

Southwest crowns 2017 Homecoming King and Queen



The Southwest High School 2017 Homecoming Court is pictured above. From left to right, in the front row: Alissa Walker, junior; Taylor Swindle, junior and student council representative; Riley Tapper, basketball presenter; Ashley Sharp, freshman; Molly Hendrix, crownbearer; Lacey Reeves, sophomore; and Hannah Outhouse, senior. Back row: Josh Clay, junior; Tanner Leonhardt, junior and student council representative; Austin Roberts, senior; Eli Atkinson, sophomore; and Calob Stewart, freshman.

Freshman Ashley Sharp and senior Austin Roberts were crowned Homecoming Queen and King on Friday at Southwest High School. The Trojans were also victorious over Wheaton during their Homecoming basketball game.

Sater proposes ranked-choice voting bill

Senator David Sater R-Cassville is proposing a ranked-choice voting bill that would prevent local primary candidates winning less than 50 percent of popular vote being elected. Sen. Sater said he decided to prefile the bill after watching the last few election cycles at the local level.

He said, “After seeing a number of crowded and contentious local prima-

ries over the last few election cycles, I was concerned those races resulted in a lack of consensus in candidates and then, perhaps, a lack of willingness to work together after the election. Maybe the candidate who won did so with only 25 percent of the vote and some voters still have hard feelings. That makes it more difficult to get everyone on the same page and do the job they were elected to do.”

The bill, SB 140, would have voters rank their candidate choices. Then, the clerk’s office would count votes and drop the candidate with the least number of votes. Then, there would be another round in which the votes are recounted with the remaining candidates until the highest-ranked candidate wins.

When only two candidates remain, the candidate with the most will be

See VOTING on 3A

Barry County commissioners approve \$4.58 million budget

Charlea Estes

The Barry County Commissioners approved a 13.9 percent increase in the county’s budget for 2017. Commissioners Gary Schad, Wayne Hendrix and Cherry Warren voted to approve the budget during a public hearing on Monday, January 23, at the historic courthouse. Part of the increase is reliant on a carryover of \$1,187,422 from last year.

The 2017 Budget Message by County Clerk and Budget Officer Gary Youngblood said the anticipated sales tax revenue of \$2,505,000 from the 1/2 and 1/8 cent sales taxes, a \$65,684 decrease from 2016, as well as inter-governmental revenue of \$575,800, charges for ser-

vices of \$640,150 and other revenues of \$171,500.

The biggest change in the budget from 2016 to 2017 is a request for almost \$30,000 extra for the jail. Sheriff Gary Davis requested the commissioners approve the money for an additional jailer. The Sheriff’s budget also increased to include a more accurate fuel expense for deputies’ cars.

The Prosecuting Attorney’s Office also asked for an increase of around \$43,000 to add a crime victim advocate position, according to Youngblood. He also said, “Amy Boxx applied for a grant for that position, and she doesn’t know if she will get, but we put it in the budget in case she did. The increase is the salary for that position, but

See BUDGET on 5A

Southwest District proposes \$1.3 mil. bond for gym, restroom repairs

Charlea Estes

The Southwest R-5 School District is asking voters to approve a \$1.3 million bond issue to make repairs to the middle school gymnasium and elementary restrooms during the April 4, 2017, Municipal Election. The issue, which won’t affect district residents’ taxes, will alleviate a significant need for the district’s buildings.

According to Southwest superintendent Tosha Tilford, the repairs are necessary to care for existing buildings in a responsible way. She said, “The Southwest School District has the philosophy that it is important to take care of the facilities with which we have been blessed. After doing a facilities review, it was clear that there were some areas of concern with our facilities.”

Among those repairs are a stabilization of the foundation of the middle school gymnasium and repairs of existing elementary school bathrooms, which have aging plumbing and some are out of order entirely. The plan also includes the construction of new bathrooms on the north end of the building between the classrooms and the multipurpose building.

The gymnasium repairs will include addressing the separation of the west wall from the rest of the building. As part of that, extensive soil sampling will be included, as well as some additional improvements that patrons of the district have suggested. The gymnasium, also known as “The Pit,” will also receive a new floor, insulation, a new ceiling and air conditioning.

The elementary repairs and renovations will build the new restrooms, as mentioned, but also repairing the north end shared restrooms which are not functioning. Plumbing under the floor will be fixed, making renovations to restroom facilities lasting.

If voters approve the bond issue, the school will move forward with the plans, hoping the repairs will be completed before the 2018-19 school year, according to Tilford. She added she is requesting bathroom renovations are com-

pleted before classroom renovations.

All repair work will be overseen by a management group hired by the school, CTS Group. Should the issue pass, they will seek bids and offer guidance to the district on selection of a company and the repair process.

Should the issue not pass, Tilford said the district would work with what they had, but repairs would not be able to be made. She said, “If voters do not pass the bond issue, the school district will continue to band-aid and make do, but the repairs and renovations will not happen.”

Tilford said, “The Board of Education is being very frugal with the amount which they are asking of the community.”

Voters in the district will make the decision in April. A ‘yes’ vote will allow Southwest to utilize a \$1.2 million bond to repair facilities without any added taxes to district residents. A ‘no’ vote would defeat the issue.

Tilford said, “I am a patron of the district and a graduate of Southwest. I understand the concern when any agency asks for a bond issue. With this bond issue, the .85 bonded debt will not increase. The Board of Education at Southwest would not be asking for this bond issue if it was not a necessity.

“There is a tremendous difference in wants and needs. These projects are needs for the district so that the students can continue their education in wonderful facilities just as many others, including myself, had. I can say that I have so many fond memories in “The Pit,” I would be devastated if the district would not maintain what they have.”

Tilford also said she is asking for community input through a bond issue committee. Currently, there are 11 people on the committee, but the school wants to have as many as are interested. To volunteer for the committee, call the superintendent’s office at (417) 826-5410 or email tilford@swr5.net.

Inside this issue:

New SWMS principal hired

Southwest alumna Christy Hermansen to begin as middle school principal in for the 2017-18 school year. **8A**

New outdoor shop opens

At the River Consignment is open for business, offering outdoor equipment to the Cassville area. **9A**

Food Service Report

The Barry County Health Department released their January Food Service Report. **1B**

SW takes win at Homecoming

Southwest boys basketball defeated Wheaton at their Homecoming on Friday. **14A**

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Community Calendar

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

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

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

Central Crossing Senior Center will have a simple tax preparation on Monday mornings through April 3. Please call (417)858-6952 for an appointment.

February 16th

Central Crossing Senior Center will host an Alzheimers support group on February 16 at 2 p.m.

February 17th

Cassville Band Boosters present a night of music with the High School and Middle School Jazz Bands on February 17 at 7 p.m. The concert will be in the event center.

February 18th

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

Central Crossing Senior Center will host a fundraiser breakfast on February 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

February 19th

Free Meal on February 19, 4 p.m., at the Exeter Community Building.

The Ozark Festival Orchestra will host a soloist showcase concert on February 19 in the Monett High School Performing Arts Center at 3 p.m.

February 20th

The Barry County Genealogical & Historical Society will have a meeting February 20 at 7 p.m. in the Barry County Museum.

CHS Clubs will go door to door collecting donations of food and personal care items on February 20. For information, call (417)847-4610 or (417)846-1245.

February 22nd

Central Crossing Senior Center will host WIC on February 22. Please call (417)847-2114 for an appointment.

February 23rd

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

Pierce City Senior Center will host a dance February 23 at 7 p.m. For information, call (417)476-5800.

February 25th

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

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

February 26th

Free Meal on February 26, 3 p.m., at the Seligman Community Center. Clothing and other items also available.

February 27th

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

February 28th

Cassville United Methodist Church will host a Spring Women's Bible Study for seven consecutive Tuesday nights starting February 28 through April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Speaker will be Jennifer Duncan. Please call (417)847-2328 if you would like to attend.

March 3rd

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

March 4th

Cassville FFA will be hosting a fundraiser paddle party on March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cassville High School commons area.

Blessing Heights Worship Center of Cassville will host The Hinsons in concert on March 4 at 6 p.m.

March 5th

Lohmer Full Gospel Church in Shell Knob will host The Hinsons in concert on March 5 at 11 a.m.

School Menus: February 20 - February 24

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

Southwest: Mon: No School. Tues: B: Biscuits & gravy, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Chicken strips, breadstick, mixed vegetables, pears or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: French toast sticks, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Spaghetti, garlic bread, peas & carrots, tropical fruit or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: Breakfast sausage pizza, grapes or cereal, juice. L: Bbq rib sandwich, cole slaw, potato chips, bananas or salad/fruit bar. Fri: B: Hot ham & hashbrown sandwich, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Hot dog, carrots, celery, ranch dressing, baked beans, peaches or salad/fruit bar.

Purdy: Mon: B: Breakfast burrito, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: Bbq beef sandwich, lettuce, tomato, baked beans, onion rings, fruit. Tues: B: Yogurt, cereal, toast, bananas. L: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, ranch, fruit. Wed: B: Biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: Crispito, string cheese, pinto beans, corn, fruit, choc.

chip cookie. Thurs: B: Waffle stix, syrup, cereal, toast, fruit. L: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce cup, bread slice. Fri: B: Blueberry waffles, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: Sub sandwich, potato chips, baby carrots, ranch, orange.

Exeter: Mon: B: Biscuit & gravy, peaches, juice or cereal, biscuit, fruit, juice. L: Taco, salsa, corn, fruit. Tues: B: Mini pancakes, applesauce, juice or cereal, graham crackers, applesauce. L: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, yellow squash, fruit. Wed: B: Sausage biscuit, banana, juice or cereal, vertical bar, banana, juice. L: Cheesy breadstick, marinara sauce, salad, broccoli, pears. Thurs: B: Cereal, cinnamon toast, fruit, juice. L: Bean & cheese burrito, cheese sauce, pinto beans, corn, fruit. Fri: B: Pancake on a stick, orange, juice or cereal, vertical bar, orange, juice. L: Pepperoni pizza, salad, celery sticks, fruit.

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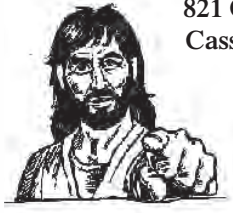
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it won't happen unless she gets the grant."

Collector Janice Varner also asked the commission for an additional \$15,000 for computer programs and training, but that was denied.

Other increases in departments' budgets include a three percent pay increase for county employees. Youngblood said, "Since we passed the [1/8 cent] sales tax, we've been able to give them that for the past two or three years."

There were also increases for employee benefits through health insurance premium changes.

The final increase in the budget was a pay bump for officials elected in 2016. The salary commission voted to give a pay increase to county officials for the first time since 2005, according to Youngblood. The positions that will be affected by the five-percent increase are the assessor, coroner, associate commissioners and sheriff.

The sheriff's salary, which is dictated by assessed property valuation, was increased from \$50,000 to \$52,000, however, with the five percent increase, the final salary for sheriff is \$54,600. The assessor's pay changed from \$45,000 to \$47,250, but that change will not begin until September. The coroner salary changed from \$16,000 to \$16,800, and the associate commissioners' salaries increased to \$31,185.

The final budget approvals by department are listed below. The 2017 numbers are listed first with the 2016 approved amounts in parentheses.

- County Commission: \$239,470 (\$247,520)
- County Clerk: \$70,000 (\$70,130)
- Elections: \$54,723 (\$86,398)
- Building and Grounds: \$212,678 (\$197,479)
- Employee Benefits: \$605,475 (\$612,111)
- Treasurer: \$47,230 (\$47,225)
- Collector: \$116,407 (\$115,000)
- Recorder: \$47,368 (\$46,049)
- Circuit Clerk: \$31,300 (\$34,200)

- Circuit Clerk Admin.: \$7,622 (\$8,422)
- Capital Projects: \$280,000 (\$281,000)
- Insurance (prop/liability bonds): \$110,000 (\$100,000)
- Publications: \$8,500 (\$9,500)
- Rents and Leases: \$40,000 (\$40,000)
- Monett TIF: \$60,000 (\$60,000)
- County's March SWDTF: \$4,000 (\$4,000)
- Miscellaneous: \$60,000 (\$60,236)
- Surveyor: \$4,500 (\$2,000)
- University Extension: \$40,165 (\$37,601)
- Public Administrator: \$20,739 (\$20,619)
- Office Supplies: \$71,300 (\$120,100)
- Sheriff: \$794,448 (\$769,244)
- Jail: \$470,405 (\$441,524)
- Prosecuting Attorney: \$416,345 (\$373,654)
- Juvenile Office: \$123,522 (\$123,753)
- Coroner: \$31,600 (\$31,300)
- Emergency Management: \$12,940 (\$12,940)
- Emergency Fund: \$600,000 (\$566,000).

Cassville kindergartners donate food in honor of 100th day of school



On Thursday, January 26, kindergarten students at Eunice Thomas Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school. In early January, Mrs. Mandi 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 of school. They exceeded their goal and collected 232 cans. The children donated many cans as well as their class business partner, Able 2 Products. These cans will be donated to the Helping Hands Community Food Pantry in Eagle Rock.

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SHARON GARRETT

Long before she was a beloved wife, mother, and friend she was the beautiful daughter of Hazel Hillegas and Shandy Stewart. Born on June 6, 1946, the youngest of five children, Sharon was born and grew up in Lowry City. After graduating from Lowry City High in 1963 as salutatorian, Sharon worked at Richards-Gebaur Air Reserve Station in Grandview. In 1982, she moved to Purdy and purchased the Monett Bowl, which she owned and operated until 1984. She was united in marriage to Glen Garrett in 1985. Sharon's head for business lead her to purchase the well-loved children's clothing store, The Trunk, also in Monett. She

loved the retail environment and enjoyed dressing the generations of children in the 31 years she owned the store. During this time, she continued to build her roots in the community as a President of the Monett Chamber of Commerce. She participated in the annual Festival of Lights Celebrations, and was elemental in the building of the 1st State Bank Monett branch in the early 1990s alongside her husband Glen Garrett, which has since grown to five banking locations across southwest Missouri. Sharon sold The Trunk in 2014 and turned her focus on a new business venture when she purchased The UPS store in Branson West. Sharon served on The Missouri Tourism Committee, as President of the Precious Moments Club, and served on the Monett Downtown Betterment Committee. When not enriching the community in which she lived, she was often found rooting for the Kansas City Chiefs, bowling on a bowling league, vacationing with her husband and children, and enjoying her grandchildren's sporting events.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Shandy and Hazel Stewart; as well as her siblings, Kenneth Stewart,

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Norma Thompson, Imogene Thomason and Shandy Stewart Jr.

Sharon is survived by her loving husband, Glen Garrett; Rick Scott and his wife, Lisa, Jeff Scott and his wife, Jessica; grandchildren, Shelby, Tyler, Hayden and Avery. Her children by marriage to Glen, Filip Garrett and his wife, Debbie, Sara Garrett, John Garrett and his wife, Vicki, and Ida Garrett; grandchildren, Lisa Cookman, Filip Garrett, Addison Penn, Glen Garrett, Maria Penn, Kathrine Garrett; great-grandchildren, Garrett and Nora Cockman.

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Monett. Visitation services were 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Funeral services were conducted today, February 15, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. with burial services at Mount Pleasant cemetery in Butterfield.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Berean Christian Academy and may be left in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Sheldon-Goodrich Funeral Home in Osceola.



MARY JANE DOUGLAS

Mary Jane Douglas, 71, of Seligman, passed away, Saturday, February, 11, 2017, at Mercy Hospital Cassville. Mary Jane was born March 13, 1945, the daughter, of Jim and Florence (Bargay) Skelton, of Seligman, who preceded her in death. On November 24, 1970, she was united in marriage to Bob Douglas, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Danny Smith and his wife, Mellissa, of Seligman; five daughters, Shirley Ramsey and her husband, Don, of Seligman, Sharon Tate and her husband, Buddy, of Seligman, Bobbie Arnett, of Seligman, Cindy Smith, of Jane, and Jane Ann Douglas, of Seligman; five brothers, Sid and his wife, Sandy, of Seligman, Harold and his wife, Mary of Selig-

man, Johny and his wife, Terry, of Gateway, Ark., Darnell "Bones", of Seligman, Steven and his wife, Tina, of Texas; three sisters, Kay Gautney, of Seligman, Jeanne and her husband, John, of Bentonville, Ark., and Nancy Chestnut, of Rogers, Ark. Mary Jane loved her fifteen grandchildren, Amanda, Jane, Ricky, Clay, Christopher, Ryan, Brandy, Laci, Geanie, Lana, Dakota, RD, Randall, Blake, Drake, and Shelby; plus sixteen great-grandchildren. Mary Jane was of the Pentecostal faith. She loved camping, playing cards, reading, but most of all, she loved spending time with her family. Plus, she loved her dogs like no other. She valued the idea of helping others, and so, she became an organ donor. Mary Jane will be missed by all those who loved her.

In addition to her parents, Mary Jane, was preceded in death by one son, Robert Douglas Jr.; one grandson, Christopher "Boog" Arnett; one brother, Larry Skelton; one sister, Debbie Skelton; her mother-in-law, Mae Tilford; father-in-law, Clayton Douglas; two son-in-laws, Donnie Arnett and Danny Morgan; and one sister-in-law, Ann Douglas.

A private family burial will be held at a later date at New Salem Cemetery in Seligman.

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

ANDREA IRENE LUNEY

Andrea Irene Luney, 66, of Cassville, passed away Friday, February 10, 2017, at her home.

She was born April 8, 1950, in Monett, the daughter of Andy Clyde and Ruth Mae McCormack. On June 17, 1967, she was united in marriage to Tom Luney, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Angelia Renee Hawn and her husband, David Lee Hawn, III, of Lowell, Ind.; two grandchildren, Brett Max Riley and his wife, Brittanie, of Fort Lewis, Wash., and Cheyenne Paige Riley, of Lowell, Ind.; and one great-grandson, Braxton Joseph Riley.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a daughter, Carla Sue; and one brother, Kenneth McCormack.

Andrea received her education in Cassville, where she graduated from high school. For seventeen years she resided in Kansas City and was a Girl Scout Leader there. She also lived a while in Crown Point, Ind. Andrea was a member of Bible Baptist Church. She enjoyed sewing and loved her family and grandkids.

Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2017, in Munsey Cemetery at Eagle Rock under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Wes Stewart conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to American Cancer Society in memory of Andrea.

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Dean & Jeannie Gautney, Ann & Randy Boles, Donnie & Connie Gautney and families.

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MIKE ALDEN BLANKENSHIP
Mike Alden Blankenship, 82, of Jenkins, passed away Thursday, February 9, 2017, at his home.

He was born April 8, 1934, at Jenkins, the son of William Henry “Bunk” and Chloe (Hudson) Blankenship. On October 3, 1953, he was united in marriage to Juanita Turpin, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Tim Blankenship and his wife, Madge, and Steven Blankenship and his wife, Deanna, all of Jenkins; three daughters, Jane Howe and her husband, Allen, of Exeter, Judy Eaton and her husband, David, of Jenkins, and Jill Blankenship, of Jenkins; one sister, Bonnie Ragain, of Jenkins; fourteen grandchildren; and thirty-four great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Duane Blankenship; and one sister, June Stumpff.

Mike was a 1952 graduate of Cassville High School. His entire life was spent in the Jenkins area, where he was a dairy farmer and did carpentry work. He attended real estate school and for a few years was employed at Wells Aluminum. He was a member of Shiloah Baptist Church and was a church Deacon. For many years, he belonged to Gideon’s and, for sixteen years, he was a member of the Jenkins School Board.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Burial was in Clio Cemetery at Jenkins.

Contributions may be made to Shiloah Baptist Church or Gideon’s in memory of Mike.

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GLENN BARNARD
Glenn Barnard, 91, of Stella, passed away Saturday, February 11, 2017, at Mercy Hospital in Joplin.

He was born April 15, 1925, in Harrisonville, the son of Charles E. and Lillie May (Winchel) Barnard. On April 8, 1966, in Harrisonville he was united in marriage to Mary Willis and is now reunited with her in Paradise. Also surviving are one son, William Glenn Barnard and his wife, Nicole, of Belton, Texas; one daughter, Ruth Ann Spano and her husband, George, of Lakewood, Colo.; Foster son, Karl Jacobs, of Okla.; grandchildren, Shannon Bohannon, La Teresa Nagy, Louis Barnard, Lillie Barnard; and foster grandchildren, Karl Ray Jacobs Jr. and his sister Christina Poitras; several great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Mary; a granddaughter, Cindy Chamberlin; and all of his brothers and sisters.

Glenn grew up and received his education in Harrisonville. During World War II, he served in the United

States Army from August 19, 1943, until November 27, 1945. He worked in construction and was a member of Local Union 663 in Kansas City. Most of his life was spent in Missouri and in 1979 he moved from Harrisonville to Stella, where he raised cattle. He was a member of Kingdom Hall-Jehovah’s Witness in Monett. His favorite pastime was watching his cattle.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. today, Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Billy Joe Gentry conducted the services. Burial was in Macedonia Cemetery at Stella.

Contributions may be made to DAV of America in memory of Glenn.

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ROBBIE “JUNE” TILLEY

Robbie “June” Tilley, 70, of Cassville, passed away Saturday, February 11, 2017, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation Center in Cassville.

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

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Southwest alumna hired as middle school principal



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Southwest alumni and Barry County teacher Christy Hermansen was hired as Southwest Middle School's new principal starting in the 2017-18 school year. Hermansen attended Southwest Schools for 13 years and taught in Barry

County schools for 14 years. Hermansen was chosen out of a pool of more than 20 applicants, according to Southwest R-5 superintendent Tosha Tilford. After screening, the administrative team chose five applicants to interview, but only three attended interviews. Hermansen ended up being selected. Hermansen is replacing Beverly Bonner, middle school principal for the past 10 years.

Hermansen said her roots to the area led her desire to seek the position. She said, "The opportunity to go back to your alma mater is perfect. I know the community and grew up there, and I know there is a lot of support from the community and parents for the school, which is even

more reason for me to want to go back there."

Tosha said that Hermansen's connection to the school is anticipated to make her an asset to the district. "She attended K-12 education at Southwest and has a deep connection with the school district and the community. She understands what it takes to be successful and has the determination and desire to lead the middle school toward excellence."

Hermansen said she doesn't plan to make any big changes as soon as she takes position. Instead, she wants to listen and learn from the current teachers and staff and make progress from there. "I know just from being an alumni and that their test scores have been

highest in the area, they are doing well. My main priority going in is to support teachers and make sure they have what they need and listen to them. I want to find out what direction they want to go. They have been very successful, and I plan on listening to them and go from there."

Tilford added, "The Southwest District's educational initiatives focus upon continuously improving curriculum and building collaborative professional learning communities. Ms. Hermansen seemed well prepared to continue this vision."

Hermansen worked for Exeter for five years, Cassville for seven and Monett for the last two. She has taught English most of the time, with a stint as the K-2 librarian at

Cassville. However, she said she is glad to be returning to the middle school environment. "My love has always been middle school. I enjoy that age group a whole lot, and that seems to always be where I landed."

Hermansen lives in Cassville with her husband, Wade, of 20 years. They have three children: Clara, 16, Andrew, 13, and Olivia, 10.

Hermansen earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Missouri State University, a Master's Degree from Missouri State University, teaching certification from Missouri Southern State University in Joplin and a Specialist Education in Administration from William Woods University.

U of A releases fall 2016 honor lists

The University of Arkansas released their honor lists for the fall 2016 semester. The list is divided into two categories: Dean's List and Chancellor's List. Local students earning a place on either list is listed below:

- Haven Brown, of Washburn, Dean's List and Chancellor's List
- James LeCompte, of Cassville, Dean's List
- Walker Perez, of Cassville, Dean's List and Chancellor's List
- Blake Spain, of Monett, Dean's List.

U of A releases fall 2016 graduates

The University of Arkansas released their graduates of the fall 2016 semester. Local students were:

- Debi Arnold, of Cassville
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The Madsens moved to the area and opened At the River Consignment, a shop dedicated to providing gear and accessories for outdoor hobbies, including camping, hiking, fishing and hunting. The couple opened their doors in the shopping center next to Pizza Hut in Cassville, and have exactly what

people need for their outdoor adventures for a smaller dent in their budgets.

The Madsens are originally from the Carthage area and moved to Cassville from Diamond once their oldest son, Eli, was ready for kindergarten. Jenny said, "We really wanted him in a good school district, and I really love the park" When they moved, they decided to pursue their dream.

Jenny continued, “Sam and I had a dream to do something we loved together, which still allowed us ample time to raise our family. This business was a leap of faith.”

The shop carries a huge selection of fly tying materials, as well as camping gear and fishing equipment, but they also offer items such as golf clubs, rock climbing equipment, rollerblades, pocket knives and more.

Jenny added, "There is always something new to find." The couple deals in pocket knives such as Buck, Old Timer, Rough Rider and more, but do not carry guns or ammunition.

"We started seriously thinking about this in February 2016. We came home from fishing one Sunday afternoon at Roaring River and said, 'Okay, let's do this.' We sold our house and small

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She added, "We're an 'all-in' kind of people."

At the River opened in November 2016.

Perhaps the most intriguing part of the Madsens' shop is how dedicated they are to the outdoors. Jenny said, "We love what we sell. Not just the items, but an opportunity to get outdoors and pursue new hobbies or adventures. We love that we can work together and that our whole family is involved in the business since even the kids come to work with us."

The shop is definitely unique, with consignment opportunities in one place that fit a whole area of hobbyists. The Madsens knew they were one-of-a-kind when they opened, and hope that the love of the outdoors and dedication to their business keeps their doors open a long time, serving Cassville and Barry County.

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- **Seniors:** Mariah Anderson, Hope Boston, Kaylee Boxley, Abigail Buntin, Jordan Campbell, Kyle Cheek, Tori Cole, Jaymen DeWitt, Monsserrat Fierro, Riley Fletcher, August Goergen, Kassandra Graves, Audrey Harrison, Bailey Hendrix, Alani Lantz, Richard Lauffer, Jace Mason, Gilbert Medina, Collin Pearman, Brenna Pendergraft, Rhandi Pendergraft, Bailey Periman, River Phelps, Ashley Ray, Kyle Ruark, Mallory Schmidt, Charles Seymour, Austin Sparks, Jessica Terry and Destiny Whittenburg.

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- **Freshmen:** Brandon Annecharico, Jesse Anthony, Devon Brookes, Addyson Brophy, Samuel Cochran, Quinn Cook, Cathrine Edmondson, Brennan Escalante, Daniel Evans, Nefertiti Gautney-Lopez, Carson Jacobson, Breeana Martin, Riley Mills, Lindee Mitchell, Hector Perez-Castillo, Andrew Prier, Riley Rowden, Meghan Salkill, Ashton Sell, John Sommers,

Jacob Thomas, Luis Vail, Jessica Whiteley, Carmen Wolf and Neo Woodyard.

- **Sophomores:** Grace Baxley, Matthew Bonass, Haven Brookes, Alexis Coursey, Gabriel Garner, Mason Hendrix, Cale Jackson, Richard Mahurin, Emma McKinney, Samantha Medina, Alondra Miller, Trevor Morgan, Kiarrah Niebla, Jesus Perez, Morgan Popanz, Austin Reed-Utter, Kaitlyn Roberts, Dezirae Sizemore, Drew Speakman, Jacob Stattler, Lanndan Sullivan, Alex Walling and Maria Wise.
- **Juniors:** Brayden Aday, Kevin Bickford, Sky Dill, Sarah Field, Rylee Healey, Coleman Hoppes, Samuel Hunter, Lisa Lambel, Savannah Lawrence, Madisyn Popanz, Kaylee Reibert, Megan Richter, Alejandro Roman, Krista Skinkis, Andrew St. Pierre, Jaia Thao and Austin Wilson.
- **Seniors:** Susan Anglim, Nathan Bechtle, Raegan Brock, Ashley Coffey, Debbie Davis, Jeremiah Hilburn, Satchell Hill, Kameron Kalbaugh, Devin Lunsford, Madeline Mason, Rebeca McKinney, Jasmine Mend Bickford, Kaitlyn Moore, Kyleah Moore, Jet Moua, Addyson Nunley, Rodney Lane Ozbun, Joby Paul, Kaylee Periman, Lea Periman, Devin Phelps, Troy Rose, Joshua Verde, Tyler Wallace, Gavin White, Cade Wilson and Cole York.

Local travel agent earns cruise planning recognition

As of December 6, 2016, Chet Shaw of Crystal Waters Travel, in Shell Knob, is now recognized within the cruise industry as a Master Cruise Counsellor by Cruise Lines International (CLIA). The MCC level of training is achieved through the completion of a comprehensive program of cruise sales training and product knowledge, delivered through a combination of extensive classroom training and personal cruise experience. CLIA's Certification program graduates are widely recognized as the foremost cruise vacation experts among American travel agents.

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Crystal Waters Travel is hosting a 10 day New England Cruise in late September as well as an August Alaska cruise. A girls only cruise is in the planning stages for 2018. Along with ocean and river cruises, Chet can arrange many other vacation venues for you. To learn more about these offers and many others, contact Chet at (417) 858-8500 or email him at chet@crystalwaterstravel.com.

Southwest January Students of the Month



Southwest High School recently selected its students of the month for January. Winners are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: sophomore Lane Cargile, freshman Grace Roller and junior Jennifer Quintanilla. Middle row: sophomore Grace-Lyn Gentry and senior Jerica Lawrence. Back row: freshman Tim DeShields, junior Jay Fields and senior Paton Clay.

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Purdy students wins Intellectual Freedom Award



Purdy High School sophomore Hannah Reid received the National English Honor Society (NEHS) Intellectual Freedom Award for her essay, "The London Witch Trials of Harry Potter." The essay was one of 12 winning entries, earning a cash prize of \$100 for Reid, along with an additional \$50 for the Purdy NEHS Chapter.

Reid's essay will be forwarded to the National Council of Teachers of English, where she will contend for one of six winning spots to receive an additional cash prize of \$150, along with another \$50 for the Purdy NEHS Chapter. The Purdy National English Honor Society is sponsored by Purdy faculty members Kayla Branstetter and Michelle Hilburn. Release written by PHS senior and NEHS Member Liz Moore. Photo courtesy of Kayla Branstetter.

U of A releases fall 2016 law school graduates

The University of Arkansas released their fall 2016 law school graduates. Local students were:

- Raelynn Hillhouse, of Aurora
- James Colston, of Monett.
- See Yang, of Wheaton.

Cassville Primary's January Best Attendance winners



For the month of January, Cassville Primary awarded Mrs. Hoffman's, Mrs. Allder's and Mrs. Cornell's classes with Best Attendance. Cassville Schools uses the incentive to encourage academic success through attendance.

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Cassville FBLA to hold Chili Supper

The Cassville High School FBLA will have a Chilli Supper fundraiser at the boy's basketball game on Tuesday, February 21, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the high school commons area. Cost is \$3 a bowl. All proceeds will go to help students with State FBLA costs.

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Mercy names their January Co-Worker of the Month



Jason Dickinson, Occupational Therapist for Mercy Hospital Cassville, recently won the January Co-Worker of the Month award. Jason has worked for Mercy for 13 years. He resides in Cassville and is married to Deanna. They have two sons, Bradan and Drew.

Jason enjoys fishing, hunting and spending time with his family. He came to work for Mercy because he likes to work in the same town as he is raising his family. Jason enjoys being able to help people return to work or their leisure activities after an injury.

Pictured are Dickinson (left) and Doug Stroemel, administrator for Mercy Hospital Cassville.

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SOUTHWEST SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Southwest R-V School District Board of Education had a regular meeting on January 12, 2017.

The Southwest Board of Education was recognized for Board Appreciation Month. The board members were presented with a certificate from the Missouri School Boards Association. In addition, the board received a thank you card and several emails thanking the board for the December stipend.

The district received a letter on December 23, 2016, stating that the Southwest R-V School District is designated as "Accredited" under the Missouri School Improvement Program 5.

There are two resignations and two retirements that were presented to the board. This first resignation is Carol Griffin who was a special education one-to-one aide. She resigned as of the end of the day on December 21, 2016. The other resignation was Chase Cantwell from assistant boy's basketball assistant coach. There were two retirements which has officially been turned effective the end of the school year, Billie Sapp and Julie Pruitt.

The board approved the consent agenda.

The board approved policies/procedures 2016-D as proposed by MSBA.

The board approved the ballot language and resolution for the bond issue which will be ran by the school district in April 2017.

Southwest R-V Draft Ballot

PROPOSITION 2

Shall the Board of Edu-

cation of the Southwest R-V School District, Missouri, without an estimated increase in the current debt service property tax levy, borrow money in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000) for the purpose of providing funds to complete structural repairs and renovations to the Middle School gymnasium; complete repairs and renovations to existing Elementary School restrooms; construct additional restrooms at the Elementary School; to the extent funds are available, replace existing HVAC units at the Elementary and Middle Schools and complete other remodeling and repair improvements to the existing facilities of the District; and issue bonds for the payment thereof? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.85 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

There was no new business, but several program evaluations and reports.

Jillayne Chancellor, Angela Long, and Stacey Hopper included the Guidance and Counseling Program Evaluation Report. This report included dropout rate and at-risk programs, graduate and follow-up survey information, gender and race/ethnic student report, and college and vocational completion rates.

Kenny Ferguson included the Winter Sports Program Evaluation Report.

Tanner Leonhardt, student council president, included the

monthly Student Report.

Tom Lawrence included a monthly Maintenance Report.

Dan Shelton included the monthly Technology Report.

All building principals and directors included reports.

Facilities Update

Elementary Multipurpose Gym

Tilford spoke with Reggie Goodin regarding the asbestos in the floor tiles of the elementary multipurpose gym. He stated that as long as the tiles are covered and sealed around the edges it does not matter what material we cover the floor.

This is only for informational purposes.

Elementary Library

Tilford spoke with Tom regarding the carpet in the elementary library. He will start looking into cost for carpet squares, new carpet, or painted floor.

Tilford have received information regarding the elementary library. Reggie Goodin checked it and the carpet has asbestos under it and we will have to get it professionally removed. He gave us 5 companies and we have contacted them. Four of the companies gave very rough numbers which are not bids. The removal cost could be up to \$11,250. I need guidance on this project. The removal and installation of new flooring will cost more than we first thought.

The board of education is taking bids for the removal of the carpet and tile from asbestos removal specialists.

Middle School Gym

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Purdy's Propps lends voice to All-State Choir



Kaden Propps is pictured above at left with his Purdy High School vocal music instructor Lauren Lee (right) at the All-State Choir performance.

After his stint in the spotlight as leading man Seymour Krel-born in Purdy High School's production of Little Shop of Horrors and becoming only the second vocalist in Purdy Schools' history to perform with the prestigious National Association for Music Educators All-National Honor Choir, Purdy High School senior Kaden Propps continued his grand finale year in late January, at Tan-Tar-A resort, joining approximately 160 of Missouri's best vocalists in the 2017 All-State Honor Choir.

Purdy High School vocal music instructor Lauren Lee called this year's choir, "...one of the best I've ever heard. The choir received two standing ovations in the middle of the performance, for two separate songs and then again at the end of the concert. The choir sang an encore, and everyone was on their feet again. It was wonderful to see students and an audience come together to be a part of something beautiful."

The 2017 All-State Honor Choir was directed by Dr.

Anthony Trecek-King, conductor of the famed Boston Children's Choir. Propps was enthralled. "Dr. Trecek-King was phenomenal. He exudes such passion for music...not just singing, but for all forms of music. We felt the music through him."

The choir performed six highly emotive pieces, including a Civil War-era spiritual that brought tears to the eyes of performers and audience members alike.

"After we nailed down our parts, Dr. Trecek-King moved us out of the music and into the emotion and story of the piece. We found ourselves transported to the labor fields and experienced a small taste of what it must have been like to live in slavery," said Propps.

Propps summarized his All-State experience by identifying it as his most influential musical event of the year thus far. "After experiencing many musical highs this year, my time with the All-State choir was, by far, the most moving and impactful."

Cassville sending two wrestlers to State



For the first time in school history, Cassville will send two wrestlers to the State tournament. Logan Carlin, sophomore, and Wyatt Goade, junior, will compete at State in Columbia on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. This is the first varsity season the Wildcat wrestlers have competed in. They are coached by Nathan Fortner, Ethan Davis and Brian Barbee. Left to right are: Wyatt Goade and Logan Carlin.

Ozark Festival Orchestra Soloist Showcase Feb. 19

The Ozark Festival Orchestra continues its 37th season with its Soloist Showcase concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Monett High School Performing Arts Center.

Under the baton of Music Director Todd Borgmann, the OFO will perform the Piano Concerto No. 5 by Camille Saint-Saens with pianist Jason Terry, a native of Purdy who now teaches young piano students at the University of Indiana. This will be Terry's first performance with the OFO and the first southwest Missouri performance of this concerto.

Coloratura soprano Angela Yoon, who is married to Terry, will

perform as a second soloist on two showpieces from the operatic repertory. She will sing the well-known lament by the seduced daughter of the court jester, "Caro nome che il mio cor" from Giuseppe Verdi's "Rigoletto," and "The Doll Song," a showpiece of high note fireworks, from Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffman."

Concertmaster Ned Horner shows off his violin skills as soloist on Saint-Saens showpiece for violin and orchestra, the "Danse Macabre," a Halloween favorite. The concert will conclude with an arrangement of the finale to Stravinsky's 1910 hit ballet, "The Firebird," one of the most memorable endings in classical music.

The concert will also feature the orchestra's annual silent auction fundraiser for arts lovers. Furniture, antiques, books, recordings, decorative pieces with a music theme and themed baskets will be available along with specialty pies. Proceeds help to support the orchestra.

Admission is \$10. Senior citizens 65 and older and students high school age and younger will be admitted free. The OFO is a community orchestra composed of players from southwest Missouri and nearby towns, focusing primarily on classical music. Rehearsals are held weekly in Monett.

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Phelps signs with Missouri Southern



Front left to right: Sarah Phelps, Devin, Dale Phelps and Dalia Phelps Back row: Lance Parnell, CHS Head Football Coach; and Doug Martin, CHS Athletic/Activities Director.

Cassville football stand-out Devin Phelps recently signed his letter of intent to play football at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin. Phelps is a three-year starter and letter winner for the Wildcats as offensive and defensive tackle.

In 2015, Phelps was named SWMFBCA All Region Honorable Mention offensive lineman. In 2016, he was named first team All Big 8, SWMFBCA All Region, MFBCA All District, MFBCA All State, Associated Press All State offensive

lineman as well as CHS 2016 Outstanding Offensive Lineman.

“First and foremost, Devin is an outstanding young man,” said CHS head football coach Lance Parnell.

See PHELPS on 15A

Wildcats seek answers at Seneca

Lee Stubblefield

It's been a tough road for the Cassville Wildcats this season. With just two regular season games remaining, the Wildcats are on the bubble of a winning record. Barrett Milleson's team sits at 11-12 following a 65-60 loss to East Newton on Friday night.

The Big 8 schedule has been especially brutal for the Wildcats. With five conference games in the book, Cassville has only one win: the 67-42 victory over McDonald County back on January 31.

Of their eleven wins, only two came against teams of Class 3 or higher stature: Buffalo and McDonald County.

The Wildcats have played as many games against Ozark 7 teams as they have in their own conference. With tournament pairings included, Cassville played Southwest

three times, winning twice, and claimed wins over Purdy and Exeter.

While Cassville has been no pushover, the Wildcats have been characterized as a team that plays to the level of their competition. They have played spectacularly at times, as evidenced by close losses to powerhouse Lamar and Pierce City. But playing well has not always translated into winning, something that will have to happen to contend in the post season.

Cassville needs a strong run to finish the regular season and be prepared for a tough Class 4 district that includes Jason Horn's Webb City team and Carl Junction. That all starts with Thursday's Big 8 tilt at Seneca. Cassville completes the regular season on Tuesday, February 21 when they host Monett.

Class 1-2 district schedule

The other Barry County schools will start district action Saturday.

Class 1 District 5 at Willard

Saturday, February 18
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Exeter Boys vs Walnut Grove @ 12:30 PM

Wheaton girls vs Greenfield @ 3:30 PM

Wheaton boys vs Greenfield @ 6:30 PM

Class 2 District 12 at Sarcovie

Monday, February 20

Purdy girls vs Thomas Jefferson @ 4 PM

Southwest girls vs Pierce City @ 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21

Southwest boys vs Sarcovie @ 5:30 p.m.

Purdy boys vs Jasper at 8:30 p.m.

Purdy Lady Eagles win at McAuley, 58-40

Lee Stubblefield

The Purdy Lady Eagles continued their march to the Ozark 7 Conference title with a 58-40 win over McAuley at Joplin on Thursday. Purdy improved to 21-1 on the season with the win and remains undefeated in conference play.

The Lady Warriors battled to stay in the game and trailed by only 18-13 after one quarter. A 16-7 second quarter spurt by the Lady Eagles put McAuley in a 34-20 hole at halftime.

Purdy's defense was too much, limiting McAuley's girls to just 26% shooting. The Lady Eagles, despite hitting only one of ten trey attempts, shot 42% for the game,

Purdy scorers: Rion Boyd, 13; Layne Skiles, 11; Devyn Callahan, 11; Sami House, 9; Zoe Brown, 8; Cailyn Spears, 6.

McAuley scorers: Courtney Bates, 12; Abby Schifelbein, 12; Emily Freitas, 8; Dorothy Ostmeyer, 6; Taylor Schifelbein, 2

Southwest claims homecoming win over Wheaton, 65-38

Lee Stubblefield

The Southwest Trojans blew open a tie-game late in the second quarter, and rolled to a 65-38 homecoming victory over Wheaton on Friday night at Washburn. Senior point guard Devon Resz burned the nets for a game-high 20 points to lead the Trojans.

After Cody Brooks rescued the Southwest JV in a 41-36 overtime win, freshman Ashley Sharp and senior Austin Roberts were crowned queen and king at center court.

The game began with a Southwest run. Landon Wright and Paton Clay

scored in the paint and in a threeball from the right corner for a 7-0 lead with 4:26 on the clock. Tate Banks retaliated for Wheaton, scoring twice down low, and then an unguarded Kade Reed scored to cut the lead to 7-6.

The Trojans mounted another run to finish the quarter. Wright and Tanner Leonhardt hiked the lead with buckets and then Resz tossed a perfect alley-oop to Clay for a layup to give Southwest a 15-6 lead at the first break.

Wheaton chipped away again as the second quarter unfolded and Hilsden Moseley tied the game at 16-16 with a pair of free throws with 3:03 on the clock. Clay came up with a steal in Southwest's full-court trap and his driving layup regained the lead at 18-16. Another Moseley

freebie created a one-point game a minute later.

But the game turned when Southwest's sharpshooters buried four treys in a withering 14-1 run to finish the half. Resz hit from the left wing. Leonhardt scored from the same spot on the next possession. Resz rocked one from the left corner as the Trojans took a 27-17 lead.

A Brooks backcourt steal and layup followed. Jayce Brattin's free throw for Wheaton was like throwing a rubber duckie to a sinking ship. Paton Clay put the exclamation point on the half, swishing a long corner trey at the echo of the buzzer as Southwest took a 32-18 lead to the locker room.


The scoring frenzy continued in the third quarter. Southwest led by 27 when Leonhardt 'ooped in a Brooks

miss for a 48-21 score at the 3:10 mark. Banks scored the last three baskets of the quarter to add to Wheaton's total, but the Trojans held at 48-27 lead at the final break.


The lead hovered around 20 points as the game rolled on until Brattin was whistled for a technical with 4:53 to play. Southwest's Adam Ramirez sank all four free throws to erase any comeback hopes. The Trojans dropped the Bulldogs for the third time this season with the 65-38 final.

Southwest scorers: Devon Resz, 20; Tanner Leonhardt, 15; Paton Clay, 13; Landon Wright, 8; Adam Ramirez, 7; Cody Brooks, 2.

Wheaton scorers: Tate Banks, 12; Hilsden Moseley, 9; Kade Reed, 7; Jayce Brattin, 5; Klay Reed, 3; Daniel Harris, 2.



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Lady Wildcats down East Newton, 40-33

Callahan signs with Monarchs

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Lady Wildcats finished a strong week, posting a 40-33 home victory over Big 8 foe East Newton on Thursday. Earlier in the week, Cassville's girls went on the road and defeated Lamar, 58-46.

Even with the wins, Chris Shore wasn't completely satisfied.

"We played really well against Lamar," Shore said. But against East Newton, "We

didn't play with any energy." The Ladycats opened with an 11-3 burst with five Cassville players scoring in the run. East Newton's Jalen Howard connected with a late trey, but Cassville held a 13-7 lead after one quarter.

That lack of energy Shore referred to was evident as the second quarter began. The Lady Pats sped up the game and raced to a 20-15 lead when Megan Sanders scored with 2:52 on the clock.

Exeter volleyball receives academic awards



A duo from the Exeter High School volleyball team received recently Volleyball Academic All-State Honors. To achieve this title each player must maintain 3.6 GPA or higher for fall semester. Pictured above are: Lindsey Nelson and Mikayla Meyer.

Madry McCrackin scored for Cassville, but Kanah Burkey drove coast to coast for the final basket of the half and a 22-17 East Newton lead.

The third quarter saw some classic Chris Shore basketball. Cassville's defense bristled and held East Newton to just two points in the quarter. Madi Stokes scored twice and converted a three-point play as the Lady Wildcats took a 30-24 lead at the final break.

Stokes took over the final period, scoring four times from the field and hitting once from the line. Cassville led by 11 points late, and held on for the 40-33 victory.

Cassville improved to 13-8 on the season and 2-2 in Big 8 play.

Cassville scorers: Madi Stokes, 21; Kandace Wallace, 6; Ashlynnne Howe, 5; Macey Parsons, 4; Audra Brooks, 2; Madry McCrackin, 2.

East Newton scorers: Kanah Burkey, 14; Jaylen Hayward, 6; Kinsey Sorrell, 4; Megan Sanders, 4; Jaide Bradshaw, 3; Kaitlynn Massey, 2.



Surrounded by family, coaches and friends, Devyn Callahan (center right) signs her letter of intent to play for the Maple Woods Community College Monarchs. Front row, from left: Callahan's father, Robert Callahan; her sister, Alexa Callahan; Callahan; and her mother, Kriya Callahan. Back row: Grandfather Bob Callahan and Purdy High School Softball Coach Lori Videmschek.

Purdy High School Senior Devyn Callahan recently signed a letter of intent to play softball for the Maple Woods Community College Monarchs.

Callahan, who will play her first and only softball season as a Purdy Eagle this spring, is a versatile player, with experience as an infielder, outfielder and catcher. She is also adept

behind the bat.

In her most recent season with the Southwest Missouri Psychos, Callahan achieved a 0.362 average at the plate, with 20 runs, 35 hits and 12 RBIs in her 106 plate appearances.

Devyln Callahan is the daughter of Robert and Kriya Callahan. Of her upcoming softball stint as an Eagle, Callahan notes, "I am so excited

to play for Coach V. Her care for and molding of her players is legendary."

Callahan is equally enthusiastic about playing for the Monarchs and pursuing her higher education at Maple Woods. "When Sami (House, a PHS teammate) and I visited I felt instantly at home. Coach Kary is so cool!"

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"MSSU is getting a young man with high character that will represent their program that way. Devin has worked very hard to get where he is today," Parnell stated.

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Barry County Health Department January Food Service Report

The Barry County 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
 • **Casey's General Store #3068** *Cassville*

Routine 1/3/17:
 Priority Violations: 4
 1. Two pair of scissors and the pizza scale were soiled by dried food debris.*

2. A plastic bowl, used for pizza toppings, was heavily crazed and cracked and was no longer smooth and cleanable.*

3. Shredded lettuce, chicken strips and spinach artichoke dip were not labeled with the seven-day discard date.*

4. Lighter fluid was stored above candy bars being held for return.*

Core Violations: 2.
 • **Oriental House** *Cassville*
 Follow-Up 1/3/17:
 All priority violations from the 12/21/16 inspection were corrected.

• **Dollar General Store #14995** *Eagle Rock*
 Routine 1/3/17:
 Priority Violations: 3
 1. Fruit juice was stored with hair gel products.

Paper plates and paper cups were stored on the shelf beside bleach products and beneath laundry soap.

2. Shelves in the milk cooler were not clean.*

3. The milk/dairy cooler was not holding foods at 41°F or below.

Core Violations: 2.
 Follow-Up 1/10/17:
 All priority violations from the 1/3/17 inspection were corrected.

• **The Stage Stop** *Cassville*
 Routine 1/4/17:
 Priority Violations: 2*
 1. An uncovered employee beverage was on the kitchen counter.*

2. Numerous mouse pellets were in the dish room next to the old ice machine.*

Core Violations: 2.
 • **Price Cutter #16** *Cassville*
 Routine 1/4/17:
 Priority Violations: 6*
 1. An employee breaded

raw chicken and then proceeded to do other tasks without washing their hands.*

2. Ready-to-eat ribs were stored below raw meats in the meat department walk-in fridge.*

3. Ribs in the deli and cream filled cannolis were not labeled with the seven-day discard date. Numerous items in the deli were given an eight-day discard date instead of seven.*

4. Three rotisserie chickens, eight sandwiches, and a platter of wings with discard dates of January 2 and 3 were not discarded on their discard date.*

5. Sanitizer in the deli was too weak.*

6. First aid medicine was stored above single-use containers in the deli. Laundry detergent was stored on top of cake decorations and supplies.*
 Core Violations: 4/

• **Jersey's Bar & Grill** *Cass-*

ville
 Follow-Up 1/5/17:
 All priority violations from the 12/22/16 inspection were corrected.

• **J & S Floral Exeter**
 Routine 1/9/17:
 No core or priority violations.

• **L & L Stop & Shop Exeter**
 Routine 1/9/17:
 No core or priority violations.

• **Casey's General Store #22** *Monett*
 Routine 1/9/17:
 Priority Violations: 4
 1. Hamburgers, rib sandwiches, potato wedges and loaded potatoes held with time as a public health control were past their discard times.*

2. The most recent health inspection was not posted in a conspicuous place for customers to read.*
 Core Violations: 3.

• **Shell Knob School** *Shell Knob*
 Routine 1/24/17:
 No core or priority violations.

• **Subway (in Walmart)** *Monett*
 Routine 1/9/17:
 Priority Violations: 2
 1. No one was ServSafe certified on duty.
 2. The food service's most recent health inspection was not posted in a

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conspicuous place for customers to read.

Core Violations: 0.
 Follow-up 1/11/17:
 The priority violations from the 1/9/17 were corrected.

• **Walmart #914** *Cassville*
 Routine 1/10/17:
 Priority Violations: 2
 1. BBQ chicken wings were held at 132°F rather than 140°F or higher as required.*

2. The center deli/bakery hand sink was leaking.
 Core Violations: 0.
 Follow-Up 1/19/17:
 All priority violations from the 1/10/17 were corrected.

• **Dollar General #15781** *Wheaton*
 Routine 1/10/17:
 Priority Violations: 2
 1. Shelves in the dairy reach-in cooler were heavily soiled.

2. Paper plates were stored on the shelf between Top Job and Lime-A-Way; paper towels were on shelf below laundry soap and beside Odor Eliminator.

Core Violations: 0.
 Follow-Up 1/11/17:
 The priority violations from the 1/10/17 were corrected.

• **Wheaton Asian Market** *Wheaton*
 Routine 1/10/17:
 Priority Violations: 0.
 Core Violations: 2.

• **Trojan PQ Mart** *Washburn*
 Routine 1/10/17:
 Priority Violations: 3
 1. Raw meat was stored above deli meats.*

2. The tea nozzle had built up bacteria growth.*
 3. The discard time for items in the hot display (corn dogs, chicken strips, etc.) was not documented.*

Core Violations: 0.
 • **Uncle Roy's One Stop** *Eagle Rock*
 Routine 1/10/17:
 Priority Violations: 1
 1. Raw bacon and shelled eggs were stored above ready-to-eat food.*

Core Violations: 2.
 • **VFW #4207** *Monett*
 Routine 1/11/17:

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Cassville HS clubs to go door-to-door for food pantry

The Cassville FFA, FCCLA, FBLE and FTA clubs are asking for help from the community to combat food insecurity in the Cassville area. On Monday, February 20, students will be going door to door in the Cassville community asking for donations.

To celebrate National FFA Week February 18 through 25, the Cassville FFA will be teaming up with other career tech student organizations for the Mission Possible Monday Scavenger Hunt. Students will work together as a team to find food and personal care items. The scavenger hunt is not a race to finish first but a hunt to collect all the items.

Every item found and donated during the scavenger hunt will be donated to the local food pantry.

Students will be looking for one of the following new and unused items:

- Food items: canned food items like meat, tuna, soup, stew, chili, corn, green beans, peas and potatoes; rice; bottles of juice, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, pasta (spaghetti, elbow macaroni), cereal, dry milk, oatmeal and crackers.
 - Personal care items: body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, fingernail clippers and hair brushes.
 - Household items: toilet paper, Kleenex, dish washing soap, paper towels/napkins, disposable silverware, paper plates, laundry soap, and household cleaning supplies.
- If you have the any of the following items and are not approached on Monday, February 20, and would like to help, please call the Cassville Agricultural Education Department at (417) 847-4610 or (417) 846-1245.

Wheaton School’s January Students of the Month



Wheaton Schools named their January Students of the Month. They are pictured above, left to right: Charlene Chang and Kaylee Hutsell.

Charlene Chang is the 8th grade daughter of Long and May Chang. Kaylee Hutsell is the 10th grade daughter of Sarah Hutsell and Matthew Hutsell.

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Since Missouri began the program in 1976, more than 8,000 century farms have been recognized.

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For application forms and information, call Extension Publications toll-free at 1-800-292-0969, contact your local MU Extension center, or visit the program website at extension.missouri.edu/centuryfarm.

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neer games, enjoyed guest

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opportunity to compare

pioneer life to life today.



Mrs. Wilma Swofford's fourth grade class is pictured above. From left to right, in the front row: Yovanni Perez, Jonathan Stults, Aiden Van Trump and Bradley Stumpff. Second row: Chayton Issler, Nicolas Fierro, Ryan Norris, Colt Cox, Travis Thomas, Monty Hang and Matthew Harris. Back row: Anjolina Luper, CJ Brophy, Violet Rillstone, Ashley Alonso, Jessica Marlowe, Ava Periman, Trinity Scholl, Mackenzie Watkins, Laura Henry, Kaitlyn Tiner, Justine Robar and Kelsie Mark. Mrs. Swofford is standing behind the students.



Community volunteer Chuck Miner discussed pioneer life with students while showcasing several antiques from that time period.

Municipal election absentee voting begins Feb. 21

The April 4, 2017, General Municipal Election Absentee voting starts February 21, 2017.

- Are you registered to vote in Barry County?
- Last day to register to vote is Wednesday, March 8, 2017, for those who are not current registered voters of Barry County and who wish to vote in the April 4, 2017, General Municipal Election.
- You may register to vote at the Barry County Clerk's Office, the Monett Chamber of Commerce or the Shell Knob Chamber of Commerce.
- Please notify the Clerk's Office if you have moved and have not updated your address or if you have had a name change.
- Absentee voting starts Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at the Barry County Clerk's Office in Cassville from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- If unable to vote in person, you may send a written request to the office of: Gary Youngblood, 700 Main St. Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625 or fax to: (417) 847-5311. The

clerk will need: name, physical address, mailing address, date of birth, last four (4) digits of social security number, phone number, reason for voting absentee and signature.

If you live in the Shell Knob or Monett area, you can go by the Shell Knob Chamber or Monett Chamber Office and fill out the absentee application. They will fax it to the Barry County Clerk's office for you.

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The Southwest Theatre Department has won first place 19 times over the last 22 years at the Ozark-7 One-Act Play Competition; the department has been the direction of Mr. Wyatt Hester during these years.

Pictured is the cast and crew from left to right. In the front row: Bethany McMurry, Hayley Hendrix, Sydney Leroy and Janaya Erwin. Back row: Egan Lawyer, Payton Osburn, Skylor Rausa and Austin Roberts.

C of O releases fall 2016 Dean's List

College of the Ozarks - point credit hours.

Lookout released their fall 2016 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must maintain a 3.6 minimum grade point average during the semester and carry at least 15

Local students were:

- Jena Hilburn, of Cassville, was named to the College of the Ozarks Fall 2016 Dean's List. Hilburn is a Cassville R-IV High School graduate.
- Cheyenne Sheets, of Shell Knob, was named to the College of the Ozarks Fall 2016 Dean's List. Sheets is a Blue Eye R-5 High School graduate.
- Kelsey Roney, of Cassville, was named to the College of the Ozarks Fall 2016 Dean's List. Roney is a Cassville R-IV High School graduate.
- Noah Galey, of Golden, was named to the College of the Ozarks Fall 2016 Dean's List. Galey is a Cassville R-IV High School graduate.
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Cassville Library events

- A Kids Quiz will be held for the 3:30 Thursday after-school activity on February 16 in the lower level of the library. Come test your knowledge of fun facts and bring a friend.
- Kathy Ray leads crochet each Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Beginners are welcome and instruction is available.
- A new Beginning Sewing group meets each Wednesday at 1 p.m. Call (417) 847-2121 for more information.
- All branches of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library will be closed for President's Day on Monday, February 20.
- LEGO Club will be building again on Thursday, February 23, at 3:30 pm. All ages are welcome.
- Color Me Mellow meets each first and third Wednesdays at 4 p.m. The next session will be March 1 in the library's meeting room.
- The Cassville Branch Library hours have changed. The branch is now open Mondays through Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day.

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MSU announces fall 2016 graduates

- Missouri State University - Springfield released their fall 2016 graduates. Local students are listed below with their degree and honors, if earned.
- Cassville:
 - Krystal Haney: BS
 - Brandy Hess: BS
 - Chelsea McCracken: BS
 - Kendra Richter: BS, Magna Cum Laude
 - Exteter:
 - Larry Meyer: BS
 - Summa Cum Laude
 - Golden:
 - Mason Wilks: BS
 - Monett:
 - Marisol Carrillo: BS
 - Abby Hanson: BS
 - Grace Parrigon: BS
 - Amy Sampson: MS
 - Monica Villa Meza: BS
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