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ODET, Barry County Sheriff's Office make eight arrests

Charlea Estes-Jones

The Ozark Drug Enforcement Team (ODET), in partnership with the Barry County Sheriff's Department, made eight arrests last week while serving three different warrants at Seligman addresses, according to a press release by ODET commander Chad Allison.

The first warrant, served at 29436 Main Street, yielded four arrests: Donald Pratt, 56, of Seligman, Jonathan Robins, 31, of Seligman, Scottie Daniels, Seligman, and Michael Sharp. When officers went into the residence on March 7, they located four grams of methamphetamine in separate baggies along with digital scales, used syringes and drug paraphernalia.

In Pratt's room, officers also found numerous schedule four prescription narcotics in baggies and a container with the label torn off, according to affidavits of probable cause. Robins was at the kitchen table where officers observed a loaded syringe and numerous dirty baggies. Robins also had \$597 in cash and small ziplock baggies around it, according to the report.

Daniels had 3.7 grams of methamphetamine on his person in baggies, according to officers.

Pratt is charged with felony delivery of a controlled substance and misdemeanor unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Robins is charged with felony delivery of a controlled substance and misdemeanor unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Daniels is charged with felony delivery of a controlled substance. Daniels also had an active warrant out of Arkansas for parole violation. A fourth suspect in the residence, Michael Sharp, was arrested for multiple Barry County warrants, according to the press release.

The second warrant was served at 30778 State Highway 37 in Seligman, also on March 7. Officers located the suspect, Ivan Andrew Grant, 46, of Monett, coming out of a bedroom in the residence. Inside, detectives reported they found methamphetamine, prescription narcotics and a backpack containing prescription narcotics and a Stoger 357 Mag loaded with six rounds. Allison stated another person, Patricia Anderson, was also arrested for alleged drug activity. No charges have been filed against her at this time.

Grant is charged with felony possession of a controlled substance and felony unlawful possession of a weapon - possession of a firearm and felony controlled substance.

The third warrant was served at 28290 Hickory Street in Seligman. Officers arrested two people at the residence for alleged drug charges and felony warrants. Tonya Elders was arrested for drug charges and a felony warrant for drug charges in Arkansas, according to commander Allison. Joshua Clinton was arrested for drug charges, felony warrants from Newton

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Washburn Police Dept. gets new vehicle



The City of Washburn was presented a plaque in honor of the city's new police Ford Explorer, made possible by a USDA community facilities grant. Pictured above with the plaque and vehicle, from left to right: Emily Arnett, city clerk; Suzanne Murphy, USDA Rural Development; John Tiedeman, mayor; and David Stokely, Senator Clair McCaskill's office.

Charlea Estes-Jones

With the aid of a USDA grant, the City of Washburn has a brand new police vehicle for their department. Representatives from the USDA Rural Development and Senator Claire McCaskill's office were present on Tuesday morning, March 13, to present the city with a plaque in commemoration of the partnership.

Washburn mayor John Tiedeman said, "We have a lot of elderly people in our community, and the median income doesn't get us a lot of funds to make a purchase like this."

The USDA community

facility grant paid \$18,750 toward the new vehicle, a 2017 Ford Explorer police interceptor. The city had to contribute about \$9,000 in matching funds.

Washburn initially went through the grant process in 2016, and it was approved in 2017. Tiedeman said, "It took awhile to get it, but it was worth it."

During the plaque presentation, USDA Rural Devleopment area director Mark Hultgren said, "The main reason we're here today is to celebrate the city getting this vehicle. The last car for the police here wasn't the most reliable, and we want to get the rural

communities what they need."

The vehicle Hultgren was referring to was the police department's previous car, a 2007 Crown Victoria.

Hulgren continued, "There's been a lot of partnerships and working together to get this done." Both the city and the USDA office had employee changes during the process, meaning new people had to get acquainted with the application to ensure it was finished and approved.

David Stokely, representing Senator Claire McCaskill, was also present during the plaque pre-

sentation. He emphasized the senator's enthusiasm for grants like this that help rural Missourians. He said, "We like to see federal funds coming back to rural Missouri. For towns like Washburn, this is a big deal."

The city purchased the vehicle from Les Jacob's Ford in Cassville. Les Jacobs was one of two bids received. Tiedeman said they had the vehicle outfitted with police appropriate upgrades locally.

The Washburn Police Department is comprised of chief Terry Meek and officer Randy Kalbaugh.

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Couple focuses on kindness at Haven of the Ozarks

An Oregon couple traveling to all 50 states to do acts of kindness makes a stop at Haven of the Ozarks.

Fatal W wreck claims driver

A Wheaton woman was killed after crossing the center line on Route W and hitting another vehicle head-on last night.

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Toiletry pantry starts locally

A new toiletry pantry stated at Community Faith Chapel last week. Local people in need of hygiene products can participate on Wednesday evenings. 10/

Motorcycle driver airlifted

A Joplin man was airlifted after losing control of his motorcycle on loose gravel outside of Cape Fair.

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CHS Knowledge Bowl team named trivia champs

Charlea Estes-Jones

Trivia Night last Friday was a nail-biter to the very end with the Cassville High School Knowledge Bowl team, known as the Fighting Trout, as champions. Trivia Night, which benefits the Cassville Education Fund, drew ten teams and raised \$1,600 for the non-profit fund that provides grants to Cassville teachers for special programs.

Once all of the punches were made, the Fighting Trout, a group of high schoolers, beat out last year's champs, The Newsies, a team of seasoned journalists from the Barry County Advertiser and Cassville Democrat. (But don't worry, we're not bitter. Ends up our old joints aren't made for those bonus point rounds.) The Fighting Trout came out on top with 51 points between trivia and bonus point minute-to-winit rounds of fun games. The Newsies came in second and took home the Smarty Pants award with 48 points of trivia-only answers.

The final winning team was Team Pi, a group of optimistic Cassville Middle Schoolers who earned the Dum-Dum Award for the least points of the night. There were rumors that Team Pi threw the match for the jar full of suckers awarded at the end of evening, a strategy seriously considered by The Newsies at the beginning of the night.

Each year, the Cassville Education Fund hosts the event of four trivia rounds and three game rounds. The trivia questions vary with categories of geography, pop culture, history, literature, sports and more. The in-between rounds feature games of skill, like getting a cookie from your forehead to your mouth, moving across the floor on a carpet square using only your feet and fishing out the marshmallows out of Lucky Charms using a spoon on your mouth and no hands. Bonus points for the minute-to-win-it rounds range are 5 points for first, 3 points for second and 1 point for first.

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Child seriously hurt in Cassville ATV crash

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A nine year old child was seriously injured and had to be lifeflighted on Friday afternoon. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, the child was a passenger on an ATV that ran a stop sign and hit a dog, ejecting both the child and driver.

The report states that Shawn M. Hall, 27, of Cassville, was driving a 2008 Yamaha ATV with the nine



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Joplin man airlifted after motorcycle crash

year old boy* as a passenger.

Hall ran a stop sign on Farm

Road 2180 three miles east of

Cassville around 3:10 p.m. on

Friday, March 9, and hit a dog.

The ATV ejected both Hall

and the child, causing injures

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for serious injuries. Hall was

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Charlea Estes-Iones

A Joplin man was seriously injured in a motorcycle crash six and a half miles west of Cape Fair on Saturday afternoon. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, the driver lost control on loose gravel and overturned.

John D. Cruzan, 53, of Joplin, was driving a 2009 Kawasaki motorcycle westbound on Missouri 76 on Saturday, March 10. Cru-

zan lost control of the motorcycle around 4:30 p.m. and overturned.

Cruzan was seriously injured and airlifted to Mercy Hospital in Springfield for serious injuries. He was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

The motorcycle sustained moderate damage and was towed from the scene by Table Rock Auto Clinic.

\$2K in stolen jewelry results in charges

Charlea Estes-Jones

A Wheaton woman was arrested and charged after allegedly stealing \$2,000 worth of jewelry from a woman who was trying to help her, according to affidavits of probable cause. Alixandrea Corie Eisenbraun, 25, of Wheaton, was charged with felony stealing \$750 or

According to the affidavits of probable cause by

Wheaton officer Casey Baker, the officers were called to a residence on McQueen in Wheaton. The victim stated she had let Eisenbraun in her home to help her get her electric turned on in her home on March 6. Before they left, Eisenbraun allegedly asked to use the restroom.

The pair then left, and the victim locked her home.

When the victim returned home, she noticed she had multiple pieces of jewelry missing, including earrings, rings and necklaces. The total of the jewelry that was missing was around \$2,000.

Eisenbraun is currently being held in the Barry County Jail in lieu of a \$15,000 bond. Charges also include a third degree assault charge from January and a driving related offense.

Counterfeit bill results in arrest

Charlea Estes-Jones

The Barry County Sheriff's Department recently charged a Viola man with passing a counterfeit \$100 bill. According to affidavits of probable cause, Christopher J. Larson, 51, used the counterfeit bill at the Rapid Roberts in Shell

The report states that Larson went to the convenience store to get \$20 in fuel and a pack of cigarettes. Larson paid with a \$100 which proved to be counterfeit.

Larson is charged with felony forgery. He is currently being held in the Barry County Jail in lieu of a \$10,000 bond.

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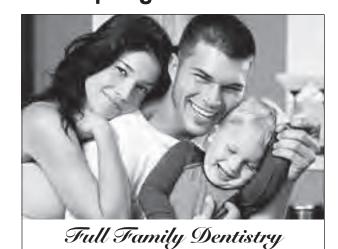


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Notice:

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

<u>Tax Preparation for Seniors</u> will be done on Monday mornings only at Central Crossing Senior Center. Please call for an appointment at 417-858-6952.

Central Crossing Senior Center will host an Alzheimer's/Dementia support group every third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.

OACAC Head Start is now accepting applications for enrollment beginning in September. For more information, visit www.oac.ac or call the local Head Start, 417-847-8011, or the central office toll free, 1-866-282-3430.

March 14th

Cassville Senior Center will host a paint class at 9:00 a.m., and live music by the Shell Knob Strings at 11:00 a.m. Call 417-847-4510 for more information.

Golden Baptist Church single moms support group will meet March 14 at 6 p.m. For information, call 417-271-3605.

March 15th

Seligman Food Pantry will be open Thursday, March 15, from 2:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m. at Seligman Community Center. Bring proof of Seligman address.

March 16th

Music will be held at Clio Community Building March 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Stella Senior Center will host a St. Patrick's themed dinner and dance on Friday evening, March 16. A buffet of Irish good food will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dancing and music by "The McDonald County Playboys" starts at 7:00 p.m.

March 17th

Seligman Chamber will host a dance Saturday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. For information, call 417-662-3612.

March 18th

Free Meal at the Seligman Community Center will be March 18 at 2 p.m. Clothing and produce available.

Free Upwards Basketball Clinic will be held at the Washburn First Baptist Church Activity Center, 618 North 2nd St., Washburn, Sunday, March 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for K5-8th grade. Donations are welcome. Call 417-342-2806 to

March 19th

Blood Drive at Southwest High is being sponsored by the Southwest Student Council in conjunction with Community Blood Center of the Ozarks at the gym in Washburn Monday, March 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is open to the public and participants will receive a T-shirt. Call 417-826-5413 for more information.

The Barry County Genealogical & Historical Society will meet Monday, March 19, 7:00 p.m., at the Barry County Museum in Cassville.

March 21st

Wheaton R-III Kindergarten Screening is being held March 21 and 22 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. For information, call 652-7240 ext. 125 or text 417-236-3665.

Golden Baptist Church single moms support group will meet March 21 at 6 p.m. For information, call 417-271-3605.

March 22nd

The Pierce City Senior Center is hosting a dance with The Fun Timers Band on Thursday, March 22, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$3. Finger foods are welcome. Call 417-476-5800 or 417-737-4900 for more information.

March 23rd

Concert and Meal featuring Flying Buzzards will be March 23 at 6:30 at the Southwest High School Commons area. This event is sponsored by Southwest FFA Alumni/ Boosters. Cover charge is \$2 or \$5 for meal including taco salad, dessert and drinks.

March 24th

Eagle Rock Library will host its annual Easter egg hunt on March 24 at 11 a.m.

Leann Cemetery Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 a.m. Rain date is March 31. For more information, call Ruby at 417-574-6323.

Singing will be hosted at the McDowell School House Saturday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 417-461-4697.

Eagle Rock Fire House Breakfast will be from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 24.

March 27th

Barry County Republican Club will be meeting March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Angus Branch restaurant in Monett.

April 2nd

Monett Park Casino will host a dance Monday, April 2, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. with Evelyn Lock and the Outriders band. Please bring a snack to share.

April 6th

Cassville Pre-School Screening will be April 6 and April 13. For information, call 417-847-2445.

School Menus: March 19- March 23

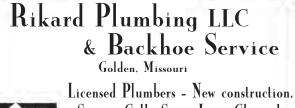
All meals served with milk. All meals are subject to change

Southwest: Mon: B: mini pancakes, syrup, peaches or cereal, juice. L: Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, peaches or salad/fruit bar. Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, grape jelly, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: General chicken, rice, cauliflower, broccoli, pineappple, fortune cookie or salad/fruit bar. Wed: French toast sticks, strawberries or cereal, juice. L: pepperoni pizza, corn, peaches, chocolate chip cookie or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: pancake on a stick, orange wedges or cereal, juice. L: popcorn chicken. green beans, pears, ice cream cup or salad/fruit. Fri: B: hot ham and hashbrown sandwich, ketchup, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: hamburger, dill pickles, baby carrots, ranch cup (lite), apple slices with caramel or salad/fruit bar.

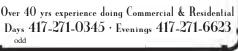
Exeter: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy, sausage link, peaches or cereal, biscuit, peaches. L: burrito w/ cheese, pinto beans, corn, fruit. Tues: B: muffin, yogurt, orange or cereal, Pop Tart, orange. L: chicken tetrazzini, yellow squash, breadstick, fruit. Wed: B: cereal, toast, fruit juice. L: mini tacos, salsa, pinto beans, corn, fruit. Thurs: B: mini pancakes, fruit or cereal, toast, fruit. L: chicken patty, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit. Fri: B: oatmeal, toast, banana or cereal, Vertical bar, banana. L: cheese pizza, salad, baby carrots, Sidekick.

Cassville Prime, Int., Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, cinnamon toast, apple. L: chicken sandwich or fish sticks, nacho chips, nacho cheese, mixed vegetables, juice. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or





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Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, hashbrown, toast, tropical fruit or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: Philly steak, cheese, corn, bbq chips, juice or pizza meal or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, yogurt cups, blueberries. L: chicken sandwich, Sun Chips, veggie mix, baked beans, fruit cocktail or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Wed: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, pineapple chunks or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: soft taco, salad, refried beans, applesauce or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or French toast, sausage patty, peaches or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple. L: chicken Alfredo, cheese stick, salad, green beans, pineapple or cheese burger meal or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or blueberry muffin, blueberries or cereal, graham crackers, yogurt cup, strawberries. L: popcorn chicken, potatoes, gravy, corn, breadstick, juice or pizza meal or salad meal.

Purdy: Mon: B: waffle stix, syrup, cereal, toast, fresh fruit. L: chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, fruit. Tues: B: pancakes, syrup, cereal, yogurt, fresh fruit. L: burrito, pinto beans, salsa, fruit. Wed: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: pepperoni pizza, Romaine salad/tomato, ranch, carrots, fruit. Thurs: B: skillet omelet, ww toast, cereal, strawberry cup. L: cheese quesadilla, salsa, corn, fruit. Fri: B: yogurt, cereal, ww toast, fruit. L: sub sandwich, potato chips, broccoli, carrots, fruit.



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CHARLES COOK, JR.

Charles Cook, Jr., passed away January 8, 2018, at the Life Enhancement Center in Nixa.

Mr. Cook was born February 16, 1969, to Charles (Gene) Cook, Sr., and Hazel Pearson Cook, who preceded him in death. Charles graduated from Exeter High School in 1987.

Survivors include: his sister, Dusta Cook, of Branson; his aunt, Betty Grabber, of Springfield; his aunt and uncle, Ronnie and Deanna, of Brighten; and many, many cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Charles on Saturday, March 24, 2018, fron 12-4 p.m. at the Crowder College Community Building in Cassville, with a meal following.



ANNABELLE MAE **ALBERTIN**

Annabelle Mae Albertin, age 87, of Goshen, Arkansas, passed away Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at Willard Walker Hospice Home in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

She was born March 23, 1930, at Chillicothe, the daughter of William Edward and Jennie Doty (Graham) Cox. On December 31, 1948, in De Soto, Kansas, she was united in marriage to Lale Albertin, who preceded her in death on January 28, 2008. Also preceding her in death were her parents, two brothers and one sister.

Surviving are one son, Dennis Albertin and his wife, Samantha, of Fayetteville, Arkansas; three daughters, Janette Sue O'Connell and her husband, William, of Eustis, Florida, Jennie Lee Matlock and her husband, Wes, of Goshen, Arkansas, and Diane Kelley and her husband, Jonathan, of Kansas City, Kansas; fourteen grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Annabelle graduated from Northeast Senior High School in Kansas City. She had been employed as a bank teller, worked for South Western Bell Telephone Company, in a doctor's office, a nursing home, R & O, Army Corp of Engineers and Johnson County DMV. In 1997, she and her husband moved to Goshen, Arkansas, to make their home. She was a member of

DAR in Olathe, Kansas, and the Mayflower Society. Some of her favorite pastimes were

crafting and collecting dolls. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 12, 2018, at Edgewood Cemetery in Chillicothe under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Willard Walker Hospice Home in memory of An-

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BARBARA DIANE COWAN

Barbara Diane Cowan, age 64, of Cassville, passed away Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas.

She was born December 28, 1953, in Denison, Texas, the daughter of William Archie and Norma Jean (Fricks) Curtis. On March 24, 1972, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Barbara was united in marriage to Ronny Cowan, who

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survives. Also surviving are three daughters, Hayley Fraser and her husband Rvan and their son, Macauley Fraser, of Springfield, Lindsay Johns. of Springfield, and Lane Teel and her husband, Derek, of Kansas City, Kansas; three sisters, Phyllis Fryar and her husband, Gene Allen, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Debbie James and her husband, Jerry, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Karen Stark and her husband, Monty, of Tallahassee, Florida; one niece; and ten nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Barbara grew up in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where she was a member of the West Side Church of Christ. She attended Longfellow Elementary and West Junior High and graduated from Muskogee High School in 1972. In 1984, she and Ronny moved their family to Cassville where Barbara worked as a secretary in the counselors' office at Cassville High

School and later in the Eunice Thomas Elementary office. In 2002, she and Ronny moved to Rogers, Arkansas, where for many years Barbara helped Ronny run Green Valley Bible Camp. In 2012, Ronny and Barbara returned to Cassville, the place that had always felt like home to them. Barbara was always genuinely interested in other people, and no matter where she lived or where she was, she made people feel comfortable and welcome and special. Barbara was a member of Mill Street Church of Christ in Cassville and loved her church family and her Ladies Bible Class. Barbara enjoyed camping and canoeing with her sister, Debbie, and was a member of Sisters on the Fly. She also enjoyed reading and learning more about her family's genealogy. Barbara and Ronny loved to go on drives and "adventures" together. She was a member of the Barry County Master Gardeners and the Barry

County Historical Society. Her family was her greatest joy in life. She and Ronny spent 46 happy years together and raised their three girls, and Barbara so enjoyed being part of the lives each of them had made for themselves. She especially delighted in spending time with her grandson, Macauley.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 12, 2018, at Mill Street Church of Christ in Cassville, under the direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Ken West conducted the services. Burial was at Horner Cemetery in Cassville.

Contributions may made to Barry County Master Gardeners in memory of Barbara.

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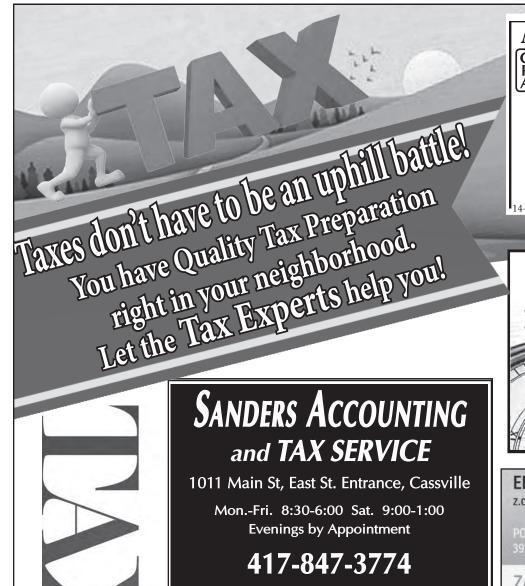












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CHARLOTTE MEASEL ADKINS

Charlotte Measel Adkins died Sunday morning, March 11, 2018, at her home. She was born Charlotte Floretta Sparkman to Oren Matt Sparkman and Vivian Black Sparkman on May 8, 1928, in Washburn. She was preceded in death by her parents; sons, Matthew Scott Measel and Charles Mikel Measel; and spouses, Charles Adkins and Homer Presnall.

She is survived by her sons, Mark Sparkman Mea-

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sel and Jeffrey Todd Measel; former husband and friend, Charles Harold Measel; daughters-in-law, Sherry Measel, Leslie Measel and Autumn Eggers; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many more family members and friends.

Charlotte attended the University of Arkansas where she received her Bachelor and Master degrees. She taught at several schools in the Cassville area in the 1960s. She also taught in Tennessee and Little Rock schools and retired as a middle school principal.

There will be no services held. A celebration of her life will be scheduled soon. Memorials may be made to the ALS Association.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, (501)224-2200. Charlotte's online guestbook may be signed at www.littlerockfuneralhome.com.



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JESSE HOWARD COOPER

Jesse Howard Cooper, 92, was born Dec. 28, 1925, in Walnut Grove, Miss., and died March 9, 2018, in Monett.

He is survived by his wife, Rose; a son, Jesse Daniel Cooper; a daughter, Pricilla Ann Jackson; several stepchildren; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nellie; longtime friend, Mary Adams; Funeral Home.

and daughter, Sandra Ruth Cooper-Vann.

Jesse served in the Navy from 1942 to 1946. He moved to Denver, Colo., where he worked as a mechanic welder for several companies. He retired in 1985 and moved to Purdy, where he took up the hobby of restoring Model A cars. He was a member of the Fairview and Springfield car clubs.

Services were held today, Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at Buchanan Reverend Jimmie Copley of-

Funeral Home in Monett. ficiated. Mr. Cooper will be laid to rest with Nellie in Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colo. Memorials may be given to the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks, payable to VHSO or the charity of the giver's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan









GAYLON HENDERSON

Gaylon Henderson, 83, of Monett, passed away on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Lacoba Nursing Home in Monett, following a lengthy

Gaylon was born on June 15, 1934, in Barry County, son of the late Aubrey and Mildred (Boyd) Henderson. Growing up in Purdy, Gaygraduated from Purdy High School with the class of 1952. He then furthered his education at Drury University. Gaylon served his country honorably as a United States Marine during the Korean War. During his working years, Gaylon provided for his family as a heavy equipment operator. He then began his career with the Missouri Division of Employment Security. He later worked as a postman for the Monett Post Office, retiring in 1996 after 24 years of service. Following his retirement, Gaylon served the Purdy School District for four years as an AmeriCorps Reading Coach.

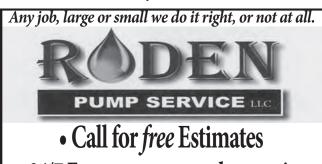
Throughout his earthly journey, Gaylon strived to always serve the Lord. He was a member and deacon of the Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church. Gaylon enjoyed many things in life including playing dominoes, watching and feeding birds, and was an avid water color artist.

On June 27, 1954, Gay-

lon married Sue Davis at Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church. To this union, three children were born. Gavlon is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sue, of the home; one son, Danny Henderson and wife, Denise, of Monett; two daughters, Gayla Sue Neill and husband, Rick, of Branson, and Susan Funkhouser and husband, Brandon, of Monett; three grandchildren, Jeremy Henderson, Derek Neill and Dusty Sue Neill; five great-grandchildren, Brennan, Hannah, Samuel, Micah and Jadon; his uncle, Morris Henderson and wife, Rena, of Monett; his close niece, Colleen Kaiser and husband, Duane, of Monett; and a host of beloved extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Aubrey and Mildred; his stepmother, Shirley Ruth Henderson; his brothers, Max and Kenneth Henderson; and his sister, Beverly Henderson.

Funeral services for Mr. Henderson were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018, at Buchanan Funeral Home with Reverend Lee Neill officiating. Interment was in the Bethel Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church Women's Auxiliary or to Bethel Cemetery. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of the Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



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DEBORAH LUCILLE RUSSELL

Deborah Lucille Russell, age 56, of Fairview, passed away Sunday, March 11, 2018, at her home.

She was born March 26, 1961, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the daughter of Dewey and Callie (Sumner) Lucas, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were one daughter, Miranda Lucas; three brothers, James Haney, Stanley Haney and LeRoy Lucas; and two sisters, Sue Haney and Thelma Neal.

Surviving are three sons, Danny Brown, of Ft. Worth, Texas, Donnie Lucas and his wife. Trisha, of Goodland. Kansas, and Todd Brown and his wife, Chelsea, of Fairview; one daughter, Michelle Vick and her husband, Robert, of Fairview; three

brothers, Lawrence Haney and his wife, Mary Lee, of Shepherdsville, Kentucky, Mitchell Lucas, of Erlanger, Kentucky, and Johnny Haney and his wife, Judy, of Covington, Kentucky; four sisters, Joanna Russell and her husband, John, of Santaquin, Utah, Wanda Milford and her husband, Roger, of West Chester, Ohio, Mildred Jones, of Dayton, Kentucky, and Ilene Evans, of Covington, Kentucky; eighteen grandchildren, Raylee and Jamie Jo Lucas, Kelly and Kimmy Archer, Dillin, Dewey, Miranda, Charity, Sam and Brynli Vick, Destiny, Madison, Deserhea, and Avah Brown, Chasity Thompson and Adrian, Haley and Samuel Brown; and one great-grandson, Conner Parker.

Deborah grew up and received her education in Kentucky. She resided in Kentucky several years before moving to Missouri twenty years ago. Before moving to Fairview, Deborah lived in Wheaton. One of her favorite pastimes was playing bingo at Indigo Sky Casino.

Memorial services will be held at 8:00 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2018, at Hammons Center in Fairview. Crema-

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RALPH BURTON **DAVIS**

Ralph Burton Davis, 83, of Springfield (formerly of Monett), passed away Friday, March 9, 2018, at Cox South Hospital after a short illness.

Ralph was born in Raritan Township, New Jersey. He was the only child of Ralph William and Genevieve (Cornelius) Davis. At age 10, his family relocated to Niles, Ohio. Ralph was baptized in

the First United Methodist Church of Niles. Ralph attended Niles McKinley High School, class of '53, where he met and married Connie Lee (Radcliff) Davis. He left to enlist in the Navy where he obtained his diploma and served as a Corpsman during the Korean War.

Ralph loved Southern California so much that he relocated his family to Burbank, California, in 1964. He worked in the grocery business, retiring from Retail Clerks Local 770. Ralph and his wife, Connie, purchased a 7-11 Store in Northeast Los Angeles, California, and after selling that became sole proprietors of Ralph's County Store in the same area. Connie preceded him in death in 1999.

Ralph relocated to Monett in 2007 where he met and married Phyllis (Kemp) Davis. She preceded him in death 2010. Ralph attended Monett First United Methodist Church. Ralph was a sports fanatic, he loved watching them all. Golf and horse racing were his favorites.

Ralph is survived by

his son, Ralph William Davis and his wife, D'arcy, of Montgomery, Texas, and his daughter, Lynn Rae Scott Purdy.

Ralph had three grandchildren and two great-granddaughters: grandson, Jeremy Davis, his wife, Mckay, and their daughter, Zelda Rey, of Republic; his granddaughter, Kymberly Davis and her daughter, Reeseley Rynn, of

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; and grandson, Chason Davis, of Conroe, Texas.

Ralph was cremated and and her husband, Chuck, of there will be no services per his request. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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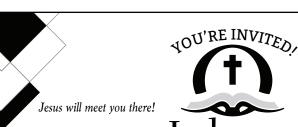
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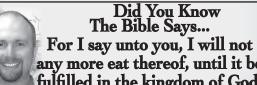
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Holman named in Big-8 Scholar Bowl



Pictured above, from left to right: Mr. Doug Martin, CHS Activities and Athletic Director; Holman; and Mr. Jeff Swadley, CHS principal. Sam is the son of Audy and Bettie Holman, of Cassville.

Cassville High School junior Sam Holman was named in the Big-8 All Conference for the Scholar Bowl. During the Conference competition, Holman was one of the top eight students as a high scoring individual who answered the most questions after all of the rounds were completed. He tied for fifth place.

Students are quizzed on a variety of questions like English, Science, Social Studies, Math, and Miscellaneous.

CHAPTER TWO OF EIGHT



KALL. A Polar Bear's Tale

AUTHOR: CAROLYN MUELLER | ILLUSTRATOR: JEREMY PATTON & JAYNE BALLEW

Chapter Two:

It was a cold day. The month of March offers no promise of budding trees or sprouting daffodils when you live high above the Arctic Circle. Not many people make their home there, but James had grown up in those parts and was used to the weather. Snow blanketed the ground, but the thin light of early spring allowed James better visibility to look for caribou and wolverine, anything he could hunt and bring back to his village.

James had been a hunter for most of his life. The Inupiat people of Point Lay, Alaska, on the coast of the Chukchi Sea,



rely on skilled subsistence hunters like James and others. Alaska Native People along the northwest coast of Alaska hunt marine mammals, birds, fish and other land animals to keep their families healthy. Commercial food, which can be purchased for a few dollars in the lower 48 states, is very expensive there: noodles he rolled it over. That's when he noticed can cost \$13, and red or green peppers as much as \$10 each. What the meat hunters bring back is vitally important to the villagers' survival.

That day in March, James and his friend drove their snowmobiles 40 miles outside of Point Lay. He would have been has a cub." happy to find any animal to bring back for his family and village, but a large animal, like a caribou, would be best.

And that's when he saw the polar bear.

Being an Alaska native, James was legally allowed to hunt marine mammals like polar bears. Of course, it was rare for him to take a bear. In his lifetime as a hunter, this bear would only be his ninth.

James did not take killing a polar bear lightly. These animals were respected and revered in Inupiat culture. But James was tasked with providing meat for his village, so he took what opportunities

Ask Zoo Keeper Julie

Where do mother polar bears sleep?

The mother bear excavates a small snow cave in a snowdrift just big enough for her to turn around in, and the snow will naturally close the entrance tunnel for her.

How long do polar bears nurse? Polar bear cubs will nurse for at least 20 months.

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that luck and nature presented to him. He shot the bear.

When the bear was down, James approached it. Once certain that it was dead, something different. The other eight bears that James had hunted had all been large, burly males with gigantic paws and teeth. This bear was a bit smaller, and on its stomach was a row of dark teats. This bear was a nursing sow. "Somewhere," he thought, "she

James was crushed. He had not realized that the bear was a female, especially a nursing mother. "We've got to find the den," James said to his hunting companion. lherés a cub out here, and it won't survive for long without her."

The two men set out through the bitter wind and spring sunlight, until they saw the opening of a polar bear den.

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LEGO Club celebrates Dr. Seuss, 5th year



The Eagle Rock Library and Eagle Rock LEGO Club recently celebrated two events in one. On Saturday, March 10, the groups celebrated the LEGO Club's fifth anniversary, as well as Dr. Seuss's birthday. Kids and parents attending the event got a special visit from the Cat in the Hat and got to complete a special "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" LEGO build, make a Lorax, have snacks and cake and more.

Pictured above, kids sang Happy Birthday to the Cat in the Hat in honor of Dr. Seuss.

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Couple on 50-state kindness journey lend a hand at Haven of the Ozarks

Charlea Estes-Jones

It isn't unusual to see volunteers around Haven of the Ozarks. Volunteers perform a lot of the animal sanctuary's daily operations. However, this week, a couple of the volunteers were newcomers with a different purpose, and their mission is being documented on their blog as they travel across the country.

John-Michael and Tara Elmore hail from Oregon, and as a new year's resolution, they decided to travel to all 50 states in their van, doing an act of kindness in each state as they go. The whole concept is laid out on their website the-MORElist.com, and their mission is to gain more valuable experiences, interactions with others and time while using less stuff along the way. One of those stops ended up being the local Haven of the Ozarks.

The first step to beginning their journey was procuring transportation that would suit their needs along the way. Tara said, "We bought an old Seattle Times delivery van, and we went to Indiana to visit family and customize the van."

After they made modifications to their van, they started their adventure in Florida. John-Michael explained, "We sort of built out plans on a matrix to catch optimal weather where we go. We started in Florida in January because it was the best weather."

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night means the outside temperature impacts the best places for them to go. Missouri is the eleventh state the Elmores have stopped in to do their good deeds. Up next: Arkansas and Tennessee.

The Elmores set out on their journey on January 4. However, this isn't the first unconventional trek they've

John-Michael said, "Several years ago, we tried to walk across America. We started out in New York, and got about a third of the way. We didn't finish, but we were shown so much kindness by so many people that we wanted to pass that along."

So as they travel, Tara emails different places in each state to ask about volunteering. Up to this point, they've helped at animal shelters, food pantries, farms, and more.

Haven's director Carolyn Fliger said she was excited to get the email and knew the Elmores would be able to help out around the sanctuary. She said, "They emailed me maybe

a month ago, and at that time, she said she emails five or six places and sees who could use their help. So we started a conversation and I said that we'd love to have them come help.

"I was super excited."

The Elmores rolled into Haven's parking lot on Monday, March 12, and stayed in their van that night. On Tuesday morning, they set out to help in whatever ways they

Fliger said, "We had a huge pile of metal that needed to be loaded up into a trailer so we could take it to be recycled, and so they did that for us." The couple loaded 2,980 pounds of metal and earned Haven \$171.35 to help daily operations. Later, they aided staff and volunteers with animal care.

'We want to return all of the kindness that was shown to us, but we also want to bring a little awareness through the small following on our blog," Tara shared.

John-Michael continued, "There are so any different

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Pictured above, John-Michael and Tara Elmore load scrap metal into a trailer for Haven of the Ozarks while volunteering this week.

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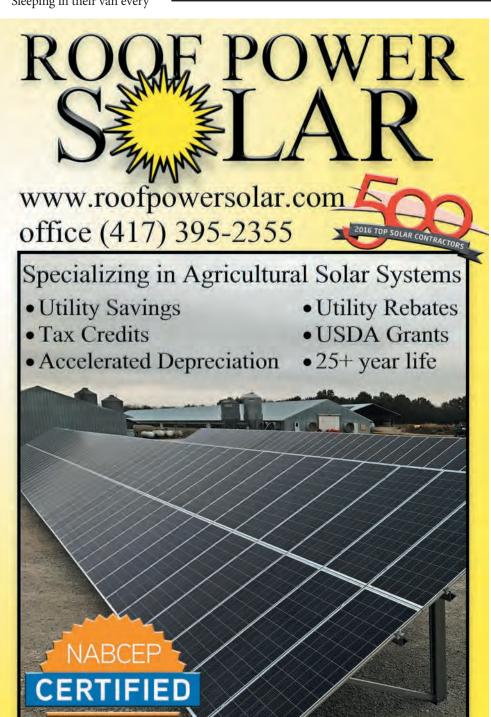
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New toiletry pantry offers help with hygiene products

Charlea Estes-Jones

A new toiletry pantry program has started at a local church and is helping munity Faith Chapel, and headed by church member

hygiene care. The toiletry pantry is held at the Com-

those in need with basic it's being run entirely by volunteers and donations.

The program is spear-

Stephanie Jacobson, who got the idea when she was working with people with mental illness. She shared,

"I worked for Burrell Behavioral Health in Stone County for six years, and I worked with individuals who had severe and persistent mental illnesses. Most of them were very low income, and toiletry items were some of the hardest

items for them to get. Their income usually paid for basic housing. Food could come from food stamps or a food pantry, but there was no program to buy those items for them. The assis-

tance for that was missing."

So last June, Jacobson began collecting donations and providing them for emergency situations for people in the community. It wasn't until last Wednesday that the idea came to fruition as a weekly program for those in need. The first weekly opportunity began on March 7, and the church will continue to hold the pantry each Wednesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to

Jacobson said, switched jobs back in May and wanted to do something to help my community and my area. That is just one area that I could reach out and help people with.

"Since I go to Community Faith, I brought it up and everyone was on board and thought it was a great outreach."

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The first Wednesday, they had three people come. Jacobson said, "We are really trying to get the word out. Our mission statement is the last part of Galatians 5:13, 'Serve one another humbly in love.' So that's what we are trying to do."

So far, Jacobson has provided information about the program to the Cassville Food Pantry, Division of Family Services, OACAC and the senior center.

When people come into the church on Wednesdays for the pantry, they are given a registration from. They fill out basic information and request what they need. The church then serves them a light meal and plays an educational or salvation-based video while they fill the person's request.

She said, "The only thing we ask for is a photo ID. We let the Lord lead us, so there are no income requirements; no hoops to jump through."

All of the items the pantry is providing are donated. Jacobson said they have received donations from their church members, other churches and individuals in the community.

Community Faith Chapel is located at 13372 State Highway 248 in Cassville at the corner of Highway 248 and 13th Street. For additional information, contact Jacobson at (417) 847-7654.

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Two motorcycles crash near Shell Knob

Charlea Estes-Iones

Two motorcycles crashed about four miles north of Shell Knob on Missouri 39 on Friday evening. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, one driver lost control of his motorcycle and the other driver struck the motorcycle after it crashed.

The report stated Jelani I. Miller, 19, of Miller, was driving a 2016 Yamaha R3 northbound on Missouri 39 when he lost control around 6:15 p.m. on Friday, March 9. Derek L. Garoutte, 18, of Verona, then crashed into the Yamaha with the 2015 Kawasaki RX that he was driving.

Miller was taken by ambulance to Cox South Hospital in Springfield for moderate injuries. Garoutte had no reported injuries at the time of the crash.

Both drivers were wearing helmets at the time of the crash. Both bikes sustained minor damage and were removed from the scene by family.

Roaring River State Park to host Birding Boot Camp

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Beginner and experienced birders alike are invited to Roaring River State Park on March 24 and 25 for an educational Birding Boot Camp.

Topics will include how to identify birds on sight as well as by their songs and nests. Participants will also learn about birds found in the park, how to attract birds to your home and how to help scientists around the world study and protect these invaluable natural resources. The event will begin at the park's Ozark Chinquapin Nature Center.

Roaring River State Park is located seven miles south of Cassville on Highway 112 in Barry County. For more information about the

Tarek Masri named to fall 2017 Dean's List

Tarek Masri, of Monett, was one of nearly 450 University of Dallas students named to the fall 2017 Dean's List for earning a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. Masri is majoring in Politics.

The University of Dallas, located in a metropolitan area of nearly 7 million people, is a leading Catholic university widely recognized for academic excellence by well-known publications, organizations and accrediting bodies. It offers distinctive individual undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs in the liberal arts, business and ministry that are characterized by an exceptional, engaged faculty, a commitment to shaping principled, well-skilled leaders and academic rigor in the Catholic intellectual tradition. For more information, visit www.udallas.edu.

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their experiences on their blog, hoping to inspire at least a small group of people to seek out opportunities to help in their own communities and raise awareness of all the good they can do.

When asked how they heard about Haven and why they chose to volunteer there as their Missouri destination, Tara said she looks into places online and chooses a few to email to see if they can help.

"I read up on Haven and was really impressed that the served such a large area. Then I reached out to see if they can use us. Some places, it's too difficult to get have someone volunteer for a day because of training and things like that," she explained.

However, Haven was a perfect fit. "It's such a wonderful organization. Hopefully, when someone wants a pet, they will come here. I think the biggest challenge has been to not take one of them with us."

John-Michael laughed and said, "I don't think a dog

wants to live in a van for the next ten months."

As John-Michael and Tara move forward, they'll keep documenting their journey and hoping to inspire others along the way.

Tara said, "You have so much negativity out there, but you came out here to places like this, and you see the consistent volunteers and staff that makes it work. You realize it's not that so much is negative, but it's just not reported as much."

Their journey is on their blog, the MORE list.com, and they can also be found on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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TRIVIA from FRONT

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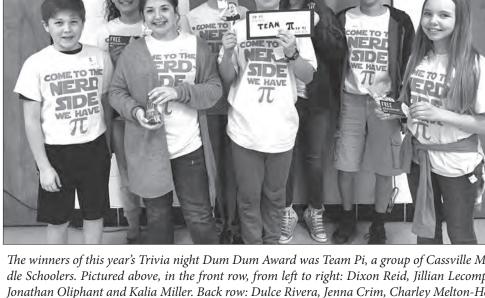
The fun, educational night is the annual fundraiser for the

Cassville Education Fund. The fund then uses the proceeds of the endowment fund to help Cassville teachers pay for specialty programs and materials for their classroom. Teachers have to apply for the grants, and they are selected by the education fund's board.

This year's emcee was Dusty Reid, director of facilities and operations for Cassville R-IV Schools. The winning team, the Fighting Trout, was sponsored by Security Abstract and Title and Angel and Company CPAs. Other teams were sponsored by the Barry County Advertiser; the Cassville Democrat; the Cassville Branch Library; the Cassville School District; Ellis,

Cupps and Cole; First State Bank; Freedom Bank; State Farm Insurance; and Willis Insurance.





The winners of this year's Trivia night Dum Dum Award was Team Pi, a group of Cassville Middle Schoolers. Pictured above, in the front row, from left to right: Dixon Reid, Jillian Lecompte, Jonathan Oliphant and Kalia Miller. Back row: Dulce Rivera, Jenna Crim, Charley Melton-Hovland and Iacob Martinez-Maldonado.

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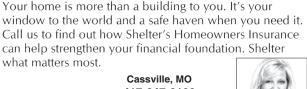
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The Smarty Pants Award was given to The Newsies, a team from the Barry County Advertiser and Cassville Democrat. Pictured above, from left to right: Isaac Estes-Jones, Kyle Troutman, Charlea Estes-Jones, Wade Hermansen, Kelsey Fields, Amanda McCollum and Jared Lankford.









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Cassville R-IV administrators invited to lead disaster mentoring seminar

Leading school districts under normal circumstances can be a challenge. Leading school districts during response and recovery efforts can be overwhelming. After the flooding of 2015 when the basement of Cassville Intermediate was flooded and severely damaged, administration at Cassville R-IV were tasked with leading our local district though response and recovery efforts along with mitigation and re-

Because of the expertise gained during this process, Cassville R-IV Superintendent Dr. Richard Asbill and Director of Operations, Dusty Reid, were invited to serve as mentors in the Hurricane Harvey Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Seminar at the Education Service Center in Corpus Christy,

"The superintendents that came in had vast disaster expe-

rience that included a school shooting, fires, floods, suicide and tornados. They shared their experiences and lessons learned that included great information on communications after the event," said Candace Stoltz, Director, Emergency Management Texas Education Agency.

Along with four other mentors from across the United States, Asbill and Reid shared disaster-related experiences

from a school leader's perspective with participants.

Mentors discussed successful communication tactics in the event of a disaster, shared lessons learned and best practices when dealing with disasters and shared ideas pertinent for both internal and external stakeholders.

"It (the seminar) is a safe space for leaders to hear from other leaders on the important matters of disaster plan-

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ning and recovery, whether it be natural (floods, fires, etc.) or man-made (suicide, school shootings, etc.). The layout of the day and the practical nature of the discussion, panels, and interaction among participants, makes for a rich learning environment," said Kelly Kravitz, Director Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs, Division of Special Populations at the Office of Academics Texas Education

The mentors, including Asbill and Reid, will continue to serve as a resource for school leaders across the country that are engaged in disaster recovery operations.

ARRESTS from FRONT

County and a full extradition warrant for a parol violation out of Arkansas.

Neither Elders nor Clinton have charges in Barry County at this time.

Commander Allison said charges are pending out of the Barry County Prosecuting Attorney's office.

Pratt is being held on a \$40,100 bond in the Barry County Jail. Robins is being held on a \$40,000 bond. Daniels is being held on a \$50,000 bond. Elders is being held in the Barry County Jail on a \$100 bond. Sharp is being held on a \$400 bond. Grant was released after posting a \$50,000 bail.



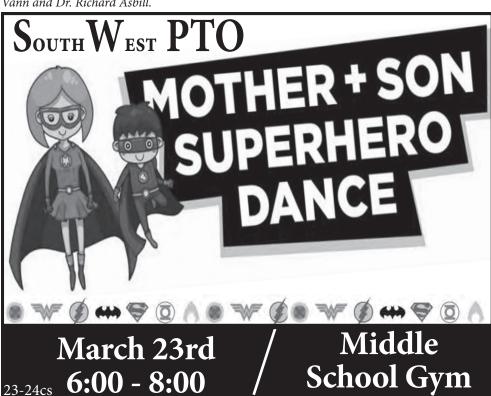
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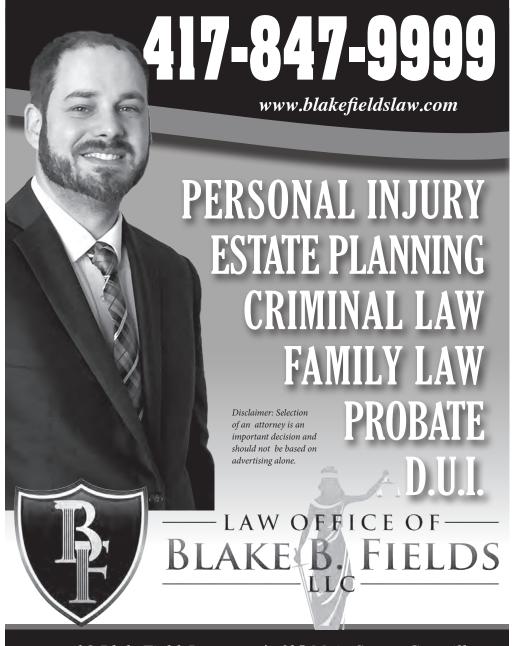
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Wheaton driver killed in W crash

Charlea Estes-Jones

A crash on Route W about three miles west of Butterfield claimed the life of a Wheaton woman last night. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, one vehicle crossed the center line and hit another vehicle head-on.

The report states Debra L. Heffington, 61, of Wheaton, was driving a 2003 Mercury Grand Marquis and crossed the center line around 7:24 p.m. Heffington hit the other vehicle, a 2016 Ford Escape driven by Jacqueline M. Wasson, 60, of Purdy, head-on.

Heffington was pronounced dead at the

scene by Barry County Coroner Jim Fohn. Wasson sustained moderate injuries and was transported to Cox Hospital in Monett by a private vehicle.

Neither driver was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

The Grand Marquis was totalled and towed from the scene by Brice's Towing, of Cassville. The Escape sustained extensive damage and was towed from the scene by Brice's Towing, of Cassville.

This is Missouri State Highway Patrol's 21st fatality of 2018. The surviving driver was tested for alcohol as required by state law.

Wheaton's February Students of the Month

Wheaton Junior/Senior High recently named their Students of the Month for February.

February's Students of the Month were Taylnn Banks, the sophomore daughter of Bobby and Shauna Banks, and Amy Cunningham, the freshman daughter of Denise Cunningham and stepfather Jimmy

Picture at right, from left to right, are: Taylynn Banks and Amy Cunningham.



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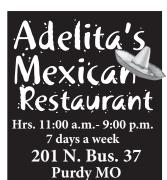
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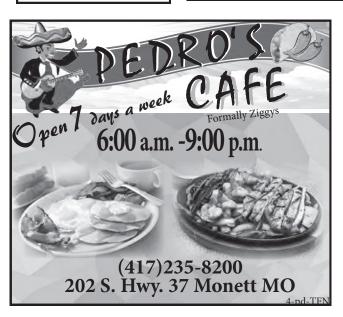
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cake.

U of A fall 2017 honors lists

The University of Arkansas recently released their fall 2017 Dean's List, Chancel- Aurora. lors List and graduates list.

Local students who earned a place on the Dean's List were:

- Brooke Burnside, of ville Monett
 - Mary Hennigan, of

Cassville

• Gavin Briggs, of

Local students who earned a place on the Chancellor List were:

- Walker Perez, of Cass-
 - Abby Boyd, of Cassville
 - · Yeng Yang, of Rocky

Local students graduated in the fall were:

- Theresa Mangler, of Monett
- Walker Perez, of Cass-

Silver Leaf donates to area nursing home



Silver Leaf Benefit Club, a part of General Federated Women's Clubs, recently donated lap robes

and shoulder wraps to residents of Roaring River Health and Rehab and Cassville Health and Rehab. These were designated to residents with little or no family to provide Christmas gifts for them. Pictured in front of the bench the club also donated to Roaring River Health and Rehab are Ruth Thompson, Ann Warren, Jean Marney and Sarah Mar-



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CCSC receives Eagles grant



The Aerie and Auxiliary of Shell Knob Eagles 4155 recently applied for and received a grant from the National Division of Eagles to assist the mission of the Central Crossing Senior Center (CCSC). The funds will be used to maintain its nutritious salad bar and the efforts of CCSC in supporting those in the community affected by Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

Jerry Arnold, CEO/CCO of the Shell Knob Seniors, Inc., thanked the group for their generous do-

nation and interest in the work that the Central Crossing Senior Center is doing for the community. Arnold said, "With help like this, so much more can be done to further the help that the Senior Center provides."

Pictured above, from left to right, in the front row: Leigh Ann Owen; Susan Dick, Eagles President; and Kay Standley, Eagles. Back row: Linda Scherer, Eagles; Jerry Lawrence, Eagles; Terri Johnson, Senior Centeer administrator; Wes Scherer; Jerry Arnold, CEO/CCO SKSI; Jeff Harp, communications SKSI;



Wheaton R-III Kindergarten Screening March 21 & 22, 2018 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Screening for children entering Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year in the Wheaton R-III District is scheduled for March 21 & 22 in the Kindergarten rooms of the Elementary Building. All students entering kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year must be screened before they can be enrolled. Parents of children who will be 5 years of age on or before July 31st, 2018 may call 652-7240, ext. 125 or text 417-236-3664 to schedule an appointment. The DIAL III test will be used to screen children in the following areas: concepts, language, and motor development. In addition to the DIAL III, each child's vision, hearing, and articulation will be screened. The screening will take at least one hour to complete. Please bring your child's legal birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, and proof of residency. Screening results will be shared with the parents at this time.



Purdy Eagles make historic Final Four appearance

A historic moment in Purdy basketball didn't quite produce the hoped for results. But still, this group of players and coaches raised the bar for their program and established a standard by



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which all future Purdy teams will be measured.

The Purdy Eagles fell to a talented Hayti team, 63-46, in a Class 2 semifinal contest at Missouri State's JQH Arena on Thursday night, and then dropped the thirdplace game to Mid-Buchanan on Friday, 83-63.

Hayti, While Mid-Buchanan, and Van-Far handled the pressure of the Final Four experience well, Purdy seemed spooked by both the cavernous JQH Arena and the enormity of the moment. Even in the quarterfinal win over Crocker, Purdy struggled to score in the early going. Experience at this highest level is one of the greatest advantages a team can have.

Against Hayti, the Eagles were ice cold to start the game, and the Indians opened a double-digit lead in the first quarter. A 16-4 second period vaulted Hayti to a 38-15 halftime lead. The Indians pummeled Purdy in the first half, and then cruised home to a 63-46 victory. Darius Jones led Hayti with 15 points.

Colt Keeling led Purdy with 17.

The rebounding stats pretty much told the story of the game. Purdy gathered only 15 boards in the first half. Hayti grabbed 15 OFFENSIVE boards in that half, allowing the Indians to take 19 more shots in that half than Purdy. Hayti would finish the game with a 50-28 rebounding advantage.

Smothering defense paired with dominant rebounding laid the foundation for Hayti's offense. Purdy's Tyler Keeler struggled just to get touches, and Keeling and Jose Sanchez were the only Eagles to reach double figures.

A Jones windmill dunk in the second quarter didn't count due to a travelling call, but the highlight reel play demoralized the Purdy team. Three other slams did count, none of them by Purdy.

Jeremy Dresslaer settled his team down at halftime. Under his steady guidance, Purdy attacked the Hayti lead one possession at a time. The Eagles quit turning the ball over, scoring baskets Just As 1 Am

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twice narrowed the lead to 15 late in the third period, but the Indians scored the

last 7 points of the quarter to

grab a 52-30 lead at the final

Dresslaer, who replaced the departed Tommy Egan at Purdy, was the perfect fit for this team and made the superintendent and school

But Purdy would not mount a serious challenge after that, and Dresslaer sent in five subs in a "hockey shift change" at the 3:40 mark to finish the contest.

Mid-Buchanan's laserguided shooting in the second quarter doomed Purdy in the third-place game on Friday. The Eagles trailed by just 14-12 at the end of the first quarter, but then the Dragons torched the nets. A 14-2 blitz left Purdy staggering. Mid-Buchanan led by as many as 19 points as the clock raced to halftime and a 45-27 hole.

The scoring imbalance continued in the third period. Mid-Buch led by a crushing 37 points. Both teams substituted liberally in the final quarter. Clay Henderson

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a three off a Fernando Garcia assist in the final minute.

Hunter Scaggs put on a show for the Dragons, leading all scorers with 29 points. Colt Keeling led Purdy with

The Dragons finished the season with a 27-5 record, upsetting top-seeded Sacred Heart in the quarterfinals before falling to eventual champion Van-Far in the semis. Their final game exemplified Coach Bryce Kemper's philosophy: "Whether you're down thirty, up thirty, whatever it is, you're always playing as hard as you possibly can."

Purdy finished with a 24-8 record while earning the Class 2 fourth-place state





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Southwest Little Theatre to host Angel Awards



Pictured is the current Miss Missouri, Jennifer entitled: The Davis. Miss Davis was first runner-up for Miss Wind Beneath America and is the host for the Southwest Little My Wings. Theatre Angel Awards on Saturday, March 24.

The Southwest Little Theatre under the direction of Mr. Wyatt Hester will present its 18th annual Angel Awards in a dramatic monologue format, hosted by Miss Missouri on March 24, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. for the Junior High and Novice Awards ceremony and at 6:30 p.m. for the Advanced Awards ceremony, tickets are \$10 per guest for this event. Tickets can be reserved by calling (417) 826-5361 or whester@swr5.net.

Miss Jennifer Davis, the current Miss Missouri, will host the ceremony. SLT Masters of Ceremony Advanced Division include: Tanner Leonhardt, Deecan Barnes, Blanche Kirk, Mariah Long, Kaylea Holder, Deven Maleki, Colton Mathues, Allison Serrano, Myka Cook, Brianna Roller, Alissa Walker with Special Presentations by Rachell Hedden, Trevor Sneed, and Rachel Jimenez.

of Ceremony Novice Division include: Lacey Reeves, Olivia Ayer, Fields, Brian Swad-Angel Award entertainment include SLT actors presenting series of original dramatic monologues

Junior High Novice, Saturday 4:30 p.m., performers include: Zoe Albertson, Tierney Ash, Molly Atkinson, Olivia Ayer, Cloe Brattin, Loren Butts, Carli Carmack, Michaela Coke, Brianna Cook, Payten Davis, Jay Fields, Jacob Flick, Justice Glueckert, Charlie Henderson, Shaylin Hendrix, Cloe Hodge, Haven Jarman, Nathaniel Jones, Kara JorLong, Brandon Lowery, Danielle Martinez, Jacob McManus, Jailee Mitchell, Laney Moore, Braden Moreton, Brook Morgan, Jessica Munday, Seth Nipps, Savanah Owens, Sheyenne Parker, Shelbie Pendergraft, Austin Peterson, Amelia Pierce, Ethan Recio, Makenzey Reed, Lacey Reeves, Elizabeth Ross, Nathaniel Salsbury, Laisha Sanchez, Harley Setzer, Kaizer Slinkard, Samuel Smallwood, Brian Swadley, Madison Snow, Alexis Thomas, Traven Walkingstick, and Rachel Willer.

Advanced, Saturday 6:30 p.m. performers and technicians include: Seth Banks, Deecan Barnes, Hailey Benninger, Kaitlyn Bernard, Shelby Blevins, Alice Cannady, Josh Clay, James Colunga, Myka Cook, Hannah Cypret, Covan Davis, Janaya Erwin, Jesse Foster, Jared Hamilton, Sarah Hedden, Rachell Hedden, Kaylea Holder, Sydney Holt, Rachel Jimenez, Blanche Kirk, Amber Larsen, Tan-

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FURNITURE & APPLIANCES: Philips flat screen TV – queen bed w/oak headboard - dresser w/matching night stand - chest of drawers - sm chest of drawers – cedar chest – queen bed – sm bakers rack – dining table & 6 chairs – hutch – wood rocking chair – misc end tables – hide a bed sofa – rocking/recliner – cherry look entertainment center w/glass doors – sm drop leaf table – wood magazine rack – floor lamp – misc table lamps – area rug – sm pine pie safe like cabinet – book shelves – roll around drop leaf table – 2 drawer file cabinet – folding table – quilt rack – clothes hamper – full size bed w/oak head board – chest of drawers – sm roll around night stand – corner shelf – wall hangings – Frigidaire microwave – matching Maytag Centennial commercial technology washer & dryer. COLLECTIBLES: Angel collection – misc music boxes – sm cast iron dog – collector plates – misc figurines & glass – oil lamps – misc costume jewelry – old nail keg – old push garden plow – lots of ladies purses & pocket books - many unpacked boxes at time of listing. Sure to be many surprises.!! Many packed boxes at time of listing.

TOOLS: 2 wheel dolly – misc sm hand tools – misc long handle tools – seeder - step stool - misc shop items. MISC: Kitchen wares such as Corning ware, Tupperware, pots and pans, utensils, sm kitchen appliances, general kitchen ware wood TV trays - wind tunnel vac - VHS tapes - artificial plants - wall clocks books – lots of craft & sewing items – misc shelving – misc linens – misc stuffed animals – lawn chairs – sm steel trap – misc copper tubing – misc men's vest, hunting, etc. - misc hunting & fishing items - hard sided gun case - handicap walker w/brake & seat & misc other items – many more items not listed!!!. **REAL ESTATE:** 3 bedroom 2 bath home w/1422 sq ft of living area on a nice city lot. Enter through the front door into a nice size living room w/vaulted ceiling, ceiling fan and fireplace. Then into the kitchen/dining combo w/door leading out to a back deck. The kitchen features Whirlpool side by side refrigerator/ freezer, Whirlpool gas cook stove, Kohler double sink w/garbage disposal, built in Whirlpool microwave & vent hood and Whirlpool dishwasher. Nice size dining area w/windows looking out to the back yard, then off of the dining room is a sewing room or could be a 4th bedroom & stairs leading up to the attic that is used for storage, utility room w/ceiling fan & door leading out to a 2 car attached garage w/door opener, down the hall w/coat closet, storage closet & linen closet. Bedroom #1 w/ceiling fan, closet & window. Bedroom #2 w/coffin ceiling, ceiling fan, closet & 2 windows. Full shared bath. Master bedroom w/coffin ceiling, ceiling fan, 2 windows, sm closet & walk in closet, master bath w/handicap shower. **OUTSIDE FEATURES:** Covered front porch w/porch railing, sidewalk, concrete

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Seligman Police to look for drunk drivers on St. Paddy's Day St. Patrick's Day is one of full force to make sure that drunk drivers. In fact, from St. Patrick's Day. Remem- never okay to drink and call a taxi or a predeter-

America's most widely celebrated holidays, for the Irish and non-Irish alike. It's a great excuse to gather with friends and family and make merry over bangers n' mash and a pint of green beer. Sadly, the night often ends with drunk drivers on the road, which pose a threat to other drivers, vehicle passengers, and pedestrians. In 2016 alone, 60 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes during the St. Paddy's Day holiday period, 6 p.m. on March 16 to 5:59 a.m. on March 18. Not only is this behavior deadly, it's illegal. For that reason, Seligman law enforcement will be out in

if you are behind the wheel, you are sober. This year, if you'll be drinking alcohol, remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Tragically, March 17 has become a dangerous holiday on our nation's roads. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), during the 2016 St. Patrick's Day holiday period, almost two-fifths (39 percent) of all motor vehicle crash fatalities involved drunk drivers. The early hours of March 18 didn't fare much better. Between midnight and 5:59 a.m., nearly threefourths (69 percent) of all crash fatalities involved 2012 to 2016, almost twofifths (38 percent) of the drunk-driving fatalities during this holiday period involved drivers who had blood alcohol concentrations (BACs) well above the .08 limit, with 269 drunkdriving fatalities total. Drivers should also keep an eye out for pedestrians who have had too much to drink. Walking while intoxicated can also be deadly, as lack of attention to their surroundings could put pedestrians at risk of getting hit by a vehicle.

"St. Patrick's Day should only be a good time for members of our community," said Chief Matt Phillips. "But we need your help to make this a reality. A commitment to sober driving keeps our neighborhood roads safe. Always make a plan before heading out to the festivities. Understand the dangers of drinking and driving. It is illegal to drink and drive, and should never be an option for how you get home. Designate a sober driver before you and your friends go out to celebrate

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ber: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over—St. Paddy's Day, and every day," he said.

Drunk-driving death rates are staggering: In 2016, there were 10,497 people killed in drunk-driving crashes. Another way to look at it? An average of one person was killed every 50 minutes in a drunk-driving crash in the United States that year. Too many people are not getting the message. Drunk driving is a deadly and illegal behavior. It is inexcusable, and it is unacceptable.

"We are asking our community's drivers to work with us to end drunk driving," said Chief Phillips. "There are too many safe alternatives to get you home safely. Think before you act."

Seligman Police Department recommends the following safe alternatives to drinking and driving:

- First: Always remember to plan ahead. You know whether you'll attend a party. If you plan to drink, plan for a sober driver to take you home. Is it your turn to be the designated driver? Take that role seriously; your friends could be relying on you.
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mined friend, and identifies the user's location so he or she can be picked up.

- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact Barry County Emergency Services.
- Have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely.

For more information about the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, www.TrafficSafety-Marketing.gov.



Alissa Porter and John Marks, with the Seligman branch of People's Community Bank, recently presented Jarrett Brattin the February Student of the Month certificate at Exeter High School. Jarrett is a junior at Exeter High. Jarrett will also receive a \$50 scholarship in the form of a Graduate Certificate of Deposit.

Pictured above, from left to right: Alissa Porter, assistant vice president of People's Community Bank; Jarrett Brattin; and John







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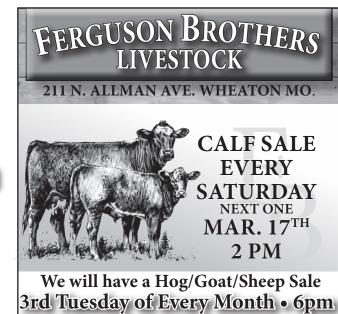
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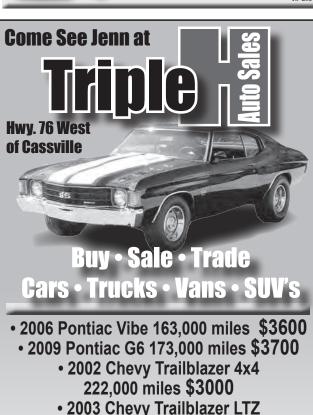
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Hutchens Construction Co. wins national airport paving award

The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced that Hutchens Construction Co. of Cassville, has won the 2017 Ray Brown Airport Pavement Award for excellence in construction of an asphalt airport pavement. The company received its award at a ceremony during the association's 63rd Annual Meeting in San Diego, Cali.

Hutchens Construction Co. won the award for its asphalt rehabilitation and pavement of the Rogers Executive Airport in Rogers, Arkansas. Located less than 8 miles from Walmart headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., the majority of Rogers Executive Airport travelers are the mega-store's execu-

The Rogers Executive Airport Runway Pavement and Lighting Rehabilitation project was won by Emery Sapp & Sons, who hired Hutchens Construction Co. as a subcontractor tasked with rebuilding the entire length of the runway keel, performing crack repairs, and overlaying 66,000 square yards of runway over a fiveday period during the nineday job. The Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA) has very tight criteria it uses for asphalt mixture specs it prescribes for airport runways. To be chosen as the subcontractor responsible for the meeting the FAA's stringent smoothness and volumetric specifications requires a highly knowledgeable team grounded in asphalt pavement best practices.

Hutchens Chief Operating Officer Brandon Finn said company management chose to err on the side of caution and choose a strategy that would give the crews extra time in case an unexpected problem arose. "We used two crews simultaneously to condense the work down to four days in case we ran into any problems and needed the extra day. This strategic thinking was crucial to Hutchens' success as the



company identified a total of 10,000 linear feet of cracked pavement to repair, instead of the original estimate of

500 linear feet. Over the following four remaining days, Hutchens Construction worked in coordination with other subcontractors to repair miles of severe cracks, first milling the areas and then filling them utilizing 4,000 tons of asphalt pavement mix, before laying 11,000 tons of asphalt pavement mix over the entire

Adam White, P.E., with

engineering firm Garver, represented Rogers Executive Airport as the project engineer responsible for ensuring the facility would have a superior asphalt pavement runway at the completion of the project. "Hutchens met or exceeded the strictest FAA specifications on their way to paving close to 15,000 tons of asphalt in four days. The company used dual pavers in order to minimize cold joints, providing a better overall product for the airport."

Hutchens Construction President Phil Hutchens added that "In the world of asphalt paving, this award is the equivalent of the World Series or the Super Bowl. In our company's history, this ranks as one of our proudest moments. I would like to congratulate our entire team of over 100 individuals for accomplishing this great achievement, from our estimating & project management group, which was led by Shawn Shrum, to our construction group, which was led by construction manager Troy Sizemore, as well

as our manufacturing group, for exacting the high quality of asphalt mixture they produced. These combined efforts enabled us to achieve this high mark of quality, along with our recognition of the extremely important contribution of over 50 dump truck operators, who's consistent and timely delivery of material enabled us to install the asphalt in a continuous, uninterrupted manner. It takes the entire team working together to achieve this high level of quality."

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60073580-Nice older 3-bedroom home with many updates. Central heat and A/C. Vinyl Siding and metal roof.



60101242-This 3Bd, 1 1/2 Ba home has two iving areas, an expansive den with dramatic exposed beams, as well as a more traditional living room. A Lg screened-in deck/small front courtyard provide additional outdoor living areas. Newer ch/a, flooring, granite counter-tops and tile backsplashes. 24 x 20 m/l shop /electricity/220 wiring.



60100754-Very nice home updated main floor and basement. N nets, new flooring in most of home. 3
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Third grade students selected as January's responsible students are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Mikayla Hartin-Espinoza, Abigail Robertson, Leia Crosby, Emilee Kimberlin, Alexa McCormick, Analeigh Winchell, Makayla Connoley and Yesenia Ortega. Back row: Gunner Bowling, David Rebach, Cheney Kelley, Zebulun Blankenship, Aiden Mendoza, Dale Stockton, Dennis Craig and Shane Harvey.



Fourth grade students selected as January's responsible students are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Kiersten Fare, Nevaeh Johnson, Audrey Mitchell, Amelia Hagins and Marissa Freeman. Back row: Josh Crawford, Cameron Hall, Wyatt Manley, Rystin Daniel and Darren Birchfield.



Fifth grade students selected as January's responsible students are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Rebecca Gomez, Zhoi Jagger, Macie Tolbert, Kalee Lowe, Adelee Hendricks, Mackenzie Watkins and Zoe Arndt. Back row: Bodee Rose, Abraham Cortez-Garcia, Maddock Roark, Jaret Hinson, Jonathan Stults, Dylan Criswell, Kaitlyn Birchfield and Makayla Holling-







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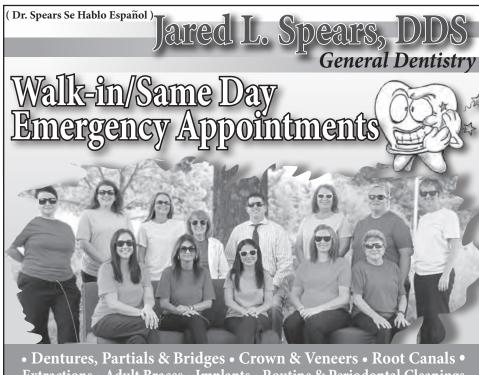
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The history of the prohibition of marijuana might be worth mentioning here, because, as with many laws, it's sometimes necessary to follow the money trail backward and forward.

Hemp, or cannabis, was once a commonly cultivated commercial crop in the United States, with multiple applications, including the production of paper, textiles and high-quality rope.

Cannabis oil was also once freely prescribed by physicians as a pain reliever for a variety of ailments, including "the discomfort of rabies and tetanus," which, perhaps even then, indicated its effectiveness in the treatment of neurological disorders, although the outcome of the diseases themselves may not have been favorable.

The production of hemp and the prescription of cannabis oil began to cease in 1937 with the passage of the Marihuana Tax Act, which imposed an excise tax on anyone who handled hemp or its derivatives, including physicians who prescribed it.

The passage of the act was in the monetary interest of the lumber, pulp and newspaper industry of the William Randolph Hearst Corporation, as well as the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew Mellon, who had invested heavily in the Dupont Corporation's new synthetic wonder-fiber, nylon.

An effective smear campaign against cannabis escalated in 1936 with the production of the infamous movie "Reefer Madness." Used as a blatant propaganda tool, in which cannabis was called by the Spanish word, "marihuana," or "marijuana" as a pejorative, the movie's insinuations that cannabis instigated violent and sexually aggressive tendencies in users struck fear in the hearts of viewers. Today, both the movie and the accusations seem ridiculous, given the sedative properties of cannabis. Hearst's newspapers helped perpetuate the propaganda campaign, as did Harry J. Anslinger, the director of the newly-formed Federal Narcotics Bureau, whose job depended upon having a protracted battle to fight.

Because of the known attributes of cannabis, the American Medical Association fought against the Marihuana Tax Act of 1937, to no avail. Its stigmatization was successful, and remains within the minds of many people today.

Placing marijuana in a Title 1 class in the Controlled Substances Act of 1970, with drugs such as heroin and LSD,

Letter to the Editor further closeted it, and made even the federal research of its medical applications illegal. This was an obvious boon to the pharmaceutical industry, which could freely market its plethora of synthetic drugs with no competition from a natural alternative. Sadly, many of the prescribed synthetics produce side effects more frightening than the symptoms they propose to alleviate. Even over-thecounter pain medications such as ibuprofen, acetaminophen, and aspirin are not without hazard, especially if taken long

> According to a 2011 Gallup-Healthways Well-being Index, based on a survey of 353,000 people age 18 and older, about one third of people over age 50 suffer from some type of ongoing, often-debilitating knee and leg pain, and another third from neck or back pain. It's hard to ignore the multiple positive testimonials coming in from the states where medical cannabis is legal. In my opinion, it's unfair to withhold the effective, safe choice of legal medical marijuana from those who suffer from chronic pain and neurological disorders (including seizure disorders in children).

> As Dr. Roark pointed out, our nation is experiencing an epidemic of opioid overdose deaths, often the result of addictions which quite possibly began with a doctor's prescription for

a pain reliever such as Oxycontin or Percodan. Sadly, once addicted, if a legal supply of opioids cannot be maintained, users often search out illegal, back-alley heroin in an attempt to avoid the horrendous physical withdrawal symptoms they will face. In a very real sense, the prescribing of prescription opioid painkillers can lead to the proliferation of illegal drug trafficking.

The pharmaceutical industry has a vested interest in continuing this loop, in part, by influencing legislators to continue to suppress legal medical cannabis on a federal level. According to writer Chris McGreal in a 10/19/2017 Guardian News article,* pharmaceutical companies spend more than any other industry on influencing legislators, and typically have about two lobbyists for every member of Congress. In 2016 alone, drug companies spent more than \$152 million on influencing legislation.

Yes, some users of medical marijuana might "abuse it" and become too happy or relaxed, if there is such a thing when dealing with chronic pain. However, many (if not most) products which contain medical cannabis do not contain the psychoactive component, THC. Nor does cannabis need to be smoked in order to be affective. Alternative forms to smoking include oils, taken orally or baked into edible products, or topical

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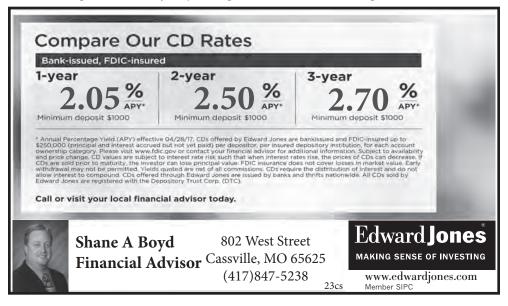
Substance abuse is certainly not limited to those which are currently illegal. Most of us are already "marked men," in terms of our health, because of the quality and quantity of the food we eat and the beverages

We do a great disservice to those with infirmities when we don't open our minds to the possibility that our longheld negative view of cannabis might, in fact, be the product of a smear campaign initiated generations ago by those who had a monetary interest in seeing it withheld from the public. We owe it to those who can benefit from medical cannabis today to educate ourselves about its attributes and the current forces at play that prohibit our access to it.

It's a fact that most people will face a little pain before they leave this world. I, for one, would like to have medical marijuana as a safe, natural, legal choice for pain relief, should the need arise. If you, too, would like to vote for the legalization of medical marijuana on our fall ballot, please consider signing the petition available at Dr. Lisa Roark's office on N. Main St., Cassville, Mo.

-Sheila Harris, Purdy

*https://www.theguardian. com/us-news/2017/oct/19/bigpharma-money-lobbying-usopioid-crisis







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