

Roaring River tops Missouri State Parks with 2,558 trout tags on Opening Day

Charlea Estes-Jones

Roaring River State Park took top honors on Opening Day of trout season with the largest number of tags issued. Over 2,500 anglers were on Roaring River’s banks, and one even caught a nine pound lunger Sunday, March 1.

According to hatchery manager Paul Spurgeon, Opening Day was wildly successful this year. He said, “The weather obviously had a lot to do with our tag count. But there was an excitement in the air this year that could be felt. People were so enthusiastic and having a good time. It felt like an old fashioned opener from years ago. It was so nice to see that. It’s going to be a great season.”

This year, Roaring River anglers purchased 2,558 tags, 2,065 adult tags and 493 children’s tags. Montauk issued 2,457 tags, and Bennett Spring issued 2,378 tags.

Opening Day kicked off this year with the gun fired by Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick. Spurgeon issued the following statement about Fitzpatrick’s selection:

“Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick was raised in Shell Knob and graduated from Cassville High School in 2006. He attended the University of Missouri, graduating in 2010. Scott is the owner of MariCorp and is its CEO. Scott was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2012 and served through 2018 representing Barry, Lawrence, and Stone Counties. In addition to serving as Chairman of the Budget Committee, he also served on the Joint Committee on Legislative Research and Public Assistance. He currently lives in Cassville. Scott assumed office as State Treasurer with a swearing-in ceremony on January 14, 2019.

“Scott cares deeply for Roaring River State Park and has always shown a keen interest in promoting the park and fought hard as a legislator to make sure it’s voice is always heard. The Missouri Department of Conservation and Roaring River State Park deeply appreciate the dedication Scott has shown now and in the future.”

A new twist to the honor of firing the opening gun was added by Roaring River State Park staff. The new people’s bench was unveiled. Each year, a plaque will be mounted on the bench near the gazebo with the name of the person who opened trout season by shooting the ceremonial gun.

Joel Topham, Roaring River State Park natural resources manager, explained the decision to put in the bench. “We are kicking off this year with a new dedication bench for the people of



Matthew Rogers and his son, Miller Rogers, of Springfield, caught a beautiful rainbow trout on Opening Day on the river’s bank.



Roaring River State Park’s Opening Day of trout season was kicked off by Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick shooting off the ceremonial opening gun.

Shell Knob Library opens time capsule

Caden Swearingen

Patrons and staff at Shell Knob Library recently took a look into the past when they opened a time capsule from 1999. The library was filled with excitement and several residents, kids and staff members on February 19 as they watched former librarian Regina McIlrath unseal and open the capsule.

McIlrath is a long time resident of Shell Knob and was the library manager when the time capsule was made. She had asked several students from the Shell Knob School, ages five to 12, to gather the contents for their time capsule they would be opened 20 years later. McIl-

rath asked the students to attach a small piece of paper to each submitted item with their name and an explanation of why they put the item in the time capsule.

There were dozens of items revealed, each of which represented what each child thought would best represent their life back in 1999. Many wrote a brief description of how they thought people would view the item in the future. Some of the items in the time capsule included toys, a Shell Knob Chargers shirt, a cookbook from Carol’s Restaurant, a signed

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County office filings draw mostly incumbents

ONLY SOUTHERN COMMISSIONER RACE CONTESTED SO FAR

Charlea Estes-Jones

This year’s November election will decide six different office holders who will be sworn in January 2021. The races at the county level are for public administrator, assessor, sheriff, northern commissioner, southern commissioner and coroner.

So far, only one race has drawn opposition, the southern commissioner spot currently held by Wayne Hendrix. Hendrix refiled for his seat and faces newcomer Evans. E. “Gene” Robbins.

Hendrix is seeking his fourth term in the southern commissioner seat. Hendrix is running on the democrat ballot, and Robbins is run-

ning as a Republican. If no one else files, there will be no need for a primary election for that seat in August.

Barry County Assessor Sherry Smith also filed for her seat. She has served three terms. So far, no one is running against her.

Barry County Sheriff Gary Davis is seeking reelection after his first term. If elected, this will be his second term as sheriff. Thus far, there is no opposition for his seat.

Northern commissioner Gary Schad re-filed for his seat, as well. Schad is finishing his second term as northern commissioner and is seeking his third term. No one is currently running against him.

Barry County coroner Jim Fohn also filed for his seat again. Fohn is serving his third term as coroner and seeking a fourth term.

The only existing officer holder who has not filed for their seat is public administrator Keith Daniels. Daniels was elected to his first term in 2016, beginning his term in 2017.

No one has filed for the public administrator seat so far.

Filings for county offices will be open until March 24 at 5 p.m.

For complete information about filing for a county office position, see the information from Barry County clerk Jill LeCompte on page 13A.

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The driver and a passenger were both injured in a crash outside of Roaring River State Park. 8A

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card from Russell's Variety Store with item prices from 1999, and the November 17, 1999, issue of The Rattler newspaper. The capsule also contained Beanie Babies, a Hot Wheels car, and several state quarters since 1999 was the year individual states had representation on quarters. There were lots of smiles from the people who felt the nostalgia for the items that were in the capsule as they brought back memories.

All the items were revealed will be on display at the Shell Knob Library for a few weeks. Anyone who participated in the original capsule is welcome

to contact the Shell Knob Library to retrieve the items they placed inside the container in 1999. The capsule revealed how fast time passes. Some things changed, and some things stayed the same. The Shell Knob Library took a brief look into the past and provided a glance at what remains important to the community.

To see the time capsule contents, stop by the Shell Knob Library. They are open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They are located at 24931 State Hwy. 39.

For more information, call (417) 858-3618.



Regina McIlrath, former Shell Knob librarian, opened the library's time capsule from 1999 with a group of on lookers from the community.

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Table Rock Lake Oversight Committee meeting Mar. 5

Isaac Estes-Jones

The next meeting of the Table Rock Lake Oversight Committee (TRLOC) will be held on Thursday, March 5, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Dewey Short Visitors Center outside of Branson. This will be the second public meeting after the January meeting was canceled due to forecasted winter weather.

Because that meeting was cancelled, the group will allow public comments at this meeting and at the Wednesday, May 6, meeting. The deadline for online and written comments has

been extended to April 28, 2020.

Next week's meeting will start with the public comment session after the call to order.

Members of the public will be limited to only two minutes to comment. With three hours allotted, up to 90 individuals will be able to address their thoughts, concerns and questions about the proposed changes to the Shoreline Management Plan and Master Plan for Table Rock Lake.

After the comment period, the committee will move into their questions and comments on the plans, hopefully addressing some of the questions and concerns heard from the public

earlier in the day.

Meeting three, scheduled for May 6, will also include a public comment period with the same duration as the March 5 event. However, after the call to order, the published agenda for the meeting calls for the US Army Corps of Engineers to give a presentation on changes they have made to the plans in response to input from the TRLOC.

The final version of the plans, which govern how public lands around the lake can be used, will be revealed to the public at the final TRLOC meeting, currently set for Thursday, July 16, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information, or to submit an online com-

ment, visit <https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Table-Rock-Lake-Oversight-Committee/>.

My family and I have so many people to thank for helping us get back on our feet. When we lost everything in a house fire, the entire surrounding communities, fire department, Southwest Elementary, Washburn First Baptist, The Point and Corinth Baptist Church were there for us. We have experienced such an outpouring of love from friends, family, our work families and acquaintances that have helped to preserve my family in the time of our greatest need. "Thank you" isn't enough.

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Community Calendar

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Notice:

Starting in March, the Wheaton Depot Museum will be open on Sundays. Watch the Community Calendar for updates on the time and the dates. The Wheaton Depot Museum is the major project of the Wheaton Historical Society.

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.

2020 Southwest Yearbooks are on sale now. The cost is \$25 and the deadline to order is May 31. For more information, contact Mr. Voyak at svoyak@swr5.net.

March 2020 Barry County OATS Transit Schedule: To Joplin: March 9 and 23. To Neosho: March 18. To Mt. Vernon: March 25. 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.

March 5th

Cassville R-IV School District is hosting a Community Appreciation Event with Free Chili Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Cassville High School Commons Area. The focus of the event is the Strategic Plan created in 2018 and the implementation of action plans based on the work done by the Strategic Plan Committee. All community members, parents, students and staff are invited. School Superintendent Dr. Asbill will give a welcome, and an advisory committee from each building will be giving an update on accomplishments made during the year and the focus of next school year. Free child care will be provided for attendees.

March 6th

A Dance will be hosted at the Stella Senior Center with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. The dance will start at 7 p.m. and music will be by “Rangeline Band”. The cover charge for the dance is \$5.

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.

Pinewood Derby, sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 440, will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Eagle Rock Community Center. For more information, call Lois at (417) 896-4350 or Bill at (417) 846-5056.

March 9th

Exeter National Honor Society will host their Spring Blood Drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. Donors should enter through the Elementary doors and proceed toward the Cafeteria. A free t-shirt is given to all those who are able to donate. Students who are 16 years old may donate, but they must have a permission form filled out by their parents. Forms are available in the High School office or from NHS advisor Lucretia Brattin.

March 10th

Cassville Cruisers will meet at 7 p.m. at Sho-Me-Plaza, Cassville.

Free Smoking Cessation Classes will be offered at Cox Monett. The four class program will meet at 4:30 Tuesdays (March 10, 24, 31 and April 7). The program will cover the basics of making a plan to quit, and include CO level screens and other helpful resources. Deadline to register is Thursday, March 5, and may be done by calling (417) 236-2596.

The Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District N will hold its Executive Board Meeting March 10, at 11:50 a.m. This meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett.

March 13th

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

March 14th

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

March 17th

Southwest Community Baccalaureate Committee will be having a meeting to finalize baccalaureate service at Southwest High School Commons Area at 6 p.m. All pastors, parents, and seniors are encouraged to attend.

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

March 18th

Monett Library will be hosting Rug Making at 1 p.m. and Story Time at 4:15 p.m.

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School Menus: Mar. 9 - Mar. 13

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Exeter: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy, fruit, juice or cereal, biscuit, fruit, juice. L: cheeseburger, bun, pickle spears, baked beans, french fries, fruit. Tues: B: mini pancakes, fruit, juice or cereal, Vertical Bar, fruit, juice. L: spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, carrots, breadstick, fruit. Wed: B: sausage biscuit, banana, juice or cereal, biscuit, banana, juice. L: country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, spinach, fruit. Thurs: B: french toast stick, fruit, juice or cereal, Pop-Tart, fruit, juice. L: chicken tetrazzini, winter mix, breadstick, fruit. Fri: B: ham & cheese croissant, fruit, juice or cereal, graham crackers, fruit. L: BBQ chicken, bun, french fries, baby carrots, Sidekick.

Cassville PR-Int.-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, hashbrown, pears or cereal, cinnamon toast, pineapple. L: popcorn chicken or pork patty, tater tots, glazed carrots, applesauce. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, sausage, toast, pineapple or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple slices. L: spaghetti or shrimp poppers, salad, corn, breadstick, pears. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, applesauce or cereal, graham crackers, pears. L: hot dog or hamburger, Sun Chips, green beans, fruit cocktail. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, graham crackers, applesauce or cereal, PB&J, Fruit Gushers. L: burrito or nacho supreme, pinto beans, graham crackers, mixed vegetables, pears. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or strawberry bagel, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop-Tart, tropical fruit. L: corndog or popcorn chicken, mac & cheese, vegetable mix, juice.

Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage, peaches or cereal, yogurt cup, apple. L: chicken strips, mac & cheese, green beans, yogurt, peaches or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy, breakfast pizza, hashbrown, pears or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: spaghetti, salad, corn, breadstick, juice or pizza meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, toast, yogurt, peaches or cereal, Pop-Tart, fruit cocktail. L: general chicken, rice, carrots, egg roll, pineapple or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, Nutri Grain Bar, mandarin oranges. L: sloppy joe, nachos, baked beans, juice or chicken nugget meal, or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or blueberry muffin, blueberries or cereal, yogurt cup, strawberries. L: pork patty, Sun Chips, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail or pizza meal or salad meal.

Purdy: Mon: B: strawberry mini pancakes, syrup, cereal, toast, fruit. L: spaghetti, meat sauce, ww breadstick, romaine, tomato, ranch, fruit. Tues: B: waffles, syrup, cereal, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: chili, crackers, string cheese, carrots, dill pickles, fruit. Wed: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: chicken fingers, wg roll, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit. Thurs: B: oatmeal, toast, cereal, fruit. L: chicken quesadilla, salsa, corn, fruit. Fri: B: blueberry muffin, cereal, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: hamburger on ww bun, lettuce, tomato, dill pickles, Sun Chips, broccoli, fruit.

Southwest: Mon: B: oatmeal, toast, dried cranberries or cereal, juice. L: country fried steak, mashed potatoes, pepper gravy, corn, tropical fruit or salad/fruit bar. Tues: B: breakfast sausage pizza, peaches or cereal, juice. L: chicken & noodles, hot roll, mixed vegetables, pears or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: biscuits & gravy, sausage links, apple slices or cereal, juice. L: pepperoni pizza, romaine salad, mozz. cheese stick, peach cups or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: mini pancakes, syrup, fresh grapes or cereal, juice. L: chicken alfredo, breadstick, roasted broccoli, mandarin oranges or salad/fruit bar. Fri: B: sausage & egg sandwich, hash brown potatoes, ketchup, orange wedges or cereal, juice. L: chicken sandwich, leaf lettuce, dill pickle spear, chips, apricots or salad/fruit bar.

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DONALD P. ELLIOTT
 Donald P. Elliott, age 95, of Eagle Rock, passed away on Friday, February 28, 2020, at James River Nursing and Rehabilitation in Springfield.
 No services are scheduled at this time.
 Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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DARRIN TURNER
 Darrin Turner, passed away on February 27, 2020, at the age of 58. He came from California moving to Eagle Rock over 20 years ago, and has been a well-known resident. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Turner; two daughters, Paige Turner and Sydney Turner;

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two brothers, Colin Turner and Landon Turner; his sister, Lynette Turner; and was also an incredible stepfather to Chris Walker and Jessie Hauser.
 Darrin was an incredible mason and well known for doing the Eagle Rock firework show. He was an incredible father, husband, brother, and friend and will be sorely missed.
 Darrin was preceded in death by his mother, Libby Montgomery, and father, Larrie Turner.
 No services are scheduled at this time.
 Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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LYLE "SAM" ROSE
 Lyle "Sam" Rose, age 81, of Cassville, passed away Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at Bentonview Park Health and Rehabilitation in Monett.
 He was born March 30, 1938, in Barry County, the

son of Johnny J. and Queen Isabella (Cargile) Rose. On June 21, 1958, he was united in marriage to Helen Periman, who preceded him in death on December 4, 2019. Also preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Charles "Doc" Rose and Loye "Russell" Rose.
 Surviving are one son, Randy Rose and his wife, Danielle, of Rogers, Arkansas; one daughter, Lucinda Rose, of Rogers, Arkansas; three brothers, J.D. Rose and his wife, Janet, of Washburn, John Rose and his wife, Sue, of Republic, and Glenn Rose and his wife, Drucie, of Washburn; two sisters, Lola Vanzandt and her husband, Carroll, of Washburn, and Lula Patrick, of Rogers, Arkansas; two sisters-in-law, Mary Rose, of Washburn, and Ronnie Rose, of Cassville; and two grandchildren, Logan Rose and Madison Holliday and her husband, Charles.
 Sam grew up and received his education in Washburn, where he graduated from high school. He had been a machine operator, worked for the shoe factory and preformed line products for electrical lines. For ten years, he was employed at the Cassville Golf Course. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Cassville. Some of his favorite pastimes were playing golf and

playing in the Down Home Blue Grass Band, winning several awards for his music.
 Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 29, 2020, at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor James Weaver conducted the services.
 Contributions may be made to Intrepid Hospice in memory of Sam.
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BILL C. LEE
 Bill C. Lee, age 82, of Cassville, passed away on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at Roaring River Health and Rehab in Cassville. Mr. Lee, son of R.J. and Mary (Havens) Lee, was born on June 17, 1937, in Brownville, Texas. He was united in marriage to Mydrith Clark on August 14, 1956, until

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her passing in 1984; he later married Betty Lee.
 Bill was a man of many talents and very proficient at putting them to work. He owned several businesses with the most recent being a saddle maker in Vinita, Oklahoma, before he retired and moved back to Missouri. Other things he endeavored were becoming a truck driver at the age of seventeen, a police officer, pilot, welder, farmer, shoed horses, horse trader, equipment operator, taught leather working at local college, water well business, and spent many years preaching. Bill always had time to preach a good sermon when needed and to tell of God's wondrous work. He loved a good story whether he was telling it or just listening. Bill also enjoyed singing especially western songs and hymnals.
 Survivors include one daughter, Debra Harville, of Shell Knob; two grandchildren, Dale Jackson and Kelly Jackson, both of Cassville; eight great-grandchildren, Chase, Cole, and Cale Jackson, Sheridan, Julian, and Kalen Ponder, and Michael and Pierce Corn; three brothers, Bobby Lee and Donald Lee, both of New Mexico, and Stan Lee, of Texas; three sisters, Helen Lott, Kay Burleson, and Betty Fugua, all

of New Mexico; and several nieces and nephews.
 In addition to his parents and wives, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara Tolbert, on December 31, 2017, and his grandson, Richard Joshua Kiefer.
 A graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at Jamesville Cemetery, in Jamesville.
 Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.
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VIRGINIA JEAN STOKES
 Virginia Jean Stokes, age 97, of Willard, passed away March 3, 2020, in Willard.
 Graveside services will be held on March 7 at 2:00 p.m. at Larned Cemetery in Larned, Kansas, at the family plot, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob.
 Contributions may be made to Oats Transit in memory of Jean.
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LINDA LOU KELLY METCALF

Linda Lou Kelly Metcalf passed away on February 26, 2020, at her home in Cedar Fort, Utah, after a courageous battle with bile duct cancer. She departed this life surrounded by her family who gathered to spend her

final precious hours together. Linda was born on October 13, 1939, in Los Angeles, California, to Louis Arthur and Ruby Jewel Cornelison Kelly. She was raised in southwestern Missouri, where she attended Republic High School near Springfield. She married Daniel Edward Metcalf, son of Daniel Harrison Metcalf and Violet Ida Ridenour, on June 7, 1958, in St. John's Lutheran church in Monett. They were sealed in the Los Angeles Temple on June 6, 1964. Linda and Dan together raised seven children, living first in northern California, then Utah, where they moved in 1967, living in Utah County: Provo, Orem, Salem, and Cedar Fort. They also resided in Blue Diamond, Nevada, for a short time.

Linda possessed a warm and happy personality, always assuming the best in people. Her ability to make anyone feel better about themselves was obvious to those who had the privilege of knowing her. Her blunt honesty, laughter and abil-

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ity to cheer anyone up will be missed. Linda loved all things bright and beautiful, from flowers to clothing to making quilts, leaving many beautiful examples for her posterity to enjoy. In addition to quilting, she took pride in repairing and patching her husband's work clothing and many other sewing projects. She loved being in charge of her household and is famous in the family for the ability to remove any stain. She and Dan liked to watch old movies, visit flea markets and antique stores. She enjoyed traveling with Dan in their motorhome to Missouri, Bluegrass music festivals, and the steam engine and antique machinery show. She loved eating out, dressing up, looking nice, and wearing various items from her large collection of jewelry. She loved flowers, family pictures (she would proudly treat visitors to a tour of her many photos of children, grand and great-grandchildren), vegetable gardening and tending her chickens. She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many capacities in the Relief Society, Sunday School, Primary and other callings. Linda and Dan also completed a two-year service mission for

the church, providing employment and job training assistance. Linda's example of faith has helped to inspire many of her children and grandchildren to serve missions in various parts of the world.

She is survived by her husband, Dan; children, Teresa Jean (Kim) Metcalf-Peterson, Kathleen Marie (Rance) Thomas, Daniel Edward (Lynne) Metcalf Jr., Timothy Jon (Alice) Metcalf, Matthew Harrison Metcalf, Amanda Joy (Travis) Yates, and Melissa Anne (Clint) Jackson; 24 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Rosalind Kelly Barrow; brother, Martin Kelly; sister, Ann Kelly McAvoy; and brother, Stephen Louis Kelly. She is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Roger and Lawrence.

Funeral services will be held on March 5, 2020, at the Cedar Fort Ward chapel located at 185 East Center Street, Cedar Fort, Utah at 11 a.m. preceded by a brief viewing at 9:30 a.m. Interment will take place in the Cedar Fort Cemetery (100 West 200 South, Cedar Fort, Utah), following the service. Funeral services will be provided by Rasmussen Mortu-

ary of Mount Pleasant, Utah. Online condolences at rasmussenmortuary.com.



MARGARET JENNINGS

Margaret Jennings, age 50, of Clever, passed away on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. Mrs. Jennings, daughter of Robert and Marie (Carson) Bowers, was born on August 23, 1969, in Kansas City. She enjoyed crocheting, playing Bingo, and going to the casino. Family was very important to Margaret and she loved spending time with them any time she could; she also had two dogs who meant the world to her. Mrs. Jennings was loving and caring, who would help anyone if she could; she was a friend to many and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her significant other, Mark Harper, of Clever; four sons, Randal Birchfield, of Pierce City, Justin Birchfield, Caleb Birchfield, and Dereak Birchfield, all of Washburn;

one daughter, Jessica Dutton and her husband, Chris, of Gateway, Arkansas, nine grandchildren; one brother, Lee Bowers and his wife, Janette, of Rogers, Arkansas; two sisters, Patty Crow and her husband, Roger, of Washburn, and Kimmy Childress, of Shell Knob; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Stacy Birchfield, and one sister.

A celebration of life was held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the Mission Baptist Church in Washburn, with Pastor Dayton Brattin officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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

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EARL WESLEY. "SONNY" LAMP

Earl Wesley. "Sonny" Lamp, 82, of Verona, passed away February 27, 2020.

Services were held Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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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.

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

Absentee voting started Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at the Barry County Clerk's Office in Cassville, 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. The require: name, physical address, mailing address, date of birth, last four (4) digits of social security number, phone number, reason for voting absentee, and signature. If you live in the Shell Knob or Monett area, you can go by the Shell Knob Chamber or Monett Chamber Office and fill out the absentee application. They will fax it to the Barry County Clerk's office for you. For more information call: the Barry County Clerk's Office at (417) 847-2561 or email jhlecompte@barrycountyclerk.com.

Cassville FCCLA members elected as Regional, State officers



Three Cassville FCCLA members ran against members from other area chapters to obtain leadership positions on the Region 11 FCCLA Executive Council and Missouri FCCLA State Executive Council. Congratulations to the following members for being elected to serve in their leadership roles for the 2020-2021 school year: Zac Acheson, Missouri FCCLA State Officer candidate; Josie Guevara, Region 11 FCCLA 1st Vice President; and Jordyn Stafford, Region 11 FCCLA President.

Two injured in crash near Roaring River

Charlea Estes-Jones

Two people were injured on Route F near Roaring River on Saturday, February 29. According to the crash report by the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, the vehicle crossed the center line and ran off the roadway before overturning.

The report states a 1966 Pontiac Catalina, driven by Carrol G. Akehurst, 61, of Goodman, was westbound when the crash happened around 1 p.m. about two miles east of Roaring River State Park. The vehicle travelled over the center line, ran off the left side of the roadway then returned to the roadway, ran off the right side and overturned.

Both Akehurst and a 14 year old male passenger were injured in the crash. They each received moderate injuries and were transported from the scene to Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Ark.

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Exeter NHS hosting blood drive

Exeter National Honor Society will host their Spring Blood Drive on Monday, March 9, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

Donors should enter through the Elementary doors and proceed toward the cafeteria. NHS members will be there to assist donors. The theme this year is "Ready, Cassette... Go!". A free t-shirt is given to all those who are able to donate. Students who are 16 years old can donate, but they must have a permission form filled out by their parents. Those forms are available in the high school office or from NHS adviser Lucretia Brattin.

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Barry Electric teaches safety with POWERtown program



Barry Electric Cooperative hosted the POWERtown program at area schools to teach fifth graders about power line safety. Above, Barry Electric's James Gray speaks to Southwest School students.

Caden Swearingen

On February 21, Barry Electric Cooperative finished with the last school in their service area of teaching students about power line safety. Southwest Middle School was the last school to host the POWERtown demonstration. POWERtown is a program that was used by the cooperative years ago and was since brought back after Barry Electric leadership decided it was important for kids to learn. "All schools were great to work with, and I feel like it's a great age to really bring power line safety to their attention," said Laura

Holycross, Barry Electric Cooperative membership services coordinator. The actual POWERtown program used to demonstrate is 20 years old, but it's still a great representation of the dangers that are associated with power lines, according to Holycross. Along with power line safety, they also touch on low voltage electric safety and energy efficiency. "We also take the opportunity to talk about who we are and what it means to be a member of a cooperative to encourage our youth to take ownership in Barry Electric Cooperative and it as a possible employer in

the future," said Holycross. James Gray, an equipment operator, and Laura Holycross are the two in charge of the presentations. They visit each of the four schools in Barry Electric's service area. Holycross noted, "Students are really good at paying attention and have lots of good ques-

tions. Probably their favorite part, other than actually seeing electric arcs, is when we dress one of the students up in lineman's personal protective equipment and have them pretend they are working on the lines." Fifth graders respond well to the demonstration, Gray and Holycross see that first hand now. The demonstration could potentially prevent serious injury or even a fatality. Barry Electric is also nearing completion of a larger scale LIVE-line demonstration that will soon be available as training for high school students, emergency responders and the public. "We always take safety very seriously here at Barry Electric Cooperative, and as part of our cooperative principles, we want to make sure that we are as involved in the community as we can be while offering reliable and affordable electricity and goBEC fiber internet," said Holycross. Barry Electric plans to continue the program next year and visit all fifth grade students in the service territory next school year again.

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Darren Bass earns top health care executive credential

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Fellow status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development. In fact, only 9,100 health care executives hold this distinction. To obtain Fellow status, candidates must fulfill multiple requirements, including passing a comprehensive examination, meeting academic and experiential criteria, earning continuing education credits, and demonstrating professional/community involvement. Fellows are also committed to ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

"The health care management field plays a vital role in providing high quality care to the people in our communities, which makes having a

standard of excellence promoted by a professional organization critically important," says Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE, president and chief executive officer of ACHE. "By becoming an ACHE Fellow and earning the distinction of board certification from ACHE, health care leaders demonstrate a commitment to excellence in serving their patients and the community."

Bass has been employed with Cox Monett for 20 years. He began his career in health care as a physical therapist with Cox Monett Rehab and Sports Medicine. In 2012, Bass joined the hospital's senior leader team, and two years later was named executive director. In 2015, he was selected to lead the hospital.

Under Bass' leadership, Cox Monett announced plans to build a new \$42 million-dollar hospital with a completion date set for early 2021; the hospital was named one of the best places to work in healthcare by Modern Healthcare for



Bass

two consecutive years (earned the No. 15 spot in 2019); opened an urgent care clinic, and recently expanded it to seven days a week; earned five stars for patient experience by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and guided the hospital in achieving Level IV Stroke and STEMI designation by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Bass resides in Monett with his wife, Kari. They have two grown children, Tyler and Lauren.



Cassville Primary teacher Mrs. Mandy's Lyall's second grade class teamed up with their business partners at Able 2 Products and set a goal to collect 100 canned good items by the 100th day of school. Students worked hard and met their goal. All food donations will be donated to a local food pantry. Pictured are Mrs. Lyall's second grade class and Caleb Buntin with Able 2 Products.

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Jill LeCompte, Barry County Clerk, reminds those who wish to file for a County Office that the first day to file was 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 filing 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 4:00 p.m. closing time. No declaration of candidacy will be accepted after the 5:00 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 5:00 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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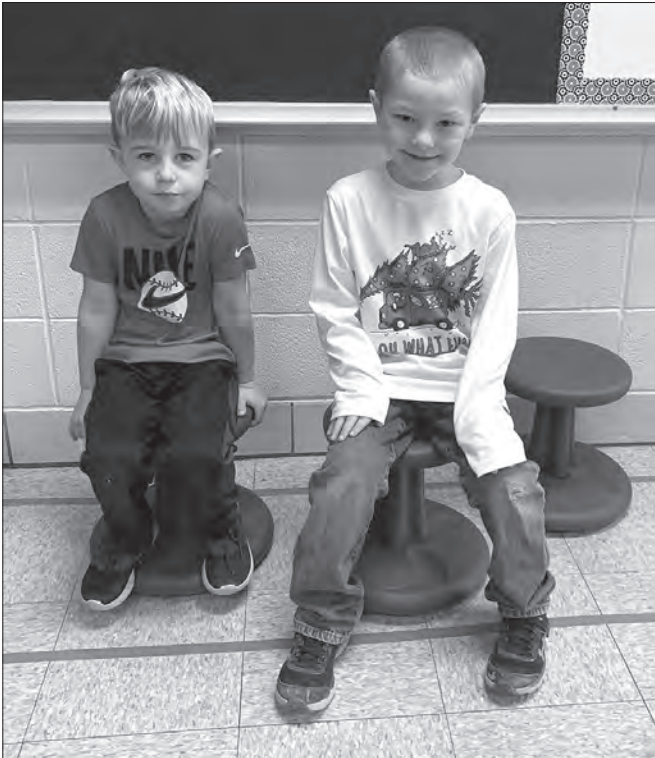
Previous Trivia Night benefits Cassville R-IV students

The 10th annual Trivia Night will be held on Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Cassville High School commons with all proceeds supporting the Cassville Education Fund.

The Cassville Education Fund is a permanent endowment supporting educational programs at Cassville Schools. Since its inception 10 years ago, the

fund has granted more than \$21,000 in academic grants. A dedicated group of volunteers has raised more than \$92,000 for the endowment fund. Their efforts, and donations of all amounts from local residents (including Trivia Night and Wildcat Wednesday participants), make the academic grants possible.

Last year, grants were



Zane Whittington and Kiptyn Johnson demonstrate Brain Gym core-building stools in the Kinder Academy. The stools were purchased by teachers Julie Brewer and Michelle Ramaeker last year with a grant from the Cassville Education Fund.



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2020 Presidential Primary election information for Tues., March 10

SAMPLE BALLOT
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION
MARCH 10, 2020
BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

NOTICE OF ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that the Presidential Preference Primary Election will be held in the County of Barry on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 as certified to this office by the participating entities of Barry County. The ballot for the Election shall be in substantially the following form.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

FOR UNITED STATES PRESIDENT
Vote For One

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☐ BOB ELY

☐ BILL WELD

☐ JOE WALSH

☐ MATTHEW JOHN MATERN

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☐ MARIANNE WILLIAMSON

☐ MICHAEL BENNET

☐ MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

☐ STEVE BURKE

☐ ROBBY WELLS

☐ WILLIAM C. (BILL) HAAS

☐ (UNCOMMITTED)

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

FOR UNITED STATES PRESIDENT
Vote For One

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☐ (UNCOMMITTED)

GREEN PARTY

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Vote For One

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☐ DARIO HUNTER

☐ DAVID ROLDE

☐ (UNCOMMITTED)

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FOR UNITED STATES PRESIDENT
Vote For One

☐ DON J. GRUNDMANN

☐ DON BLANKENSHIP

☐ (UNCOMMITTED)



The Barry County Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, March 7, 2020, for absentee voting for the Presidential Preference Election from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Absentee voting in person continues through Monday, March 9, 2020, at the Barry County Clerk's Office in Cassville from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You must present one form of identification to vote. For example, a Driver's License or Voter Registration Card.

If you have moved and have an address change, you need to contact their office or come into the clerk's office and have your information updated before election day. If you wait till election day, it will hold up the line.

Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. on election day.

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

Barry County delegate selection for Democratic Presidential Primary will be held in Cassville

The Barry County Democratic Committee will host a county-wide mass meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020, at the Barry County Courthouse, 700 Main Street, Cassville starting at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Primary voters will caucus to be elected as Presidential delegates to the Congressional District and State Democratic Conventions.

Barry County Democrats will elect delegates according to the results of the Presidential Preference Election on March 10. Voters are encouraged to participate in caucusing to select the delegates for their preferred candidate. These delegates will be responsible for selecting the Congressional Level and State Level Presidential Electors that will cast their vote for President Nominee at the 2020 Democratic National Convention (DNC).

Participation is open to anyone who is registered to vote in Barry County and who participates in the March 10th Presidential Preference Primary Election. For those interested in becoming DNC Electors, participation in the Democratic 29th Congressional District Convention (April 30th in Springfield) and the Missouri Democratic State Convention (June 20th in Kansas City) is required as well.

"This is an exciting and tense year. I am hopeful that we will have positive energy based on the excellent Democratic candidates running this year. As a newcomer, I want to provide an open and accessible meeting for individuals wishing to actively participate," said Maella Blalock, Chairperson of the Barry County Democratic Committee.

The meeting will be ADA compliant. You can learn more about becoming a Missouri Democratic Delegate or the Barry County Democratic Committee at: <https://missouridemocrats.org/2020-2/>

Missouri Democratic Party Delegate Selection Website

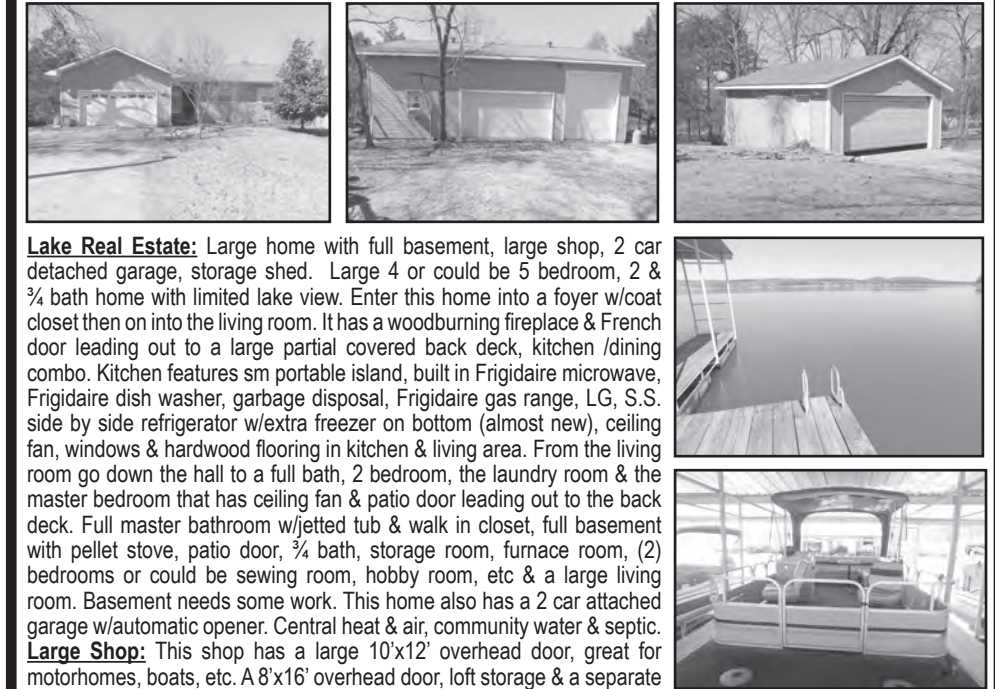
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Samir Masri named to Fall 2019 Dean's List

Samir Masri, of Monett, was one of nearly 500 University of Dallas undergraduate students named to the fall 2019 Dean's List for earning a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. Masri is an undeclared major.

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Purdy Eagles claim District Championship

Lee Stubblefield

The Purdy Eagles continued their improbable postseason run on Friday, edging top-seeded Thomas Jefferson in the Class 2 District 12 championship game, 47-45. The Purdy win punctuated an exciting week of basketball at Webb City's Cardinal Dome.

Class 2 District 12 Jasper Lady Eagles 59, Purdy Lady Eagles 49

After blowing a double digit lead and trailing late by 45-40, the Jasper Lady Eagles finished with a 19-4 run to defeat the Purdy Lady Eagles, 59-49, in a Class 2 District 12 semifinal at Webb City on Wednesday. Kristy Holliday led Jasper with 24 points. Kinsley Mattingley topped Wheaton scorers with 13.

College Heights Lady Cougars 62, Verona Lady Wildcats 24

The College Heights Lady Cougars beat Verona in the other girls semifinal, 62-24. Grace Bishop scored 25 for College Heights and Klohe Burk added 21.

Thomas Jefferson 68, Wheaton 56

On the boys side, Thomas Jefferson downed Wheaton, 68-56.

The Cavaliers doubled up the Bulldogs in the first half, 42-21. Wheaton opened the third quarter with an 8-0 burst, but TJ regained control and led 51-35 at the final break.

Wheaton had a late surge to pull within 63-56 on a Kelton Park trey, but TJ held on to take the victory.

Thomas Jefferson's Dylan Dean-Heck led all scorers with 19. Jack Mitchell scored 17 to lead Wheaton.

Purdy 49, College Heights 42

The College Heights Cougars stormed to a 15-9 lead in the first quarter. Purdy struggled to score, and Osiel Aldava picked up two fouls in that quarter.

But the Eagles came alive in the second stanza, raining threes to take a 27-22 lead. The Cougars scored the final four points of the half, but Purdy still held a 27-26 advantage thanks to 6-of-8 shooting from three-

point range.

In the third quarter, Purdy pulled away from a cold shooting College Heights team. The Eagles led 42-30 after three quarters, with 8 treys to their credit versus none for the Cougars.

In the final quarter, the College Heights pressure gave the Cougars a chance. Purdy could not convert free throws, and a spate of turnovers led to the Cougars pulling within 45-40 at the 1:20 mark.

Then, Purdy's Jacob Brown buried free throws for a 47-40 lead with 38 seconds left, and Aldava added two more in the final 15 seconds to secure the 49-42 victory for Purdy.

Aldava led all scorers with 18. Conner Burton paced College Heights with 11.

With the win, the Eagles advanced to the district title game against Thomas Jefferson on Friday.

Purdy 47, Thomas Jefferson 45

In that title tilt, Purdy stormed to an early 9-2 lead, led 30-18 at one point, and then held on for a

McCrackin leads Lady Wildcats to win in district opener

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Lady Wildcats rode a 27-point performance from Madry McCrackin to a 45-43 upset of Neosho in Class 4 District 12 play at Monett on Saturday.

Every quarter break saw a lead change. Cassville led 12-7 at the first break, but Neosho rolled through an 11-4 second quarter to claim an 18-16 halftime lead. McCrackin put Cassville up 29-27 at the final break. Neosho held a 41-40 lead and had late chances to tie or lead, but Cassville held on at the buzzer.

In a foul-filled contest, both teams had chances to put the game away at the free throw line. The Lady Wildcats made only 17 of 26 free throws. The Neosho girls made only 15 of 27.

Back in December, Neosho defeated Cassville, 42-35, in a battle of the Wildcats. But this district quarterfinal saw a different result.

Cassville improved to 10-16 and advanced to a Tuesday semifinal against undefeated and top-seeded Carl Junction.

Carl Junction 55, Cassville 51

The Carl Junction Bulldogs handed Cassville a 55-51 loss in the Class 4 District 12 quarterfinals at Monett on Saturday.

CJ held a slim 8-6 lead after one quarter but then rolled to a 25-17 halftime lead. The Wildcats whittled away at the lead, and cut the deficit to 2 on a DJ White layup in the final minute. But CJ converted clutch free throws to claim the 55-51 win.

With a brutal regular season schedule, CJ entered district play with a deceiving 5-10 record. With 6 wins under their belts, the Bulldogs advanced to a Tuesday semifinal against Neosho.

Cassville finished the season at 9-17.

CJ's Alan Dixon led all scorers with 18. Carson Roller scored 15 for Cassville.

2020 Southwest yearbooks on sale now

The 2020 Southwest yearbooks are on sale now. The cost is \$25 and the deadline to order is May 31.

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With Opening Day behind everyone, people will get to enjoy catch-and-keep rainbow trout season until October 31 of this year. For information about when the park is open to fishing, call the Park Store at (417) 847-4971.



Jeff Greer, of Grove, Okla., brought in the biggest catch of the day weighing in at 9.10 pounds.



Eric Still shows his son, Jace Still, of Rocky Comfort, the family trout fishing tradition on Opening Day.

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Shannon Alys Mitchell was among more than 300 graduates honored at the Central Methodist University Winter Commencement.

Students from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) and the College of Graduate and Extended Studies were recognized at the December 7 event.

Mitchell, of Seligman, graduated with a Bachelor of Science Education degree in Middle School Science

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