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## Spotlight

### Courthouse closed

The Barry County Judicial Center and Courthouse will be closed Monday, February 15, for President's Day.

### Live music

Jersey's will have live music on Friday, February 12, starting at 9 p.m. For more information, see their ad on page 8A.

### Trivia Night

There will be a trivia night to benefit the Cassville Education Fund on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in the high school commons area. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (417) 847-2814.

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## Raging fire engulfs truck shop along Hwy. 37

Charlea Mills

A massive fire burned one building down and spread to a field off of Highway 37 near Butterfield on Monday afternoon. No one was hurt in the blaze.

According to the call log at the Barry County E9-1-1 Center, a call came in at 12:56 p.m. on February 8 about a fire at a truck repair shop near Payless Auto Salvage just off of the highway. The address of the fire was 11679 Private Road 1084.

In two minutes, fire departments were dispatched. By 1:09 p.m., firefighters were on the scene working on the blaze.

Even being on the scene 13 minutes after the call came in, it took firefighters from multiple districts over three hours to put out the flames in the shop building, as well as the field next to it. After the fire had been burning for an hour, an explosion sent a fire ball and mushroom cloud of black

smoke into the air. The cause of the explosion is unknown at this time, but it appeared that there were tires and tools inside the burning building, as well as at least one vehicle.

Cassville Fire Chief Mil-lard Andrews took over the scene, even though it was in Butterfield Fire's district. Andrews confirmed that no one was hurt in the fire. He also said that the incident is under investigation by the State Fire Marshall, so no comments can be made regarding the details of the scene.

Fire fighters worked tirelessly in the extremely windy conditions Monday afternoon, bringing tankers full of water and preventing the flames from spreading. The wind fueled the fire so quickly that tanker trucks were rushing back and forth all afternoon, utilizing as many gallons as water as they could to combat the flames taking the building



Black smoke filled the sky on Monday afternoon when a truck repair shop caught fire and the fire spread to a field beside it. It took crews over three hours to extinguish the blaze.

to the ground.

On the far side of the field that caught fire are multiple modular homes. Firefighters were able to stop the spread in the field to protect those homes.

Nearby buildings Payless

Auto Salvage and a counseling and treatment facility were thankfully unscathed by the flames.

Cassville Fire, Butterfield Fire, Purdy Fire, Monett City Fire, Monett Rural Fire, Exeter Fire, Wheaton Fire, the Barry

County Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and CoxHealth EMS were all on scene to help with extinguishing the fire, traffic control and medical assistance if it was necessary.

## Barry County Sheriff not seeking re-election

Charlea Mills

At a staff meeting on Tuesday afternoon, 20-year Barry County Sheriff Mick Epperly announced that he will not be seeking re-election for a sixth term.

Epperly revealed the news to his staff in an emotional meeting at Barry Electric, his wife, Anna, at his side. Epperly somberly told his staff, "I'm not seeking my sixth re-election." He said, "It was a tough decision, but it was time."

Epperly said, "I wanted to get it out to my staff first and then the public deal with it from there. And I can say it's just been an honor to work for Barry County and to support law enforcement, and I'll continue to support law enforcement as long as I live. Because I know what we go through; I know what you guys go through."

Epperly regaled his 28 years in law enforcement, starting at a time when he drove his own car with two other officers. He gave reasons such as health issues and the brutality of election campaigns as part of his opting not to seek re-election.

He said, "Twenty-eight years of law enforcement, and I still love it. I enjoyed it. I'm not a sheriff that was sitting at a desk. Most of the time, I was out with [the deputies] on a lot of cases. I liked to be the first one to knock the door in on occa-



Sheriff Mick Epperly talks to his daughter who watched the announcement via teleconference Tuesday afternoon.

sions.

"But I think you know, it's time to move on, and hand the torch to somebody else."

Epperly also shared one of the paramount reasons that he ran for Sheriff back in 1996 to begin with. An officer was killed after buying Epperly's car, using his badge number and working his shift. After that, he knew it was the right thing to do. But now, all these years later, he's ready to hang up his hat.

Epperly said that he really credits his deputies and his staff with his successes as Sheriff. "I couldn't have done it without good people. We've got a really good

Sheriff's office, and as I step down, I hope that person does better, and I'll be proud of them. It took a long time to get here."

He went on, "A lot of things that went on, and you know, we've made some big arrests. We arrested some big time dope dealers, murderers, and proud to get them off the street. And it's just I'm going to open up another chapter in my life. I feel like God's wanting me to do that. And you go with your gut feeling."

While county filings do not begin until Feb. 23, there has been speculation as to

See SHERIFF on 16A



The tire shop was completely engulfed with flames while the firefighters attempted to control it. There was one person in the shop when the fire started, but he got out safely. No injuries were reported.

## Man seriously injured in MO 76 crash

Charlea Mills

A man was seriously injured in a single-vehicle crash on Missouri 76 on Saturday, February 6.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, David V. Fletcher, 62, of Washburn, was driving one mile south of Cassville northbound on MO 76 around 12:30 a.m. Fletcher ran off the right side of the roadway in his

2003 Chevrolet S-10 pickup and then overcorrected. When he overcorrected, he went off of the left side of the roadway and struck an embankment, extensively damaging the pickup.

Fletcher was life flighted from the scene to Cox South Hospital in Springfield. Fletcher was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.





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# Road sign thefts ongoing problem

Charlea Mills

Recently, there has been an influx in sign thefts in Barry County. According to Mike Phillips, the Barry County E9-1-1 director, the sign thefts can have damaging consequences.

In the past two weeks, 22 signs have been taken from an area off of State Highway Z in the Pleasant Ridge area. The signs, which are property of Barry County E9-1-1, have been replaced with the bill totaling around \$1,200 so far.

Phillips said, "They aren't thinking of the impact of taking a sign if it's their family member needing the ambulance. They need to think before they take that sign." Sign thefts can have potentially fatal side effects if emergency personnel are unable to locate a property because there aren't any signs indicating street names.

As of right now, the signs that have been stolen are all signs from Farm Roads 2010, 1125 and 1150. Phillips said, "Yes, they impact us financially, but also slow our response time, causes

errors or creates issues for an emergency vehicle when they take that sign."

The Barry County Sheriff's Department responded to the recent thefts by adding additional patrol to that area, hoping to catch the thieves in the act. Since the signs are stamped as property of Barry County E9-1-1, they are stamped and cannot be sold for scrap metal, suggesting that the thefts are a result of prank-related vandalism.

Barry County Sheriff Mick Epperly said, "We have some nighttime officers patrolling it more heavily to see if we can catch someone taking them down. It's a sad deal with them taking these signs down, because it could be their own lives. They might need to call 911 and whether it is a deputy, ambulance or fire, they are putting their own lives and others in jeopardy."

When asked if he had any suspicions as to who was committing the thefts, Epperly said, "It's probably

younger people doing it and just not thinking."

He continued, "If anyone knows who is doing it, they can call us and remain anonymous, and we'll take it from there."

Barry County's rural roads have been renamed since the inception of the E9-1-1 dispatch center to make it more efficient for emergency personnel to find addresses, however, when the signs are removed, the change in system is somewhat of a moot point. Phillips said, "They don't think about an ambulance missing a turn at night because of a missing sign, and that could happen."

Phillips concluded, "Their destruction could potentially affect someone's emergency response."

If you have information regarding the sign thefts, you can reach the Barry County Sheriff's Department and emergency services by calling (417) 847-4911 or the Sheriff's Office at (417) 847-6556.

# SBU honor rolls

Southwest Baptist University released its fall 2015 honor roll lists for undergraduate students. To be listed on the semester's honor roll, students must carry at least 12 credit hours of college work at SBU and earn at least a B (3.00 GPA) with no grade below a C: Trustees' List, 3.85 to 4.00; President's List, 3.70 to 3.84; Deans' List, 3.50-3.69; and Honor's List, (3.00 to 3.40).

Trustee's List:

• Kiersten Harper, Monett  
President's List:

• Aaron Morley, Monett.  
Deans' List:

• Ashley Lowery, Purdy.  
Honor's List:

• Tia Baker, Cassville.  
• Andrew Brown, Monett.  
• Courtney Krueger, Shell Knob.

Knob.

• Raigan Ratliff, Monett.  
• David Thomas, Monett.

# Washburn man arrested on unlawful use of a weapon charge

Charlea Mills

Trevis Sizemore, 45, of Washburn, was arrested on February 4 after allegedly attacking a woman he was romantically involved with and shooting a shotgun at their trailer.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, the Barry County Sheriff's Department was responding to a domestic disturbance. Sizemore allegedly repeatedly hit the victim in her head and attempt to choke her because he thought she was cheating on him. He also kicked her in the body before pulling out a shotgun and firing it at the trailer.

Trevis denied assaulting the victim, but admitted to firing the shotgun into the air to "scare her boyfriend."

Trevis was charged with




Sizemore

unlawful use of a weapon, a class B felony. Trevis was released from the Barry County Jail on Tuesday, February 9, on a \$20,000 cash-only bond.

# NEO announces Deans' List

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M announced their Deans' Honor Roll for the fall 2015 semester. To qualify for this distinction, a student must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours and have a 3.5 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale.

• Sarah D. Foster, Wheaton, freshman, Equine and Ranch Management.



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Notice:

**Cassville Senior Center** is rescheduling the monthly Cassville Dance for the months of February and March due to a conflict in the schedule. The dance in February will be the 20th of the month and the dance in March will be the 19th of the month. Both begin at 7:00 and will feature the Roaring River Sound Band. In April the dance will return to the 1st Saturday of the month. For more information you may call (417)846-3024 or (417)846-5355.

**Cassville Farmers Market** will be on the south side of the square every Saturday from 7 to 11 a.m. all winter. New vendors welcome. For information, call (417)652-7308.

**Central Crossing Senior Center** will offer free simple tax preparation on Mondays only by appointment. You can call (417)858-6952 to schedule an appointment.

## February 11th

**TOPS** Take Off Pounds Sensibly will meet February 11 at 5 p.m. at the Sho-

me Plaza. For information, call (417)342-8211.

## February 12th

**Cassville Band Boosters** will be offering a special invitation to attend their annual Jazz Night on February 12 at 7 p.m. Jazz Night will be in the Cassville R-IV Event Center. For ticket prices, call (417)846-3216.

**Blood Drive** will be held at Arvest Bank on Friday, February 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment go to [www.redcross-blood.org](http://www.redcross-blood.org) and enter Arvest-Cassville.

**Cassville License Office** will be closed on Friday, February 12 in observance of Lincoln's birthday.

**Stella Senior Center** will host a dinner and dance on Friday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m. The band will be Frosty and The Roadhogs.

**First Baptist Church** in Purdy will host the Danny Ledbetter Family on February 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. and February 14 at 10:45 a.m.

## February 13th

**Stella Senior Center** will

host a Valentine dance on Saturday, February 13 at 7 p.m. The band will be Cheyenne. Bring finger foods to share at 5:30 p.m.

**Seligman Chamber Center** will host a valentine dance on Saturday February 13 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Bring a snack to share. The band will be Three Hits and a Miss. For information, call (417)662-3612.

## February 15th

**Southwest High School** will have a Baccalaureate meeting Monday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Southwest High School Common Area.

**The Barry County Genealogical & Historical Society** will host a meeting on February 15 at 7 p.m. at the museum. The topic will be preserving your family photographs.

## February 16th

**Central Crossing Senior Center** will host Grace Health Services on Tuesday, February 16. Please call (417)858-6952 for an appointment.

## School Menus: FEB. 15th - FEB. 19th

All meals served with milk All meals are subject to change

**Purdy:** Mon: No School. Tues: No School. Wed: B: Whole grain biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: Chicken stir fry, teriyaki sauce, rice, broccoli, mandarin oranges. Thurs: B: Scrambled eggs, wheat toast, cereal, strawberries. L: Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, baby carrots, ranch dressing, fruit, chocolate chip cookie. Fri: B: Breakfast pizza, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: Hamburger/wheat bun, potato chips, celery sticks, fruit cup.

**Exeter:** Mon: B: Biscuit and gravy, peaches, juice, or cereal, biscuit, peaches, juice. L: Cheeseburger/bun, baked beans, carrots, fruit. Tues: B: Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, or cereal, animal crackers, fruit, juice. L: Chicken alfredo, broccoli, breadstick, fruit. Wed: B: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, or cereal, pop tart, fruit, juice. L: Pepperoni pizza, salad, corn, fruit. Thurs: B: Sausage/egg/biscuit, fruit, juice or cereal, biscuit, fruit. L: Cashew chicken, brown rice, broccoli, fortune cookie, fruit. Fri: B: Muffin, yogurt banana, juice, or cereal, vertical bar, banana, juice. L: Ham and cheese sandwich, sun chips, baby carrots, grape tomatoes, apple.

**Southwest:** Mon: B: No School. Tues: B: Biscuit and gravy sausage patty, fresh fruit, or cereal, juice. L: Country fried steak, roll, mashed potatoes, corn, pears, or salad bar meal. Wed: B: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patty, fresh fruit, juice L: Pepperoni pizza, romain salad/tomatoes, pears, chocolate chip cookie, or salad bar meal. Thurs: B: Pancake on a stick, fresh fruit, or cereal, juice. L: Popcorn chicken, breadsticks, corn, rosy applesauce. Fri: B: Hot ham sandwich, fresh fruit, juice. L: Cheeseburger, pickles, potato chips, pineapple, or salad bar meal

**Cassville School:** Mon: No School. Tues: B: Chicken nuggets, hashbrown, gravy, fruit cocktail, or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: Soft taco, (beef enchiladas), corn rice krispy treat, juice, or salad bar meal. Wed: B: Sausage biscuit, pineapple chunks, or cereal, blueberry muffin, orange. L: Grilled cheese, (hot dog), chicken noodle soup, green beans, goldfish crackers, fruit cocktail, or salad bar meal. Thurs: B: Biscuits & gravy, raisins, or cereal, pop tart, peaches. L: Spaghetti, (popcorn chicken), tossed salad, glazed carrots, breadsticks, orange, or salad bar meal. Fri: B: Scrambled eggs and ham, sausage patty, toast, peaches, or cereal, graham crackers, banana. L: Chili, (little smokies), saltine crackers, string cheese, carrot sticks, peaches, or baked potato meal.

**Cassville High School:** Mon: No School. Tues: B: Mini cinni's, sausage patty, applesauce, or cereal, cinnamon toast, pears. L: Beef burrito/nacho cheese nacho's, corn, refried beans, pineapple chunks, or chicken nugget meal, or salad bar meal. Wed: B: Chicken nuggets, hashbrown, gravy, mandarin oranges, or cereal, strawberry bagel, orange. L: Chicken sandwich, baked sour cream chips, coleslaw, fruit cocktail, pizza meal, or salad bar meal. Thurs: B: Blueberry muffin, yogurt, blueberries, or cereal, pb&j, apple. L: Country steak sand., tater tots, broccoli casserole, juice, or chicken nugget meal or salad bar meal. Fri: Biscuits & gravy, yogurt cups, fruit cocktail, or cereal, chocolate muffins, peaches. L: Bbq pork sandwich, bbq chips, baked beans, juices, baked potato bar, or salad bar meal.

## February 17th

**Seligman Senior Center** will host a donation lunch at 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## February 20th

**Cassville Senior Center** will host a dance on February 20 at 7 p.m. The music will be provided by Roaring River Sound Band. For information, call (417)846-3024 or (417)846-5355.

**New Prospect Baptist Church** in Garfield will host a concert with Steve Hess & Southern Salvation from Nashville. The concert will be February 20 at 7 p.m. For information, call (479)381-9481.

**Purdy FFA Alumni** will have a fish fry and labor auction on February 20 in the school cafeteria. The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. Auction will be at 6:30 p.m.

## Seligman Senior Center

will host Bingo at 2:00 p.m.-4 p.m.

**Central Crossing Senior Center** will have a fund raising and volunteer appreciation breakfast on Saturday, February 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

## February 28th

**Seligman Community Center** will host a free meal on Sunday, February 28 at 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free clothing and household items will also be available. For information, call (417)936-0263.

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February 13th, 2016

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## Reclaimed wood adds instant appeal to home projects

Repurposing salvaged wood is a popular trend in the home improvement industry. Not only can using salvaged wood give a home a one-of-a-kind look, but it's a handy way to incorporate the three Rs of green living into your lifestyle: reduce, reuse and recycle.

Reclaimed wood is often used in flooring, beams, wall treatments, and doors, but it also can be turned into furniture or home accent items. Reclaimed wood adds warmth and historical interest to a home's decor that newer materials may lack.

Homeowners considering reclaimed wood may be interested to learn that such wood can serve various functions aside from benefitting the planet.

· Match old-growth wood. New regulations may prevent certain species of trees from being cut down. That means it can be challenging to match old wood in a home, particularly if you're looking to maintain historical value and authenticity. Relying on salvaged wood items can alleviate this concern, ensuring that you can find rare woods that are no longer available brand new.

· Salvaged wood has character. It's difficult to mimic the natural age marks and

character that older wood may have. Instead of being raised on farms, wood harvested decades ago probably grew in natural environments, making the wood both durable and strong. The color and grain of salvaged wood may also be unique.

· Look at objects in a new way. Doors are versatile pieces of reclaimed lumber because they're already flat and rather large. Doors can be turned into headboards, tables or benches. Staircase or porch posts can be turned into candlestick holders, and wood shutters can dress up walls and provide a place to hang artwork and other wall items.

· Reclaimed wood can be found everywhere. Most people do not have to look too far to find wood they can salvage. Check salvage yards, landfills, dumpsters in front of older homes being renovated, or older, unused barns in rural settings. You also can collect driftwood or discarded shipping crates.

While some reclaimed wood can be used as-is, some pieces may require millwork, including sanding, cutting, shaping, and finishing. If you do not have these skills, you probably will have to hire someone who does.

## Burns-Weston engagement announced



Ashley Marie Burns, of Springfield, and Travis Jon Weston, of Battlefield, are proud to announce their engagement and forth coming marriage on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

Ashley is the daughter of Edward and Donna Burns, of Seligman. Travis is the son of John and Cheryl Weston, of Battlefield.

## Campbells celebrate 65 years of marriage



Al and Rose Campbell, of Cassville, were married December 27, 1950, in Fayetteville, Ark. Al retired from Colors in Golden, Colo., and Rose retired from the Jefferson county school district in Colorado. Their children are Gary and Andra Florer, of Butterfield; Vickie & Brian Klubek, of Murphysboro, Ill.; and Mac and Raceal Campbell, of Joplin. They also have thirteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. The anniversary celebration took place December 27, 2015, at Sunrise Family Restaurant in Cassville.



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**FRANCENE J. CRANDALL**

Francene J. Crandall, 68, passed away February 3, 2016, quickly and comfortably in her Shell Knob home with all of her family at her bedside. Francie had been ill with cancer for the past two years and recently took a turn for the worse. She is survived by her husband of forty-two years, Captain Stephen Crandall (USN-Ret), and their children Melissa (Rick) England, of Phoenix, Ariz., Skip (Kelly) Crandall, of Cincinnati, Ohio; her "babies," grandchildren Kade and Rylee England and Emree Crandall; and her brother-in-law, Doug Crandall, of Carthage. She is also survived by several half sisters and a half brother, and a boatload of nieces and nephews in the Crandall, Wing and Wright families. She was preceded in death by her parents, Commander and Mrs. Rodney Wing (USN-Ret); brother,

Tim Wing; in-laws, Vernie and Frances Crandall; and sister-in-law, Jan Crandall.

Francie was born June 25, 1947, in Binghamton, N.Y., and lived in various military towns and cities. She married then-Lieutenant (junior grade) Steve Crandall in June 1974, in New Orleans, La., and they enjoyed their honeymoon at Table Rock Lake. They lived in various locations in the United States and overseas. She was very proud to be a full-time mom, Navy wife and Navy junior. She literally traveled around the world, once living for five months in a VW camper in Europe with their two-year-old daughter while following Steve's ship. She skied in six countries, on three continents. Francie loved retired life on the lake in Shell Knob and treasure hunting for her flea market stall.

She loved the Episcopal Church and was pleased to be a communicant for over four decades. Episcopal graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. February 5, 2016, at Park Cemetery, Carthage. Knell Mortuary is entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, Francie would like donations to be made to the building fund for the Barry-Lawrence County Shell Knob Library.



## Obituaries



**CHARLES F. THOMPSON**

Charles F. Thompson, 87, of Cassville, passed away Saturday, February 6, 2016, in his home.

He was born September 25, 1928, in Cassville, the son of William H. and Lois O. (Hawk) Thompson. On November 17, 1953, he was united in marriage to Ruth Beck, who survives. Also surviving are four daughters, Ruthanne (Jim McGrath) of Independence, Iowa, Charli Jo (Dennis Ledgerwood) of Cassville, Becky Hodge, of Cassville, and Wendy (Kevin Miekley), of Exeter; six grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. He dearly loved and was proud of all his family.

Preceding him in death were one grandson, Dusty Hodge; his parents; sisters, Oleta Thompson and Leota Roden; and his beloved younger brother, Lewis.

Charles received his education in Cassville and Butterfield, graduating from Butterfield High School in 1946. He was a true patriot and dearly loved his country, serving in the United States Army from January 1951 through November 1952 during the Korean Conflict. During his enlistment, he was stationed in Germany and was able to travel through Europe on leave and on weekends, which began his lifetime love of travel that he later shared with Ruth. He regarded his "Army Buddies" as extended family. A life-long resident of Barry County, he and Ruth owned and operated several businesses together, including Phillips 66 Gas Stations in Cassville and Seligman. They built and opened the Lakeview Trading Post at

Eagle Rock which the family operated for 14 years. He was a founding member of the Eagle Rock-Mano Fire Department, the Eagle Rock Area Association, and served on the Eagle Rock School Board. After moving to Cassville in 1975, they owned Thompson's Dry Goods, operated rental properties, a coin laundry, and bought and remodeled houses for resale, in many instances providing opportunities for home ownership to people who otherwise could not have owned their own home. Charles was a member and past president of the Cassville Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Cassville School Board. He was a life-long dedicated Democrat and a member of the American Legion Post 118 for over 50 years. He was a member of Cassville First Baptist Church and particularly enjoyed fellowship with members of his Sunday School Class, the "Doers of the Word". He and Ruth made multiple trips to Europe, and also visited Thailand, China, Egypt, Russia, and Australia. He loved to celebrate New Year's Eve in Paris.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. today, Wednesday, February 10, 2016, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Pastor James Weaver conducted the services. Burial with military honors was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Cassville.

The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. Tuesday in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Doers of the Word Sunday School Class for special projects or Cassville Branch Library.

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**CLAUDE EUGENE SISK**

Claude Eugene Sisk, 57, of Seligman, passed away February 6, 2016, in his home. He was born October 20, 1958, in Keys, Calif., the son of Oscar Claude and Mary Thomas Sisk. Claude was a concrete finisher, he was very knowledgeable on Civil War History and enjoyed listening to music. He is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Debbie West; and one brother, Ronnie Sisk.

He is survived by his three children, Eric Sisk and wife, Cassandra, of Bentonville, Ark., Bambi and Dixie Sisk, both of Cottage Grove, Ore.; his partner of twenty years, Lori Ryan, of the home; four sisters, Carlene Kent, of Sioux Falls, S.D., Teresa Synnott, and Barbara Griffin, of Wadena, Minn. and Donna Moore of Wadena, Minn.; five grandchildren, Keyana Valerio, Blayne Sisk, Wyatt Denton, Jerami and Harmony Raymond; his cousin, Harold Fletcher; and his dog, Jack.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 12, 2016, at New Hope Assembly of God, 28944 Main St., Seligman, Ark. Private interment will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery, Garfield, Ark. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday at Benton County Funeral Home, 306 N. 4th, Rogers. Memorial contributions to the ASPCA. Online condolences to [www.bentoncountyfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentoncountyfuneralhome.com)



**ELIZABETH JANE "BETTY" NELSON**

Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Nelson, 68, of Washburn, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2016, in Cox Medical Center South, Springfield.

She was born September 4, 1947, in Dallas, Texas, the daughter of Howard and Doris Allen. On July 1, 1981, she was united in marriage to Stan Nelson, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Michael Allen, of Garland, Texas; one daughter, Marla Diane O'Conner, of Bellingham, Wash.; a stepson, Robert Nelson, of Dallas, Texas; three sisters, Doris Biles, Kathy Morales and Barbara Neal, all of Texas; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, one brother and one sister.

Betty grew up and received her education in Dallas, Texas, where she graduated from high school. For several years she was employed as a waitress in various restaurants. She and Stan continued to reside in Dallas after their marriage and, in 2007, they moved to Washburn to make their home. She was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

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

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*The family of William "Bill" Ozbun wishes to extend their deepest gratitude for the many acts of love and kindnesses shown by family and friends during his illness and passing. These included numerous visits, phone calls, cards, and food along with the donations of money made to McDowell in his memory. A special note of thanks to Don Jenkins, brother in law but more a brother, showing his love by always being there helping William and Sylvia over the years, especially during William's illness.*

*The family would like to give its gratitude to hospice and the employees that gave care and attention to William's needs during the last few months of his life. We would especially thank hospice employee Robert Mortill, who came into William's life as a caretaker but ended up becoming a friend, always to be remembered.*

*The beautiful flowers at the chapel from friends, family, employers, and others set the stage for the service to follow. The family's appreciation to Doug Swearingen, Bryan Ozbun and Brad Ozbun playing and singing music so dear to William. The family's thanks to the Rev. Ronnie Fieker for his comforting and heartfelt message. Our gratitude goes to those who served as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers. Thank you to Peterson Funeral Chapel for conducting this special service.*

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**Thank You**

The family of Christine Davidson would like to thank everyone for all of the kindness you have shown. We appreciate the prayers, phone calls, visits, food and flowers. This is such a great community that we live in. A special thanks to Bro. Donnie Spears, Kenny Carney and Rex Black for their comforting words and Fohn Funeral Home for their concern and conducting a wonderful service.

**May God Bless You All**



**MARY E. VANZANDT**

Mary E. Vanzandt, 91, formerly of Seligman, passed away on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at the Cassville Healthcare & Rehab Center.

Mrs. Vanzandt, daughter of Ralph and Nora (Vanzandt) Ebbert, was born on May 3, 1924, at her childhood home in rural Seligman. Mary graduated from Seligman High School and went on to attend Southwest Missouri State College in Springfield. In 1944, she was united in marriage to Wayne Vanzandt and to this union two sons were born. She began teaching at Measle Prairie Rural School in the mid-1940s and continued teaching for the next 42 years. After her retirement in 1985, she taught GED classes for 12 years, assisting many students in the area. Mary was a member of the Maple Grove Church of Christ. She loved being in her garden, quilting, embroidering, and baking pies.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Vanzandt and his wife, Narissa, and Kenny Vanzandt and his wife, Becky, all of Seligman; four grandchildren, Kirt and Stephanie Vanzandt, Gretchen and James Gray, Livie Vanzandt, and Stacy and Colt Hall; eight great-grandchildren; and one niece, Wiladene Fletcher, of Purdy.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Iola Oakley, and two brothers, Early and Gene Ethridge.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 7, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at the White Funeral Home & Crematory with Minister Ken West officiating, with burial following at the Antioch Cemetery near Jacket, off KK Highway in McDonald County. The family received friends on Saturday, February 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Washburn Backpack Program and entrusted to the White Funeral Home & Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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### DOUGLAS CRAIG SUMMERS

Douglas Craig Summers, 65, of Wagoner, Okla., passed away Thursday, February 4, 2016, at St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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

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## Obituaries



### ETHEL KRAMME LAMBERT

Ethel Kramme Lambert, of Cassville, 89, passed away on Friday, February 5, 2016, at her home in Cassville surrounded by her children and family.

She was born Dec. 19, 1926, in Dittmer, daughter of the late Arthur and Amanda (Weber) Kramme. Ethel was united in marriage on September 9, 1949, in Dittmer to Donald Eugene Lambert of Springfield, who preceded her in death on August 1, 1985.

Survivors include two daughters, Shari Lynette and her husband, Lloyd Eugene Dilbeck, of Cassville; Kathi Suzanne Lambert and husband, Richard Ummel, of Black Hawk, Colo.; and son, Gary and wife, Susan Lambert, of Purdy.

Additional survivors include her brother, Vernon, and wife, Della Kramme, of Arnold; sister, Evelyn Blumenstock, of Springfield; six grandchildren; and fourteen nieces and nephews.

Ethel grew up in Dittmer, graduated from high school in St. Clair, and received a Bach-

elor's degree from Southwest Missouri State in Springfield. Her first and proudest focus was as a mother and homemaker, but Ethel was also a middle school English and Science teacher, a real estate broker and active in Presbyterian churches where she lived in Houston, Texas, and Denver, Colo. She moved to Cassville in 2008 to live with her daughter and son-in-law, and her son and his wife soon followed to live close to Ethel and her family.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Visitation is at 1:00 p.m., followed by a service at 2:00 p.m. Ed Williamson, of Houston, will be presiding. Internment will take place at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Butterfield at a future date.

Contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice, 3250 S National Ave, Springfield, MO 65807 or at [www.goodshepherdhospice.com](http://www.goodshepherdhospice.com).

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### ELMER L. "BUD" BROWN

Elmer L. "Bud" Brown, 82, of Exeter, passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2016, in Lacoba Nursing Home, Monett.

He was born August 7, 1933, in Neosho, the son of Leslie and Nellie (Brazeel) Brown. On July 13, 1957, in Miami, Okla., he was united in marriage to Wilma "Sue" Shrum, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Joni Coleman and her husband, Ronnie, of Rogers, Ark., and Becki Anderson and her husband, Steve, of Liberty; one sister, Luma Dean Day and her husband, Raymond, of El Dorado, Kan.; three grandchildren, Derek Coleman, Anabelle Anderson and Vivienne Anderson; and two great-grandchildren,

Marley and Reese Coleman.

Bud graduated from high school at Washburn. During the Korean War, he entered the United States Army serving from March 2, 1954, until February 16, 1956. He was a life-long resident of this area, where he was a cattle farmer. He was a member of Washburn First Baptist Church. Some of his favorite pastimes were watching bull riding, coon hunting and attending antique auctions. He was also an avid Cardinals Baseball fan.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, February 7, 2016, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Pastor Tony Ball and Pastor David Keeling conducted the services. Burial was in Maplewood Cemetery, Exeter.

The family received friends from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Maplewood Cemetery Association or Community Faith Chapel in memory of Bud.

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## Shrum wins three-point contest



Southwest High School Lady Trojan basketball standout Jaime Shrum was recently named to the Lebanon All-Tournament team and also won the three-point shooting contest. Shrum is pictured above with the plaques she received.

## WTC shines at Roaring River Rumble



Cassville's Wildcat Take-down Club recently hosted the Roaring River Rumble wrestling tournament. The tournament was held at the Cassville High School gymnasium that was filled with wrestlers, coaches and parents from all over southwest Missouri.

Nearly 200 wrestlers participated in the first day of the tournament with 70 participating on day two.

Wrestlers were able to compete in an open tournament on Saturday and a novice tournament on Sunday.

WTC had 28 wrestlers compete and came away with 14 first place medals in the two-day tournament.

Those receiving first place medals were: Evan Butler, Akhilleus Arguelles, Jaret Hinson, Eli Roark, Cutter Hicks, Brandon Johnson, Keaton Fare, Camden Runnels, Jayce Graham-Magula, Maddock Roark, Colton Roark,



Camden Runnels, son of Steve and Stacy Runnels of Cassville, is pictured above as he gets a quick pin during the open tournament at the Roaring River Rumble.

Connor Anncharico, Tristan Thompson and Christian Tidwell.

Second place medal winners were: Graham-Magula, M. Roark, Simon Gates, Jesse James, Riley James, Brextin

Sprague, Xavier Cole, Justin Lupica and Jaeron Ganoung, C. Roark, Tidwell, Drew Davis and Gabe Hunter.

Third place winners: Cole, Lupica, Brennen Cieslinski and Wyatt Hawks.

Wrestlers competed in four divisions: six and under; eight and under; 10 and under; and 12 and under.

## Aurora takes 81-36 win at Cassville

Lee Stubblefield

It was a little warm in the gym at Cassville on Tuesday night. By the time the varsity contest started, many spectators were wielding their programs like sinners fanning themselves at an August tent revival. Aurora made it hot on the floor too, as the Houn Dawgs baked an 81-36 win over Cassville.

Aurora blitzed to an early 13-0 lead and never looked back. Cassville's Barrett Milleson called time to cool things off when the lead hit 10-0 on a Preston Naylor trey, but the Dawgs relentlessly pushed to a 26-7 lead at the end of the quarter. Six different players scored for

Aurora in the period.

The Wildcats suffered turnovers on their first three possessions, and didn't snag a rebound at either end of the court until the 1:10 mark.

A 20-9 second quarter followed. Cassville trailed by as many as 33 before halftime, but Allen Lambel's trey scratched the lead down to just 30 at intermission.

Aurora opened the third quarter with a 7-0 run, and the Dawgs never led by less than 32 in that frame. The clock ran the entire fourth quarter, and Aurora claimed an 81-36 victory.

The visitors shot lights out, controlled the boards and forced turnovers in a

textbook win. Aurora improved to 15-7 on the season, and remained undefeated in the Big 8 Conference with a 5-0 mark. Cassville slid to 7-14 and 1-4.

Aurora scorers: Preston Naylor, 16; Logan Bader, 14; Austin Carmichael, 13; Devon Hilton, 9; Matthew Miller, 6; Skylar Cahill, 5; Zac Shoemaker, 5; Mason Hussmann, 4; Josh Fronabarger, 3; Alex Burdett, 3; Kaden Clark, 2; and Gerrit Montgomery, 1.

Cassville scorers: Allen Lambel, 10; Ethan Hoppes, 7; Noah Hadlow, 6; Tyler Speakman, 5; Austin Wilson, 3; Drew Speakman, 3; and Tyler Arndt, 2.

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## Cassville Golf Association announces Board



The Cassville Golf Association recently announced their 2016 Board of Directors. The 2016 Board is pictured above. Left to right are: Robert Garrison, vice-president.; Terry Figgins; Ashley Garner, secretary; Angie Edie; Ron Stafford; John Chappell, president; and Scott Tucker.

## Purdy High School 2016 Hall of Fame induction ceremony scheduled for Friday

Purdy R-II School District will celebrate its annual Homecoming on Friday evening, February 12th. According to Purdy High School Student Council President Kaden Propps, this year's theme is "Under the Big Top." Students will enjoy a wide variety of activities during Homecoming week, including special dress-up days inviting the Eagles to sport vintage Purdy gear, circus colors and special Homecoming t-shirts.

The boys Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball teams will battle the McAuley Warriors on the Homecoming court. Junior Varsity tips off the action at 6 PM. The second annual Purdy High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held immediately following the JV game.

This year's inductees include Coach Mike Payne and Miss Megan Leonard.

Megan Leonard graduated from Purdy High School in 2005, after leading the Lady Eagles softball team to the State Tournament in back-to-back seasons during her junior and senior years.

Her high school accolades included two-time Conference Player of the Year, four-time First Team All-State selection and Newsleader

All Area Team selection. She went on to pitch for Crowder College and the University of Central Missouri, where she was inducted into the UCM Hall of Fame in 2015.

Chelsea Swadley Powers, Leonard's lifelong friend and former PHS teammate noted, "From the moment Megan picked up a ball to pitch, she dedicated every part of her life to becoming the best. Her parents were her biggest fans. They supported her goals and helped her become a success."

Coach Mike Payne is one of Purdy's most beloved staff members. He began his career with the Eagles in 1978, teaching junior high social studies and coaching seventh and eighth grade basketball.

Coach Payne returned to the Purdy court to serve as assistant coach for the Lady Eagles basketball team, a position which he has held for the past two years.

Throughout his 28-year tenure, Payne has coached basketball, track, softball and cross country and has instilled the values of hard work, determination, con-

fidence and school spirit in countless players of all ages.

He also left his mark on generations of Purdy Eagles as a social studies teacher, mentor, hero and friend.

His daughter, Jessie Payne Clawson observed of her dad, coach and teacher, "In his 30 years of coaching Dad has undoubtedly taught many players the fundamentals of basketball, but more importantly he taught, through his example, the fundamentals of life -to serve others, to have a positive attitude, to be an encourager, to show kindness, to practice patience, to work hard and to do what you love."

## Cassville Schools holds first wrestling tournament in 36 years



For the first time in 36 years, Cassville High School held a wrestling triangular on Monday, February 8.

Participating schools were Cassville, Berryville, Ark., and Diamond.

The Cassville junior varsity wrestlers lost both duels

to Berryville and Diamond, who are varsity squads.

CHS wrestling coach Brian Barbe was pleased with his wrestlers and noticed the individual victories by Steven Hunter, Caleb Lucero and Geoggerly Corn.

"The atmosphere was

awesome as the community really showed up and supported the program," Barbee stated.

"It was by far the best crowd we saw this year. The team was very appreciative of the support."

## CHS volleyball to hold camp for third through sixth grades

The Cassville High School volleyball program will hold a volleyball camp for young Ladycats.

Camp will be held for third and fourth graders February 16 through February 19 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Camp for fifth and sixth graders will be held February

22 through February 26 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Both camps will be held in the Cassville Middle School gym.

For more information, contact Coach Walnofer at [kwalnofer@cassville.k12.mo.us](mailto:kwalnofer@cassville.k12.mo.us) or call the CHS office at 417-847-3137.

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# Purdy spoils Southwest homecoming

Lee Stubblefield

The Southwest Trojans and Lady Trojans both fell to Purdy on Friday night, putting a damper on Homecoming celebrations. The Lady Eagles claimed a 76-55 victory in the opening contest, and then the Eagles held off a furious Southwest rally to escape with a 74-71 win.

Purdy also won the JV boys game, 65-42, to complete the party-crashing sweep.

## Lady Eagles take control of Ozark 7 race

"They pose a different kind of threat," said Purdy's Eli Ernst before the girls game, comparing Southwest to Verona. "They shoot the three really well. We'll have to get out and defend that."

On the other bench, Southwest's Jeff Atchison was cautiously optimistic.

"They walloped us early," said Atchison, referring to a tournament loss to Purdy back before Christmas, "but we are a different team now. We are healthy and we have played a tougher schedule. We think we're ready, we'll see what happens."

Most importantly, both teams were 2-0 in the Ozark 7 Conference entering the game. The winner, barring any improbable upsets down the line, would have the inside track to the conference

title.

In the end, this game belonged to Purdy and to Layne Skiles. Skiles led the Lady Eagles to victory with 25 points, including a 9-for-9 performance at the free throw line where she was as certain as a Hillary Clinton coin toss. Skiles was one of four Purdy girls to reach double figures on the night.

In recent games, Purdy has been a first quarter nightmare. Just like Mike Tyson, the Lady Eagles are known for taking their opponents out early. The Southwest girls hoped to weather the storm and avoid a "Spinks is down!" moment in the opening eight minutes.

Skiles opened the scoring with a bank in the lane, and Southwest's Dara Smith responded with a long trey from the right wing as the Lady Trojans grabbed a 3-2 lead at the 7:01 mark.

It would prove to be the only Southwest lead of the game.

Skiles scored again, Rion Boyd added three on a fast break and accompanying free throw, and Zoe Brown scored three straight buckets as Purdy swept to a 14-8 lead, despite Jaime Shrum's spot up jumpers from both inside and outside the arc.

Sami House extended the lead with a basket and

two free throws, and Purdy stretched the lead to double digits at 20-10. A Skiles three-point play and free throws from Desirie Ennes ended the quarter, with Purdy in front by 25-12.

Skiles added a half dozen points in the second quarter, a frame where Southwest could not get the lead down to single digits. Four times the Lady Trojans pulled within 10, but Purdy answered on every occasion. Boyd whistled a trey through the cords at the 3:19 mark to give Purdy a 36-23 lead, and the Lady Eagles carried a 40-25 advantage into halftime.

Southwest went downtown in the third quarter and finally cut the lead to single digits. Shrum lit up the scoreboard with three threes, and Smith added another in a home-team rally. Brianna Learned's free throws cut the lead to 48-40 at the 1:49 mark, but Boyd nipped the buzzer with a trey to give Purdy a 55-43 lead at the final break.

Fighting the clock and mounting foul trouble, Southwest could not maintain the rally in the fourth quarter. Although Smith opened the period with a trey to cut the lead to nine points, the Lady Eagles jumped right back into a double-digit lead and steadily pulled away.

The Lady Eagles claimed the victory, 76-55.

Purdy improved to 15-5 overall and 3-0 in conference play. Southwest dipped to 10-10 and 2-1.

Purdy scorers: Layne Skiles, 25; Desirie Ennes, 18; Rion Boyd, 16; Zoe Brown, 11; Sami House, 6; and Cailyn Spears, 2.

Southwest scorers: Dara Smith, 22; Jaime Shrum, 16; Brianna Learned, 9; and Al-

lison Serrano, 8.

## Purdy Eagles survive Southwest comeback

After watching his team survive late against Verona earlier in the week, Purdy's Tommy Eagan had some concerns going into Friday night's game at Washburn. The Trojans like to run, like Verona, and the Trojans are significantly taller than the Eagles, unlike Verona.

"We have to rebound the ball and guard inside," Egan emphasized going into the contest.

Early on, Southwest controlled the paint and the boards, and the Trojans built a 14-10 lead when Jacob Durossette aced a trey from the left wing at the 1:39 mark. Purdy's Tyler Keeler scored with a steal at half court and converted the added free throw to cut the lead to 14-13.

Then, Robbie Randall and Keeler traded baskets for the 16-15 Southwest lead at the first break.

To open the second quarter, Egan sacrificed a little speed for a lot of height, inserting 6-4 junior center Justin LaNore into the lineup. LaNore was the one Purdy player who could go head to head with Randall in the lane.

LaNore followed a missed shot to give Purdy the first score of the quarter and a17-16 lead. The Eagles built a 22-18 lead but Southwest fought back with a twisting layup by Paton Clay and another Durossette trey. Randall gave the Trojans a 29-26 lead with just 38 seconds left on the clock, but Luis Cruz was fouled going to the hole as time expired. The ball bounced off the rim and backboard, and Cruz was ready to shoot a pair of free throws.

He only shot one. One official mistakenly ruled that the shot was good, and sent the teams to the

dressing rooms after Cruz missed one free throw attempt. After halftime and a lengthy officiating delay, the basket was erased and Cruz went to the line to shoot his other free throw. This one was good, and the halftime score was corrected to 29-27.

The Eagles gained control in the third quarter. After Durossette hit again from long range for a 38-36 Southwest lead, Purdy pushed to a 53-46 advantage when Keeler hit a trey at the 2:57 mark. The Trojans fought back with a trey from freshman Jarrett Pike and a basket and free throws from Randall, but Purdy still led at the final break, 58-53.

The game looked over when Purdy opened the fourth quarter with a 6-0 run for an 11-point lead. But Southwest whittled the lead down and trailed by only 68-65 with exactly four minutes left. The Eagles then gapped back in front, 71-65, in a fourth quarter foul fest.

Paton Clay hit a pair of short jumpers in the final minute to pull his Trojans within a deuce at 73-71 with just 15 seconds left. But Jonatan Salazar converted the second of two late free throws to preserve the win for Purdy, 74-71.

For the game, Purdy hit 27 of 40 free throws and Southwest converted 18 of 26. There were 33 free throws combined attempted in the fourth quarter alone.

Purdy improved to 14-7 overall and 3-0 in Ozark 7 Conference play. Southwest fell to 8-13 and 2-1.

Purdy scorers: Tyler Keeler, 23; Sydney Birge, 18; Jonatan Salazar, 16; Luiz Cruz, 9; Raul Garcia, 4; and Justin LaNore, 4.

Southwest scorers: Paton Clay, 26; Robbie Randall, 21; Jacob Durossette, 17; Jarrett Pike, 5; and Landon Wright, 2.

# The love of a sports fan

Rachael Freeman

With Valentine's Day approaching this weekend, love is definitely in the air. Young love, old love, new love and barely-holding on love.

When I think about this time of year and the things I really love, I cannot help but think about my love... sports. (Sorry, Matthew).

I think many people can relate to the love between a fan and their favorite team.

As a fan, you experience every emotion a relationship has to offer. When things are going great and your team keeps winning, you feel love's sweet bliss. Your relationship is unbreakable. You never stand your team up, you are always watching the game, cheering them on. When a referee or umpire dare makes a call against your colors, you are the first to defend your team's honor.

But, in comes that nasty losing streak and it tears your heart apart. You try to remain faithful at first, but it starts to drain every ounce of love you have left. You hope if you keep supporting them they will change. You pray the next game is the one that will turn things around for your relationship.

Right about then is when things turn ugly. You being saying things you don't mean. You turn off the television when the game reaches the point of no return. You put away your fan heat. You become severely hurt and you just want to move on.

Then, just like any relationship, you start remembering the good times you shared. The championship games, the nail biters. The winning shot at the buzzer or the walk-off grand slam and just like that, you come back to the relationship wanting to give it another shot.

They win a game or recruit new players that are sure to turn things around. They convince you that they are sorry and that is all you need to hear. Your love and your faith in your team has been restored.

All sports fans have experienced these emotions and we love it. The relationship between a fan and their team is just like any other relationship. Full of love, tainted with bitterness and hopeful for the future.

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# Local State Farm earns prestigious award First Friday offers hot coffee, connections

Andrew Peters-State Farm of Cassville team members Amber Bishop, Tiffany Andrews, and Tony Dow recently qualified for the prestigious Missouri Team Member Hall of Fame recognition and were recognized at a State Farm Insurance Banquet in Branson.

All three qualified in each year they were eligible. Bishop and Andrews both qualified in 2014 and 2015, and Dow in 2015.

In 2015, the State Farm agency received the following awards: Ambassador Travel Level 3, Missouri Hall of Fame, Chairman's Circle and South Central Vice President's Club. In 2104, Andrew Peters-State Farm Agency was named the #1 New State Farm Agency in the United States amongst 1,800 new agencies nationwide.

"We owe it all to our customers," said Andrew Peters. "We serve such a great community in Cassville as well as the surrounding areas. Our team is very appreciative of our customers."

In 2014, the agency also received Ambassador Trav-



Staff are pictured above, from left to right: Andrew Peters, Amber Bishop, Tiffany Andrews, Amanda Baker, Johnna O'Gorek and Tony Dow..

el Level 3, Missouri Hall of Fame, Chairman's Circle and South Central Vice President's Club.

## This week Thank a Farmer

It's time to celebrate agriculture and all the things it provides! Missouri Farm Bureau Thank a Farmer Week, February 7 through 13, will be the focus of Farm Bureau members across the state to share messages about agriculture and the farmers and ranchers who produce our food.

You buy most of your food from the grocery stores with shelves filled with so many choices for your daily meals. The crops and meat used to make those products are grown by farmers. But, did you know what is grown on the farm is used for thousands of other uses? Clothing, fuel, medicine, entertainment, sports, personal care and school supplies are just some items we use daily that start on the farm.

That is why agriculture is important to our local, state and national economy. It is a driving force of communities both rural and urban. According to the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, innovation in agriculture allows one U.S. farmer to provide enough food and fiber for 168 people in the United States and abroad. Consumers in this country now 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.

What better reason to thank a farmer.

"Agriculture is a big part of our community, yet many people simply take it for granted," Duane Kaiser (County president) say, "Farmers and agri-businesses that support them give back in many ways. They deserve a pat on the back."



Cassville Chamber of Commerce president Wade Hermansen visited with Chamber member Linda Cowherd (middle), owner of Bear Crossing and Angler's Lodge, and Chamber director Brittany Farris at February's First Friday Coffee social event. Coffee and snacks were provided by host Bear Crossing Lodge and drawings were held for two gift certificates from The BBQ Station.

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# Purdy Fire's 2015 summary

Volunteers at the Purdy Fire Protection District responded to a record number of calls for service for 2015. Last year was a very busy year for the District having completed 349 calls. This is up from a total of 276 calls in the year 2014.

Medical/rescue responses held the greatest number of responses this year, totaling 249 or 71 percent of calls. Of those calls, 21 were related to motor vehicle accidents. This was the largest increase from 193 medical runs in 2014.

Medical responses were up quite a bit from the prior years, almost equaling the total number of calls in the category compared to the total number of calls in previous years. The district was able to have licensed medical responders on 87 percent of the medical calls. 51 percent of the time there was a paramedic/RN or higher level provider on scene. 36 percent of the calls had an EMT-Basic as the highest level of licensed responder. Lastly, 13 percent of the medical responses only had First Responder medical training.

The District is a licensed Emergency Medical Response Agency with the state. This allows the department to utilize a heart monitor to manually interpret heart rhythms looking for heart attacks, start IV's and administer medications prior to the arrival of the responding ambulance. The district is continuously looking to improve the quick response and access to emergency medical care in the district.

Fire related responses accounted for a total of 38 calls for service for the District. Fires accounted for 11 percent of the total yearly numbers.

Fire Chief Nick Mercer stated, "We had a wet summer where the grounds did not dry out like we have seen in the past few years. This helped to keep the number of grass and brush fires to a minimal amount this year".

The District responded to 14 grass or brush fires, 13 structure fires, six vehicle fires, and one fire classified as other.

General service calls totaled 62 for the year or 18 percent of the yearly total. General Service includes landing zones for aircraft, investigations for smoke and electrical, false alarms, calls where responders were cancelled enroute, and other potential accidents.

Landing zones were by far the highest request out of the general service calls, totaling 26 for the year. There were also five weather related incidents, and five false alarms out of the category.

During the year the District also started to utilize Station 2 which was fin-

ished this year. The District hopes that with Station 2 being open that the ISO rating for the East Purdy and McDowell region will be able to have a reclassification to a lower rating.

Station 2, which is located at the intersection of State Highway C and Farm Road 1120, will house one fire engine with a 1000 gallon tank and capability to pump 1500 gal/min. The station will also house one 6000 gallon tanker for water support and two brush trucks. The tanker and brush trucks were acquired from the Missouri Department of Conservation and U.S. Forestry Departments Firefighter Property Program.

Three new vehicles were added to the fleet this year. The first purchase was for a 1992 E-One Hush Engine. The new engine is designated as Engine 11 and carries 1000 gals of water with a 1500 GPM pump. The Engine cost \$27,500 and was purchased from the Montgomery Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. No. 2, located in

Somerset County, NJ.

The second vehicle added was the purchase of a 2003 F-550 Flatbed. The truck was purchased to replace an existing brush truck. The brush unit from the prior truck was mounted on the F-550. The brush unit also has CAFS capabilities. The truck designated Squad 19 will also be used to respond to medical emergencies and carries the departments Advanced Life Support equipment.

The last vehicle was gained from the Missouri Department of Conservation and U.S. Forestry Departments Firefighter Property Program. The truck is a Stewart Stevenson Light Medium Tactical Vehicle (LMTV). It is a 2.5 ton cargo truck that the district received in early December. The truck will have a brush unit placed on bed. The unit will also be able to be removed to convert the truck back to a covered cargo truck for transportation and other rescue needs as it was used for in the December 2015 flood-

ing event. The truck will be painted red to match the other department vehicles and should be in service in the first half of 2016.

Training this year for the department totaled 2,058 hours of education. Those hours include the department sending three firefighters to EMT-Basic at Crowder College Cassville, two firefighters to be sent to Firefighter 1 & 2 at Crowder College Cassville and one Firefighter to OTC in Springfield for Firefighter 1 & 2. This total also include the department training events that were held throughout the year.

The Purdy Fire Protection District Board of Directors meets at Fire Station 1, located at 102 W. Washington in Purdy at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. The meeting is open to the public.

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**Brian D. Forester**

Brian D. Forester, 39, of Mt. Vernon, is wanted for distribution of a controlled substance.



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# Barry County courts send 9 to prison in the month of January

• **Norman O. Baez, Jr.**, of Monett, pled guilty to assault in the first degree. Baez was sentenced to five years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

On September 29, 2015, Baez and two other men in the Barry County Jail physically assaulted another man in the jail. The three used a mop handle and their fists and knees with the victim unable to defend himself. The victim suffered injuries including a broken jaw bone in two different places.

• **Jared Dean Black**, of Seligman, pled guilty to endangering the welfare of a child by engaging in sexual conduct under 17 years of age as a parent or guardian in the first degree as a first offense. Black was sentenced to four years of incarceration with the Department of Corrections of which he will serve 120 days of shock time. On October 8, 2015, Black was

in charge of a nine-year old girl at a residence on Farm Road 1070 in Seligman. Black put his hands down the girl's pants. He then fled the scene armed with a large knife.

Black's shock incarceration is to end on May 16, 2016.

• **Justin Edward Branham**, of Marionville, pled guilty to DWI-Alcohol as an aggravated offender, driving while revoked or suspended as a second or subsequent offense and failure to wear a seat belt. Branham was granted a suspended execution of a four year incarceration sentence and five years supervised probation.

On November 3, 2014, the Missouri State Highway Patrol pulled Branham over for speeding on Rte. Z. Branham admitted that he had been drinking and that he did not have a license. Branham had a .13 percent blood alcohol content. He had eight prior revoca-

tions or denials on his license.

Branham is to serve probation until February 25, 2021.

• **Brandon L. Bush**, of Springfield, pled guilty to DWI-Alcohol as a persistent offender. Bush was granted a suspended execution of a four year incarceration sentencing, must complete the Greene County court program and is to serve five years of supervised probation.

On March 21, 2015, the Missouri State Highway Patrol pulled Bush over for speeding on Missouri 37. When Bush was stopped, the trooper noticed a strong smell of intoxicants. Bush had a blood alcohol content of .202 percent.

Bush is to serve probation until January 19, 2021.

• **Lance Aaron Curran**, of Exeter, pled guilty to DWI-Alcohol as an aggravated offender. Curran was sentenced to four years incarceration with the Department of Corrections of which he will serve 120 days of shock time.

On April 26, 2015, the Cassville Police Department stopped Curran while he was driving. Curran was intoxicated and unable to complete field sobriety tests. He had more than two convictions for DWI's.

Curran is to be incarcerated until May 18, 2016.

• **Cody Wayne Deans**, of Seligman, made an Alford

plea to assault on a police officer. Deans was on probation of pleading guilty to burglary in the second degree in 2012. Deans was sentenced to four years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

On August 13, 2015, Cassville Police officers were dispatched to Fair Street for a disturbance. Deans was inside, banging on the walls. When officers tried to arrest him, he was combative and attempted to spit in officers' faces. Deans tried to escape officers, causing Officer Justin Fohn to break his ankle, which required surgery.

Deans' probation was related to a break in at The Smoke Shop in Seligman where he broke glass and burglarized the business.

• **Jeremy D. Donahoo**, of Cassville, pled guilty to resisting arrest for a felony and tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree. Donahoo was sentenced to four years incarceration with the Department of Corrections of which he will serve 120 days of shock time.

Donahoo's charges originated from two separate incidents. On July 24, 2014, officers with the Barry County Sheriff's Department served a warrant on Donahoo, who was in possession of five blank checks belonging to someone else.

Then, on July 25, 2014, while Donahoo was an inmate at the Barry County Jail, he was

being transported in a car. Donahoo kicked out the rear passenger window.

Donahoo is to be incarcerated until May 20, 2016.

• **Michael Lee Dotson**, of Cassville, made an Alford plea to statutory sodomy with a child under the age of 12 as a first offense. Dotson was sentenced to 12 years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

Between August 1, 2010, and November 27, 2012, Dotson had sexual intercourse with a child under the age of 12.

• **Derrick Dewayne Elston**, of Verona, pled guilty to two counts of driving while revoked or suspended. Elston was sentenced to four years incarceration with the Department of Corrections of which he will serve shock time.

On February 2, 2014, Conservation Agent Daniel Shores saw Elston attempting to avoid him. When he made contact, Elston had intoxicants on his breath and his license was currently revoked.

Then, the Missouri State Highway Patrol made contact with him on June 7, 2014, on Missouri Route C when his truck had traveled off the roadway and was stuck. Elston was attempting to get the truck unstuck when officers arrived. He did not have a drivers license.

Elston is to be incarcerated until January 19, 2018.

• **Sheena Nicole Gutierrez-Garcia**, of Verona, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Gutierrez-Garcia received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On July 16, 2014, the Missouri State Highway Patrol saw Gutierrez-Garcia in a vehicle in a high-drug traffic area. She was approaching a residence on Elm and Pearl Streets in

Monett. When searched, her vehicle had a bag with methamphetamine residue and a cut straw. Her personal bag also contained cut straws and methamphetamine residue.

Gutierrez-Garcia is to serve probation until January 4, 2021.

• **Shawn Lee House**, of Exeter, pled guilty to driving while revoked or suspended. House was granted a suspended execution of a three year incarceration sentence and four years of supervised probation.

On July 13, 2012, House was found to be driving without a license on Highway 39 near the bridge in Shell Knob.

House is to serve probation until January 20, 2020.

• **Tabbitha Elizabeth Keener**, of Crane, pled guilty to theft/stealing of \$500 to \$25,000 in value. Keener received a suspended imposition of sentencing and four years supervised probation.

In April 2014, Keener entered her mother's bedroom and stole a gold nugget ring worth \$1,700. Keener admitted to going into her parents' room, finding the ring in her father's pants pocket, and taking it.

Keener is to serve probation until January 4, 2020.

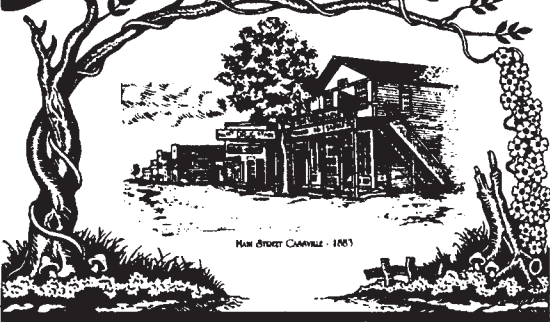
• **Dusty Jack Lantz**, of Crane, pled guilty to DWI-Alcohol as a persistent offender. Lantz received a suspended execution of a three year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and four years supervised probation.

On October 30, 2013, the Missouri State Highway Patrol was assisting the Barry County Sheriff's Department on a call regarding a domestic dispute where another person was attempting to break into the house. When the Patrol arrived, a man was passed out with a dog in the front seat of a truck. Lantz had a blood alcohol content of .174 percent.

Lantz is to serve probation until January 19, 2020.

• **Amber Rose Merritt**, of Cassville, pled guilty to theft/stealing of \$500 to \$25,000 of value and tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree in 2014. Her probation has since been revoked, and she is to serve five years incarceration

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On August 10, 2012, Meritt was the driver in a crash on Farm Road 2125 and Farm Road 1072 in Butterfield. The car involved had been stolen.

• **Jade L. Murray**, of Aurora, made an Alford plea to domestic assault in the second degree. Murray was sentenced to five years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

On December 14, 2013, Murray took her son, Bradley, to the hospital where he had a bruise on his back near his spleen area. Murray stated that she struck him for not obeying. Then she struck him again, which knocked him off the bed and into a different bed. Bradley's spleen ruptured and he later died as a result of his injuries.

• **Joe D. Robinson, Jr.**, of Purdy, pled guilty to two counts of burglary in the first degree and two counts of theft/stealing of a controlled substance. Robinson was granted a suspended execution of a seven year incarceration sentence and five years supervised probation.

On September 22, 2014, officers investigated a case where Robinson broke into a residence and took medications on three separate occasions. Robinson was caught on surveillance camera stealing hydrocodone and adderall from a residence in Eagle Rock.

Then, in July 2015, Robinson broke into another residence in Eagle Rock and stole oxycodone medication.

Robinson is to serve probation until January 19, 2021.

• **Jewel R. Sanders**, of Eagle Rock, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Sanders was granted a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised

probation.

Sanders was found to be in possession of methamphetamine in during a pat-down by Barry County Sheriff's deputies in November 2013 in Eagle Rock.

Sanders is to serve probation until January 19, 2021.

• **Phillip Joe Sanders**, of Bloomfield, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Sanders received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On July 21, 2015, the Missouri State Highway Patrol stopped Sanders' vehicle on Farm Roads 1090 and 2030 for speeding. Sanders was arrested on an outstanding warrant, and troopers found methamphetamine and a digital scale in his possessions, as well as a syringe.

Sanders is to serve probation until January 19, 2021.

• **Carl Douglas Scates**, of Seligman, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Scates received a suspended execution of a seven year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and five years supervised probation.

In August 2014, Seligman Police Officers found Scates to be in possession of a pipe with burnt residue that field-tested positive for methamphetamine.

Scates is to serve probation until January 19, 2021.

• **Dean Russell Smith**, of Cassville, pled guilty to DWI-Alcohol as a prior offender. Smith was granted a suspended execution of a 90-day incarceration sentence in jail. Smith is to serve unsupervised probation for two years.

On December 16, 2013, the Missouri State Highway Patrol

investigated a crash on MO 112 near County Road 2205. Smith was driving while intoxicated and had three prior convictions for traffic offenses.

Smith is to serve probation until January 19, 2018.

• **Jamie L. Taylor**, of Mt. Vernon, pled guilty to distribution of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance. Taylor was granted a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On February 24, 2015, the Missouri State Highway Patrol pulled Taylor over for not having license plates. Taylor had a small baggie of methamphetamine in her jacket lining. In the vehicle were a syringe, spoons with methamphetamine residue, snort straws, a digital scale and small baggies.

Taylor is to serve probation until January 20, 2021.

• **Ernest Anthony Torres, Jr.**, of Purdy, pled guilty to burglary in the first degree. Torres was granted a suspended im-

position of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On June 11, 2013, Torres stole a ring and 30 Xanax from an address on East Bond Street in Monett. Torres fled on foot after being seen in the residence.

Torres is to serve probation until January 20, 2021.

• **Nelson F. Walls**, of Mt. Vernon, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Walls was granted a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On July 28, 2014, Walls was driving a vehicle on Route Z. Walls and his passenger were making abrupt movements and reaching under the seat, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper had to approach the vehicle with his weapon drawn.

Walls gave officers a false name, but was identified when his wallet was found in the vehicle. Officers also found a syringe that tested positive for

methamphetamine. Walls admitted that the syringe was his.

Walls is to serve probation until January 20, 2021.

• **Hank Lee Winsea**, of Monett, pled guilty to two counts of non-support and an Alford plea to assault in the first degree. Winsea was sentenced to one year incarceration in jail for the non-support charges and seven years incarceration with the Department of Corrections for the assault charge.

Winsea's charges originate from two separate incidents.

The non-support come from Winsea's failure to pay child support for his child. He was in arrears \$16,598.61 as of October 16, 2013.

Then on January 13, 2014, Winsea stabbed a man after knocking on his door. Officers found the victim to be bleeding from a wound on his side. When officers met up with Winsea, he was in possession of a hunting knife that matched the description of the one used in the assault.

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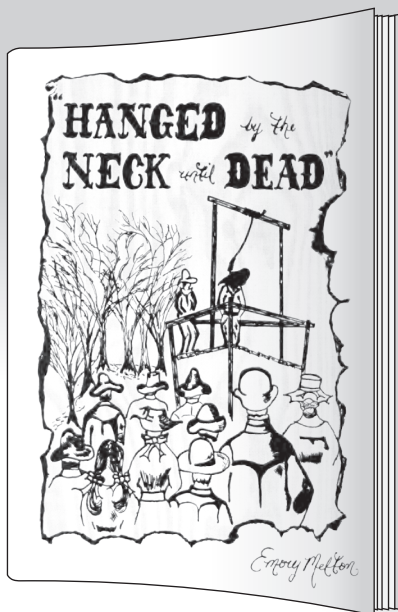
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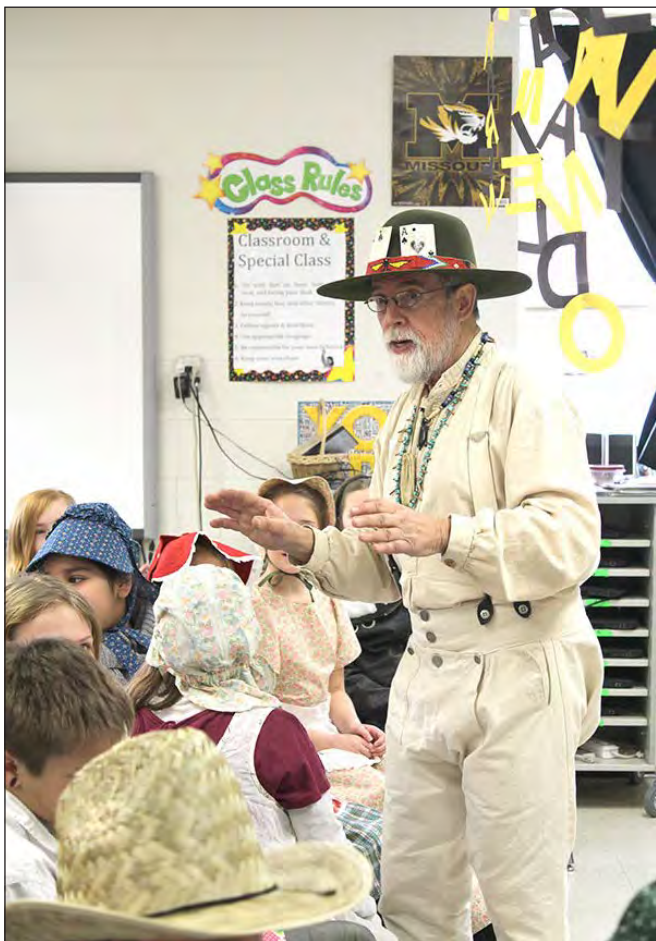


# Cassville Intermediate's Laura Ingalls Wilder day

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Cassville Intermediate fourth graders participated in a special Laura Ingalls Wilder Day on Friday, February 5. They played games, listened to speakers, made butter and learned what life was like back in Laura's time. Pictured above, Pazlee Burbridge and Avery Campbell do their school work on chalkboards.



Dr. Larry Quinalty speaks to Mrs. Hall's fourth graders during Laura Ingalls Wilder day at the school. Dr. Q talked to the kids about Dutch oven cooking back in Laura's time.

who would run for Epperly's position if he chose to not run again. All he said at the meeting was, "I know we've got people in this office that can step up and run [for] the position." He added, "It's mine and my wife's decision. If one of you decides to run for the position, I'll be behind you. But let me tell you, you must have your family to support you. My wife has been there to support me through the thick and the thin, and the lawsuits that come along with it and this and that you know, but she's been there."

Epperly said that all those years ago, he ran his campaign on a platform he still holds true. "When I ran for Sheriff the very first time, in 1996, my signs were, put on each and every sign, 'fair, honest and caring,' and I believe that's the way I carried my system all the way through it."

He said, "I think we made Barry County a better place to live." He continued, "It's been quite a ride."

Epperly said that he plans to spend time with his grandchildren, hunt, fish and take care of his cattle farm after his term ends at the end of the year.

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**Harper Erwin**  
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**Cash Forgey**  
Eric & Donna O'Neill  
Donnie & Nancy Morgan



**Carter Stringer**  
Travis & Janet O'Neill  
Tom & Anna O'Neill



**Carter Stringer**  
Shane & Ann Boyd  
Gary & Debbie Hall



**Zach Boyd**  
Gary & Debbie Hall  
Stan & Nancy Boyd



**Carlee Mitchell**  
J.L. & Myra Callaway  
Richard & Linda Mitchell



**Reece Newman**  
Don & Linda Newman  
Wayne & Tanya Cummings



**Rykon Beck**  
Floyd & Kay Beck  
The late Cecil & the late Marian Johnson



**Bo Beck**  
John & Brandi Beck  
Cheyanne Bohmke



**Duncan Robidou**  
Larry & Vicky Henbest  
Robert & Anita Robidou



**Max Lyall**  
Tim & Kathy Stansberry  
Jerry & LaRue Lyall



**Kynlee King**  
Terry & Misty Roller  
Bill & Peggy Roller



**Treyson Roller**  
Greg & Teresa Jenkins  
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**Maddox Cooper**  
Jeff & Linda Cooper  
Kenneth & Elsie Cooper



**Jack Thompson**  
Jeff & Donna Thompson  
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**Braden & Haylee York**  
Raymond & Bobbie Vanzandt  
Troy & Lisa York



**Emily & Zander Harris**  
Rudy & Linda Harris  
Eddie & Paula Gibson



**Spencer Essary**  
Rudy & Linda Harris  
Nathan & Carla Lowe



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Rusty & Phyllis Arnold  
Ruth Gray



**Braylen Myers & Adeline Bussman**  
Rusty & Phyllis Arnold  
Ruth Gray



**Rylee & Jaxon Stansberry**  
Ike & Sharon Hollingsworth  
Steve & Cheri Stansberry



**Zoey Cassity**  
Sherrell & Glenda Cassity  
Bob & Pat Sorensen



**Kristel & Carla Garcia**  
Rosa & Martin  
Cecenañas



**Kynzleigh Scott**  
Mike & LeighAnn  
Clifton



**Vinny Griffanti**  
Mike & LeighAnn  
Clifton



**Jaxon Griffanti**  
Mike & LeighAnn  
Clifton



**Asher & Nova Kier**  
Kenny & Shirley White  
Don & Robin Kier



**Nevaeh Wiggins**  
John & Terri Henderson  
Chris & Tammy Odem



**Zade & Remi Dunfee**  
Grandma & Papa  
Rick



**Braydyn Sizemore  
& Myah Dunfee**  
Grandma & Papa Rick



**Colter & Makennley Phillips**  
Larry & Barbara Phillips  
Richard & Teresa Davis



**Chadd Phillips**  
Larry & Barbara Phillips  
Donnie & Kim Chadd



**Easton Phillips**  
Larry & Barbara Phillips  
Richard & Teresa Davis



# Happy Valentine's Day 2016 Grandchildren



**Chandler Bigham**  
Chris & Pattie Bigham  
Allan & Vicki Sturgeon



**Jaxon Winfrey**  
Tommy & Sherri Callahan  
Glen & Lisa Winfrey



**Avery Scott**  
Glen & Sharon Garrett  
Patty Davis



**Hayden Scott**  
Glen & Sharon Garrett  
Patty Davis



**Remington Hinds**  
Russell & Teresa Addison  
Ron & Mary Addison



**Levi Taylor**  
Brett & Joni Moore  
Mike & Helen Davis



**Kelton Nguyen**  
Brett & Joni Moore  
Rebecca Coatney



**Kinzey Mizer**  
Ron & Rhonda Stafford  
Randy & Benni Stockton



**Auden Mizer**  
Ron & Rhonda Stafford  
Randy & Benni Stockton



**Rogan Mizer**  
Ron & Rhonda Stafford  
Rand & Benni Stockton



**Zoei Stockton**  
Ron & Rhonda Stafford  
Randy & Benni Stockton



**Lydia Stockton**  
Ron & Ronda Stafford  
Randy & Benni Stockton



**Mackenna Russell & Remington Vice**  
Randy & Amy Meadows  
Dan & Wendy Vice



**Mackenna Russell & Remington Vice**  
Robert & Sharon Slane  
Brian Slane



**Loren & William Horner**  
David & Kim Horner  
Tom & Tracy Tate



**Graham Munday**  
David & Kim Horner  
Mike Munday



**Shane Beck**  
Joe & Sarah Beck  
Rick Swearingen



**RemiRae Nunley**  
Michelle Parsons & Dan Bowman  
Mike & Suzanne Parsons



**Jonathan Moczygemba**  
Frank & Marilyn  
Richter



**Braelynn Periman**  
Larry & Angela  
Periman



**Cash Forgey**  
Dale & Sandy Forgey  
Dorothy Prewitt



**Logan & Reyna Aldridge**  
James & Linda Aldridge  
Ronnie & Connie Maloney



**Coy & Ava Aldridge**  
James & Linda Aldridge  
Dennie & Lori Gerke



**Lane Aldridge**  
James & Linda  
Aldridge



**Mackenna Russell**  
Brian & Amie Slane  
Bob & Sharon Slane



**Remington Vice**  
Brian & Amie Slane  
Bob & Sharon Slane



**Chadd Phillips**  
Donnie & Kim Chadd  
Larry & Barbara Phillips



**Keelan Massey**  
Donnie & Kim Chadd  
Tina Gilbert, Wes Massey



**Lorelei & Lyndsie Vanderhoef**  
DeeAnn Cole  
Tom & Sharon Vanderhoef



**Alyssa Frasher**  
DeeAnn Cole  
Barbara Frasher



**Ashley Cole**  
Charlie & Connie Lauderdale  
DeeAnn Cole



**Kyle Frasher**  
DeeAnn Cole  
Barbara Frasher



**Ember & Ivy Cole**  
Ken & Peggy Heidlage  
DeeAnn Cole



**Olivia Waters**  
Connie Williams  
Tim & Tracey Essery



**Kaylee Stover**  
Dale & Judy Keel  
Jim & Gayle Young



**Ryder & Jordyn Martin**  
Rick & Lisa Hendrix  
Bobby Clark, Barbara Morgan



**Molly & Paisley Hendrix**  
Rick & Lisa Hendrix  
Bobby Clark, Barbara Morgan



**Avery Hendrix**  
Clay & Pami Hudgins  
Lauri Curren, Pat McDaniel



**Avery Hendrix**  
Rick & Lisa Hendrix  
Bonnie Morgan, Shirley Dean



**Kelton & Jayci Park**  
Doug & Jill Hudson  
Glen & BJo Phelps



**Palyn Park**  
Doug & Jill Hudson  
Glen & BJo Phelps



**Miles Arnold**  
Tim & Chris Willyard  
Darrel & Connie Arnold



**Jameson & Eleanor Boone**  
Garth & Symbra Boone  
Misha Blakely



**Arya Bass**  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Jacobs  
the late Gina Watson, the late William Munday



**Aria Adams**  
Rick & Kelli  
Adams



**Simon Walker**  
Peter & Donna Renkoski  
Kay and the late Steve Walker



**Silas Walker**  
Peter & Donna Renkoski  
Kay and the late Steve Walker



**Kasen Bartkoski**  
James & Dana Bartkoski  
Ron & Dee Day



**Brexton Cunningham**  
Gary & W.J. Cunningham  
Ray & Donna Bowman



# Happy Valentine's Day 2016 Grandchildren



**Gracie Harmon**  
Byron & Bobbie Tucker  
Cliff & Melissa Mitchell



**Gwen Harmon**  
Byron & Bobbie Tucker  
Cliff & Melissa Mitchell



**Crosby Harmon**  
Byron & Bobbie Tucker  
Cliff & Melissa Mitchell



**Cadence Merritt  
& Eli Hayes**  
Jeff & Marsha Scott



**Dawson Tucker**  
Byron & Bobbie Tucker  
Donna & the late Robert Smith



**Braden Tucker**  
Byron & Bobbie Tucker  
Donna & the late Robert Smith



**Frankie Tucker**  
Byron & Bobbie Tucker  
Cliff & Melissa Mitchell



**Jackson Mitchell**  
Cliff & Melissa Mitchell



**Nicolas Mitchell**  
Cliff & Melissa Mitchell



**Treyson Roller**  
Greg & Tresa Packwood



**Blakely Bokor**  
Johnny & Martha Berry  
David & DeAnna Bokor



**Blakely Bokor**  
Joe & Lynn Vieira  
Gene & Jeanette Waidleith



**Bently Brattin**  
Brenda DeGraffenreid & the late Terry DeGraffenreid  
The late Rex Brattin



**Camren Brattin**  
Brenda DeGraffenreid & the late Terry DeGraffenreid  
The late Rex Brattin



**Caleb Buchanan**  
Danny & Carrie Buchanan  
Mary & Tammy Palecek



**Lucas Buchanan**  
Danny & Carrie Buchanan  
Mary & Tammy Palecek



**Bryce Stuppy**  
Danny & Carrie Buchanan  
Mark Stuppy, Joanie LaRose



**Noah & Ethan Beck**  
David & Penny Stanley



**Molly Banks**  
David & Penny Stanley  
Barney & Connie Banks



**Ryder Ellis**  
Jim & Rhonda Savage



**Hayden Mattingly**  
Sonya & Gary Hayward  
Kathy Lansdown, Sam Mattingly



**Riley Cooper**  
C.L. & Donna England  
Randy Cooper, Christy Cooper



**Rylie McCurdy**  
C.L. & Donna England  
Raelene Taylor, Robin McCurdy



**Konrad Brown**  
C.L. & Donna England  
Bert & Anita Brown



**Tatyn & Jemma Meltabarger**  
Judy Creech  
Rod & Debbie Meltabarger



**Logan Brattin**  
Mark & Robin Brattin



**Jakob Henbest**  
Mark & Robin Brattin



**Izaak Henbest**  
Mark & Robin Brattin



**Emily Brooks**  
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David & Carol Griffin



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Allen & Dortha Brooks  
David & Carol Griffin



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David & Carol Griffin



**Lexie Hendrix**  
Allen & Dortha Brooks  
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Betty Hendrix, Michael Hendrix



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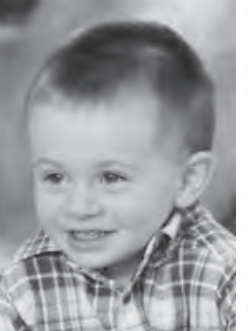
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Ron & Marie Hoff



**Taylor Lunceford**  
Ron & Marie Hoff  
The late Jennie Nelson



**Jayson Peterson**  
John & Alice Byron  
Ron & Marie Hoff



**Kohen Bateman**  
Jeanie Butler & the late Larry Butler  
Steve Bateman, Sheila McNabb



**Annlee Ennes**  
Bobby & Ann Ennes  
Lora White, Bobby Corn



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Gina Keener



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Gina Keener



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Danny & Debbie Miller  
J.B. & Peggy Harp



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John & Melinda Williams  
Sherri Boston



**Ethan & Noah Beck**  
Lee & Shirley Beck  
Virgil & Shirley Beck



# Happy Valentine's Day 2016 Grandchildren



**Paislee Pendergraft**  
Michael & Lynna Cooper  
Heath & Angela Pendergraft



**Palyn Park**  
Buy & Debbie Park  
Ed Hendrix



**Jayci Park**  
Bud & Debbie Park  
Ed Hendrix



**Kelton Park**  
Bud & Debbie Park  
Ed Hendrix



**Jillian LeCompte**  
Calvin & Del Holman  
Barbara LeCompte & the late Bill LeCompte



**Jadyn Stewart**  
Lou Stewart & the late Gary Stewart  
Juanita Mahurin & the late Bill Mahurin



**Sydney Stephens**  
Bobby & Sherry Stephens  
David & Jill Kilpatrick



**Avery Haddock**  
David & Janet Haddock  
Stan & Debbie Kelley



**Haylee & Camden Kelley**  
Lyn & Tonya Coones  
Stan & Debbie Kelley



**Cheney Kelley**  
Jeston & Rhonda Scott  
Stan & Debbie Kelley



**Ella Kelley**  
Jeston & Rhonda Scott  
Stan & Debbie Kelley



**Kason Craig**  
Jerry & Carol Craig  
Marty & Sherry Meier



**Kaiser Craig**  
Jerry & Carol Craig  
Marty & Sherry Meier



**Kennedy Truman**  
Jan & the late Duane Truman  
Brenda Summers, Doug Summers



**Reagan Turman**  
Jan & the late Duane Truman  
Brenda Summers, Doug Summers



**Abby Corn**  
Bobby & Jo Nell  
Corn



**Michah Corn**  
Bobby & Jo Nell  
Corn



**Madison & Colton Yockey**  
Gregg & Kandi Yockey  
Clay & Donita Vaught



**Wylan & Mquade Farris**  
Gregg & Kandi Yockey  
John & Shannon Farris



**Kaia Muse**  
Jimmy & Kathy  
Stephens



**Tytus Benton**  
Jimmy & Kathy  
Stephens



**Jazzlyn Hamilton**  
Jonathan Elkins  
Tayra Elkins



**Marissa & Jacob Freeman**  
Freda Wolf, Verna Wolf  
Roy & Nona Selby



**Jackson Freeman**  
Freda Wolf, Verna Wolf  
Roy & Nona Selby



**Colby Powers**  
Jeff & Angie Swadley  
Mark & Linda Powers



**Eden Vanzant**  
Phil & Valerie Hutchens  
Mom Marcia, Mom Barbara



**Carson Hutchens**  
Phil & Valerie Hutchens  
Mom Marcia, Mom Barbara



**Emma Hutchens**  
Phil & Valerie Hutchens  
Mom Marcia, Mom Barbara



**Kavary Postlewait**  
David & Barbara Donaldson  
Wayne Bickford, Kenneth Freeman



**Jabin Postlewait**  
David & Barbara Donaldson  
Wayne Bickford, Kenneth Freeman



## Happy Valentines Day

to all of our little Valentines!



## Frugal ways to celebrate Valentine's Day

A day set aside to shower a loved one with gifts and touching words of affection, Valentine's Day brightens the often gloomy month of February. Established centuries ago with origins shrouded in mystery, Valentine's Day has evolved into one of the most popular - and expensive - days of the year. Many couples celebrate Valentine's Day with cards, gifts and nights out on the town, and such celebrations can stretch budgets.

Coming on the heels of post-holiday bills, Valentine's Day can feel like a costly prospect. Yet, even those on a budget can enjoy a special day to remember

without breaking the bank. The following are several frugal ways to enjoy Valentine's Day.

- Create your own greeting card. It can be challenging to find cards that offer just the right sentiments. Sometimes cards seem distant, too risqué or overly sentimental. Instead, create your own card. Find a decorative blank card or make one from card stock. Search through your digital photos and print one of the two of you together. Glue on a paper heart border, and then jot down some affectionate sentiments.

- Cleverly wrap favorite chocolate. Chocolate is synonymous with Valentine's

Day, and it's easy to spend a lot on gourmet chocolates without even knowing if your valentine will like what's inside the box. Stick to what you know he or she likes, even if it's a simple chocolate bar from a convenience store. Buy a few and then wrap them in a fancy box with ribbon.

- Go out for a small bite to eat. If you're concerned about the cost of an expensive dinner out or anticipate being restricted to a certain menu, plan to dine at home. You can opt to go out for cocktails prior or head to a café for dessert and cappuccino afterward. This way you'll still get the experience

of going out without being forced to overspend.

- Purchase a rosebush. Bouquets of roses are traditional gifts for Valentine's Day. However, thanks to the increased demand, the cost of roses tends to increase as Valentine's Day draws nearer. If you want to save money but still give roses, buy a plant that blooms each year. Buy a rosebush and plan to put it in the garden come spring when all danger of frost is gone.

- Turn older jewelry new again. Diamonds and other jewelry can be costly. If a new piece simply isn't in the budget, consider repurposing an older piece of jewelry that isn't worn as often. It's amazing what a new setting

on a ring can look like or how stones on a seldom-used necklace can be turned into fashionable stud earrings. If you have a good amount of mismatched gold jewelry

lying around, you may be able to sell it or have it melted down and turned into a beautiful new creation.





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REAL ESTATE - JOHN DEERE ZERO TURN MOWER - AUTOS (BMW & TOYOTA) - TRAILERS

LOTS OF TOOLS - GUNS - ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES - VERY NICE GRANDFATHER CLOCK, FURNITURE & APPLIANCES - MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS & MUCH MORE



**MOWER:** 2012 John Deere Z 830A, Pro 60, 27 hp, zero turn. commercial grade mower, kept inside w/only 251 hrs.

**AUTOS:** 2004 Toyota Tundra SR 5, 4 door, 4x4, auto, only 96xxx miles. 2009 BMW 335i X Drive, AWD, only 119xxx miles (nice). Autos sell w/small reserve.

**TRAILERS:** 6½' x 12' trailer w/rear & side drop gates. 5' x 10' drop gate trailer.

**GUNS:** Stoeger double barrel coach gun (nice). Remington bolt action .22 LR. Ruger 10/22, .22 LR. 30-06 modified Japanese rifle.

**TOOLS:** Miller Bobcat 225 welder/generator, only 58 hrs (looks new). Lincoln AC/DC arc welder. Bending brake mdl 0422, 16 ga on stand. Grizzly Precision foot shear 52", 16 ga. Campbell Hausfeld 5hp 26 gal air compressor. Kennedy tool chest. Black Maxx 4550 watt generator. 6" grinder on stand. Stihl weed eater. Craftsman 16" scroll saw. Engine puller frame. Chain fall. High wheel string trimmer. High lift jack. Mower lift. Milwaukee HD deep cut band saw. Hilti drill. Airless paint sprayer. Floor mdl 16 sp HD drill press. S.S. welding rods. Misc. nail guns. 12v auto battery charger/engine starter. Husky 1750 PSI elect power washer. Lot of lg & sm socket sets. Lots of ratchets, pliers, screw drivers, hammers, etc. Several elect drills such as: Milwaukee, DeWalt & more. Forstner drill bit sets. Long handle tools. Dermal tools. Ext cords. Lg roll around tool chest. 12v sprayer. HD battery charge. Lg vice. Floor jacks. HD metal cut off saw. Creeper. DeWalt grinders, lights, etc. Milwaukee HD sawsall. Misc pipe clamps. Workbench. Casters. Nuts & bolts organizers. Peg board hardware. Tie down straps. Gas cans. Misc. ladders. Hose caddy. Misc roller stands. Post bender. Post grinder. Many more tools not listed.

**ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES:** Old milk can. Old egg basket. Red Dog & Miller lighted beer signs. (2) ant. garden push plows. Old trunk. Sm galvanized trash can. Metal patio glider. Old wood rocking chair. Sm rocking chair. Cow bell. Fishing creel. Several decorative swords. Car mdls. Indiana Carnival glass. Some Westmorland glass. Fostoria & cut glass. Frederic Remington prints. 10 pt deer mount. Western décor statues & prints. Norway figurines. Misc what knot & wall hangings. Nuevo Corazon 1885 mdl ship. Coin banks. Tiffany style lamp.

**UNIQUE:** Stainless steel moonshine still (new).

**FURNITURE & APPLIANCES:** Howard Miller Grandfather clock (like new, very nice). Victorian style ornate hutch (very nice). Matching leather sofa, loveseat & recliner (nice) Cedar lined chest. Queen size bed w/modern brass head board. Sm curio cabinet. Oak dresser w/mirror. Bed-frame w/matching chest & night stand. Stereo cabinet. Glider chair & ottoman. Coffee table & misc end tables. Video storage cabinet. (4) bar stools. Wall mirror. Misc. table & floor lamps. (2) folding tables & 4 chairs. Misc. file cabinets. Bose surround sound system. Vizio 65" flat screen TV. Whirlpool HD washer & dryer. Sm chest freezer. Whirlpool gold side by side refrigerator.

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:** Fender copy steel guitar w/case. Peavey bandit 112 amp. Sm squire 15 amp. Yamaha 16G mixer. Microphone stands & misc. Several Hotiner Harmonicas. Power 2 tambourine. (2) Phonic PA 450 sound systems w/stands. Bongos. Portable MR DJ USA.

**MISC.:** Kitchen Aid mixer (like new). Misc. kitchen sm appliances & kitchen wares like T-Fal pans (new). dishes, etc. Simmons mdl 6450 telescope. Patio table that extends w/4 chairs (new). Misc yard art. Several compound bows. Thunderbolt cross bow. Hard side gun cases. Royal cash register. Skeet thrower. Sears cabin water system. ATV storage/seat. Sm pet carrier. Lg pet cage. Bicycle. Weider work out system. Cross country skis. Snow shoes. Coolers. Sm Tappan furnace. Misc lumber & metal. Books. BBQ. Christmas décor. DVD's & CD's. Lorex Security system (new). Double child's stroller. Fireplace set. Cpap machine. Wii machine. Printers. Misc. linens. Live trap. Park bench. Sm yard windmill.

**CAMPING ITEMS:** Pescador 12.0 Kayak. Float tube w/fins. 2 XL Body Glove life vest (new). Fishing poles & misc. fishing equip. Cast iron cookware set. New gas cooker. Lanterns. Misc. camping gear. Many more items not listed.


**REAL ESTATE:** 3 bedroom, 2¼ bath home on 10 AC m/l. This property has many good features. Nice home, Hwy. 37 frontage, railroad access, plus 10 ac m/l & approx. half way between Monett & Cassville. The home features 3 bedrooms & 2¼ bath, master bedroom w/master bath & (2) separate bedrooms w/shared bath, living room w/fireplace w/pellet stove insert & French door leading out to a new concrete patio. Kitchen features lots of custom oak cabinets, corian counter tops, elec smooth top Whirlpool microwave oven combo & open to the dining room. 2 car attached garage that leads into a sm office area & utility room w/¼ bath. **Real Estate sells at 12 noon.**

**OUTSIDE FEATURES:** A new asphalt circle drive, nice 40x60 shop w/2 overhead doors, elect. concrete floor, 3 phase elec, also to shop & concrete apron on back of shop, loafing shed, well house, well & septic, new pond. All on 10 ac m/l. This property is perfect for sm mini farm, horses, cows, etc. or want a sm business on Hwy. 37, here it could be, need railroad access, look no further, many many possibilities. This property will be offered at public auction. Estate of Larry Banks. Family ready to sell. Come prepared to buy. Someone will get a deal on a nice place,


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## Purdom, of Purdy, earns dairy legacy award

Larry Purdom, of Purdy, received the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Dairy Legacy Award from Governor Nixon at the 31st Annual MDA meeting.

The Missouri Dairy Association's (MDA) voting delegates, during MDA's 31st Annual Meeting, passed a resolution supporting the proposed statewide beef checkoff at the recent Heart of America Dairy Expo in Springfield. "We have always supported the national beef checkoff and encourage dairy farmers to register to vote for the proposed statewide beef checkoff,"

says Ted Sheppard, newly elected MDA president and a dairy farmer from Cabool. "In addition, our delegates established positions on several current issues including: • Opposing the Missouri Tax Commission's recommendation of a five percent increase for Missouri farmland. • Supporting efforts to exempt agricultural disaster payments from being taxed

as income. • Supporting legislation to change "strict liability" for livestock owners for damages caused by livestock that escape their confines to "negligence liability". • Encouraging Missouri counties to apply for the Agri-Ready County designation from Missouri Farmers Care. • Supporting designating cottonseed as an oilseed to make it eligible for farm program payments.

"The Expo was attended by 469 attendees and 63 exhibitors," says Sheppard. "We were very pleased with the turnout considering the inclement weather." Scott Maples, of Clever, was elected to the MDA board of directors succeeding Larry Purdom, of Purdy, who retired from the board. Purdom was honored during the Expo for his 11 years as MDA president and for receiving the Dairy Legacy Award from the Missouri Department of Agriculture during the Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture. The next Heart of America Dairy Expo is scheduled for January 19-21, 2017 at the Ramada Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield.

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- Absentee voting continues through Monday, March 14, 2016, at the Barry County Clerk's Office in Cassville, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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- For more information call Barry County Clerk, Gary Youngblood at (417) 847-2762 or (417) 847-2561 or email [barrycountyclerk@centurytel.net](mailto:barrycountyclerk@centurytel.net).

## Cassville Library upcoming events

- A special program, Suicide Prevention, will be held on Thursday, February 11, at 6 p.m. Designed to identify and help individuals struggling with suicidal feelings. The class is being presented by Valerie Yarmouth of Mercy Health Care. There will be a question and answer session included, and it is free and open to anyone wanting to attend. Call (417) 847-2121 for further information.
- Feeling crafty? Attend the crochet class each Friday morning at 10:30 a.m.
- The Friday movie on February 12 will be the classic Disney Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, rated PG.

It begins at 4 p.m., and you are encouraged to bring your own snack.

- All branches of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library will be closed on Monday, February 15, for President's Day.

- The new coloring group for grown-ups, Color Me Mellow, will have its first meeting on Thursday, February 18, at 6 p.m. Materials will be supplied, or you may bring your own.

- A reminder: if the Cassville Schools are closed for inclement weather, programs scheduled at the Cassville Branch Library on those days will be cancelled.

## Eagle Rock Library upcoming events

- On Saturday, February 13, at 10 a.m., the Eagle Rock Lego Club will be meeting at the Eagle Rock Community Center. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Kara at (417) 846-3059.
- On Thursday, February 18, there will be a new adult coloring time. Join them from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a stress relief through coloring. All supplies and coloring sheets will be provided. For more information, contact the library at (417) 271-3186.



## Exeter's students of the second quarter



Exeter's students of the second quarter are pictured above. The selected students are, from left to right: Ibhet Alcaraz, 7th grade; Lexee Johnson, 10th grade; Jarrett Brattin, 9th grade; Austin Tripp, 12th grade; Lanna Burnette, 11th grade; and Cameron Weston, 8th grade.

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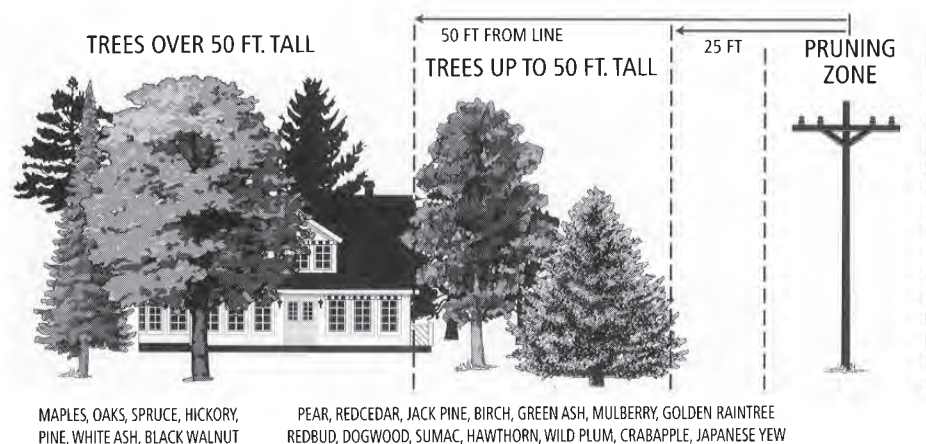
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# Barry County Health Department January Food Service Report

The Health Department divides food service code violations into two categories: Priority and Core items.

Priority items are more likely than other violations to contribute to food contamination, or illness and/or injury.

Core items, although important to the overall hygiene of the establishment, do not necessarily present an immediate threat to food contamination or illness and/or injury.

A report for each establishment that is inspected shows the number of priority items, along with a short statement as to the nature of the violations. The report also shows the number of core items, but doesn't list the nature of those violations.

\*Corrected on spot

## • L&L Stop & Shop Exeter

Routine 1/4/16:  
Priority items: 0.  
Core items: 0.

## • J & S Floral Exeter

Routine 1/4/16:  
Priority items: 0.  
Core items: 0.

## • C&C Country Store Exeter

Routine 1/4/16:  
Priority items: 5

1. An uncovered employee beverage was on the prep counter in the kitchen.\*

2. Gravy was held at 127°F in a crock pot (must be at least 140°F). Cheese was held at 52°F and potato salad at 47°F in the top of

the deli case; and cheese was held at 57°F in the bottom compartment of the deli case (must be 41°F or below).

3. The green beans in the refrigerator were not labeled with discard date.\*

4. Four packages of ground chuck with a discard date of 12/29/15 were not discarded.\*

5. Shelving in the grocery display is soiled from dust accumulation.

Core items: 0.

Follow-Up 1/11/16:

All priority violations from the 1/4/16 inspection were corrected.

## • Subway (inside Walmart) Monett

Routine 1/4/16:  
Priority items: 0.  
Core items: 0.

## • Sam's Kitchen (Mobile) Monett

Pre-Opening 1/5/16:  
Permit issued.

## • Subway Monett

Routine 1/6/16:  
Priority items: 3

1. No one was Servsafe certified on duty.

2. Six black bowls had deep cut grooves and flaking plastic.

3. Four containers with food debris on them were put away as clean.\*

Core items: 2.\*

## • Vito's Italian Restaurant Monett

Routine 1/6/16:  
Priority items: 6

1. No one was Servsafe certified on duty.

2. An uncovered employ-

ee beverage was in the food prep area.\*

3. The sanitizer was not at the proper strength.\*

4. Numerous potentially hazardous foods were not labeled with the discard date.

5. The can opener blade had bacteria growth and dried food on it. The ice machine had bacteria growth inside. The ice scoop was not stored on a sanitary surface. The soda fountain nozzles had bacteria growth from not being cleaned. Soiled utensils were in the utensil drawer.

6. Red sauce was held at 122°F (must be held at 140°F or above). Raw shrimp, crab meat and other potentially hazardous foods were held at 51°F (must be held at 41°F or below).\*

Core items: 7.

Follow-Up 1/13/16:

Priority items: 1

1. No one was Servsafe certified on duty.

Core items: 0.

## • VFW # 4207 Monett

Routine 1/6/16:  
Priority items: 2

1. No one was Servsafe certified on duty.

2. Red baskets that popcorn is served in were not washed, rinsed and sanitized after each use.\*

Core items: 2.

## • Kwik T's Cassville

Routine 1/12/16:  
Priority items: 4

1. No one was Servsafe certified on duty.

2. An uncovered em-

ployee beverage was in the kitchen.\*

3. Four breakfast sandwiches with a discard date of 1/11/16 and a container of sausages with a discard date of 1/8/16 were not discarded.\*

4. Dishes and food contact surfaces were not sanitized after cleaning.\*

Core items: 3.

## • Dollar General # 3945 Cassville

1/12/16:

Approved for re-opening after flood damage.

## • Garcia's Mexican Restaurant Cassville

Routine 1/12/16:  
Priority items: 3

1. No one was Servsafe certified on duty.

2. Four plastic food containers were heat damaged and no longer smooth and cleanable.\*

3. Cooked beef and cooked chicken were held without time or temperature controls. Both were on the prep table at 70°F.\*

Core items: 1.\*

## • The Family Room Monett

Follow-Up 1/13/16:

Priority items: 5\*

1. An employee preparing food was touching buns, sandwich toppings and bread with their bare hands.\*

2. Raw chicken was stored above onions.\*

3. The cooler and ice bucket were soiled. Two microwaves were heavily soiled.\*

4. The tile on the counter in the server area was in disrepair and is no longer smooth and easily cleanable.

5. There were two unlabeled spray bottles of sanitizer.\*

Core items: 4.

## • Rowdy Beaver Cassville

Routine 1/13/16:  
Priority items: 7

1. No one was Servsafe certified on duty.

2. An open canned beverage was on kitchen preparation table.\*

3. A container of sanitizer was stored on top of the refrigerator.\*

4. Cheese and cut lettuce were not held at 41°F or below.\*

5. Partially cooked fries were held at 81°F and baked potatoes were held at 87°F.\*

6. Cooked pasta, bagged vegetables, meats and other potentially hazardous foods were not labeled with discard dates.

7. Containers that frill picks and seasonings were stored in were heavily soiled. Containers and lids stor-

ing breeding were heavily soiled.\*

Core items: 7.

Follow-up 1/18/16:

Priority item from the 1/13/16 was corrected.

Follow up 1/28/16:

Priority items:

No one was ServSafe certified on duty.

Core items: 0.

## • Walmart # 4832 Seligman

Routine 1/14/16:

Priority items: 3\*

1. Raw beef was stored above ready-to-eat deli ham and ham steaks.\*

2. There was no hand washing sink in the produce preparation area. (The existing sink was changed into an eye washing sink).\*

3. Chemicals, such as printer ink and air freshener, were stored above foods.\*

Core items: 0.

## • White Oak Station # 18 Seligman

Routine 1/14/16:

Priority items: 2\*

1. Cauliflower in the walk-in cooler had begun to

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2. Discard times for fried foods were not documented.\*

Core items: 2.

• **Dollar General # 15781 Rocky Comfort**

Routine 1/14/16:

Priority items: 0.

Core items: 1.

• **Wheaton School Wheaton**

Routine 1/14/16:

Priority items: 0.

Core items: 0.

• **Wheaton Asian Market Wheaton**

Routine 1/14/16:

Priority items: 0.

Core items: 2.

• **Trojan PQ Mart Washburn**

Routine 1/18/16:

Priority items: 0.

Core items: 2.

• **Ramey # 26 Purdy**

Routine 1/26/16:

Priority items: 8

1. No one was Servsafe certified on duty.\*

2. Raw ground meats were stored above whole raw meats (must be stored according to minimum in-

ternal cooking temperature requirement).

3. Brisket was not labeled with a seven-day discard date. Ribs and chicken were given more than seven days for a discard date.\*

4. Numerous food items dated 1/25/16 were not discarded on the discard date.\*

5. Hamburgers, ribs and chicken, held by time as a public health control, do not have a documented discard time.\*

6. The meat grinder was only cleaned every other day.\*

7. Shelving for bread and marshmallows was soiled.

8. A chemical spray bottle was labeled as sanitizer on one side and oven cleaner on the other.\*

Core items: 3.

Follow-Up 1/28/16

Priority items: 2

1. No one was Servsafe certified on duty.

2. Bread shelves were soiled.

Core items: 0.

# Local authors donate book sales to Shell Knob Library



Six local authors were at the Shell Knob Library signing and selling their books on Saturday, January 16, for a good cause. Proceeds from all sales were donated to the Shell Knob Public Library Building Fund. There was a good selection of genre among the books.

“God - Country - Life” is a book of poems inspired by God in the life of author Richard Meyer. “My emphasis has always been about God, country, family and trying to make wherever we are a better place when we leave it than when we came there,” Meyer said.

“A Recollection Collection” by Jim Wulz is an assortment of homemade toys; games of long ago, some favorite foods of those years, and a few old home remedies, preserving a niche in time that is full of memories for many.

Jackie Witherspoon wrote a novel, “The Survivors’ Walk,” based on her personal experience of surviving cancer. “When five women share a chemo treatment room, they learn they have more in common than a disease.”

Another book of poetry, “Journey On,” was written by Missy Wolf. She gives all the credit to God for her inspiration. She believes God can speak to us in many different ways and hopes that readers will hear His voice in her poems.

“All I ever wanted was to be normal, from chains of addictions to the joys of freedom” is Jo Twidwell’s testimony. “I was addicted to alcohol and sex, living with my abusive boyfriend, depressed and suicidal, but Jesus heard my cry for help, and He

changed my life.”

Following the success of “The History of Fishing Table Rock Lake,” Tom Koob presented his second full-length book, “Buried By Table Rock Lake.” He tells the tales, anecdotes and facts about everything covered by the lake.

Meyer, Wulz, Witherspoon, Twidwell and Koob are Shell Knob residents. Wolf from Jenkins.

Offering each book for \$10, they donated \$170 to the Shell Knob Library Building Fund.

These authors will be at the next Book Signing event at the Central Crossing Senior Center in Shell Knob on March 12 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Senior Center’s Spring Open House.

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## Barry Electric schedules annual district meetings

Marvin Phipps, Secretary for the Barry Electric Cooperative announced the schedule for the annual district membership meetings. District No. 1 members will meet at the Washburn Fire Department, Washburn on February 15, 2016, District No. 2 members' meeting will be held at the Barry Electric Office, 4015 Main Street, Cassville, on February 18, 2016; and the meeting for District

No. 3 will be held at the Clio Community Building located on Highway 39 east of Cassville on February 16, 2016. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the district meeting is to nominate for the director to represent members from the district on the cooperative board of directors. The two candidates receiving the highest vote from each district nomination meeting

will be placed on the ballot for election of one director from each district at the cooperative's annual membership meeting. The sixty-ninth annual meeting will be held on April 14, 2016, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 5th and West Street in Cassville at 1:00 p.m.

Directors with expiring terms are David Dalton, from District Number 1; Marvin Phipps, District

Number 2; and Ray Manley, from District Number 3.

The Cooperative's officers are Dr. David Cupps, president; John Marney, vice-president; and Marvin Phipps, secretary-treasurer. Also serving on the cooperative board of directors, in addition to Dalton and Manley, are Lewis Royer, Richard Asbill and Marlee Edie.

## Community Lutheran donates lice kits to schools



The Community Lutheran Church, located on Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock, is finishing up a project working with All Faith Methodist Church.

Every year, there is a need for lice treatments in the public school systems. The school nurse uses a product called LICE MD, when there is a child with lice.

Thrivent Financial provided seed money to start a fund to purchase lice kits for the schools. Community members and friends have helped raise money for this worthwhile cause which will help our children.

## Cassville Primary's Most Improved Attendance for December



Cassville Primary named the winners of their most improved attendance awards for the month of December. The winning classes were: Mrs. Hoffman's kindergarten class, Ms. Burrell's first grade class and Mrs. Gieseke's second grade class.

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Bid specifications will be available CFPD Station 1 located at 393 Sale Barn Road, Cassville, MO. Office is normally open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM. Bid specifications will also be posted near the west office door of the fire station if no one is available.

Bids can be mailed to CFPD, PO Box 798, Cassville, MO 65625 and must be received on or before February 16, 2016 and should be marked "2016 Mowing bid". All bids will be opened during regular session meeting and the successful bidder determined.

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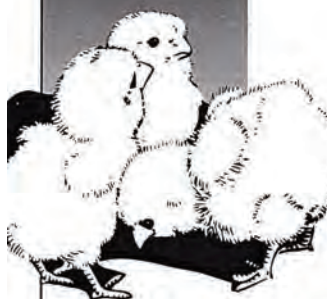
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**MDC: Help prevent wildfires**

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds people that a combination of strong winds, low humidity, dry conditions, and warming temperatures this time of year has the potential for unexpected wildfires. According to MDC's Forestry Division, the main cause of wildfires is improper burning of debris such as trash and brush piles.

Each year, MDC staff work with fire departments around the state to help put out numerous wildfires that can consume thousands of acres.

The Department urges landowners, hunters, campers, and others in the outdoors to help prevent wildfires and offers the following tips.

**Outdoor Burning**

Do not conduct outdoor burning during times when grasses, brush and other fire fuel are very dry, humidity is low and weather is windy.

Dry fuel -- combined with high temperatures, low humidity and high winds -- makes fire nearly impossible to control.

Check with local fire departments regarding burn bans that may be in place.

A person who starts a fire for any reason is responsible for any damage it may cause.

Done properly, prescribed fire can be a beneficial tool to improve land for wild-life habitat and grazing. For more information on using prescribed fire as a land-management tool, visit [www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov) and search "Prescribed Fire."

**Driving Off Road**

Wildfires can start when fine, dry fuel such as grass comes in contact with catalytic converters on motor vehicles.

Think twice before driving into and across a grassy field.

Never park over tall, dry grass or piles of leaves that can touch the underside of a vehicle.

When driving vehicles off road, regularly inspect the undercarriage to ensure that fuel and brake lines are intact and no oil leaks are apparent.

Always carry an approved fire extinguisher on vehicles that are used off road.

Check for the presence of spark arresters on ATV exhausts.

**Making a Campfire**

Clear a generous zone around fire rings. When humidity is low and wind is high, debris can become tinder for a stray spark or ember.

Store unused firewood a good distance from the fire.

Never use gasoline, kerosene, or other flammable liquid to start a fire.

Keep campfires small and controllable.

Keep fire-extinguishing materials, such as a rake, shovel and bucket of water, close by.

Never leave a campfire unattended! Extinguish campfires each night and before leaving camp, even for a few moments.

Smokers: Practice Extra Caution

Extinguish cigarettes completely and safely, and dispose of butts responsibly.

Don't delay calling for help.

Call 911 at the first sign of a fire getting out of control.

**Report Forest Arson**

Many wildfires are set by vandals.

Help stop arson by calling Operation Forest Arson at 800-392-1111. Callers will remain anonymous and rewards are possible.



Every two years, the Missouri State Tax Commission releases a study reassessing agricultural land, based on average productivity and costs. This year, the commission proposed to increase taxes on soil grades 1-4, meaning many Missouri farmers would see a property tax increase of 5 percent, unless rejected by a vote of the Missouri Legislature. This proposed increase comes on the heels of a 5 percent hike by the Tax Commission just two years ago, which many of us in the Legislature opposed but were unable to block.

A 5 percent increase may not seem like a lot, but when you consider the fact that our area has seen devastating floods and drastic drops in many commodity prices, including the price of beef, a 5 percent tax increase would really affect a farmer's bottom line. This comes at a time when it is harder and harder for young people to buy a farm or get involved in agriculture. The average age of a Missouri farmer is 58 and it's climbing. At the same time, the average size of a Missouri farm is around 290 acres. Taken together, this makes it a tough time to be in agriculture and dropping a 5 percent tax increase on farmers will just make the situation worse.

So, one of the first bills we passed this year was one rejecting this tax increase from the State Tax Commission. It was overwhelmingly approved in both the Senate and the House and I was proud to support it. Agriculture is the economic engine of our state and at a time when many of our farmers are struggling with depressed commodity prices and natural disasters, we need to get government out of their way and make it easier for them to do what they do best: feed our country and produce our country's chief export.

In other news, a bill I filed to make changes to our state's prevailing wage laws was heard this week in the Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee. Prevailing wage is the rate that must be paid to workers on public works construction projects in Missouri, such as bridges, roads and government buildings. The prevailing wage rate differs by county and for different types of work. While it sounds harmless, the state's current prevailing wage law is actually making it difficult and nearly impossible for many of our small communities to fix or maintain their public buildings and roads.

Prevailing wage is preventing these needed improvements because it forces cities and counties to pay wages far beyond the local going rate. For example, one town in our area needed to repave an eight square-foot section of a street intersection. Under prevailing wage, it costs \$17,366. If it were private property, that same project would have cost \$1,840. To give you another example, to replace a roof of an ambulance barn is more than \$63,000 under prevailing wage, but only \$22,000 on private property. When prevailing wage costs three, four and even eight times the private sector rate, something is wrong with the system.

These are taxpayer-funded projects and, therefore, taxpayer-funded wages. You can understand the frustration of folks or small business owners in southwest Missouri when they walk around and see an out-of-town contractor working on a project and think, "why can't we do that project locally?" or "why are my elected leaders using MY tax dollars to pay someone from Kansas City or St. Louis when we can do the same project at a better price?"

I was thinking the same thing and I filed Senate Bill 606 to fix it. My bill revises the definition of "construction" to remove maintenance work, which means projects that make improvements, alterations or major repairs to public works would be exempt from prevailing wage. The only caveat is that maintenance work could only improve the utility or enhance the appearance of an existing facility provided that the size, type or extent is not changed. This is a reasonable revision of our prevailing wage law that will keep our tax dollars local while also maximizing the number of projects we can do. This benefits taxpayers, our communities and our local small businesses. That's a combination I can get on board with and I look forward to pushing this bill as the legislative session moves on.

As always, I welcome your ideas, questions and concerns about Missouri government. You may contact me at the State Capitol as follows: (573) 751-1480, [david.sater@senate.mo.gov](mailto:david.sater@senate.mo.gov) or by writing to Sen. David Sater, Missouri State Capitol, Room 419, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

**Kindergartners celebrate 100th day with food donation**

On Monday, February 1, the kindergarten at Cassville Primary School celebrated the 100th day of school. In early January, Mrs. Lyall's class began collecting cans for the 100th day of school. They have been discussing how to help others in the community. Their goal was 100 cans for the 100th day. They reached this goal and then some, collecting 149 cans. The children donated many cans as well as the class business partner, Security Abstract and Title. These cans will be donated to the Helping Hands Community Food Pantry in Eagle Rock.

Pictured above is Mrs. Lyall's Kindergarten class, Allison Angel and McKenzie Kochell, from Security Abstract and Title, and Mrs. Mandi Lyall.



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