

# Wheaton Robodogs robotics team headed to State for first time

*Charlea Estes-Jones*

For the first time, the Wheaton Robodogs are headed to State. The team of nine students will compete in March to try to earn a spot at Worlds only four years into the school's robotics team's career.

The robotics team is coached by Wheaton teacher Pam Peterson. However, Peterson looks at her role more as a supervisor and adviser, the team is led by students, each one of them fulfilling a specific role to aid in the team's success.

This year's team consists of the following students: Cade Woolaway, senior, head builder, engineer and programmer; Jacoby Butler, senior, lead documentation of the robot and human player; Tasha Graves, senior, engineering notebook and lead outreach; Brittany King, senior, engineering notebook and team coach; Zane Smith, sophomore, making 3D prints, helps drive the robot and is learning documentation; Coy Harper, sophomore, designing 3D prints and various roles; Ian Castro, sophomore, 3D designer; Lilly Allen, senior, co-programmer; and James Booth, junior, builder.

For competition, teams are scored on not only their robot's ability to navigate a function and complete the challenges, but the team is also judged on their documentation of all that they have learned and how they have designed and changed their robot for competitions. On top of the competition items, the team also uses a 3-D printer to design keychains and other items to sell to help fund their robot each year, so some marketing and community outreach goes into it, as well.

This year, the Robodogs went to five competitions with the last being the Western Qualifier Conference in Kansas City. It was in Kansas City that the team learned they had earned a place at State.

Peterson said, "I think we knew we could make it at our last match when we were at Drury. We knew the robot was running really well then. We were one place out at that point [to qualify for state]. We were excited about the Western Qualifier Conference at Kansas City."

She added the team did well this year thanks to the documentation efforts. She said, "It's kind of a 50/50 split on if your robot runs really well or do you have everything documented really well. This year, we were able to have everything documented really well. We have a full two notebooks of documentation. We learned the hard way if some-

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The Wheaton Robodogs are pictured with their trophy from the Western Qualifier Conference over the weekend where they qualified for State competition on March.

# Six Cassville wrestlers headed to State

*Caden Swearingen & Charlea Estes-Jones*

Cassville's wrestling program may be one of the newer programs in Barry County, but that isn't stopping the 'Cats from taking down the competition and heading to state. Last week, three girls earned spots at State competition. This weekend, four Cassville boys wrestlers earned the right to compete at State competition this week.

"They wrestle before and after practice. They work hard, and I am excited about the future," said head wrestling coach Nathan Fortner. This year, Cassville wrestling had four boy wrestlers qualify for state, which is the most they have ever had qualify since the program began.

Logan Tolbert, Gabe Hunter, Zach Coenen and Akhilleus Arguelles all qualified, however Tolbert will not be going to state due to a shoulder injury. Hunter also a shoulder injury, but was luckily cleared right before district competition where he earned his spot at state.

Hunter attributes his success to the coaching team. He said, "The coaches need a lot of the praise, they push us boys and always have a game plan. They always take extra time to insure the kids have moves down and are using the right techniques."

Arguelles is the first freshman wrestler from Cassville to advance. "They are all good, young, and will be back next year," said Fortner.

The wrestling program is growing, and

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# Habitat for Humanity donates to area schools

*Charlea Estes-Jones*

Habitat for Humanity builds houses. Habitat for Humanity ReStores raise money to build houses. But Habitat for Humanity is more than that, and its reach extends far beyond and into the community. The South Barry County chapter of the Habitat for Humanity recently reached out to schools to donate items collected at their Re-Store to help students.

For Monett and Purdy Schools that meant golf clubs for their golf teams for members who can't afford sets of their own. For Cassville Middle School's woodworking program, that meant a huge selection of wood pieces for students to use in class.

Tabetha Smith, vice president of the South Barry County Habitat for Humanity of South Barry board, was the one who thought to donate the golf clubs. She said, "We'd had some of these golf clubs for going on 10 years. I looked at them one day and said, 'There has to be a better way of dealing with these.'"

She continued, "Some people come in and buy them and use them as curtain rods or decoration, really creative things, but I knew we have some kids in the area who don't have the finances to buy a set and want to learn."

Smith consulted with board president David Hermann and suggested it, and he wholeheartedly agreed. She said, "So, Dave and I talked about it and decided to get in touch with athletic directors and coaches at the schools to see if they could use them." The reaction from the coaches was overwhelmingly positive.

About a month ago, Monett golf coach Brian Cox and Purdy golf coach Richard Wagner picked up the clubs for their teams.

Cox said, "Every year I have kids who need clubs that don't have them and want to get started playing, but their parents can't afford clubs, so it'll help a lot of kids get started."

He coaches both boys and girls golf, but the girls program is new this year. He plans to use the several full sets and individual clubs they received to help support and grow that program. "The girls program is new this year, and luckily I had a couple sets already, but hopefully as the program grows, I'll be able to help get more kids started. I also do a summer program.

My goal is to get more younger kids below high school age to give golf a try and I'm trying to take out every excuse a parent might have to get a kid out there. The donation helps a lot."

Wagner said, "There are several very beneficial impacts of the donation. First, many of our players have never played golf before. They, of course, have no clubs of their own. Last year, we had to scrape up a few dollars selling snacks to buy a left handed set for a new player."

"Habitat's generous donation allows us to have several sets and individual clubs from which these players can select, right and left handed, and even change throughout the season. If they decide to pick up the sport for life, they have had the opportunity to use many different clubs before making any kind of investment on their own. If they do not plan to play beyond high school, this donation more than doubled the number of clubs we have available for players to use. In short, we can have a student with no experience join the team at no cost, and give them the opportunity to try it out."

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You may register to vote at the County Clerk's Office, the Monett Chamber of Commerce or the Shell Knob Chamber of Commerce.

Notify the county clerk's office if you have moved and have not updated your address or had a name change.

Absentee voting starts Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at the Barry County Clerk's Office in Cassville, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you are unable to vote in person, you may send a written request to the office of: Jill H. LeCompte, 700 Main St. Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625 or fax to: (417) 847-5311. They will need:

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- 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.

For more information, call the Barry County Clerk's Office at (417) 847-2561 or email [jhlecompte@barry-countyclerk.com](mailto:jhlecompte@barry-countyclerk.com).

## Five Purdy students perform in inaugural Elementary All State Honor Choir

Five Purdy Elementary vocalists represented Purdy Schools in the newly formed Elementary All-State Honor Choir at

Lake of the Ozarks on January 22. Purdy was one of only three schools to bring five or more vocalists to the event.



Purdy participants in the choir are pictured from left to right: Cyris Williams, Chloe Prock, Andelynn Vineyard, Valentina Salas and Emily Maddocks.

## Assessor sends second notices

Barry County Assessor Sherry L. Smith announced that the second notice reminders for the 2020 Personal Property and Business Assessment Lists are scheduled to be mailed out.

The second notice reminders will be mailed in the form of a post card. Original assessment lists are due on March 1, however, you still have time to file your list online or personally turn it in without receiving a late assessment penalty, providing your list is received in the office by March 31.

If you didn't receive an as-

essment list in January or if you receive a second notice post card from the Assessor's Office, please contact the office immediately at (417) 847-2613 so your property can be properly assessed before the final late assessment penalty deadline.

New county residents who did not receive a form need to call the Assessor's Office or drop by the office and they will fill it out for you.

For questions, contact the office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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After a full day of rehearsals, fourth graders Chloe Prock and Valentina Salas and fifth graders Cyris Williams, Andelynn Vineyard and Emily Maddocks lent their talents to the 170-voice choir that performed under the direction of conductor Joshua Pedde.

Pedde is the artistic director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir, one of the largest and most respected programs of its kind in the world. The inaugural Missouri All-State Children's Choir performed

six pieces, including Shenandoah, I Hear America Singing, Goin' to Boston and Benedictus and Hosanna.

The five Purdy vocalists perform regularly in Purdy Elementary's audition choir, "Eagle Echoes," under the direction of Purdy Elementary music teacher Christina Harmon, who noted of the experience, "Taking these students to All-State Elementary Children's Choir was one of the highlights of my life, thus far. Not only were these students

well-behaved, but the sound they created as a group was stunning. There were several moments that I just wanted to cry out of pure joy for these young musicians. It is not every day you get to perform with the other top singers at your age level in the state. This will be an experience I know I will love to think back upon, and I believe it will be one for them too."

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## Notice:

**Habitat for Humanity** is looking for families to apply for a home in Wheaton. For more information or to apply, stop by the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 900 10th St. in Cassville. They are open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**February 2020 Barry County OATS Transit Schedule:** to Joplin: Feb. 24; to Mt. Vernon: Feb. 26. To schedule a ride in Barry County, call the OATS office at (800) 770-6287.

**Simple Tax Preparation** will be offered at Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, each Tuesday through April 7, 2020. Please call (417) 858-6952 for an appointment.

**Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob** will host ‘Walking With Friends’ every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

## Feb. 20th

**Birthday Lunch** will be served at the Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.

## Feb. 21st

**Arvest Bank will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive** from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at their Cassville Location. To encourage blood donations during this time of extremely low supply, they are offering every donor a free long sleeve T-shirt.

**Annual Fish Fry and Labor Auction** will be hosted by the Purdy FFA Chapter at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria/commons area. Cost is \$6 per plate, per person.

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

**Benefit Dinner for Ridge Top Bible Camp** will be held at Body of Christ Outreach Ministries, Wheaton, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The dinner features ham and beans, and chili and payment is by donation.

**A Dance** will be held at the Stella Senior Center with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. The dance will start at 7 p.m. with music by “Moccasin Bend”. The cover charge is \$5, and guests are asked to bring finger foods to share at break time. Refreshments will be available all evening.

## Feb. 22nd

**McDowell Gold Jubilee** will be open from 5:30 p.m. until close. Admission is free. All acoustic musicians are welcome to jam or perform on the stage. The Jubilee is held in the Historic McDowell Schoolhouse.

**Annual Men’s Club Chili Supper** will be held at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Stones Prairie Parish, at 6 p.m. There will be chili, potato soup, relishes, drinks and homemade desserts.

**A Fundraiser Breakfast** will be held from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the fire house in Eagle Rock.

## Feb. 25th

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

## Feb. 26th

**Monett Library** will host Story Time at 4:15 p.m.  
**Wii Bowling** will be held at the Central Crossing Senior Center, Shell Knob, at 12:30 p.m. New players are welcome.

## Feb. 27th

**The Barry County Republican Club** will hold its monthly meeting in Monett at the Angus Branch Steakhouse at 6:30 p.m.

## Feb. 28th

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

## March 2nd

**The Monett Dance** will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Monett Park Casino. Everyone is welcome.

## March 7th

**Jenkins Fire Annual Chili Supper** will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Jenkins Fire Department at Station #1 located just west of the Junction of Highways 39 and 248. The Flyin’ Buzzards will provide entertainment. Call Sara (417) 342-4243 for more information.

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**Wed:** Broccoli cheese soup in bread bowl or soup and grilled cheese  
**Thurs:** Beef tip & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, chocolate éclair  
**Fri:** Chicken alfredo, side salad, bread stick, carrot cake

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## School Menus: Feb. 24 - Feb. 28

*All meals served with milk and subject to change.*


**Exeter:** Mon: B: biscuit & gravy, fruit, juice or cereal, biscuit, fruit, juice. L: chicken patty, bun, baked beans, spinach, fruit. Tues: B: banana muffin, yogurt, fruit, juice or cereal, Pop-Tart, fruit, juice. L: sweet & sour chicken, brown rice, carrots, fortune cookie, fruit. Wed: B: egg-stravaganza, toast, fruit, juice or cereal, toast, fruit, juice. L: popcorn chicken, scalloped potatoes, peas, fruit. Thurs: sausage & egg biscuit, banana, fruit, juice or cereal biscuit, banana, juice. L: chicken pot pie, broccoli, biscuit, fruit. Fri: B: pancake on a stick, fruit, juice or cereal, Vertical Bar, fruit, juice.

**Cassville PR-Int.-Middle:** Mon: B: biscuits & gravy or breakfast burrito, hashbrown, pineapple or cereal, toast, peaches. L: tangerine chicken or chicken nuggets, rice, glazed carrots, egg roll, fruit cocktail. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage, strawberries or cereal, Teddy Grahams, applesauce. L: grilled cheese or turkey sandwich, chicken noodle soup, broccoli, applesauce. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, peaches or cereal, graham crackers, tropical fruit. L: BBQ pork sandwich or hot dog, Sun Chips, carrots, juice. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, Go-Gurt, tropical fruit or cereal, PB&J, fruit snacks. L: corndog or chicken strips, mac & cheese, green beans, tropical fruit. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, Go-gurt, pears. L: beef burrito or chicken quesadilla, nachos, refried beans, pears.


**Cassville High School:** Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, cinnamon toast, tropical fruit. L: popcorn chicken, potatoes, gravy, corn, breadstick, applesauce or pizza meal or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, graham cracker, pears or cereal, Pop-Tart, pineapple. L: pizza wedge, broccoli, mixed vegetables, peaches or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: corndog, mac & cheese, glazed carrots, juice or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Thurs: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, sausage, toast, tropical fruit or cereal, Nutri Grain Bar, apple. L: chicken sandwich, potato wedge, carrot sticks, peaches or pizza meal or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or blueberry muffin, blueberries or cereal, yogurt cup, strawberries. L: nacho supreme, refried beans, corn, sugar cookie, applesauce or cheeseburger meal or salad meal.

**Purdy:** Mon: B: omelet, toast, cereal, fruit. L: turkey sandwich, mixed veggies, pasta salad, grapes. Tues: B: french toast sticks, syrup, yogurt, cereal, fruit. L: southwest spaghetti, romaine salad, tomato, ranch, fruit, ww breadstick. Wed: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: shrimp poppers, mac & cheese, peas, carrots, fruit, bread slice. Thurs: B: oatmeal, toast, cereal, fruit. L: chicken fajita, Mexican rice, baby carrots, ranch, fruit. Fri: B: banana muffin, yogurt, cereal, fruit. L: hot ham & cheese, baked beans, Sun Chips, fruit.

**Southwest:** Mon: B: french toast sticks, syrup, yogurt cup, apple slices or cereal, juice. L: chicken & noodles, hot roll, butter, peas & carrots, peaches or salad/fruit bar. Tues: B: breakfast sausage pizza, peaches or cereal, juice. L: beef pasta bake, breadstick, romain salad, red cinnamon applesauce or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: biscuits & gravy, sausage links, apple slices or cereal, juice. L: chili, crackers, PB&J, baby carrots, pineapple or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: scrambled eggs with bacon, chocolate chip granola bar, tropical fruit or cereal, juice. L: cheeseburger, leaf lettuce, ketchup, mayo, mustard, potato chips, chocolate pudding, pears or salad/fruit bar. Fri: B: sausage & egg sandwich, ketchup, hash brown potatoes, orange wedges or cereal, juice. L: pizza crunchers, romaine salad, baby carrots, tropical fruit or salad/fruit bar.



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• **Danny Montreal Allen**, of Cassville, pled guilty to domestic assault in the second degree on April 16, 2018. Allen's probation has since been revoked, and he was sentenced to seven years incarceration with the Department of Corrections and five years supervised probation.

Allen is to serve probation  
until January 22, 2025.

According to the report from the Barry County Sheriff's Department, Anderson provided alcohol to a minor and touched her private areas at a residence in Purdy on March 24, 2019.

- **Trenton James Bohanan**, of Purdy, pled guilty to resisting arrest by fleeing - creating a substantial risk of injury or death to any person and resisting arrest for a felony. Bohanan received a suspended execution of a four year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and five years supervised probation.

Bohanan is to serve probation until January 21, 2025.

On November 22, 2015, Brasel grabbed the victim by the throat and threw her on the bed while strangling her. He continued to strangle her and threw her against a wall. Brasel then ran off with a minor child.

Brasel is to serve probation until January 21, 2025.

• **Charlie Joe Casper**, of Cassville, pled guilty to two counts of possession of a controlled substance on April 15, 2019. Casper's probation was revoked, and he is to serve 120 days of shock time as part of a seven year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections.

On May 11, 2017, the Cassville Police Department was dispatched to a business on Old Exeter Road for Casper being suspected of using narcotics in the rest-

On February 6, 2019, Collins was located in Sears in Cassville while having an active warrant. When officers transported him to the jail, they found a plastic baggie of methamphetamine on his person.

Collins is to serve probation until January 21, 2025.

• **Joseph Derek Cramer**, of Anderson, pled guilty to two counts of unlawful use of a weapon - possessing a weapon and a felony controlled substance, three counts of possession of a controlled substance, and one count of delivery of a controlled substance on August 21, 2017. Cramer's probation was revoked, and he is to serve 120 days shock time as part of a seven year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections.

On January 3, 2017, officers were conducting a drug investigation that coincided with a juvenile well-being check at an apartment on State Highway 112. Cramer

• **Jody Brian Douglas**, of Cassville, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Douglas received a suspended execution of a 10 year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and five years supervised probation.

On April 2, 2019, officers saw Douglas riding on a bike and knew he had an active warrant. When they attempted to stop him, he fled, eventually abandoning his bike and fleeing on foot. On the bike, officers found a bag that contained methamphetamine, spoons and a hypodermic needle.

Douglas is to serve probation until January 22, 2025.

• **Shawna Dawn Ellison.** of Pierce City, pled guilty to felony possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor driving while re-

On March 20, 2018, officers stopped Ellison for a traffic violation. Ellison admitted she had a methamphetamine pipe and a baggie of methamphetamine.

• **Jennifer Dawn Fisher**, of Fairview, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Fisher received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On March 15, 2019, Fisher was in the driver's seat of a vehicle stopped on the side of the road. When officers searched the vehicle, they found methamphetamine in two syringes and residue in a third syringe.

Fisher is to serve probation until January 21, 2025.

• **Elizabeth Diane Inman**, of Exeter, pled guilty to two counts of felony possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Inman received a sus-

pendent execution of a seven year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and five years supervised probation.

On March 23, 2018, officers pulled Inman over, who pulled into a residence's drive where she does not live. When officers asked, she said there may be illegal drugs in the car. Officers found burnt spoons with oxycodone residue.

On April 27, 2019, officers stopped Inman, who did not have a drivers' license. Inside her purse, officers located an oxycodone.

Inman is to serve probation until January 21, 2025.

- **Rene Robert Jalbert**, of Cassville, made an Alford plea to resisting arrest by fleeing - creating a substantial risk of injury or death for any person. Jalbert received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On January 5, 2020, was trespassing on property where he was not allowed to be. Jalbert then fled the scene at a high rate of speed, evading officers.

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**LARRY PAUL SIMS**  
On Wednesday, February 12, 2020, Larry Paul Sims, loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother passed away.  
Family visitation was from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville, followed by a 12:00 p.m. graveside service at Corinth Cemetery. A celebration of life is being planned for family and friends Saturday, February 29, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at Smith Mortuary, 1415 N. Rock Road, Derby, Kansas.  
Larry was born on August 28, 1938, in Cassville to Matt B. and Opal Jessie Sims. He attended Horner Grade School and graduated Cassville High School in 1956 where he served as his Senior Class President. He went on to earn a college degree in mathematics from Southwest Missouri

State (SMS), and served as 1st Lieutenant in the US Army from 1962 to 1965. On March 30, 1963, Larry married his grade school sweetheart, Margaret Helen Turner, and they shared 56 years of marriage. They raised a son and a daughter in Derby, Kansas, where they were lifelong residents. Larry worked for Coleman Company for 10 years before establishing a second career as the facilities engineer for Boeing Aircraft. Following his retirement from professional life, Larry returned to his roots he knew as a child, working with cattle, growing an abundant vegetable garden, and serving as a mentor and friend in the farming community in Derby, Kansas. Larry was known for his mentorship, service in the community, and friendly nature. He served on the Planning Commission of Derby, Kansas and was a member of the Heartland Church of Christ in Wichita.  
Larry is survived by his wife, Margaret Sims; a brother, VC Sims and June, of Monett; a son, James Bryan Sims and wife, Laura, of Sulphur Springs, Texas; a daughter, Alyssa Lynn Monacelli (Sims) and husband, Kenneth Monacelli, of New Braunfels, Texas; and two

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granddaughters, Megan Marie Monacelli and Mary Margaret Monacelli, both of Denver, Colorado.  
Larry is preceded in death by his father, Matt B. Sims; mother, Opal Jessie Sims (Hopkins); and brothers, Matt Bryant Sims; Morris Sims; and Robert Sims.  
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Food Bank of Kansas, 1919 E. Douglas Avenue, Wichita, Kansas, 67211. The family wishes to thank the kind and loving staff of Christus Mother Frances Hospital, Choice Hospice, and Wesley House, all in Sulphur Springs, Texas.  
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**STEPHEN MICHAEL MCAULEY**  
Stephen Michael McAuley, age 79, of Cassville, passed away Saturday, February 15, 2020, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation Center in Cassville.  
He was born October 10, 1940, in Oakland, California, the son of James Richards and Dorothy McAuley, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death was his daughter, Stephanie.  
Surviving are two sons, Eric Buchs, of Lancaster, California, and Chris Buchs of Rancho Cucamonga, California; and two grandchildren, Kelsey McAuley and Eddie Marciano.  
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**PAMELA WOODLEY**  
Pamela Woodley, age 58, of Shell Knob, passed away Friday, February 14, 2020, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.  
A Celebration of Life will be held August 6, 2020, in Fort Worth, Texas, location and times will be announced at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob.  
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Stephen grew up and received his education in California, graduating from Antelope Valley High School. For many years, he worked for Boeing in California as a mechanic. In 1998, he moved to Missouri to make his home. Some of his favorite pastimes were going to car shows and collecting old cans. One of his favorite things to do was hiding behind things to scare people. He was an avid animal lover and loved his grandchildren.  
No services are scheduled. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.  
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**MICHAEL KIM SMITH**  
Michael Kim Smith, age 56, of Fulton, formerly of Cassville, passed away Monday, February 10, 2020, at University Hospital in Columbia.  
He was born October 29, 1963, in Houston, the son of Ray J. and Lenna (Garrison) Smith. Michael brought a lot  
of joy to people. One of his favorite songs was “Rhinstone Cowboy”. Some of his favorite pastimes were eating out at restaurants, giving orders to people and going to church. For several years, he attended Butterfield Baptist Church before moving to Fulton and attended Richland Baptist Church.  
Surviving are his mother, Lenna Smith; one brother, Ricky Smith and his wife, Glenda, of Fulton; two nieces, Cindy Bennett and her husband, Josh, of Nixa, and Dr. Rebecca Clayberg and her husband, Phil, of Mountain Home, Arkansas; one great-niece, Brynlee Bennett; and great-nephew, Easton Clayberg.  
Preceding him in death was his father, Ray Smith.  
Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend David Eaton Sr. conducted the services. Burial was at Boone Creek Cemetery in Licking.  
Contributions may be made to Gideons International or Cerebral Palsy Foundation in memory of Michael.  
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**DENNY R. BROWN**  
Denny R. Brown, 67, of Monett, passed away on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.  
Funeral services were held Saturday, February 15, 2020, at Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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May God Bless You All

Karen (Joanie) Brattin & family

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**DONALD F. PIASECKI**  
 Donald F. Piasecki, 76, of Golden, went to be home with his Lord on February 10, 2020, at home.  
 He was born in Ironwood, Mich., to John and Rose (Kostac) Piasecki on December 30, 1943, where he stayed and went to school before joining the Air Force in December of 1963. He served his country during the Vietnam conflict. He was an aircraft mechanic which led him to Wichita, Kansas, McConnell Air Force Base. After getting out of the service, he started his career with Lear Jet of Wichita as an aircraft mechanic in customer service in 1968, retiring from Lear Jet in 2005. His hobbies were going to the lake, which included Cheney Reservoir and Table Rock Lake. He also loved his cars and trucks, which he restored several, went to area car shows and received lots of awards. He married Altina L (Epps) Piasecki in 2000.  
 His family included two daughters, Barbara Hamlin (Max), of Phoenix, Arizona, and Michelle Kivenas (Romas), of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three stepdaughters,

Tammy Epps (Earl), Tonya Harrod and Trisha Epps (Aaron) all of Wichita, Kansas; three step-grandchildren; three sisters, Carol Brewer (John), of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Joan Levra, of Montreal, Wisconsin, and Jean Nasi, of Hurley, Wisconsin; and countless nieces and nephews.  
 He is preceded in death by his father, John; mother, Rose; brother, Richie; and his great-grandchild, Cassidy Johnston.  
 On June 6, 2020 there will be a Celebration of Life at his home in Golden. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.  
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**ANTONIO MOORE-MARTINEZ**  
 Antonio Moore-Martinez, age 4, of Cassville, passed away Tuesday, February 4, 2020.  
 He was born September 21, 2015, in Joplin, the son of Rodrigo Martinez and Chasity Dulaney-Moore, who survive. Also surviving are his grandparents, Abue,

**OBITUARIES**  
 of Seligman, and Cynthia Moore and Kirby Eagan, of Washburn; one sister, Izabella R. Moore-Martinez, of the home; aunts and uncles, Letica and Karl Rivas, of Seligman, Lori Glenk, of Billings, Mariah Forester, of Joplin, Shaniah Forester, of Marionville, Hunter Forester, of Billings, Tim Moore, of Monett, and Dustin Eagan, of Washburn; and ten cousins.  
 Preceding him in death were two uncles, Elijah B. Moore and Jose Manuel; grandfather, Robert Ray Dulaney IV; and great-grandfather, Jose Hinojosa.  
 Antonio loved being outside, playing in puddles, dirt and rocks with his sissy. His red boots made him super-fast. Smart, kind, loving and always wanted to know if he was a good boy. Antonio loved going to church with Abue. He always wanted to help work on dad's car, wanting to fix it. Every night before bed he always made sure to give his sister a kiss.  
 A visitation was held from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 9, 2020,

with a moment of prayer by Brooks Moore at 3:00 p.m. at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.  
 The family requested that everyone wear something red in memory of Antonio.  
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**ELIJAH MOORE**  
 Elijah Moore, age 23, of Washburn, passed away Tuesday, February 4, 2020.  
 He was born April 2, 1996, in Springfield, the son of Cynthia Moore, who survives. Also surviving are one sister, Chasity Moore, of Cassville; two brothers,

Tim Moore, of Monett, and Dustin Eagan, of Washburn; one son, Blaine, of Washburn; grandparents, Jeanetta and Bobby Harrison, of Exeter, and Carol Lawson, of Neosho; two uncles, Joe Moore, of Joplin, and Justin Summit, of Neosho; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.  
 Preceding him in death was his nephew, Antonio Moore-Martinez.  
 Elijah grew up in Washburn and attended school at Southwest. He always liked to take care of his friends and family. He enjoyed good food and was always smiling and laughing. One of his favorite pastimes was watching WWE wrestling.  
 A visitation was held from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 9, 2020,



**MARCIA JANE STOTTS**  
 Marcia Jane Stotts passed away Friday, February 14, 2020.  
 Funeral services were held today, Wednesday, February 19, 2020, under direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



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# Southwest crowns Homecoming King, Queen



Southwest High School crowned their Homecoming Queen and King Jada Nichols and Nathan Wallace on Friday, February 7. This year's royalty are pictured above. From left to right: freshmen Camberlyn Uthe and Zakary Corwin, sophomores Natalie Johnson and Seth Nipps, seniors Jada Nichols and Nathan Wallace, student council candidates senior Rachel Jimenez and freshman Ethan Recio, and junior candidates Emily Berry and Isaac Starr.

## ROBOTICS from FRONT

and it was watching a lot of YouTube videos and a lot of failures to figure it out.” Woolaway went on to help others learn coding for the team.

“I got into it mostly because it was really interesting to me. Our school has a STEM class for junior high, and I decided to take that and got into it and really wanted to take the high school class,” said Zane Smith.

Coy Harper, described by Peterson as a jack of all trades, joined because his brother was one of the founding members. Since, Harper has filled in anywhere the team needs.

One team member, Ian Castro, even plans to go into engineering.

But one large component of the Wheaton Robodog team they didn't expect initially is community engagement. Improving their outreach to reach more people to let them know what they are doing is helping them raise funds to be able to compete. Robotics is a very expensive extracurricular to compete in.

The students have even presented to companies like Tyson and EFCO. Through those presentations, they have earned donations as well as orders for promotional goods like keychains they design and print at the school.

Multiple groups and companies have already supported the team by having them make keychains for them.

Without that support, the team wouldn't be able to compete and learn valuable lessons.

Butler explained what the team means to him. He said, “For me, what I'm going to use the teamwork for is that I'm going to enter the Army in June. I really like the fact that I've been able to be a part of this team and grow with them and help them get to state and everything. I'm glad I can work on teamwork here because I think it'll help me in basic training. It's never about one person; it's about the whole team. If one person is in trouble, everyone is in trouble.”

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## Cassville High School crowns Tip-Off royalty Feb. 14



Cassville High School crowned the Tip-Off King and Queen and Prince and Princess during the game on Friday, February 14. This year's King and Queen are DJ White and Madry McCrackin and the Prince and Princess are Jacob Martinez and Haylie Rickard. The court is pictured above from, left to right, in the front row: Hallie Fratus, Summer Kilpatrick, Madry McCrackin, Haylie Rickard, Kya Kraft and Dulce Rivera. Back row: Bradan Dickinson, Jared Wallace, DJ White, Jacob Martinez, Phoenix Martin and Carson Whittemire.

### DONATION from FRONT

had a similar donation in recent memory. The program purchased used sets several years ago, and has had a few donations from individuals. Wagner said, "I am slowly working my way through regripping the donated clubs, to give the optimum experience to players, especially new ones, in the hope they will learn to pick up and love the game."

"The donation by Habitat has been a huge step toward establishing Purdy as a 'golf school' in the area."

Cox echoed that sentiment, "In the past, individuals have given me things since I've been here, but no one has given multiple sets of clubs to help multiple students. I can usually find someone who is willing to help out if they really need it. The main thing is getting the word out to people."

"I think there are kids who want to play and haven't signed up because of the cost of clubs, and I'm

hoping this will help. The donation will help us out, I really hope."

Cassville didn't pick up clubs, but the middle school woodworking program is benefitting from roughly 22 tubs full of wood pieces for students to use. Instructor Robbie Artherton said the group is brainstorming how the pieces will be used and is exploring turning them into cups and bowls, mounts and other smaller items. He said, "We really

appreciate donations like this because the students in [Advanced Woods] get to design their own projects. They get an opportunity to submit whatever they want after taking the first class in 7th grade."

"I open it up and tell them to come up with a plan, and if they can make it, I tell them to."

Smith said the donations are just one way Habitat for Humanity and the ReStore reach out to help the com-

munity. For more information about the Habitat for Humanity or the ReStore, call (417) 846-0110.

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tion until January 21, 2025.

- **James Ray Larson**, of Washburn, pled guilty to resisting arrest for a felony - creating a substantial risk of injury or death to any person on May 22, 2018. Larson's probation was revoked, and he is to serve 120 days shock time as part of a three year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections.
- On November 20, 2016, Larson was driving at a high rate of speed in Seligman. Laron crashed the car and then ran on foot from officers. Larson had multiple prior driving related offenses.
- **Christopher Lee Lehman**, of Seligman, was found guilty by the court of a sex offender physically present within 500 feet of a park with a playground, pool or museum as a first offense. Lehman received a suspended execution of a four year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections and five years supervised probation.
- On July 4, 2018, the Selig-

man Police Department observed Lehman standing near the Fourth of July parade. Lehman is a registered sex offender and was standing less than 500 feet from playground equipment. Lehman was convicted of incest perpetrator over 21 victim under 16 on August 16, 2000, in Arkansas.

Lehman is to serve probation until January 22, 2025.

- **Nathan Cole Liggett**, of Huntsville, Ark., pled guilty to tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree and possession of a controlled substance. Liggett received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.
- On August 4, 2019, Liggett was found in possession of a stolen car. Officers found methamphetamine in his pocket when they took him into custody.
- Liggett is to serve probation until January 22, 2025.
- **Dillon Ray Mayes**, of Cassville, pled guilty to possession of a controlled sub-

stance and damage to jail property on March 20, 2017. Mayes' probation was revoked, and he is to serve 120 days shock time as part of a four year incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

On September 1, 2016, officers in Monett investigated an alleged assault. When officers interviewed Mayes, he said he confronted the victim for being "creepy." When officers attempted to talk to Mayes, he became disruptive. When taken into custody, Mayes was found to have a baggie of methamphetamine.

On September 3, 2016, Mayes damaged the sprinkler in his jail cell, leading to flooding and destruction of jail property.

- **Eric Scott Merritt**, of Webb City, made an Alford plea to forgery on January 30, 2015. Merritt's probation was revoked, and he is to serve four years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.
- On October 16, 2014, Merritt cashed a payroll check that he had altered from \$72.00 to \$172.00.
- **Brandon John Mestas**, of Purdy, pled guilty to felony possession of a controlled

substance and misdemeanor driver failure to wear a seat belt. Mestas received a suspended imposition of sentencing, a \$10 fine and five years supervised probation.

On October 18, 2018, Mestas was stopped for speeding. Officers found a glass marijuana pipe and a methamphetamine pipe.

Mestas is to serve probation until January 21, 2025.

- **Michael Brandon Moore**, of Granby, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance and property damage in the first degree on a motor vehicle with the intent to steal on December 18, 2018. Moore's probation was revoked, and he is to serve five years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.
- On July 7, 2018, Moore was stopped for having active warrants. When stopped, officers found two glass smoking pipes and two baggies of methamphetamine.
- On May 11, 2018, the New Site Baptist Church reported gas theft from someone breaking off gas caps and stealing fuel. Moore was identified as the one who stole \$200 of fuel and did \$125 worth of damage to gas

caps.

- **Tabitha Ann Mortell**, of Wheaton, pled guilty to two counts of possession of a controlled substance on May 15, 2017. Mortell's probation was revoked, and she is to serve four years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.
- On November 23, 2016, officers conducted a search warrant at Mortell's residence. Officers located eight used syringes, a baggie of methamphetamine and multiple items of paraphernalia and with residue on them.
- **Aaron Wayne Olson**, of Prairie Grove, Ark., pled guilty to stealing \$750 or more on April 16, 2019. Olson's probation was revoked, and he is to serve 120 days shock time as part of a seven year incarceration sentence.
- On May 17, 2017, Olson was stopped for shoplifting at Walmart. He had put \$1,037.84 in merchandise in his cart and attempted to leave without paying. He also stole thousands in merchandise from a Rogers, Ark., Walmart.
- **Tyler Alexander Schmidt**, of Verona, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Schmidt received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.
- On November 2, 2018, Schmidt was accused of stealing from Dollar General. When officers spoke with him, they found a bag with methamphetamine, marijuana, and paraphernalia.
- Schmidt is to serve probation until January 21, 2025.

- **Braden Ross Street**, of Hollister, pled guilty to two counts of burglary in the second degree and one count of stealing \$750 or more. Street received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.
- On December 16, 2018, there was a burglary report made at a residence on West 8th Street. A mountain bike, a toaster oven, a chair/ottoman, suitcase and collectible coins were stolen from the apartment. While walking past another apartment, she saw the stolen items in Street's apartment. In all, over \$2,000 of items were stolen.
- Between February 6 and March 6, 2017, Street unlawfully entered a property on Farm Road 1120 where he did between \$20,000 and \$30,000 of damage by spray painting, kicking holes in the wall and stealing.
- Street is to serve probation until January 21, 2025.
- **Jon Denver Thomas**, of Aurora, was found guilty by jury of child molestation in the first degree with a victim under the age of 12. Thomas received a 15 year incarceration sentence with the Department of Corrections.
- In 2011, Thomas touched more than one child inappropriately in his home on more than one occasion.
- **Daniel Harvey Trial, Jr.**, of Rocky Comfort, pled guilty to non-support with the total arrears in excess of 12 monthly payments. Trial received three years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.
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- **Kenneth Austin White**, of Zephyrhills, Fla., pled guilty to domestic assault in the second degree as a prior and persistent offender. White received a suspended imposition of sentencing and five years supervised probation.

On May 5, 2018, White hit his spouse with a closed fist multiple times that resulted in head trauma. He also punched another family member in the face and pushed him off of a porch causing injuries to his left hand, left elbow, left knee and right ear.

White is to serve probation until January 21, 2025.

- **Justin Michael Willhite**, of Monett, pled guilty to resisting arrest for a felony, burglary in the second degree and tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree on May 15, 2017. Willhite’s probation was revoked, and he is to serve five years incarceration with the Department of Corrections.

On November 11, 2016, Willhite was seen by officers and known to have active warrants. When he was told

to stop, he fled before eventually falling off his bike.

On March 7, 2017, the Cassville Police were dispatched to a residence on Sunset Heights for an open line 911 call. When officers arrived, Willhite fled. He’d kicked in a door and caused \$630 worth of damage.

On February 11, 2017, the Monett Police Department took a report of a vehicle stolen from the Wellbaum Tire Shop. The vehicle crashed and passengers said Willhite was driving.

Tree seedling ordering available for Shoal Creek landowners

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is accepting orders for tree seedlings from private landowners in northwestern Barry County along Shoal Creek and its main tributaries.

“Bur Oaks, Red Oaks, Swamp White Oaks and Persimmon, are the tree species that we’ll be ordering on February 25th,” said Drew Holt, TNC’s project manager. “The tree seedlings are free to landowners with property along upper Shoal Creek, as well as along Capps, Joyce, Pogue, and Woodward Creeks,” added Holt.

Landowners interested in receiving free tree seedlings should contact Holt at (417) 838-1939 or via email at drew.holt@tnc.org by Monday, February 24.

The streamside tree planting initiative is part of TNC’s upper Shoal Creek watershed riparian buffer restoration and enhancement project that was launched last summer when awarded a \$207,395 grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. “In addition to trees, streamside landowners along upper Shoal Creek and its main tributaries are eligible for voluntary cost-share programs offered through this grant,” said Holt.

“Identifying potential locations for projects, such as fixing bank erosion, protecting established streamside buffers, and restoring riparian corridors, has begun and is coordinated with programs offered by the Barry County Soil and Water Conservation District and Missouri Department of Conservation,” added Holt.

Absentee voting continues for Presidential Primary

Absentee voting continues for the March 10, 2020, Presidential Primary through Monday, March 9, 2020, at the Barry County Clerk’s Office in Cassville, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- If unable to vote absentee in person, you may request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you. You can pick up an absentee ballot request form at the Monett Chamber of Commerce or you may send a writ-

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- For additional information, call Barry County Clerk, Jill H. LeCompte at (417) 847-2561 or email jhlecompte@barrycountyclerk.com.

New Barry County Cub Scout Pack formed



Barry County welcomes new Cub Scout Pack 440. The pack meets on Thursday nights (weather permitting) at 6 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Community Building. The pack’s first Blue and Gold Banquet was held on Sat., Feb 8. The members in attendance at the banquet are pictured above with their cubmaster, Misty Hendrix. From left to right: Khale Holman, Isaiah Patterson, Kaitlyn Gahagan and Connor Gahagan and cubmaster Misty Hendrix.

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Cassville Library events

- Family History class continues on February 20 and 27 at 11 a.m. in the library's genealogy room. New participants are asked to register by phone at (417) 847-2121 or at the circulation desk for this free workshop.
- Join all the crochet fun Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and Mondays at 6 p.m. Beginners are always welcome.
- The adult canvas painting sessions for Tuesday, February 25, have been cancelled.
- LEGO Club meets on Thursday, February 27, at 3:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. Bring a friend to come build an hour's worth of fun.
- February is Library Lover's Month. Want to support library programs for all ages? Become a member of the Cassville Friends of the Library. Call or stop by for more information.

CMS names Students of the Month



Cassville Middle School recently announced the Students of the Month for January 2020. Students are nominated by CMS teachers and coaches based upon academic excellence, perseverance or improvement, displaying exemplary citizenship and are a positive influence on school culture.

The January Cassville Middle School Students of the Month, sponsored by Willis Insurance, are pictured in the front row, from left to right: 7th grader Mallery Cornell, daughter of Maggie and Jeffrey Cornell, of Cassville; 8th grader Madison Scallorn, daughter of Cynthia Philpott and James Sprague, of Eagle Rock; and 6th grader Isabel Herrin, daughter of Cordelia and Brent Herrin, of Aurora. Students are pictured with Mr. Jimmie Barton, CMS principal; and representatives from Willis Insurance Jeremy Marple, Andy Reavis and Annette Henderson.

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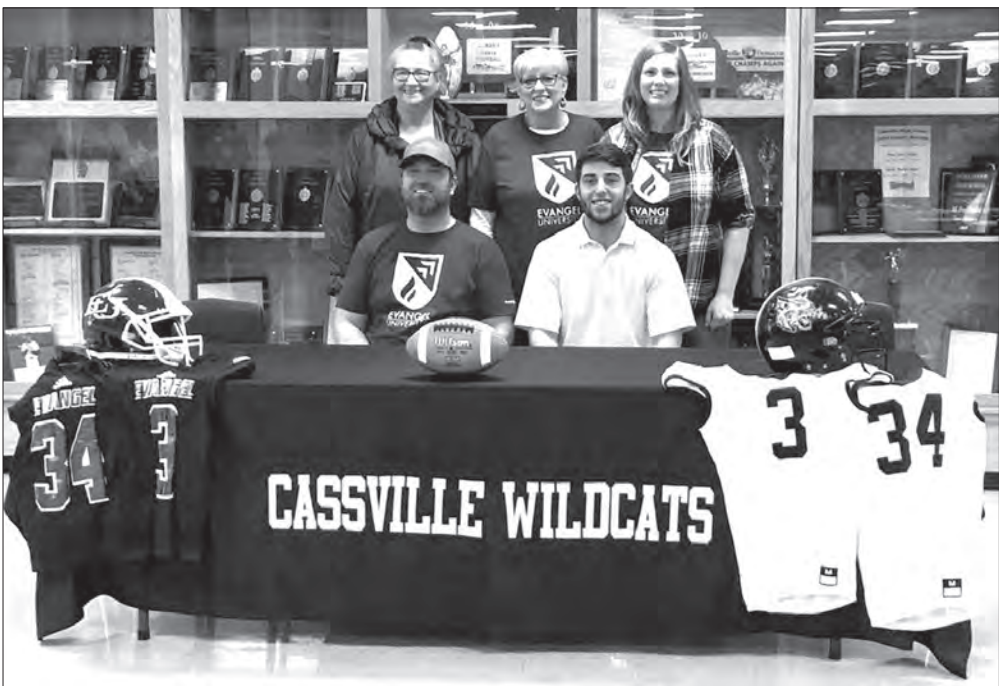


## CHS names Volleyball All State players



Cassville High School recently announced the volleyball players who earned Academic All-State for the 2019 season. To earn this award, players must have kept a 3.6+ GPA throughout high school as well played in 75 percent of varsity matches. They are pictured from left to right: Avery Crain, Landry Parnell, Sharayah Seymour, Olivia Holman, Chantly Yarnall, Sadie Reuter, Hannah Hackler and Hallie Hackler.

## Preddy signs with Evangel University



Cassville High School's Bowen Preddy recently signed to play football and baseball at Evangel University in Springfield starting in fall 2020. Preddy plans to major in physical therapy. He is the son of Ryan Preddy, of Cassville. Pictured, from left to right, in the front row: Ryan Preddy and Bowen Preddy. Back row: Nora Wilson, Becky Preddy and April Lawson.

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## Candidacy filing opening for county offices

Jill LeCompte, Barry County Clerk, wants to remind those who wish to file for a county office that the first day to file will be Tuesday, February 25, 2020. For the first day only, a random number will be selected to determine placement

on the primary ballot, per 115.395.2 RSMo Supp. Candidates will draw a number after they have provided the documents required for filing. The number drawn will appear on the declaration of candidacy. After the first day, order of fil-

ing will determine placement on the primary ballot, per 115.395.2, RSMo Supp.

No declaration of candidacy for nomination in a primary election shall be accepted for filing prior to 8 a.m. on the last Tuesday in February immediately preceding the primary election. Any candidate filing on the first day should be in the County Clerk's Office no later than 3:30 p.m. in order to complete all the required forms before the 4 p.m. closing time. No declaration of candidacy will be accepted after the 5 p.m. deadline on the last Tuesday of March.

Also, all candidates will be required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement with the Ethics Commission. The deadline is fourteen (14) days from the closing date (March 27) of filing for candidacy. Your Personal Financial Disclosure Statement must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the fourteenth day following the closing date for filing for candidacy, or postmarked the day previous to the deadline to be considered timely filed. The time period covered by the statement should be the twelve months previous to the closing date for filing for candidacy.

Candidates are required to file a Candidate's Affidavit of Tax Payments prior to filing for County Office. The form is available in our office or online at <http://dor.mo.gov/forms/5120.pdf> At time of filing, the candidate must present a copy of completed and notarized Affidavit. Candidates are not eligible to file for County Office until they provide us with a copy of the completed and notarized Affidavit. If a Candidate is filing for either Collector or Treasurer, they must provide a signed affidavit from a bonding agency stating that they are bondable, (HCS/HB 235).

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# Monett tips Cassville, 59-43

Lee Stubblefield

The visiting Monett Cubs put a damper on Cassville's Tip Off celebration on Friday night, claiming a 59-43 victory. The Cubs started and finished the contest with big runs, and never trailed on the scoreboard.

Monett opened with a shocking 14-0 uprising. Cameron George drilled three long treys and Cole McCollough added two more as Monett raced to a 19-5 lead at the first break. But the momentum swung to Cassville in the second quarter. DJ White poured in three buckets to lead the Wildcats back within 24-18

at halftime.

Cassville pulled closer in the third quarter when White converted a three-point play at the 6:12 mark for a 28-23 score. Monett built another 10-point lead, but Bowen Preddy flew to the rim to finish a fast break and Jacob Thomas scored after a half court steal to cut that lead to 35-30.

With the clock winding down, White rose up and swished a long bomb as the horn sounded to trim Monett's lead to 35-33 at the final break.

In the fourth quarter, Cassville twice pulled within a single point. But Monett's lead was a wall

that could not be breached.

Monett's Trevon Price was on fire in the final frame, scoring 13 of his game-high 23 points. Price scored six consecutive points to give the Cubs a 49-41 lead with 2:18 remaining.

Playing with three fouls, DJ White sparked the Cassville comeback with scoring, rebounding, and ferocious defense. But he bought a seat on the bench with two minutes left when he fouled Price and then picked up a technical in the aftermath.

Four free throws later, the Monett lead grew to 53-41, and the Cubs cruised

home with the 59-43 win.

Cassville slipped to 7-15 with the loss, while Monett improved to 6-16. Both teams have work to do as the regular season winds down and district seeds are determined.

Cassville scorers: DJ White, 14; Carson Roller, 13; Jacob Thomas, 11; Bowen Preddy, 5.

Monett scorers: Trevon Price, 23; Cole McCollough, 15; Cameron George, 14; Ben Hoyt, 5; Gavin Austin, 2.

**Area boys scores**  
Sparta 52, Southwest 47  
Billings 74, Purdy 46  
Verona 73, Exeter 68  
Golden City 71, Wheaton 56

**Area girls scores**  
Wheaton 57, Golden City 51  
Verona 68, Exeter 41  
Billings 71, Purdy 37  
Sparta 76, Southwest 35  
Class 1 and 2 District basketball schedule  
Class 2 District 12 @ Webb City  
Saturday, February 22  
Boys: Diamond vs.

Wheaton @ 2:30 p.m.  
Boys: Purdy vs. Southwest @ 5:30 p.m.  
Monday, February 24  
Girls: Verona vs Southwest @ 5:30  
Girls: Golden City vs Purdy @ 7:00 PM  
Girls: Jasper vs Wheaton @ 8:30 PM  
Class 1 District 4 @ Norwood  
Saturday, February 22  
Girls: Bradleyville vs Exeter @ 1 PM  
Boys: Dora vs Exeter @ 2:30 PM

## White signs with Evangel University



Cassville High School's DJ White recently signed to play football at Evangel University in Springfield starting in fall 2020. White plans to major in criminal justice. He is the son of Shelly White and David White, of Cassville. Pictured, from left to right, in the front row: Crystal Hedrick, DJ White and Shelly White. Back row: Shelby White, Jarden White, Hannah White and Devin Hames.

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### Cassville Baseball

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WRESTLING from FRONT

Cassville had a full team this year. “The youth, middle school, and high school future looks good,” said Fortner. Tolbert, Hunter, Coenen and Arguelles as well as girls Annie Moore, Kailey Atherton and Kelsey Harris will compete at the MSHSAA 2019-2020 State. The team leaves today, Wednesday, February 19.

Competition will begin for the boys on Thursday, February 20, at 9 a.m. and girls begin at 2 p.m. On Friday, boys wrestle at 8:30 a.m. and girls begin at 11:45 a.m. Semifinals will be Friday, Thursday, 21, at 5:30 p.m. for girls at 5:30 p.m. and boys at 6:30 p.m. The Saturday medal rounds are at 8:30 a.m. for girls and 9 a.m. for boys. Finals are set

for 4:30 p.m. at Mizzou in Columbia. “We will definitely come back stronger with medals or not,” said Coenen. The Cassville Wrestling Program is coached by head coach Nathan Fortner and assistant coaches Chris Fortner, Brian Barbee and Ben Glidewell.



Cassville has three boy wrestlers qualify for State competition, which is this week in Columbia at Mizzou. Pictured, from left to right: head coach Nathan Fortner, Akhilleus Arguelles, Gabe Hunter and Zach Coenen.

Exeter crowns Homecoming King, Queen



Exeter High School crowned the Homecoming Queen and King as Camille Kho and Cameron Weston on Friday, February 14. the court is pictured above, from left to right, in the front row: Levi Gautney, Kara Myddelton, Alyia Jordan, Cash Forgey, Julia Grant and Clayton Elders. Second row: Kris Allen, Abbi Caddell, Aubree Donovan and Korbin Mahurin. Back row: Cameron Weston and Camille Kho.

Pitt State fall semester honor rolls

Pittsburg State University released the honor rolls for the 2019 Fall semester. To qualify for Dean’s Scholastic Honors, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours, receive a grade point average of 3.6000 for all credit course work that semester, and have no grade lower than a B and no grade of I in any course during the semester. To qualify for All-A Scholastic Honors, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours, receive a grade of A in all credit course work for the semester and have no grade of I in any course during the semester. Local students who earned scholastic honors at Pitt State are:  
**All A:**  
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education unified K-6  
Kourtney Greek, of Cassville, senior, bachelor of science, nursing  
Julia Hobbs, of Cassville, junior, bachelor of science, nursing  
Samuel Holman, of Cassville, sophomore, bachelor of arts, computer info systems  
Claire Hurst, of Cassville, sophomore, bachelor of arts, modern language  
Kandace Wallace, of Cassville, senior, bachelor of science, communication  
Garrett York, of Seligman, freshman, bachelor of arts, computer info systems  
**Dean’s List:**  
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Somer Brooks, of Cassville, sophomore, bachelor of science, psychology  
Abigail Buntin, of Cass-

ville, junior, bachelor of science in education, elementary education K-6  
Mackenzie Heffernan, of Aurora, senior, bachelor of science in education - elementary education K-6  
Camille Holman, of Cassville, senior, bachelor of science, plastics engineering tech., poly chem  
Josephine Lone, of Cassville, junior, bachelor of science in education, elementary education K-6  
Devin Messbarger, of Eagle Rock, senior, bachelor of science, nursing  
Hayley Nape, of Cassville, sophomore, bachelor of science, interior design  
Dalia Phelps, of Cassville, sophomore, bachelor of science in education, FACS education  
David Turner, of Monett, senior, bachelor of arts, management