma showing them how to thread a needle.”

Clancy continued, “We teach each other. If someone is really good at something, we talk them in to teaching the rest of us.”

In addition to learning from one another and passing their skills down, the

OCQ also supports charitable acts in the community with their quilting.

“Our guild makes some quilts for the sheriff’s cars,” said Clancy. “We occasionally make some quilts for some Barry County drug houses. A year or two ago, somebody at Able 2 came down with cancer and the other employees wanted to a fundraiser and they asked us if we would do a quilt for them to raffle and we did.”

“The guild is community,” Clancy continued. “It’s a fellowship, it’s about getting together. We like to give back to our community.”

There is a wide variety of Clancy’s work on display at the museum, spanning her time in the art.



Vickie Clancy is pictured above in her studio. A selection of her quilts are currently on display at the Barry County Museum until March 16.

Some of them are pictorials, some of them are just shapes. It’s all quilting.”

Clancy’s work is on display at the Barry County Museum. The exhibit will remain until March 16. The museum is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but, starting February 23 the museum will also be open on Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact the Barry County Museum at (417) 847-1640. For more information on quilting or to get in touch with the Ozark Country Quilters, contact Vickie Clancy at (417) 342-1372.

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December

The Purdy Library announced its closure due to poor attendance. Closure was slated for March 1, 2019.

The Knights of Columbus held a coat drive and gave away 405 coats to area children in need.

CoxHealth announced plans for a new hospital located near Lowe’s in Monett. The facility will cost approximately \$42 million.

The City of Cassville earned a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting through efforts by City Finance Clerk and Finance Officer Jennifer Evans.

Local state representative Scott Fitzpatrick was selected as the new State Treasurer by Governor Mike Parsons.

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KELLY LYNN HUSE
Kelly Lynn Huse, age 45, of Aurora, passed away on Monday, January 28, 2019, at the UPMC Pinnacle Hospital in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She was born March 14, 1973, in Kankakee, Illinois, the daughter of Steven and Diana (Fenton) Carpenter.
Kelly was a 1991 graduate of North White High School in Monoh, Indiana, and graduated from Missouri State University in Springfield with her bachelor's degree. She was a teacher at the Junior High School in Verona.
On June 10, 2000, she married Brian Huse in Aurora.

Kelly is survived by her husband of 18 years, Brian; her mother, Diana Goudreau, of Mt. Vernon; her father, Steven Carpenter and his wife, Gail, of Taylorsville, Kentucky; two sons, Kris Ward and his wife, Lennie, of Seligman, and Tim Ward, of Monticello, Indiana; two stepsons, Greg Huse and his wife, Tameka, of Decatur, Alabama, and Shane Huse, of Springfield; one stepdaughter, Kala Myers and her husband, William, of Miller; six grandchildren, Austyn, Kaydence, Braylen, Alexis, Savannah and Alivia; two sisters, Teresa Martin and her husband, Gary, of Chilhowie, and Steffanie Tanner and her husband, Mike, of Camden, North Carolina; one brother, Steven Carpenter, Jr., of Sellersburg, Indiana; two stepbrothers, Davey Kelien and Matt Kelien and his wife, Christine, all of Louisville, Kentucky; and several nieces, nephews and other family members.
A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at

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the Crafton-Cantrell Funeral Home in Aurora. Burial followed at the Clio Cemetery.
Online condolences may be shared at www.Crafton-CantrellFuneralHome.com.



BOBBY JOE "BOB" CANTWELL
Bobby Joe "Bob" Cantwell, age 77, of Cassville, passed away Thursday, January 31, 2019, at his home.
He was born June 5, 1941, in Cassville, the son of Clida and Wilma L. (DeCocq) Cantwell. On January 19, 1963, he was united in marriage to Lana Watson, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Kevin Cantwell, of Springfield; one daughter, Krisi Parker and her husband, Johnny, of Republic; three sisters, Bonnie Miller, of Independence, and Beverly Ledenham and her husband, Darrell, and Brenda Epperly and her husband, Dennis, all of Cassville; one brother-in-law, Dale Mitchell, of Independence; and five grandchildren, Cody Cantwell and his wife, Lauren, Chase Cantwell and his wife, Adison, Jake Parker, Chad Parker and Scott Parker.
Preceding him in death were his parents; daughter-in-law, Lori Cantwell; one sister, Bette Mitchell; and a brother-in-law, LeRoy Miller.
Bob grew up and received his education in Cassville, graduating from Cassville High School in 1959. After high school, he helped build Beaver Dam. In June of 1962, he received Christ as his Savior. He was a member of Corinth Baptist Church and was ordained as a deacon on August 24, 1969, along with Ralph Paul and Ronnie Banks. He also served as music director in the church. Most of his life was spent in Cassville except for a few years in Kansas City, where he was superintendent at Marley Construction making cooling towers for refineries. The rest of his life was spent in Cassville as a self-employed carpenter, building homes throughout southwest Missouri. Bob sang with the Zioners and also Glory Bound, which performed at many events in southwest Missouri. Some of his favorite pastimes were, following the MSU Bears Basketball games, garden-

ing, telling stories, farming, hunting, especially squirrel hunting with his favorite dog, Penny, and most of all attending his grandchildren's sporting events.
Bob loved people and he loved life.
Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 3, 2019, at Corinth Baptist Church in Cassville under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
Contributions may be made to Corinth Baptist Church Building Fund in memory of Bob.
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in death were his parents and one brother, Don Nickell.
Survivors include one son, JL Nickell and his wife, Jo, of Aurora; one daughter, Stacy Brock, of Wheaton; four brothers, Steven Nickell, of Carson City, Nevada, Stan Nickell, of Boise, Idaho, Lewis Nickell, of Rock Springs, Wyoming, and Jay Nickell of Douglas, Wyoming; one sister, Sharon Holtwick, of Douglas, Wyoming; four grandchildren, Bailie, Allie, Austin and Justus; and two great-grandchildren, Knox and Saylor.
Darrell grew up in Wheaton, where he graduated from high school in 1966. In 1967, he joined the United States Navy, serving until 1971. He was a self-employed truck driver and lived in Barry County all his life. He enjoyed trucking and hauling cattle.
Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 7, 2019, at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Paul Wahlert will conduct the services. Burial with military honors will be at Reddick Cemetery in Garfield, Ark.
The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton.
Contributions may be made to Hospice Compassus or St. Jude Children's Hospital in memory of Darrell.
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LORI JEAN CLAYWELL

Lori Jean Claywell, age 63, of Cassville, passed away Friday, February 1, 2019, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville.

She was born November 2, 1955, in Kansas City, Kansas the daughter of Gerald W. and Mary Jean (Ora) Claywell, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death was one sister, Lora Claywell.

Surviving are one sister, Susan Eschbach and her husband, Carl, of Cassville, and two nephews, Ben Eschbach and Matthew Eschbach.

Lori graduated from Center Senior High School in Kansas City. She attended Avila College in Kansas City and then Park College in Parkville. For several years, she resided in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and owned a Laundromat in West Fork. In 2000, she moved to Cassville to make her home. While in Cassville she had been employed at Ramey’s Grocery Store and also McDonalds.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 9, 2019, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Andy Lambel will conduct

the services. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, February 11, 2019, at Highland Park Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Castaway Animal Rescue Effort in memory of Lori.

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ANDREW JACKSON “A.J.” HURST

Andrew Jackson “A.J.” Hurst, age 17, died Saturday, February 2, 2019, in Orlando, Florida.

He was born August 1, 2001, in Bridgeton, St. Louis, to William H. Hurst and Kimberly J. Loth. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Bob Loth. Survivors include his parents and his sister, Xandi Hurst; grandparents Dennis Hurst, of Cassville, Barbara Hurst, of Blackfoot, Idaho, and Matt and Laurie DeVito, of Tucson, Arizona; his aunts and uncles, Amy and Jay John-

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son, of Houston, Texas, and Tiffany and Richard Clark, of Tucson, Arizona; and cousins Jayce, Colten and Emily Johnson. He is also survived by a great-grandfather, Karl Loth, of Borculo, Michigan.

A.J. attended BYU Idaho and was with his parents and sister in Orlando for the weekend when he passed. A.J. loved travel and for one so young was well traveled. He lived in both Cairo, Egypt, and Shenzhen, China. He visited many countries including Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, England, Greece, Jordan, Thailand, Japan, and Vietnam. A.J. was a devoted fan of the Minnesota Vikings. He enjoyed both attending games and watching them with the DeVitos at home. He played the drums and loved music. A.J. enjoyed video games and would compete competitively playing Super Smash Bros. He was a skilled strategist for all sorts of games and enjoyed spending time with his family.

A.J. is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He held the office of Priest in the Aar-

onic priesthood. He was well loved by both his brethren in Tucson and also his fellow ward members at Rexburg.

Funeral services will be held in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel in Anderson, across from McDonald County High School, at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 9, 2019, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. A luncheon will follow. Burial will be at Hazel Green Cemetery in Boulder City. Donations in lieu of flowers are encouraged to the mental health awareness charity of your choice.

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JERRY LEE HOFFMAN, SR.

Jerry Lee Hoffman, Sr., age 75, of Aurora, passed away Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation Center in Cassville.

Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn

Funeral Home in Cassville. Burial will be at a later date at Gunter Cemetery in Butterfield.

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HARRELL L. BRABANT

Harrell L. Brabant passed on Sunday, Feb 3, 2019, at Medicalodge in Neosho. He was born Aug. 19, 1942, to Elmer and Helen (Steinman) Brabant, in Mexico, Mo.

Survivors include his wife, Nyla (Tuggle) Brabant, married Aug 12, 1970, in Hannibal; one son, Harrell L. Brabant, Jr., (Tiffany); two daughters, Brenda (Kelly) Lindsey, of Bethel, and Marla (Daniel) Thornburg, of Davenport, Iowa; and two stepsons, Larry (Holly) Thomas,

of Ozark, and Rick Thomas, of Los Angeles, Calif.

There are 12 grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren.

The Brabants operated Pit Stop Liquor in Cassville from 1986 to 1996 and were both 1960 graduates of Shelbyville High School. Harrell was married to 20% of the girls in the graduating class. They lived in Colorado Springs, Colo., from 1972 to 1986 and have many fond memories of the time spent there. Before moving to Cassville, he was mostly a truck driver.

Any donations can go to Children’s Miracle Network in his name. Harrell will be missed by many and remembered for his quick wit and poem and song writing ability.

Services will be held at 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 8, 2019, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Burial will be at Russell Cemetery in Butterfield.

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Nevada downs Cassville, 73-54

Lee Stubblefield

After posting consecutive conference wins over McDonald County and East Newton, the Cassville Wildcats faced a big test Friday night when they hosted the Nevada Tigers in a Big 8 West contest. The Tigers jumped in front early to take a 36-20 halftime lead and never let up in claiming a 73-54 victory.

Four Nevada players scored in double figures led by big center Dalton Gayman's 17 points.

DJ White led Cassville with his game-high 18.

The Wildcats stumbled out of the blocks in this one. White was whistled for two fouls in the first 36 seconds of the contest. Then Carson Roller rolled an ankle less than a minute later. coach Barrett Milleson had two starters sitting on the bench before anyone broke a sweat.

Gayman, tall, muscular and agile, scored 8 points in the first quarter as the Tigers roared to a 21-13 lead at the first break.

Both White and Roller checked in to start the second quarter, and the Wildcats came to life.

Dane Martin canned a trey from the top of the key to trim the lead, but Nevada's Lane McNeley answered with a bomb from the left wing. Roller hit from beyond the arc to cut the lead to 24-19 and Nevada answered again when Logan McNeley tossed in a three.

Then the Tigers raced through a 12-1 run to finish the period, taking a 36-20 halftime lead.

Nevada's Logan Applegate scored 7 points in the opening three and a half minutes of the third quarter, and the Tigers gained a 43-26 lead. Jarrod Wallace and White scored for the Wildcats, but a Carter Swearingen trey gave Nevada a 23-point lead at 53-30 with 2:58 on the clock.

Luke Lowery grabbed an offensive board then followed his own miss for a late score, and White finished the quarter with

a three-point play. But Nevada held a commanding 58-39 lead at the final break.

Relentless

Nevada spread the court in the final period but never quit trying to score. Shaun Gray finally substituted a new unit at the 1:59 mark with the Tigers leading 73-48.

White scored from the line and the field, and Wallace added a late basket against the mop-up crew to produce the 73-54 final.

Nevada improved to 15-5 with the victory. Cassville slipped to 11-9.

Cassville scorers: DJ White, 18; Jarrod Wallace, 10; Dane Martin, 8; Ethan Hoppes, 6; Luke Lowery, 6; and Carson Roller, 6.

Nevada scorers: Dalton Gayman, 17; Logan Applegate, 16; Lane McNeley, 14; Matthew Thompson, 11; Carter Swearingen, 8; and Logan McNeley, 7.

Lady Tigers control Cassville, 81-24

In the varsity girls matinee contest, Nevada put

on a scoring exhibition. The Lady Tigers rolled to an 81-24 win in impressive fashion. Nevada led after a quarter, 22-10. Then, 49-17 at the half. Then, 75-22 at the final break.

The Lady Wildcats could make no headway against this talented and focused team. Five Nevada girls scored in double figures.

Nevada never let up until the running clock of the fourth quarter, playing every possession like it was the last gasp of a district final. The Lady Tigers boosted their record to 16-4 with the win. Cassville dipped to 4-13.

Cassville scorers: Madry McCracken, 8; Kyren Postlewait, 8; Riley Morris, 6; and Lilly Harrison, 2.

Nevada scorers: Alison Bower, 15; Payge Dahmer, 15; Hailee Lundine, 12; Calli Beshore, 11; Hailey Jackson, 11; Tylin Heathman, 9; Lindley Ferry, 4; Teagan Charles, 2; and Sydney Ernsbarger, 2.

Purdy announces Academic All-State volleyball players



Purdy High School varsity volleyball coach Ashley Brown announced the 2018 volleyball Academic All-State recipients. Five Lady Eagles were honored for earning a grade point average of 3.6 or better and playing more than 75 percent of varsity games. Honorees are pictured, from left to right. Back row: sophomore Kinsley Mattingly; freshman Payton Crumpler; senior Emma Harkey; and senior McKenzie Renkoski. Front row: senior Madison Renkoski

Wheaton Lady Bulldogs upset Verona, 56-50

Lee Stubblefield

There will be no perfect conference record on the girls' side of the Ozark 7 this year.

The Wheaton Lady Bulldogs, after losing five of their last seven contests, got their mojo back just in time to earn a 56-50 home victory over Verona on Tuesday night. Verona's first conference loss of the season left the door open for multiple combinations of co or even tri conference champions.

There is little chance of winless Thomas Jefferson or seven-win Golden City upset-

ting Verona. Wheaton's title hopes ride with the Exeter Lady Tigers, who travel to Verona on Friday.

But forget the conference race. This game was critical for Wheaton, a team that once stood at 10-1 before stumbling through the recent 2-5 stretch. Wheaton needed this game for district seeding, and the Lady Bulldogs turned in a gutsy performance, erasing an eight-point Verona lead with a stunning 15-4 third quarter, and then meeting every challenge down the stretch.

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Purdy High School crowns queen, inducts new hall of fame members

The Purdy High School Student Council hosted its annual Homecoming week festivities Monday, January 28, through Friday, February 1. This year's theme was "We Love the '80s." Special dress-up days included: Fake an Injury Day, Twinsies Day and 80's Day. On Friday, the council held a special assembly to announce the 2019 Mr. Tip-Off. Candidates included: freshman Bentley Stephens, son of Jamie and Justin Roller and Mike and Shana Stephens; sophomore Jacob Brown, son of Darcy and Jason Brown; junior Scotty Henry, son of Brett and Deanna Henry; and senior Mason Schallert, son of Todd and Tracy Schallert. After the student body enjoyed a variety of spirited games, Schallert was crowned Mr. Tip-Off.

The 2019 Purdy High School Homecoming coronation was held between JV and varsity boys' basketball games against Crane. Mr. Tip-Off Mason Schallert crowned senior Isbell Ibarra in the packed gymnasium.

Ibarra's attendants included: freshman Areli Garcia, daughter of Max Mendez and Lilliana Mendez; sophomore Kinsley Mattingly, daughter of Jim and Rhonda Mattingly; and junior Soledad Salas, daughter of Tomasa and Jose Luis Salas. The royal court was led by kindergarten escorts Madison Robbins, daughter of Cecil and Jennifer Robbins; and Charlie Cornelius, son of Rusty and Jennifer Cornelius.

Prior to the coronation, the Purdy High School Athletic Hall of Fame inducted 1990s cross country champion Brian Lyons and the 1981 Girls' Basketball State Championship Team to its ranks. Legendary coach and hall member Mike Payne presented inductees with commemorative plaques and offered a warm welcome to the Hall of Fame family.

After soaring to the State cross country meet all four years of his PHS running career, Brian joined the Missouri Southern State University Track and Cross Country team as a walk-on, joining a very competitive group of runners.

His college accolades included team captain, MIAA Conference Champion and All-American. Brian led the Lions to four conference championships.

During his time at Missouri Southern, Brian met his wife, Margaret, a standout athlete on the MSSU women's track and cross country team. Brian and Margaret were inducted into the MSSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2014. Upon college graduation, Brian joined the running industry as a career leader, producing and providing support for running events

across the United States and working to help others succeed in the business. He has also completed seven marathons and several half marathons.

The Purdy Lady Eagles basketball team made school history in 1981 by bring-

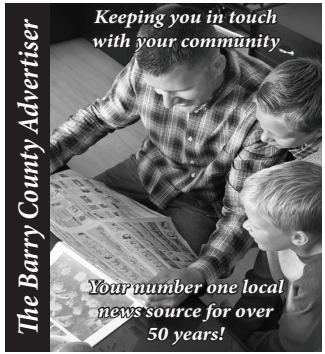
ing home the Class 1-A State Championship after earning a fourth place finish and the State Sportsmanship Trophy in 1980. Coach Bill Reece and his team returned to the Final Four in 1982, placing second in the state. The early '80s lady

eagles were a local basketball dynasty, igniting the spirit of the eagle within staff, students and the Purdy community as a whole.

In the years after their high school graduation and continuing into their adult



Reunited. The 1981 PHS State Basketball Championship Team recreated their victory pose at the ceremony on February 1. Teammates are pictured from left to right. Front row: DeAnna England Crossland, Becky Fly Woods, Mary Bennett Hall, Traci Hansen Smith and Catherine Richter. Back row: coach Bill Reece, Sherri Veith Brooks, Janice Saville Courdin, Dixie Williams Henry, Brenda Keeling McNeil, Melinda Hayes Chapman and Caren Corbett Gioannini.



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One of the 2019 Purdy High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Brian Lyons (left) joined his PHS cross country coach Steve Johnson (right) for a photo opportunity on February 1.

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HOMECOMING from 11A



The 2019 Purdy High School Homecoming court is pictured, from left to right: freshmen Areli Garcia and Bentley Stephens; juniors Soledad Salas and Scotty Henry; kindergarten escorts Charlie Cornelius and Madison Robbins; queen Isbell Ibarra and Mr. Tip-Off Mason Schallert; and sophomores Kinsley Mattingly and Jacob Brown. Photo courtesy of Rhonda Mattingly.

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lives, the members of the 1981 Purdy Lady Eagles basketball team continued to bleed black and gold, supporting their alma mater in a variety of ways and continuing to inspire

young Lady Eagles to dream, work hard and proudly represent their beloved school both on and off the basketball court.

When the 2011 Lady Eagles basketball team advanced to the Final Four, the 1981 ladies were there at the send-off assembly and at the tournament, cheering on their protégés who grew up hearing the stories of the legendary 1981 Purdy Lady Eagles State Championship Team.

Lyons and the '81 team joined existing members Norman "Gabby" Gibbons, Earl Miller, Becky Fly Woods, Mike Payne, Megan Leonard, Brenda Keeling McNeil and Nancy Easter. The evening's attendees enjoyed perusing a memorabilia exhibit, featuring photos, medals, trophies, letter jackets and plaques from the Hall's newest members.

UPSET from 10A

Verona's Twilah Carrasquillo, was just that in the first half. Wheaton's Jessica Lombard assigned Zoie Simpson the task of guarding Carrasquillo, and whenever Verona's superstar got the ball, she faced a double or even a triple team to deny her trademark drive and finish.

Against the smothering Wheaton defense, Carrasquillo escaped for 18 first half points, leading the Lady Wildcats to a 31-23 lead at intermission. Wheaton led at the end of the first quarter, 11-9, feeding off the energy of a Rachel Lacey trey. But Verona controlled the second stanza, outscoring Wheaton 22-12 in that frame.

Wheaton's Hallie Mitchell wore a blanket of Wildcats in that first half, scoring just a single basket against Verona's extended defense.

Jessica Lombard showed a little Bobby Knight in that first half, expressing her frustration on the sideline. When Carrasquillo snaked inside for an offensive rebound and scored to tie the game at 2-2, Lombard immediately called for time to pointedly remind her team to block out and rebound.

NBA legend Charles Barkley summed up rebounding strategy with the simple phrase: "Go get the ball." However, Lombard phrased it in the locker room, her girls stormed onto the court and played a fundamentally sound second half.

The Lady Bulldogs rallied to start the third quarter, gaining a 35-35 tie with a 12-4 run. Then, Alyia Prewitt scored from the field, and Simpson added a free throw to give Wheaton a 38-35 lead at the final break.

Another challenge arose when Lacey picked up her fourth personal foul early in the third.

Carrasquillo was held to a single field goal in that period. Verona fought back in the fourth, earning a brief lead as the score mounted. Prewitt erased Verona's advantage, scoring in the paint for a 41-41 tie with 4:03 on the clock. Then, she added a free throw, hitting the second of two chances after being fouled on a fast break.

Verona grabbed another lead at 43-42 on an inbounds play when Rita Castillo was left unguarded. But Lacey answered quickly, drilling a bomb from the right wing for a 45-43 Wheaton lead as the clock passed the three minute mark.

Verona gained the last tie of the game on a Paige Bauer bucket for a 45-45 score with 2:44 to play.

Wheaton finally broke in front when Prewitt caught a press-breaker pass in traffic, and saw her shot hit the rim and crawl over for a 49-46 lead.

Forced to foul in the final minute and a half, Verona could only watch as Tori Goostree buried six consecutive free throws to ice the game. Prewitt added one more point in the final seconds as Wheaton claimed the 56-50 victory.

Wheaton improved to 15-7 with the win and has regular season games remaining against Thomas Jefferson, Golden City and Sheldon.

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Dr. Z bids farewell to Cassville patients and friends

Vinnie Roberts

For 14 years, Dr. Jaime Zengotita was a trusted name in healthcare for Barry County patients. This week, a thankful populace bid farewell to one of its most beloved physicians.

Dr. Zengotita, or Dr. Z as he was affectionately known by patients and staff, began his medical career in his home province of Puerto Rico. At the University of Puerto Rico, Dr. Zengotita received his bachelor's degree in Biology, before moving on to the Ponce School of Medicine, where he received his doctorate.

From there, Dr. Zengotita did his residency at Summa Health System in Akron, Ohio. Dr. Hernandez, who was working as a physician in Cassville, recruited Dr. Zengotita to come to Cassville to work with him within what was known at the time as St. John's network.

"Back in 2004, Dr. Hernandez, who actually practiced medicine in Ohio, came here to Cassville and basically, he recruited me," stated Dr. Zengotita.

Dr. Zengotita joined the staff of St. John's Roaring River Clinic. At the time, Roaring River Clinic was one of two in Cassville, the other being St. John's Cassville Clinic.

Later in his career, Dr. Zengotita teamed up with Dr. Connie Butler to consolidate the two clinics into the Roaring River Clinic in order to provide more

adequate care for the community.

"He's just been great to work with. He's very selfless, always thinking of our patients and our coworkers," said Dr. Butler. "He works very hard. He definitely always has in mind the community, the hospital, our clinic and the patients at all times."

"At that point, the hospital itself was struggling with patient care and physician coverage," said Dr. Zengotita. "Dr. Butler and I decided to join forces. We shut down the St. John's Cassville Clinic and went together to the Roaring River Clinic. At that point, we were working well together and started growing. We were active in the hospital and active in the clinic. The clinic was continually growing. We hired a number of advanced practitioners, PAs (physician's assistants) and nurse practitioners."

Eventually, the size of the staff and demand from the community led Dr. Butler and Dr. Zengotita to spearhead plans to build a new clinic that was attached to the hospital itself, creating what we now know as Mercy Clinic, of Cassville.

"We had grown so much at that point that the Roaring River Clinic just wasn't big enough," said Dr. Zengotita. "So, at that point we started looking in to the building of the new clinic and expansions to the hospital. The community was

gaining confidence in us and gaining confidence in the hospital."

Dr. Zengotita recalls that time as being one of the best periods of his career.

"The process of building the new clinic was very exciting," said Zengotita.

Even though Dr. Zengotita recently left the Cassville clinic, he still works within the Mercy system, albeit in a new, more administrative role.

Mercy is partnered with a company called GoHealth, a company that is considered to be one of the leading companies in urgent care. This allowed Mercy to open several new urgent care facilities, two in Springfield and two in northwest Arkansas with more expected to open in the area in the near future. Dr. Zengotita will serve as the medical director of those facilities.

"Essentially, my new role is to oversee the providers, the medical quality and the development of those urgent care facilities," said Dr. Zengotita. "I'll spend a couple of shifts a week seeing patients, and the rest will be administrative."

At his farewell party on January 31, Dr. Zengotita commented that the decision to leave was difficult but that it would ultimately be a new challenge for him and allow him to spend more time with his family.

"This has been a hard decision for him, I think. We will definitely miss him.

Not having him in the clinic will be hard," said Dr. Butler.

Taylor Weaver, practice manager of Mercy Clinic Family Medicine in Cassville, said, "He really is a father-figure. He's wonderful, he really is the dad of the clinic. He brings everybody under his wing and is willing to teach you. It's tragic. We know we can't replace him. I mean, we can get a new person, but we can't replace him. So, we're just going to have to build a new family unit."

Dr. Zengotita used his farewell party, which was open to the public, as an opportunity to thank his coworkers and patients for allowing him to help build a thriving clinic. Patients tearfully thanked him. Coworkers expressed their love for him during a video presentation orchestrated by Dr. Butler and Weaver.

The line to say farewell to Dr. Zengotita stretched from one end of the generously-sized conference room to the other.

"The clinic coworkers have been like family," said Dr. Zengotita. "They're committed, their hearts are in the right place. I know the patients will be well cared for."



Above, Dr. Jaime Zengotita bid a fond farewell to fellow staff and patients at his goodbye party at Mercy Hospital on Thursday, January 31.

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Southwest announces second quarter perfect attendance

9th grade: Macy Colf, Andrew Cornell, Xander Deshields, Natalie Johnson, Ryan Lawrence, Christian Long, Austin Peterson, Aidan Rhodes, Jesus Rodriguez, Max Terry and Sawyer Varner.

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Taylor, Sarah Terry, Anna Trimble, Caison Uthe and Nathan Wallace.

12th grade: Elijah Atkinson, Timothy Bee, Hannah Cypret, Nathaniel Jones, Dakota Saunders, Trevor Sneed and Heather Windes.



CASSVILLE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Cassville R-IV School Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, December 13, at 6 p.m.

Board members Becky Henningson, Steve Henbest, David Haddock, Wade Hermansen, Jeremy Marple, Chad Yarnall and Jon Horner were present at the meeting.

Staff members superintendent Dr. Richard Asbill, Eric White, Traci Mitchell, Amy Stephenson, Keith Robertson, Nathan Carter, Doug Martin, Jim Barton, Jeff Swadley and Catherine Weaver were in attendance, as well as facilities and operations director Dusty Reid and board secretary Stacey Williams.

Guests present were: Justin James, Clara Hermansen, Kamryn Jaques, Damaris Taylor, Claire Hurst, Jill Poulson, Samantha Cospers, Michael Hall, Laura Etter, Mandy Boone, Janet Starnes, Sheila Littlefield, Lisa Schell, Kim Cupps and Mary Hagens. Also in attendance were Kyle Troutman with the Cassville Democrat and Vinnie Roberts with Barry County Advertiser.

The Cassville R-IV School Board of Education meeting was called to order by president of the board Becky Henningson.

The following programs were evaluated: Communication Arts, Foreign Language, Winter Sports and the student program was High School Chemistry 101 by Mandy Boone, Laura Etter, Doug Martin, Stephanie Mebruer, respectively. Mebruer was joined by Chem 101 students Justin James, Clara Hermansen, Kamryn Jaques, Damaris Taylor and Claire Hurst.

ried with seven yea votes and no votes.

A motion was made by Jeremy Marple and seconded by Jon Horner to approve additions to the sub list. The motion carried with seven yea votes and zero no votes.

A motion was made by Jeremy Marple and seconded by Chad Yarnall to approve the FEMA Lease Prepayment. The motion carried with seven yea to zero no votes.

A motion was made by Jon Horner and seconded by Jeremy Marple to approve the Regional Behavior Center Cooperative (SPED) Agreement. The motion carried with seven yea votes and zero no votes.

A motion was made by David Haddock and seconded by Wade Hermansen to approve the Agreement with Research To Practice Support Services (Speech Services). The motion carried with seven yea votes and zero no votes.

A motion was made by Jon Horner and seconded by Jeremy Marple to approve the 2017-2018 Audit Report and Management/ Discussion Letter from KPM CPAs, PC. The motion carried with seven yea votes and zero no votes.

A motion was made by Jon Horner and seconded by Jeremy Marple to amend the FY 2018 Budget for the school year 2018-2019. The motion carried with seven yea votes and zero no votes.

A motion was made by David Haddock and seconded by Steve Henbest to approve the RFP/RFQ for the CTS Group. The motion carried with seven yea votes and zero no votes.

A motion was made by David Haddock and seconded by Steve Henbest to approve the Substitute Rate of \$80 a day for a Classified Aide effective immediately. The motion carried with seven yea votes and zero no votes.

The following items were presented for Discussion and Information: Capital Projects, District Performance – Strategic Planning and Annual Performance Report and Calendar Planning 2019-2020.

A motion was made by Chad Yarnall and seconded by Wade Hermansen to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel hiring, firing, and disciplining or promoting employees; and student matters. The meeting was to be closed under Section 610.021, Subsection (3) and Subsection (6) RSMO; with minutes closed to public examination. The motion carried with an all yea roll call.

A motion was made by Jon Horner and seconded by Wade Hermansen to return to regular session. The motion carried with an all yea roll call.

A motion was made by Chad Yarnall and seconded by Jeremy Marple to adjourn. The motion carried with seven yea votes and zero no votes.

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Sophomores: Dylan Berndt, Jazmin Carroll, Zachary Coenen, Josie Guevara, Olivia Holman, Lakein Madison, McKenzie McNabb, Zane Mebruer, Cole O'Neill, Robert Preddy and Jordyn Stafford.

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Seniors: Andrew Berndt, Kobe Blisard, Somer Brooks, Avery Brown, Jeremiah Davison, Carter Fletcher, Shannon Haney, Brianna Hemphill, Samuel Holman, Claire Hurst, Cale Jackson, Cole Jackson, Kamryn Jaques, Adrien Lee, Andrew Littlefield, Dylan McCormack, Colton Moore, Reilly Nichols, Jamison Oliphant, Marisa Padilla, Drew Speakman, Kaitlyn Stockton, Damaris Taylor and Joua Thao.

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Sophomores: David Aplin, Kyra Bailey, Jennifer Bickford, Zayne Bouchard, Jaden Christen, Zackary Duncan, Patrick Dunker, Russell Dunker, Hallie Hackler, Makayla Harvey, Kailey Hermosillo, Josiah Hill, Shane Holman, Layne Jung, Yessnie Lepez, Robert Massey, David Oliphant, Emily Ortega-Reyes, Adrienne Quiros, Sadie Reuter, Adrian Salas, Camron Sloan, Jamie Watts, Carson Whittemire, Ryan Yang and Chantly Yarnall.

Juniors: Devon Brookes, Addyson Brophy, Samuel Cochran, Steven Collinwood, Nefertiti Gautney-Lopez, Eleanor Good, Opal Gouvion, Xain Gray, Tyler Hagerman, Jillian Hang, Tressa Hilburn, Kya Kraft, Parker Marple, Tayler McCullah, Angela Meza, Juliette Okel, Daisy Olsen, Bowen Preddy, Andrew Prier, Carson Roller, Riley Rowden, Sophie Scott, Katelynn Smith and Cole Stringer.

Seniors: Erika Aguirre, Callie Beagle, Samantha Blanger, Lucas Bowers, Carinnia Brookes, Zackery Burton,

Derek Christy, Kimberly Coolidge, Alexis Coursey, Jaden Davis, Maria Dias, Schauna Dilbeck, Chloe Flowers, Raven Ganoung, Miranda Hang, Mary Hayse, Clara Hermansen, Abigail Homan, Justin James, Zylin Jung, Alex Mackey, Marissa Matthews, Ashtyn McFarland, Lauren McManus, Jose Melchor, Hayley Nape, Kiarrah Niebla, Donny Parker, Noah Parsons, Jesus Perez, Dalia Phelps, Michaela Preddy, Joseph Roberts, Kaitlyn Roberts, Austin Sanders, Cindy Sanders, Brendan Seufert, Rainy Shipman, Brianna Smith, Isaiah Stanley, Jacob Stattler, Quentin Steinmann, James Stiehm-Okel, Elizabeth Tankersley, Lauren Turner, Colter West, Maria Wise and Garrett York.

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Sophomores: Zachary Acheson, Denisse Aguinaga, Ayasha Andrews, Killian Barbee, Hailey Bowen, Jayden Bowman, Trenton Carlin, Zachary Carney, Jasmine Carter, Savannah Comfort, Michael Coolidge, Erika Cortez, Brina Daniels, Summer Driver, Pace Evans, Evan Foulke, Hannah Hackler, Lilly Harrison, Andey Hunter, Abigail Jackson, Ariana Lemus Whittenburg, Cameron Lewis, Jordan Lewis, Amanda Manning, Nicholette Melchor, Harmony Mills,

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Cox Monett team earns Silver Spoon award

Cox Monett Food and Nutrition Services Department has been awarded a Silver Spoon award by the Barry County Health Department. In 2018, 179 food establishments were inspected, and of those only 25 received the coveted award.

The awards are presented to food establishments in Barry County that did not have any priority or core health violations and had a valid permit between January 1 and December 31, 2018.

"Achieving a Silver Spoon award is a level of recognition that all of us in the food service industry strive for," said Jason Bauer, system director for Food and Nutrition Services at CoxHealth. "Our team at Cox Monett excels at the rigorous requirements for food safety—we plan to display this award proudly."

This is the tenth year that the health department has recognized establishments for demonstrating excellence in public food safety through the Silver Spoon award. The frequency of inspection of each food establishment is de-

termined by public health priority, which is calculated by a risk assessment worksheet. Establishments are

rated as high, medium, or low priority.

Cox Monett, rated as high priority, was inspect-

ed at a minimum of three times in 2018.



Members of the Cox Food and Nutrition team receiving the award, seated from left to right are: Rebecca Murphy and Carolyn Constance. Back row: Kimberly Scritchfield, Barry County Health Department Environmentalist; Fabiola Ortiz Rodriguez; Cynthia Anderson; Ella Withnall; James Konstanzer; James Shipman; Ashley Snow and Roger Brock, administrator of the Barry County Health Department. Not pictured: Donna Bower; Merrian Copeland; Destiny Riley Haskins; Zane Rosenbalm; Samantha Utter; Angela Jenkinsl and Kristine Walton.

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50th annual Monett Ag. Conference features dairy

Local dairymen who are both seasoned and new to the industry selected three critical topics important to the dairy industry.

On February 12, all are invited to the Monett Armory, 300 Chapell Dr., from 10-2 to learn from dairy professionals and MU’s state veterinarian. To kick off the conference at 10 am, Reagan Bluel, MS Ruminant nutritionist and dairy specialist from MU Extension plans to present: “Revisiting Basic Nutrition Principles”. Followed by a HANDS ON Udder Dissection, by Dr. Scott Pock, Univ. of Missouri Extension State Dairy Veterinarian.

“The profitability of a dairy farm pivot around these two topics, milk quality and nutrition,” said Bluel. “You’ll head home from this meeting equipped to assess your feeding operation, and a visual understanding of how mastitis impacts the udder tissue.”

A catered lunch sponsored by commercial exhibitors and the Monett Chamber of Commerce will provide a break. The final portion of the day wraps up with MU’s Ag Economist Dr. Scott Brown presenting, “The Effect of the 2018 Farm bill provisions on the Dairy Industry.”

“This new farm bill has some much needed relief available to dairymen,” said Scott Brown, Assistant Extension Professor Agricultural and Applied Economics.

For an accurate meal count, please pre-register by calling the Barry Co. Extension office at (417) 847-3161. The fee for the conference is \$5.00 and can be paid at the door the day of the event.

Central Crossing Senior Center earns Silver Spoon



The Central Crossing Senior Center was presented the coveted Silver Spoon Award by the Barry County Health Department for zero health violations in the kitchen and dining facilities for all of 2018. This is a high honor and is only awarded to permitted food establishments which have demonstrated sustained excellence in public health food safety.

Pictured, from left to right: Jan Cox-Drews, Barry County Health Department; Rita Warner, CCSC; Joni Herzog, CCSC; Barbara Bass, CCSC; Judy Sell, Kimberly Scritchfield, both Barry County Health Department; and Terri Johnson, CCSC Administrator.

MDC reports season deer harvest more than 290,300

Missouri’s 2018-2019 deer-hunting season ended Jan. 15 with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reporting a preliminary total harvest of 290,339 deer. Top counties for the overall season were Franklin with 5,826 deer harvested, Callaway with 5,545, and Howell with 5,350. Of the 290,339 deer harvested, 136,776 were antlered bucks, 30,116 were but-

ton bucks, and 123,447 were does.

Barry County’s totals were 2,377 in total, with 1,204 of those antlered bucks, 217 button bucks and 956 does.

Hunters harvested 284,477 deer during the 2017-2018 deer hunting season. The most recent record season was in 2012-2013 with a total harvest of 313,254.

Deer hunting ended with

the close of the archery season. Preliminary data from MDC showed that hunters checked 54,447 deer during the archery season. Top counties for the archery season were Jefferson with 1,262 deer harvested, St. Louis with 1,083, and Franklin with 1,068. Hunters checked 51,991 deer during the 2017-2018 archery season.

Fall archery turkey hunt-

ing also ended Jan. 15. Preliminary data from MDC showed 2,095 turkeys harvested. Top counties for the archery turkey season were Callaway with 56 birds harvested, Franklin with 44, and Monroe with 38. For the previous year, hunters harvested 2,426 turkeys during the fall archery season.

Get more deer and turkey harvest data for the current

season at short.mdc.mo.gov/Z3g. Get deer harvest data for past seasons at short.mdc.mo.gov/Z3M. Get turkey harvest data for past seasons at short.mdc.mo.gov/Z3Y.

Conservation makes Missouri a great place to hunt deer and turkey. For more information, go online to huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/.

MDC reported eight firearms-related hunting

incidents during the 2018 fall deer and turkey hunting seasons. Three were fatalities with two occurring incidental to hunting while at hunting camps and one was a self-inflicted incident in the field. Of the five non-fatal incidents, four were self-inflicted and the fifth occurred when the shooter shot a victim while swinging on game.



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In Matthew 15, the traditions of the elders concerning washing was to “protect” the Jews from approaching God with unclean hands. The problem is, this protection eventually crystallized into unapproved doctrine.

The apostle Paul is very clear: God has given us “all things that pertain unto life and godliness.” 2 Peter 1:3.

We don’t need to add, regardless of the motive. The dangers of adding, even with the intent of enhancing, improving or protecting God’s original intent are evident in the words of Jesus just a few verses later in Matthew 15:7-9: “Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, this people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

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Health Department hands out Silver Spoons

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ed as high, medium, or low priority.

Eleven establishments that are rated high, and are inspected a minimum of three times per year, are recipients of the 2018 Silver Spoon Award. They are: Cassville Intermediate School, Cassville High School, Cassville Primary/Middle School, Mercy Hospital, Exeter R-VI School, Cox Monett Hospital, Monett Senior Center, Purdy R-II School, Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob School, and Terry's Café.

There are three medium rated establishments that received the honor. These food service facilities are inspected a minimum of twice a year. They are: Roaring River Waterslide, Little Tommy's and Subway #17461 (Shell Knob).

A total of eleven establishments with a low priority rating achieved the Silver Spoon. Low priorities are inspected at least once a year. The establishments are: Herb Depot & Organic Market, Modern Variety, Tried & True Tans & Sno, and VB Hall Antique Warehouse (Monett); G's Orchard (Verona); Nita's Cakes, Big M Marina and Roaring River State Park Store (Cassville); L & L Stop & Shop (Exeter), Edgewood Creamery (Purdy), The Red Barn Antiques (Shell Knob).

The Health Department congratulates these establishments and hopes the recognition will encourage all food establishments to strive to provide the safest food to Barry County residents.

CMS names January Students of the Month



Each month, Cassville Middle School students are nominated by teachers and coaches for Students of the Month, sponsored by Willis Insurance. Students are selected based on their academic excellence, perseverance, or improvement, displaying exemplary citizenship and are a positive influence on school culture. Students of the Month receive a candy bar, a Subway gift card, Cassville Cash and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant with principal Mr. Barton.

The January Cassville Middle School Students of the Month are pictured above with CMS principal Jimmie Barton and Willis Insurance employees Jeremy Marple, Andy Reavis and Annette Henderson.

January's Students of the Month are: 7th grader Katlyn Malone, daughter of Jason and Crystal Malone, of Cassville; sixth grader: Jessica Marlowe, daughter of Christopher and Valentina Marlowe, of Cassville; and 8th grader Seth Williams, son of Steve and Melissa Williams, of Golden.

Farm Bureau donates to Ronald McDonald House



Todd Mitchell, representing Barry County Farm Bureau, donated four cases of chicken to the Ronald McDonald House, in Joplin. Pictured is Todd Mitchell, left, and his daughter, Morgan Mitchell, right.

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Mary Lemings: mary@wintechinc.com

Jack Williams: jwilliams@wintechinc.com



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Marck recycling has an immediate opening for an Accounting Assistant for its corporate office in Cassville. This is a full-time position with benefits.

Please send resumes to lpercy@marck.net or fax to: 417-847-5990, or apply in person at 401 Main St., Suite E, Cassville

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CITY OF BUTTERFIELD

Accepting Sealed Bid on Construction of New City Hall

The City of Butterfield is accepting sealed bids for the construction of a new city hall.

Prospective bidders can pick up a bid packet between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on M, W, TH, F at 10601 N. Ash St, Butterfield.

Bids should include Certificate of liability insurance. Bids must be submitted in a sealed enveloped marked City Hall Construction Bid.

Bids can be mailed or hand delivered to: Butterfield City Hall, Attn: City Clerk, P.O. Box 235, Cassville, MO 65625

Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 18, 2019.

For more information contact Tracy Anders, City Clerk, at 417-442-7975 or butterfield@totalhighspeed.com. The City of Butterfield reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

SOUTHWEST R-V School District in Washburn, MO

is taking applications for an immediate second shift Custodial Position

The hours are 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, paying \$10.50 per hour.

A background check is required. This is a full-time position with benefits such as vacation, sick/personal days, retirement and various insurance plans available.

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Please call Justin Speer at 417-671-2472 with any questions.

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SWFFA SAE Spotlight: Joey Patterson

SAE Spotlight Southwest FFA: Joey Patterson

• Explain in your words what an SAE project is and what this means to you.

Patterson: An SAE project begins when one decides to work on their own and take charge of hands-on job learning. This gives me a chance to express myself while inspiring others through doing something that I love.

• What is your SAE?

Patterson: For my SAE project, I manage "Our Sweetwater Farm" with Lily and Nate Palmer. Each day I will feed goats, sheep, turkey, chickens and dogs and occasionally do other farm work.

• What about your SAE interests you?

Patterson: The part that interests me the most is that every day, I get to go outside and work with a large variety of animals.

• How can this opportunity help in your future?

Patterson: This opportunity is already preparing me for my future by teaching me responsibility and independence in the workplace.

• What have you found to be your greatest strengths and weaknesses through



Patterson

your SAE project?

Patterson: My greatest strength is thinking and working independently under stressful conditions. My greatest weakness is that sometimes I begin to work without thinking things all the way through.

• Has this experience

helped you make any decisions regarding your future career?

Patterson: By working on a farm, it made clear to me that this is what I want to do for the rest of my life. In the future, I hope to own both animals and crops.

Exeter announces December Character Kids



Exeter Elementary recently named the December Character Kids of the Month. Students were selected for the character trait of kindness. Pictured above, from left to right, in the front row: Jaxon Crumpler, Roper Lyons, Charlee Eaton, Luna Xiong, Lilian Rogers and Riley Stogdill. Back row: Cameron Brattin, Katira Tilford, Noah Beck, Taylor Mattingly, Brodie Canady and Haidyn Woods. Not pictured: Chloe Henderson and Ivey Reed.

WII bowling beginning at Central Crossing Senior Center

Cassville Schools rewards kids for attending school as they believe it is one of the most important things students can do to help achieve academic success. At Eunice Thomas Elementary, every month one class per grade level is presented with the "Best Attendance" trophy and "Most Improved Attendance" trophy.

The November winning classes for Most Improved Attendance were Ms. Wilson's kindergarten class, Mrs. Crawford's first grade class and Mrs. Lyall's second grade class.

WII bowling will start again this year at Central Crossing Senior Center and they are in need of players.

If you already have a group of four who want to be your own team or if you just enjoy WII bowling and want to be placed on a team, call or come on in and speak to Janet Horine at (913) 526-0180 or administrator Terry at the center at (417) 858-6952.

The season is beginning now, and it's not too late to join in on the fun. Games begin right after lunch on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Cassville classes rewarded for November Most Improved Attendance



Knights of Columbus donate to Cassville Special Ed. program



The Knights of Columbus, Council 8865 with the St. Edwards Catholic Church located in Cassville, donated \$750 to the Cassville R-IV Special Education Department. The Knights raised the donations through their annual Tootsie Roll drive.

Pictured, from left to right, in the front row: Nevaeh Hall; Noah Johnson; Jonah Thao; and Carinnia Hall. Back row: Roger King, Project Chairman for Tootsie Roll drive; Sally Knight; Debbie Williams; Anne Dalton; Cheryl Dubuque; Julie Dillow; Tyler Hagerman; and Tim Colf, Grand Knight.

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Wed: Chef's Choice
Thurs: Chili loaded baked potato, snickerdoodle cheesecake bar
Fri: Roast beef & cheddar on onion roll, macaroni salad, Reese's peanut butter blondies

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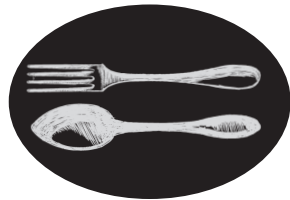
Laney Roller, Mayra Serrano and Silvia Serrano.

Juniors: Brandon Annecharico, Jesse Anthonysz, Nathaniel Boley, Julia Brown, Quinn Cook, Cathrine Edmondson, Derek Hess, Dusti Hodge, Summer Kilpatrick, Timothy Mason, Mindy McClary, Riley Mills, Lindee Mitchell, Ethan Nape, Jacob Olbertz, Hector Perez, Ashlyn Pulliam, Bridgette Sutter, Jacob Thomas, Pamela Velasquez Vail, Hallie Walker, Kel Wilson and Neo Woodyard.

Seniors: Keaton Artherton, Matthew Bonass, McKayla Burnside, Nathan Dick, Taylor Fisher, Hunter Harris, Cameron Homan, Cheyenne Hopkins, Michalea Hunter, Michael Hunter, Evan Kessinger, William Lowery, Colton Messbarger, Alondra Miller, Jerico Miller, Trevor Morgan, Lindsay Moss, Morgan Popanz, Austin Reed-Utter, Robert Richie, Camden Roller, Chloe Roller, Devin Smith, Vance Supulver and Preston Yunk.

Cassville Library events

- Saturdays are game days at the library. Board and card games are available to use at your leisure to enjoy with friends and family. The Cassville Branch is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays.
- Adult Trivia Night is Thursday, February 7, at 6 p.m. Enjoy friendly competition with fun, snacks and prizes included.
- The new DVD release, Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, will be shown on Friday, February 8, at 3:30 p.m. Bring your own treats.
- Indivisible, a war drama film rated PG-13, will be the Monday Movie Matinee shown on February 11 at 1:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring your own snacks.
- Cheyenne Stone is a certified yoga instructor and holds practice each Monday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Bring your own mat for this hour-long session. Arrive 10 minutes prior to the beginning of class. There is a \$10 charge, cash only.
- All branches of the BLRL will be closed for President's Day on Monday, February 18, 2019.
- February is Library Lover's Month. Show your support for library activities by becoming a Friend of the Library. Call the branch at (417) 847-2121 or stop by for more information. The Cassville Area Friends of the Library help support adult and tween canvas painting, preschool story time, springtime Bunny Brunch and more.



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