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Roaring River prepares for 2K anglers next week



Roaring River staff began stocking the stream with over 6,000 trout to be waiting for anglers on Opening Day. Above, Caleb Beuterbaugh nets fish to transport to the stream.

Charlea Estes

Next Wednesday marks a near-holy day in Barry County: Opening Day. On Wednesday, March 1, fishers of all ages, sexes and experiences will take to the shores of Roaring River in the local state park to catch their limit of Rainbow Trout, a time-honored tradition for decades.

Roaring River's Hatchery manager Paul Spurgeon said his staff plans to stock the waters with around 6,100 trout for the first day of trout season across the state.

Perhaps the most exciting draw of this year's season is this is the first Opening Day for which the river is completely back to normal after devastating floods in 2015. Spurgeon said, "The big news this year is the stream is completely rebuilt from the back-to-back floods, and it's fixed and back

Cassville assistant chief honored with state award

Charlea Estes

For Cassville Fire Protection District's assistant chief Derek Acheson, a recent major award from the state came as a shock. Acheson was bestowed the Training Officer of the Year award, selected by Missouri's State Fire Marshall. Two officials from the Missouri Division of Fire Safety were on site at the Cassville Fire Station to hand deliver Acheson's plaque yesterday, February 21.

When asked about how he felt about the award, Acheson replied, "I had no idea. I'm just humbled."

Acheson received the award from Becky Trapani, deputy chief of training and certification, and Greg Landwehr, program manager, both with the Missouri Division of Fire Safety. Trapani said Acheson was nominated by Shane Anderson, of Monett Fire. She added, "He wrote a very heartfelt and beautiful nomination for him."

While Trapani and Landwehr made their recommendations after receiving countless nominations from across the state, the ultimate decision is made by the Fire Marshall, and this year, Acheson made the cut.

Acheson has been fighting fires for ten years. For the past seven, he's been an instructor, teaching others how to stay safe. Acheson said he began instructing



Cassville's assistant chief Derek Acheson was presented with the Training Officer of the Year by representatives from the Missouri Division of Fire Safety. Pictured above, from left to right: Greg Landwehr, program manager with the MO Division of Fire Safety; Derek Acheson, Cassville Fire Protection District assistant chief; and Becky Trapani, deputy chief of training and certification with the MO Division of Fire Safety.

because he felt there was a need. "There was a need in this area. It was a gradual step for me. The class was offered, and I decided to do it and it just went from there."

According to Trapani, approximately 82 percent of Missouri's firefighters are volunteer. The training and certification process are completely voluntary in the state, but give firefighters more knowledge to deal with various scenarios

when out on calls. Prior to classes being offered locally, local firefighters, both paid and volunteer, had to drive outside of the county to be able to take classes and complete training.

Recently, Acheson paired with Crowder College and made firefighter training much more affordable and feasible for area firefighters and departments. His work in expanding the possibility of the voluntary training contrib-

uted to his nomination. Through the partnership with Crowder, firefighters can take Firefighter I and II at the college for less than half of what they would pay otherwise, as well as what is saved in travel for it being a local class.

Through a bit of ingenuity and the right people coming together, Crowder College became an official location for the class after trainings were held there for some time. Acheson

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Purdy School District welcomes new principal

Purdy R-2 Schools Superintendent Steven Chancellor announced that Derek Banwart has accepted the position of high school principal for the 2017-2018 school year. Banwart received his B.S. in Social Science Education and his M.S. in Education from Southwest Baptist University. He completed his M.S. in Education Administration at Missouri State University and then returned to Southwest Baptist to obtain his specialist's degree in Educational Leadership. Banwart is currently in the process of completing his educational doctorate, also through Southwest Baptist University.

Banwart brings five years of administrative experi-

ence as he accepts the Purdy principalship, most recently serving as assistant principal at Republic High School. He taught social studies for 10 years before transitioning to administration.

Banwart introduces his wife, Andrea as, "the love of my life and my best friend." The Banwarts have been married for 15 years and are the parents of four children, ranging in age from three to 12.

The small town-loving family man notes of his future at Purdy, "I am extremely excited about joining the Purdy team. I look forward to being part of a small community where I can get to know all of the



Banwart

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Each year, the number varies based on the day of the week, the weather and other factors. Opening Day falling on a Wednesday usually means lower numbers, but there won’t be an ice storm to contend with...or at least we hope.

Trout tags will be available at the park store beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28. The store will be open through the night and all day Wednesday.

This year’s opening gun will be fired by representatives from Mako Fly Fishers at 6:30 a.m. Fishing will continue until 7 p.m.

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Wife charged in Cassville molestation case

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The wife of a man accused of child sodomy and molestation has subsequently been charged in the case for allegedly trying to force the child to redact her statement. Tausha L. Brock, 26, of Cassville, is charged with tampering with a witness in a felony prosecution.

According to an affidavit of probable cause by Cassville Police Department office Jonathan Cherney, Brock mentally and physically abused the victim in a pending child molestation case. Brock’s husband, Danny Brock, 39, was charged with statutory sodomy, child molestation and child endangerment after the girl came forward about the abuse.

According to the affidavit, Brock tried to convince the girl she had lied about her husband, and she should redact her statement to the Child

Advocacy Center so Danny could return home.

The victim told officers she did tell Brock she had lied about the abuse after Brock began punishing her, and that statement was recorded on a cell phone.

According to the statement, the girl had red marks on her buttocks from Brock whipping her with a belt.

Brock was arrested on the charges and released from the Barry County Jail

on a \$1,000 bond. Danny Brock was also arrested and released from Barry County Jail after posting a \$25,000 bond.

Danny has a preliminary hearing schedule for April 27, at 1 p.m. Tausha Brock has a disposition hearing scheduled for March 28 at 8:30 a.m.

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Fishing tags will be available at the Park Store, located at Hwys F & 112, which will open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28 and will close at 7 p.m.

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Hickmans celebrate 60th
wedding anniversary



L.C. and Barbara Hickman, of Fairview, were married February 16, 1957, in Miami, Okla. Reverend Sam Pierce officiated. They have two children, Danita Dean, of Fayetteville, Ark., and Bill Hickman, of Wheaton; two grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters. L.C. retired from Navy Seabees and Barbara retired from Walmart. A 60th wedding anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Southern Baptist Church, Wheaton.

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In verse five Paul tells us to "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time."

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Cassville man arrested for domestic assault

Charlea Estes

A Cassville man was arrested on Valentine's Day for domestic assault after Cassville Police officers found the victim under a pile of blankets, clothing and a large bean bag. Darren Brian Carnefix, 34, of Cassville, was charged with domestic assault in the second degree.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, officers went to Carnefix's home on Townsend Street after a hang up call was made to the 911 Center. Officers reported they were outside of the home for 20 to 25 minutes, knocking on doors and windows, to check on the welfare of a woman inside. Officers

said there had been previous issues with domestic assault in the home.

Officers saw Carnefix in the residence, but he refused to answer the door, according to the affidavit. Finally, officers reported that Carnefix answered the door, claiming he had been asleep, despite officers saying they had seen him. When they inquired about the woman in the residence, he told them she was at a girlfriend's house.

When officers searched the home, they found the victim under a pile of clothing, blankets and a large bean bag in the bedroom. She had lacerations on her face and head and there was a large

amount of blood smeared on the walls and bed spread, according to the report.

The victim told officers she had fallen in the bathroom; however, based on officers' experience and an examination by a doctor at Mercy Hospital, her injuries were consistent with being struck, not falling.

Officer also found a cell phone in the home with the battery removed. When they replaced the battery and requested the 911 Center call the hang-up call number, the cell phone rang.

Carnefix was taken into police custody and booked into the Barry County Jail. He is still currently being held in the jail in lieu of a \$20,000 bond. Carnefix has two other pending charges for domestic assault in the second degree from last year.

Central Crossing Fire holds chili supper



Central Crossing Fire Department held their annual chili supper benefit on Saturday, February 18, to support their firefighters. The funds are used to purchase equipment gear. Pictured above, Central Crossing chief Rusty Rickard (left) and Dave Wilhelm (right) stir pots of chili to serve to the community.

Cassville man injured in Rt. AA wreck

Charlea Estes

A Cassville man was injured on Monday afternoon when his Jeep overturned outside of Cassville. According to the crash report by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Todd L. Hoppes, 41, of Cassville, was driving westbound on Rt. AA four miles south of Cassville when the crash occurred.

Hoppe's 2016 Jeep Compass travelled off the right side of the roadway, struck a culvert and overturned. The Compass was totaled and Hoppes had moderate injuries.

Hoppes was transported to a hospital for his injuries. He was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.



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Purdy NEHS holds fundraiser to support club

Selena Hang
Purdy High School is the first official school district in Barry County to offer the opportunity for students to join the National English Honor Society (NEHS) organization. On Thursday, February 16, Purdy NEHS

had a Mazzio's Night fundraiser in Monett to help fund the organization's goal. Kayla Branstetter, head adviser of NEHS, said, "NEHS was actually considered four years ago, but the timing was never right. The organization had sent out 50 applications, 25 applied, and we inducted 11 outstanding students." Colby Boyd, the activities chair of NEHS, believes, "NEHS allows students to interact with other kids who have the same, strong interest in English." Mazzio's Night was a successful chance for the Purdy NEHS to present themselves as a club to the community and they were able to raise funds to further their goal, which is promoting literacy. "It proves what a strong Communications Arts program we have and solidifies our place as a top high school in the area," stated Michelle Hilburn, co-adviser of the program. Member Colby Boyd said, "Not only did Mazzio's Night's fundraiser help students be more involved but the community also was able to be involved by donating their receipts to our organization, which we received 10% money earned from the receipts given." Boyd also believes that being inducted into the National English Honor Society has been a great experience and should be offered to other students in local school districts around Barry County.



Purdy's NEHS students are pictured above with one of their adviser. In the photo, from left to right, front row: Bayleigh Schad, Megan Thomas and Colby Boyd. Back row: Megan Gonzalez, Elizabeth Moore, Michelle Hilburn, Kayla Branstetter and Selena Hang.

Purdy FCCLA to host senior citizens luncheon

The Purdy Family, Community, and Career Leaders of America (FCCLA) would like to invite all senior citizens in the Purdy School district to the 9th Annual Senior Citizen's Appreciation Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on Sunday, February 26. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Purdy School Cafeteria. FCCLA members are working hard to design a special program including lunch and entertainment for the honored guests. The luncheon menu includes baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, vegetables, hot rolls, dessert, and drinks. Special door prizes will be awarded during the event. Senior citizens who plan on attending the event should RSVP with Marsha Williams at (417) 442-3215, ext. 4. Reservations will be accepted until February 23.

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MELVIN O. HUTCHISON

Melvin O. Hutchison, 82, of Wichita, Kan., formerly of Cassville, passed away on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Mr. Hutchison, son of Floyd and Marjorie (Allensworth) Hutchison, was born on September 12, 1934, in Topeka, Kan. He graduated from Topeka high school in 1952 and later attended college in Chattanooga, Tenn., earning a two-year degree. Mr. Hutchi-

son was united in marriage to Judith Ellen Stark and to this union four children were born. Subsequently, he married Shirley Keen. He was a true salesman at heart, always willing to make a deal and trying to find new ways to make money. He was never one to just sit around. Mr. Hutchison owned and operated several businesses throughout his life such as the Ford dealership in the '70s, Brothers Tractor in the '80s, and several trucking businesses. He was a very loving father and he always made it a point to take his children on trips. Mr. Hutchison was very family oriented and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a wonderful friend to many and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include three sons, Melvin Hutchison and his wife, Vicki, of Willard,

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Monte Hutchison and his wife, Kristen, of Mesa, Ariz., and Martin Hutchison and his wife, Shelly, of Van Buren, Ark.; one daughter, Melanie Loyd, of Aurora; ten grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Floyd Robert Hutchison.

Funeral arrangements were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2017, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory with Pastor Jamie Smith officiating. Burial followed at Mineral Spring Cemetery in Cassville. The family received friends from 11:00 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

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



BILLY 'JOE' BECK

Billy 'Joe' Beck, 52, of Cassville, passed away February 9, 2017, in his home after a courageous battle with long time illnesses.

Joe was born in Ukiah, Calif., on May 30, 1964. He was one of six children born to Bill and Sharon Beck. Joe's father, Bill, left us in August 2004. Joe's mother, Sharon, resides near Ukiah, Calif., with her youngest daughter, Theresa. Other siblings include two brothers, Nick Beck and wife, Debbie, of Oregon, Rick Beck and wife, Michelle, of California. When brother, Rick, heard of Joe's failing health, he came to be by his side. Sis-

ters include Jackie Beck and Dave Butler, of Willits, Calif. Jackie was also quickly present to help. His sister, Brenda and husband, Brian Huffman, also made the long trip from California. With his health rapidly declining, visits from his family gave him the will to "hang in there" for a while longer. Sister, Norma, also resides in California.

Sarah Butler, known as 'Babe' to family and friends, caught Joe's eye one day near vinewood park. Joe and Babe were united in marriage on March 19, 1986. They had a very strong marriage.

Though Joe worked hard his whole life, sometimes working two jobs, he always made sure he had time for his children. Joe's main goal in life became making sure his kids would be proud of him, and that his children would be proud of who they became. Also, he wanted to make sure that they could make it through life themselves without feeling as if they ever had to depend on someone else. With an abundance of love, knowledge and an "I don't give up that easily" attitude, Joe figured his kids would do great.

Never give up, even when times get hard, like they are right now. Put up a good fight. Give life a challenge.

Joe's first son, Conly Butler, lives in Ukrah, Calif., with wife, Natasha. They have one son, Cameron. Shane Beck and wife, Cindy, live in Cassville with their one son, Shane Marshall Beck Jr. Gampa Joe's 'little man' was his shadow for the short two years they had together. Dewey Beck and wife, Dawn Marie Beck, also from Cassville, have three children, Levi, Jacob and

Josie. His favorite baby girl, Amber Beck, and her boyfriend, Matthew Keithley, live in Exeter. Last but not least, Cody "Auggie" Medlin adopted Joe for his father while in grade school.

Billy "Joe" Beck, you will live on forever in all of us. You will never be forgotten.

Let's all remember 'Joe' this Sunday, February 26, 2017. Gather together at his home, 80 Gravel Street, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be announced and held at a later date for family and close friends.

ADD GILBERT MERRYMAN

Add Gilbert Merryman, 87, of Washburn, passed away Thursday, February 16, 2017, at Manor Care in Springfield.

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

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LARRY "SCOTT" WRIGHT

Larry "Scott" Wright, 68, of Shell Knob, passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at his home.

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MARY "LORENE" LICKLIDER

Mary "Lorene" Licklider, 87, of Cassville, formerly of Ridgley, passed away Sunday, February 19, 2017, at Cassville Health Care and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born December 10, 1929, at Wheaton, the daughter of Dayton and Cora (Ruppert) Brattin. On October 25, 1952, in Noel, she was united in marriage to Raymond Charles Licklider, who preceded her in death on December 14, 2011. Also preceding her in death were her parents; eight brothers, Leo, Lillard, Crawford, Sherman, Minor, Jack and Pete and Ludon; and one sister, Helen.

Surviving are one daughter, Lisa Blain, of Cassville; one sister, Barbara Haynes, of Springfield; a sister-in-law, Helen Brattin, of

Wheaton;and two grandsons, Joshua and Zachary Blain, of Webb City.

Lorene grew up and received her education at Wheaton where she graduated from high school. She then attended beauty school and was a self-employed cosmetologist several years in the Kansas City area. In 1979, she moved back to southwest Missouri to make her home. She was a member of Exeter Church of Christ. Some of her favorite pastimes were growing flowers, sewing and quilting. She enjoyed Western Swing and Bluegrass music and attending festivals.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 24, 2017, at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Ken West will conduct the services. Burial will be in Muncie Chapel Cemetery at Wheaton.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until services time Friday at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton.

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JIMMY RAY BRIGHTWELL

Jimmy Ray Brightwell, 69, of Cassville, passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

He was born March 31, 1947, in Walnut Ridge, Ark., the son of L D and Leoda (Luther) Brightwell. On November 6, 2009, in Cassville, he was united in marriage to Kimmee Petty, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Clint Brightwell and Jason Brightwell, both of Reedley, Calif.; his parents, L D and Leoda Brightwell; three sisters, De McGruder, of Cassville, Deronda Gurney and her husband, Tom, of Shell

Knob, and Debra McIntyre and her husband, Tim, of Kingsburg, Calif.; one granddaughter, Alyssa Brightwell; one great-granddaughter; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Phyllis and Mike Petty.

Jimmy graduated from high school in Dinuba, Calif. During the Vietnam War, he served in the United States Marines from May 31, 1966, until April 9, 1969. He then returned to Dinuba and worked for the City of Dinuba as a mechanic. Around forty years ago, he moved from California to Missouri to make his home. Some of his favorite pastimes were fishing, shooting, being outdoors and raising cattle.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 19, 2017, in Clio Cemetery at Jenkins, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor James Weaver and Pastor Doyle Russell conducted the services.

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JULIET-ANNE BOYSEN

Juliet-Anne Boysen, 78, of Cassville, passed away Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at Oak Pointe of Monett.

She was born December 25, 1938, in Milan, Italy, the daughter of Javonne and Judith (Ferrera) Lorenzo, who preceded her in death.

She received her education in New Mexico where she also attended college. For several years, she resided in California, where she was a gift shop owner and operator. In 2006, she moved from Temecula, California, to Cassville to make her home. She was a member of

St. Edwards Catholic Church in Cassville. Some of her favorite pastimes were reading, crocheting, working word search puzzles, listening to classical music and she was an avid gardener. She was very fond of her puppy, Mei Ling.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 until 8:00 P.M. Friday, February 24, 2017, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Services and burial will also be held in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the charity of your choice in memory of Juliet-Anne.

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LESTER RAY ANTLE

Lester Ray Antle, 83, of Exeter, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2017, in his home.

He was born May 8, 1933, in Exeter, the son of Beecher and Gussie Ann (Cooper) Antle. On April 16, 1954, at Ridgley, he was united in marriage to Juanita Birkes, who preceded him in death on May 26, 1988. Also preceding him in death were his parents; a daughter-in-law, Rana Michele Antle; two brothers, Everett and Gene Antle; and three sisters, Hattie Purdom, Minnie Cornell and Lucille Antle.

Surviving are three sons, Randy Antle, of Cassville, Kelly Antle and his wife, Julie, of Marionville, and Kent Antle and his wife, Regina, of Exeter; six grandchildren;

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and four great-grandchildren. Lester received his education at Exeter and graduated from Exeter High School in 1950. During the Korean War, he served in the United States Navy from December 7, 1950, until February 12, 1954. At the age of 25, he was saved at Ridgley Baptist Church and later was pastor at Washburn First Baptist Church and Mineral Springs Baptist Church. For several years, he was a self-employed drywall. He was a member of Cassville First Baptist Church. Some of his favorite pastimes were farming and witnessing for the Lord. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 17, 2017, at Cassville First Baptist Church under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Joe Hoover and Pastor James Weaver conducted the services. Burial with military honors will be in Maplewood Cemetery at Exeter. The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Thursday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Contributions may be made to DAV or Missouri Baptist Children's Home in memory of Lester. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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DEMURL "BLAKE" ROBERTS

Demurl "Blake" Roberts, 30, of Cassville, passed away Thursday, February 16, 2017, at home.

He was born May 20, 1986, in Springfield, the son of Demurl Cleo and Vicky (Smith) Roberts. On May 1, 2005, in Branson, he was united in marriage to Susan Hash, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Demurl Ayden Roberts, of Colorado; one daughter, Faith Victoria Dawn Roberts, of Monett; three stepchildren, Austin Hash, Joseph Fields and Mickey Hackett, all of Monett; his grandmother, Beulah Terry, of Butterfield; one sister, Tracy Roberts, of Tijuana, Mexico; two brothers, Matthew Glueckert, of Tipton, and Derrick Roberts,

of Tijuana, Mexico; his girlfriend, Emily Orndorff; and his best friend, Vincent Kneeley. Blake received his education at Monett. He was employed at George's as a live hanger. Some of his favorite pastimes were music and writing. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2017, in Oak Ridge Cemetery at Cassville under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Jim Erwin conducted the services. Contributions may be made to Fohn Funeral Home. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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JED R. INMAN

Jed R. Inman, 66, lost his battle with COPD at St. Luke's East Hospital in Lee's Summit on February 16, 2017. Jed was born to Junior R. and Norma J. (Brown) Inman on Aug 1, 1950, in the Purdy-Monett area. He grew up in the Purdy area and graduated from Purdy High School. He played guitar with family and friends from a young age. Immediately after high school, he was drafted into the US Army and served in the infantry in Vietnam from 1969 to 1971. His love of music could not even be deterred by war, where he played his guitar when time permitted. That love of music continued for many years and included playing in several local country bands.

After the war, he had a long career at Tyson Foods in Monett where he held many positions, from supervisor to truck driver. He was forced to retire when his health no longer permitted him to drive a truck. He met Betty J. Sites in 1985. They were married in 1986 in Eureka Springs, Ark. In this marriage, they bore one child. Jed and Betty lived in the Purdy-Butterfield area until 2013 when they moved to Raytown.

Jed was preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws, Ruth and Paul Sites. Jed is survived by his wife, Betty, of the home; child Kris Inman, of Raytown; daughter, Michelle Inman, and family, of Mount Vernon; and daughter, Leslie Owens, and family, of Cassville. He is also survived by brothers Richard Inman and wife, Shelley, of Wheaton, Allen Inman and wife, Debbie, of Pierce City, and Sam Harris, of Brookline; sisters Jerri Taylor and husband, Jim, of Butterfield, Melissa Cahalan and husband, Tom, of Pierce City, and Lorri Harris-Wingo and husband, Mike, of Cassville. He is also survived by grandchildren, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends, and extended family.

Jed was a loving, soft-spoken man and will be missed by all who knew him. In honor of Jed's wishes, no services are planned.

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The University of Missouri Extension will offer a private pesticide applicator training program on Monday, March 13.
According to Reagan Bluel, Barry County Extension Program Director, the times for the program are as follows:
• Monday, March 13, 1:30-4:00 p.m., Barry County Courthouse, Cassville
• Monday, March 13, 5:30-9:00 p.m., Barry Co., Cassville High School Ag Building (light meal included), Cassville.
Private applicators are required to complete recertification training every five years to continue licensure, by state law. This will entail attending a group training session. All licensed applicators are required to purchase a Private Pesticide Applicators Training Manual. The cost of this manual is \$15. If you have previously purchased a Manual (M87) and bring it to the training, you will not be required to purchase another.
Re-certification train-

ing session is provided by Extension free of cost.
The 1:30 p.m. session will be held in the Barry Courthouse on the square Monday, March 13. You have the option of attending either this 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. session or 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. session, held at the Cassville High School Ag Building. The program

content will be identical, with one exception, the Cassville FFA Chapter will serve a light meal before the 5:30 p.m. session. Please call if you plan to attend either session so that sufficient materials are available.
The Extension Office looks forward to seeing you on the March 13. If you

know of anyone wishing to obtain their private applicator license, please share the above training opportunities.
If you are not able to attend one of the above sessions, please call the office (417) 847-3161 to make arrangements to ensure no lapse in pesticide application licensure.

Cassville

Library

events

- LEGO Club will create on Thursday, February 23, at 3:30 p.m. in the library's lower level. All ages are welcome.
- Need a creative new hobby? Check out the crochet class that meets each Friday at 10:30 a.m. Instruction is available for beginners and supplies are furnished to get you started on that first project.
- The Monday Movie Matinee on February 27 will feature Loving, rated PG-13. Based on a true story of interracial marriage in 1958 Virginia, the film begins at 1:30 in the library's meeting room.
- Kid's March Movie Madness will begin on Thursday, March 2, at 3:30 p.m. with the showing of The Great Gilly Hopkins, rated PG. Based on the book of the same name, this is the story of a foster girl who dreams up a plan to be reunited with her birth mother. Bring your own goodies to eat.
- Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! Stop by the library during the week of February 27-March 4 to see how you can help celebrate.
- Local author Lana Beck has recently published her children's book, An Other World. Along with Rachel Moore, she will be presenting a special reading of her story on Monday, March 6, at 4 p.m. in the lower level of the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Fast fact: the Cassville Branch is now open on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Wildcats claw Cubs, 59-50

Lee Stubblefield

Monett's 8-0 run to finish Tuesday's game at Cassville made the score a little more respectable, but Cassville's 59-50 victory made a positive statement going into districts. Cassville will open Class 4 District 10 play on Tuesday, February 28, against the host team, McDonald County.

Senior Night saw Richard Lauffer, Collin Pearman, Troy Rose, Patrick Richie, AJ Goergen and Devi Lunsford introduced in the Cassville gymnasium for the final time in their high school careers.

The game opened with a three-point shooting contest with Cassville's Ethan Hoppes and Monett's Garrett Tharp trading bombs. But Pearman, Austin Wilson

and Trey Dalton chipped in to give the Wildcats a 16-12 lead at the first break.

Cassville built a 31-23 halftime lead behind strong work on the offensive boards by Luke Lowery.

Dalton went off after the break, scoring 15 in the second half to lead Cassville to a 59-44 lead with 1:23 remaining. Monett managed 8 stat-builder points at the end, but the game belonged to the Wildcats.

Cassville scorers: Trey Dalton, 22; Collin Pearman, 17; Ethan Hoppes, 10; Luke Lowery, 6; Skyler Wolf, 2; Austin Wilson, 2.

Monett scorers: Alex Turner, 19; Garrett Tharp, 19; Gavin Carr, 5; Jackson Spencer, 4; Tommy Sangston, 3.

Meyer hits 1,500th point for Lady Tigers



On January 26, Exeter High School senior Mikayla Meyer scored the 1,500th point of her high school basketball career, during the teams match-up against the Wheaton Bulldogs. Mikayla has been an asset to the Lady Tiger Basketball team throughout her career at EHS.

Lady Wildcats primed for district play

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Lady Wildcats are on a roll. Winners of five of their final six regular season games, the Ladycats head into district play with confidence and a sense of urgency.

"Fingers crossed," said Chris Shore when asked about post-season expectations.

Cassville took Monett to the woodshed on Monday night, celebrating Senior Night with a 61-41 victory over the Lady Cubs. Macey Parsons and Kandace Wallace both played strong in their final home appearances for Cassville.

"It was great to send our seniors out the way we did," said Shore. "The kids played hard, and it was a total team effort."

but a corner trey from Ashlynne Howe gave Cassville a 20-17 lead at the first break.

Howe and Hallie Long hit from distance in the second quarter to increase the lead. Madry McCrackin's late drive gave Cassville a 35-24 edge at the half.

Stokes scored twice in a slow third quarter, and McCrackin finished the period with a medium-range jumper. Shore's troops led 45-30 at the final break.

Monett would make no headway in the fourth quarter as the lead climbed to 18 points. Fittingly, McCrackin scored the game's final points as the Lady Wildcats claimed the 61-41 win.

That win pushed Cassville into a second place tie with Seneca in the Big 8 standings.

Cassville will face Monett again in the opening round of the Class 4 District 10 tournament at McDonald County next Monday, February 27, at 6 p.m.

Cassville scorers: Madi Stokes, 18; Audra Brooks, 14; Ashlynne Howe, 10; Madry McCrackin, 6; Hallie Long, 5; Kandace Wallace, 4; Macey Parsons, 4.

Monett scorers: Katie Schmidt, 13; Kaesha George, 8; Sarah Childress, 7; Emily Kruger, 7; Jordann Pugh, 4; Madi Brafford, 2.

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We would also like to Thank Clint Clark and the first responders, Highway Patrolmen, the good people of Barry County Ambulance service, who took such good care of Justin. We greatly appreciate the thoughts, prayers, and all the continued prayers through his recovery.

Love all the Grahams

Danny & Deborah, Justin, Stephanie, Aubrie, Ryann

Lee Stubblefield
District basketball opened on Saturday for area

Class 1 schools. Class 2 tournaments kicked off on Monday.

Class 1 District 5@Willard

Saturday: At Willard, only the Wheaton Lady Bulldogs survived the opening round, posting a 63-29 victory over Greenfield.

Both Exeter squads fell. The Lady Tigers dropped a 56-54 heartbreaker to Golden City, and then the Tigers lost to top-seeded Walnut Grove, 73-35.

The Wheaton Bulldogs lost to Greenfield, 70-24.

Monday: The Wheaton Lady Bulldogs put on their Cinderella slippers and danced past Dadeville, 57-45. Wheaton will play Walnut Grove in the district championship game at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Class 2 District 12@Sarcocie

Monday: Class 2 action at Sarcocie saw the Purdy Lady Eagles steamroll Thomas Jefferson in the opening game, 62 - 31. Purdy advanced to play McAuley Catholic in a Wednesday semifinal contest.

The Pierce City Lady Eagles defeated Southwest, 57-24.

Tuesday: The Southwest Trojans dumped host Sarcocie, 64-44. Rusty Roe's squad will face McAuley in a Thursday semifinal.

Purdy defeated Jasper, 77-66, and will play Pierce City in Thursday's late semifinal.

Toxic tall fescue renovation school offered locally

Livestock producers have known for many years the animal production issues associated with toxic Kentucky 31 (KY-31) tall fescue. The endophyte fungus that grows between infected plant cells produces chemicals harmful to animals, but the fungus is beneficial to the fescue plant.

Researchers developed varieties of tall fescue that did not have the endophyte fungus, but these endophyte free varieties lacked persistence required for strong pasture stands in Southwest Missouri. Additional research has discovered novel or friendly endophytes. These novel endophytes do not produce animal toxins, but provide plant protection benefits, and thus have the potential to be more persistent than their endophyte free counterparts. New tall fescue varieties have been developed that contain these friendly endophytes and are available to livestock producers.

In order to establish novel endophyte tall fescue, the toxic KY-31 tall fescue must be killed before the new fescue variety can be seeded. Information about this renovation process has been condensed into a one-day school. During 2017, renovation schools are being held in Kansas, Missouri, and Kentucky and are being sponsored by the Alliance for Grassland Renewal with additional support from the University of Missouri, Kansas State University, and the University of Kentucky.

Locally this pasture renovation school is offered on Tuesday, March 7. The University of Missouri Southwest Center, 14548 Highway H, Mount Vernon.

The Alliance for Grassland Renewal formed in 2012. Participants include partners from universities, government, industry (including producers, seed companies, testing labs) and nonprofit groups. The current board members are from Georgia, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Missouri. The goal of the Alliance for Grassland Renewal is to work together in replacing toxic tall fescue grass with a tall fescue that hosts a nontoxic endophyte. This goal is pursued through four objectives: education, seed quality control, incentives, and promotion.

The renovation school is developed by the Alliance in order to help forage producers understand why fescue renovation is important, and the steps required for a successful transition from toxic to non-toxic tall fescue pastures and hay fields.

Additional registration information and forms are available on the Alliance for Grassland Renewal website <http://grasslandrenewal.org/education.htm>. The schools start at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. The registration fee includes a notebook of presentations, lunch, and breaks.

Advanced registration of \$60 per individual or \$110 per couple is due by Tuesday, February 28. Late/door registration is \$75 per individual or \$125 per couple. To register, please call the Lawrence County Extension Office at (417) 466-3102.

Purdy Elementary's Artists of the Quarter



Purdy K-6 art teacher Freda Wolf presented her Artists of the Quarter. Winners are pictured from left to right. Front row: Sora Oberbeck, Ellie Nunez, Dillan Lopez, Erynn Cunningham, Quentin Dodson, Ziva James and Boni Lopez. Middle row: Nilzo Paxtor, Randy Rueda, Hannah Rickman, Cesar Lopez, Ethan Thao, Leonel Villa and Melissa Lee. Back row: Adriana Mathews, Marlene Villa, Lisa Lee, Nancy Salazar, Austin Greenway and Hadassah Harris.

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said that in three years, he’s trained 46 people in the course.

Crowder’s other locations already offered the course as an official course for those wanting a degree, but by making it a community education class, Crowder director Angela Seymour said the class was more affordable since the firefighters didn’t need a transcript if they weren’t seeking a degree. She added that she believes Anderson approached the college about the possibility of the official location initially. Seymour said, “We tried a long time ago to do something like this, but we hit a lot of roadblocks. So, we stepped back, and now it’s all come together.”

Since then, much of the training equipment has moved to Cassville from Webb City to further the program. Crowder even has a firetruck for the program.

Trapani said, “It isn’t just Derek that made this hap-

pen. He has to have support from the department and the community for this to be successful, and he does.”

“He’s technically knowledgeable. This program is hundreds of hours and you’ve got to have heart to lead them through it,” she added.

Landwehr said, “It’s 300 plus hours of just instructional time. It’s a huge commitment, and he has really made it work.”

Cassville’s long-time chief Millard Andrews said, “He’s so dedicated. It’s really incredible.”

Today, approximately 75 percent of the firefighters in the Cassville Fire Protection District have completed the course, according to the department. A large part of that is thanks to Acheson’s dedication to firefighter education.

Acheson lives in Cassville with his wife of 20 years, Missy, and their son Zac, 14.

Cassville school bus crashes into SUV at intersection

Charlea Estes

A Cassville R-IV School District bus crashed into another vehicle on Friday, February 17, after school. The crash occurred at the traffic light on Main Street at the intersection with Highway 248/76/86.

According to the Cassville Police Department, the driver and passenger of the SUV were injured and transported to Mercy Hospital in Cassville for the injuries. However, Cassville School said there were no student injuries from the wreck.

The Cassville Police Department provided information detailing the crash. Corrine Lewsader, of Seligman, was driving the school bus and failed to yield at the traffic signal for a 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Jennifer Ivey, of Purdy. The bus struck the Jeep in the intersection while attempting to make a left turn to go east on MO 76.

Cassville School District released the following statement:

“Bus 3 was involved in a two vehicle accident on Friday afternoon about 3:25 PM, while departing to take students home from school. The school bus driver was



Pictured above is the bus-SUV crash on Friday, February 17, afternoon. Traffic was only disrupted for a short amount of time. The driver and passenger in the SUV were injured, but no students were reported to have injuries.

south bound on Main Street and was attempting to turn left at the stop light. The driver failed to yield at the light and struck another vehicle that was traveling north on Main Street at the stop light.

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The 2016-17 Cassville FFA Chapter has been very active. Last spring, several Cassville FFA members experienced great success in Career Development Events. Three of their CDE teams advanced out of the district level to compete at State FFA Convention, and the Poultry Evaluation Team was recognized on stage at State FFA Convention as being the third place team in the state of Missouri. Dakota Townsend received his state FFA degree and Keenan Roller, Hunter Madison, and Taylor Sanders were recognized on stage for having an area winning proficiency award.

Many of their students attended various activities over the summer. They had ten FFA members attend State FFA Leadership Camp at Camp Rising Sun. The members were gone for five days and attended many leadership and team building activities. Six of the ten members received their leadership pin. Cassville's FFA officers also attended two leadership conferences this summer, one on the area and one on the state level.

Cassville FFA members also exhibited livestock and horticulture projects at local, district, and state fairs. Fair highlights include Hunter Madison winning Grand Champion Meat Pen of Broilers at both the Barry County Fair and Purdy Livestock Show. Andrew Littlefield placed second in his market swine class at the Missouri State Fair and also won Missouri State Fair Grand Champion with his AgriScience project. We had members attend Public Speaking Academy, where they learned and practiced their written and verbal communication skills.

As they entered the school year, they held a friendly dodgeball tournament for members, and they danced and fellowshipped at the Area FFA Barnwarming. The freshman members attended Area and District Greenhand conferences. They had five members compete in area public speaking competitions in the fall. Two members, Andrew Littlefield and Alexis Coarsey, advanced to the district competition. Members sold fruit to the community to generate operating funds for the year ahead. Sixteen members also earned an opportunity to represent Cassville FFA at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Two members, Stussy Stephenson and Diedre Westpheling were awarded the American FFA Degree, which is the highest degree available in our organization. Cassville members also put together a Christmas float and presented it in the Christmas parade. The chapter has submitted several applications for degrees and awards and are anxiously awaiting the results. They are currently preparing for Career Development Events and are working diligently for success this season.



Cassville's FFA is pictured above, from left to right. Front row: Kyle Cheek, Cole Jackson, Mattie Stephenson, Kaylee Coursey, Andrew Littlefield, Schauna Dilbeck, Caden Swearingen, Alexis Coursey and Cale Jackson. Second row: Austin Stockton, Cordale Writer, Rylee Healey, Kole Faber, Tyler Hagerman and Kaitlyn Roberts. Third row: Aaron Malone, Jesse Anthonyz, Jacob Housekeeper, Daniel Hudson, Shayla Sewell, Jamison Oliphant and Phoenix Martin. Fourth row: Grady Stephenson, Dakota Miller, Xain Gray, Nicarah Smithson, Faith Brooks, Jacob Hall, Kel Wilson, Colton Kirkpatrick and Brendan Seufert. Fifth row: Lindee Mitchell, Josie Lone, Kaylee Reibert, Madry McCrackin, Triston Caywood, Catie Edmondson, Austun Periman, Breeana Martin and Jaelob Bally. Sixth row: Samantha Blangger, Alex Walling, Seth Stockton, Kaylee Morgan, Andie Roper, Kreyton Blisard, Jace Mason, Jaime Aguinaga, Cheyanne Hopkins and Lexus Tully. Seventh row: Mason Hendrix, Madisyn Popanz, Trey Sturgell, Jaden Davis, Nathan Dick, Kobe Blisard, Trevor Morgan, Payton Varner, Evan Kessinger and Moe Sturgell. Eighth row: Devin Phelps, Camden Roller, Michael Hunter-Valentine, Austin McClintock, Hunter Harris, Ashlynn Howe, Hallie Long, Derek Hess and Jacob Thomas. Ninth row: Denny Wierman, Kade Hayward, Troy Hagins, Kory Harvey, Michael Russell, Lane Nance, Leena Green and Austin McFarland. Tenth row: Carson Jacobson, Ashton Sell, Olivia Bateman, John Fricke, Neo Woodyard and Daniel Evans.

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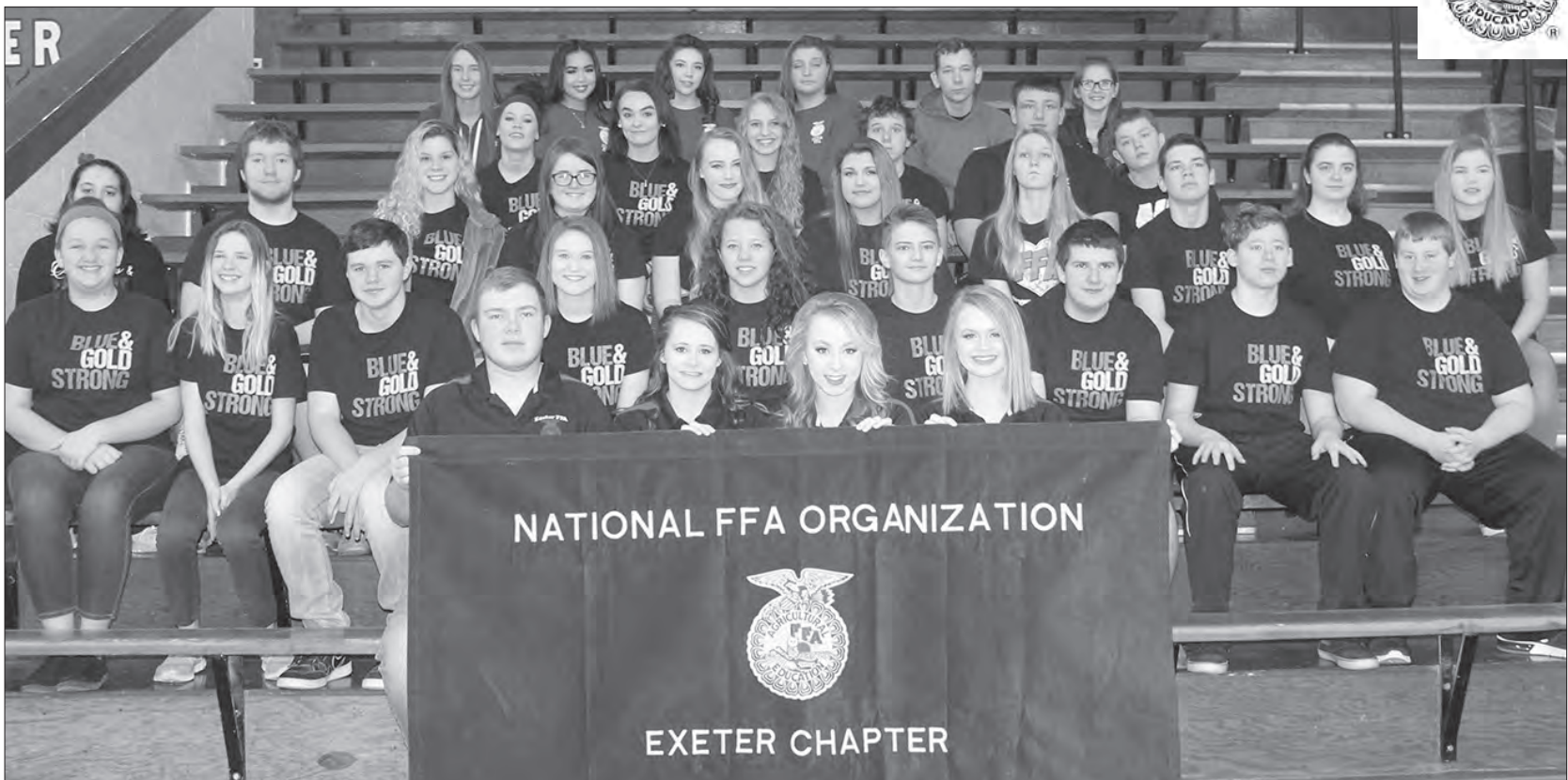


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Exeter's FFA is pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Trevor Nelson, Lanna Burnette, Hannah Woods and Chloe Carpenter. Second row: Yvonne Bradford, Savannah Jones, Wyatt Hoppes, Jessica Bush, Lauren Cornett, Cameron Weston, Hershel Beck, Joseph Davis and Kamerin Newman. Third row: Mckenize Hopper, Jordan Eagan, Caeton Horn, Madelyn Cole, Reanna Berry, Jozee Sorensen, Madison Tarr, Seth Jones, Mykah Estes and Lindsey Nelson. Back row: Kelsy Vasey, Clarissa Brattin, Kiley Lyons, Brady Walker, Austin Rayburn, and Logan Rayburn. Left to right top row: Maycee Blake, Camille Kho, Vanessa Ward, Haylee Hobbs, Jacob Foster and Mackenize Fuller. Not pictured: Jon Blankenship, Ethan Caddell, Austin Cowherd, Trey Foster, Dawson Lasseter and Audrey Tripp.

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The Purdy FFA kicked off the week with their Fish Fry and Labor Auction and Thank-A-Farmer on Saturday, February 18. Then, on Sunday morning, the FFA attended their chapter president's church, Mill Street Church of Christ. Monday, the group had Career Day where community members went to the school to speak about ag-related careers in many areas, such as agricultural business, conservation, veterinary sciences, industrial and agricultural sales. Then, on Tuesday, they had a pancake breakfast that was open to the community in the ag building. Today, Wednesday, they celebrated FFA week with their boot camp to test the leadership, focus, communication, skills and teamwork between the chapter members in their classes. On Thursday, they will have an archery tournament with an award for the winner out of every class throughout the day and their Area 11 FFA Banquet. On Friday, the FFA has ag trivia and drive your tractor to school day.

The chapter consists of 78 members and 10 officers on the officer team.

Purdy's FFA is pictured above, from left to right. Front row: adviser Jordan Ellis, Esvin Rodriguez, Logan Easley, Morgan Grissom, Rion Boyd, Sami House, Megan Thomas, Mikey Schad, Emma Mareth, Cailyn Spears and Kole Rea. Second row: Thomas Hughey, Taylor Whidtington, Brian Liggett, Brendan Reynolds, Chris Ramos, Bayleigh Schad, Liz Moore, Hailey Harris and Shelby Haskins. Third row: Harley Stephens, Mason Schallert, Kyler Propps, Alonzo Barrientos, Tyler Keeler, Jose Sanchez, Daniel Roller, Rylee Ozburn, Kayden Propps and Shelby Heston. Fourth row: Kylie Wood, Betty Berry, Lizbeth Salas, Javier Canales, Jason Ball, Mason Brewer, Kahleb Dotson, Emily Montoya and Dylan Bowman. Fifth row: Ezequiel Gaucin, Johan Rodriguez, Edgar Juarez, Cesar Garcia, Charlie Mitchell, Dennis Paxtor, Dalton Stephens, Casey Ellison and Adam Humphrey. Back row: Scotty Henry, Hunter Thomas, Alexis Rivera, Angel Garcia, Sean Thomas, Andrew Martinez, Randy Schad, Anastasia Ohler, Kyle Billingsley and Caleb Brown.

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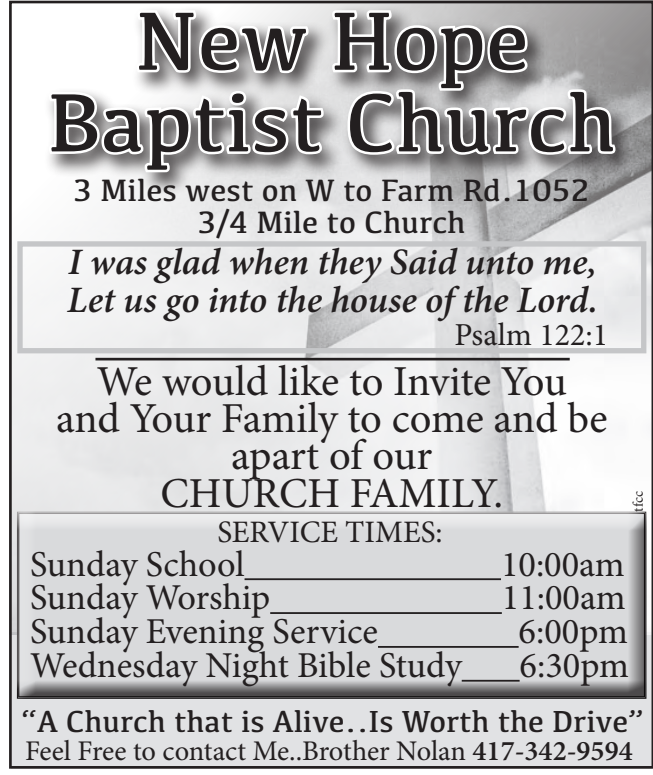
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The Southwest FFA chapter participated in many events this past year. In summer 2016, they attended the State FFA Camp at the Lake of the Ozarks. Students were able to meet other members from across the state and attend leadership sessions, allowing every student to achieve their state leadership medal. The beginning of the school year started out with a back to school bash where FFA members could come and play slip/slide kickball.

In September, 20 students attended UMC Field Day in Mount Vernon. They learned how agricultural is used in everyday life. In October, 40 students went to PBR in Springfield, enjoying a night of bull riding. Later that month, six FFA members attended National Convention in Indiana where there is a national leadership conference to learn about other FFA chapter's programs and leadership activities.

Every year on Veteran's Day, students cook a meal and serve it to local Veterans, then escort them to our school wide Veteran's Day Ceremony. They also participated in picking up walnuts, placing first, collecting over 50,000 pounds of walnuts.

Southwest's FFA chapter has a leadership class that lead a school wide food drive to provide food for families in their district that are less fortunate. The leadership class also has a program called Angel Tree that provides Christmas presents for those in the school districts that need assistance.

The Southwest FFA Chapter also competed in the Cassville, Seligman, Exeter, and Wheaton Christmas Parades. The Southwest FFA chapter has been very busy this year and continues working hard to receive grants to help the community. So far, the chapter has earned \$6,200 in grants. If you are wanting to help support the Southwest FFA chapter, they are having a blue and gold meat sale, plant sale, labor auction, FFA banquet and many more activities in the upcoming months.

The Southwest FFA is pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Adam Ramirez (Historian), Sarah Catron (Second Vice President), Sydney Delosantos (Vice President), Kendra Hayworth (Student Adviser), Michael Banks (Treasurer), Jay R. Henry (President), Caitlyn Blevins (Sentinel), Lane Morgan (Chaplin), Hailey Benninger (Secretary), Evan Still (Reporter) and Breanna Hamilton. Second row: Jerica Lawrence, Hannah Outhouse, Morgan Mitchell, Jacey Ball, Heather Windes, Jackayla Bruno, Shaylin Hendrix, Maggie Patterson, Samantha Owens, Lucas Cron, Kayleigh Booher, Sarah Terry and Mackenzie Smith. Third row: Emmitt Musick, Aubery Cornell, Timothy Deshields, Dominic Shultz, Hope Robbins, Leland Colf, Tim Bee and Alex Dunton. Fourth row: Levi Moore, Dakota Saunders, Levi Myers, Myka Cook, Alexis Corwin, Bryan Jimenez, Donald Hayworth, Rayven Crowe, Josh Clay and Eli Atkinson. Fifth row: Calvin Jenkins, Sydney Leroy, Devon Resz, Jarrett Pike, Reid Fosse, Cody Brooks, Bryan Swadley and Cameron Courter. Back row: Hunter Stanley, Jessie Foster, Tanner Hackett, Landon Wright, Brandon Beeson, Chance Black, Payton Clay and Sean Knighten. Southwest's advisers are not pictured: Rachael Brown and Bill Caldwell.

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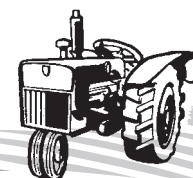
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Wheaton's FFA is pictured above, from left to right. Front row: Gerardo Nunez, Kayla Vang, Hallie Mitchell, Lia-Boa Yang, Hilsden Moseley, Tori Goostree, Audrey Shockley, Rachel Lacey, Rodney Cook and adviser David Bolton. Second row: Emily Gonzalez, Alyia Prewitt, Sarah Bruton, Ashly Flores, Adison Goostree, Emily Killion, Tate Banks, Zolanna Simpson, Galaxy Loftis, Kayla Dunlop and Brittany King. Third row: Arilene Nunez, Baylee Musick, Ariana Williams, Janessa Chang, Calista Burns, Farrah Loftis, Peighton Bell, Hannah Lombard, Ethan Lombard, Sarah Brattin, Peyton Nicholson and Shalea Tate. Fourth row: Lillian Allen, Toby Burton, Peighton Harper, Josh Bowling, Daniel Harris, Bo Brattin, Jayce Brattin, Jaden Steele, Michael Priest, Richard Hang, Cameron Wolfe and Katelynn Mensik. Back row: Donald Jones, Adrian Chang, Kobe Robins, Kyle Wright, Kade Reed, Efren Hinojosa, Cody Parks, Johnathan Pruitt, Sean Lowry and Braiden Stewart.



For the 2016-17 school years, the Wheaton FFA chapter has continued to have a very busy year in hopes of having an educational and exciting time for their fellow members. They have gone to several events like UMC Field Day, Farm Fest, and National Convention. Last October, the chapter took fourteen students that were selected to go to the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana. They quali-


fied from their dedication at previous events and fundraising. Two American degrees recipients also went, where they received the highest degree attainable in the FFA. The group of students had the opportunity not just to attend the National Convention sessions, but toured Kelsey Dairy Farm, Eckerd Orchard, Church Hill Downs, Louisville Slugger, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, along with attending Leader-

ship sessions at the Convention Center. The Wheaton FFA members have also done many community service projects. Some of their projects included setting out flags on Memorial Day at local cemeteries, help with a landscaping project at the Wheaton Park, serve lunch for Veterans on Veteran's Day, and help the City of Wheaton serve food at the Wheaton Christmas


Parade. The chapter is gearing up for contest season and look to build on last year's success. Last season ended with three teams qualifying for the state FFA competition. Dairy Foods finished 3rd, Soils 12th, and Entomology 14th in state competition. Wheaton also had five students receive their State FFA degrees. The Wheaton FFA chapter will start off FFA Week with a

Sunday service at Solid Rock Baptist Church in official dress. Throughout the week of February 18-25, the chapter will celebrate different days with the theme of the FFA emblem. They will dress up for the rising sun (beach day), the eagle ('Murica day), the

owl (nerd day), and the plow (farmer's day and bring your tractor to school day). On Friday February 24, the Wheaton FFA Officers will be hosting a Safe and Sober program for grades 9-12 to promote against underage and drunk driving.



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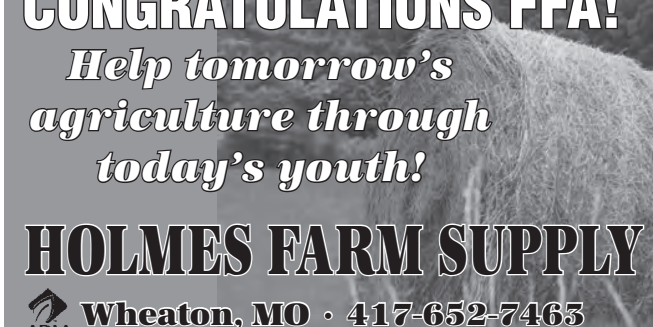


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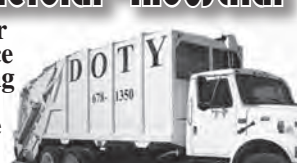
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In January, students focused on Acceptance. January medal winners were fourth graders Ludi Venegas, Kyle Bowman and Randall Kessinger; third graders Corbin O'Donald, Milly Villa and Gabriel Quiquix; second graders Kimberly Canales and Dustin Ash; first graders Dhali Wall Lee, Valentina Salas and Jaycee Lile and kindergartners Alexa Talbert, Raylan Patton and Walter Welch.



January's character education winners are pictured from left to right. In the front row: Dhali Wall Lee, Jaycee Lile, Valentina Salas and Alexa Talbert. Second row: Gabriel Quiquix and Raylan Patton. Third row: Kyle Bowman, Corbin O'Donald, Dustin Ash, Kimberly Canales and Milly Villa. Fourth row: special guest star Jordan Savage as Jordie, special guest star Kyler Propps as himself, Christina Harmon as Chrissy. Back row: Randall Kessinger, Charlotte McGuirk as Charlie, Joshua Hughes as Joshie and Ludi Venegas. Absent for photo: Walter Welch.

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