

Cassville’s 7th Street bridge closed until reconstruction complete

DAMAGE SUSTAINED DURING HEAVY RAINS ACCELERATES PROJECT

Charlea Estes

Due to heavy rains over the weekend, the demolition phase of the 7th Street bridge in Cassville was bumped up to this week. City of Cassville employees began the process this week, according to city administrator Steve Walensky.

The bridge was first damaged during the severe flooding in 2015 that led to a state of emergency in Barry County. Repairs were made to the bridge in the meantime while the city applied for FEMA assistance to fund a remediation effort to reconstruct the bridge in a way that would prevent future Flat Creek flooding from damaging the bridge and taking it out of commission.

Walensky said, “The initial damage in 2015 came, and then we went through the process with FEMA. We finally got approved for our funding and have been working on redesign efforts, but that rain came and damaged it again, and that accelerated our demolition time table.” He added that the city will not know when the bridge will be reopened until a construction bid is accepted at the May 8 City Council meeting.

The city’s bid packets are due tomorrow, Thursday, April 27. The bid request included a full reconstruction of the bridge, and 7th Street will be closed at that junction with Flat Creek until that work is complete.

Walensky said, “We are anticipating over \$30,000 to rebuild. That was the preliminary estimate.” He added that the bid will determine how much of the bridge is paid for by FEMA.

All demolition efforts were completed by city employees. Walensky said that no additional damage in other areas has been reported from recent storms.



Cassville’s 7th Street bridge was taken out by recent rains over last weekend. Demolition of the bridge, including removing the whistles is in process. The city council will choose a bid to rebuild the bridge at the May 8 City Council meeting.

Earth Day celebration at Roaring River



On Saturday, April 23, Roaring River State park celebrated Earth Day by holding a special event at the Ozark Chinquapin Nature Center. Adults and kids alike were invited to the center to take home a tree to plant, do special activities and meet with Smokey the Bear.

Above, Roaring River naturalist Kelly Koch (right) shows a group of kids one of their snakes. From left to right: Elly Sue Hobson, 4; Rayden Hobson, 7; and Gunner Hobson, 5; all of Cassville, get brave enough to pet the snake.

Arkansas man injured in Monett crash

Charlea Estes

A Gravette, Ark., man was injured in a three vehicle crash last week near Monett. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Terry D. Willis, 54, of Gravette, Ark., was moderately injured when he was hit by two different vehicles.

The crash report states that a 1998 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Willis was attempting to make a left turn at US 60 and Farm Road 1100, about a half a mile east of Monett. While trying to turn from westbound, a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am headed westbound, driven by Chance T. Nelson, 21, of Marionville, failed to yield and struck Willis. Then, a 2004 Toyota Tundra, driven by Charles P. Horner, 50, of Purdy, hit Willis from behind.

Willis was transported to Mercy Hospital in Joplin via ambulance for moderate injuries. The other two drivers had no reported injuries at the time of the crash. All three drivers were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash.

All three vehicles suffered extensive damage and were towed from the scene by Thomas Towing, of Monett.

Southwest High School writers near 1 million word goal

Charlea Estes

At the beginning of the school year, English and college composition classes under the instruction of Southwest teacher Steve Voyak began a journaling project. Each class period, they began class with a journal and spent eight minutes or so writing. They set out with a goal: to write a million words between all 80 students by the end of the year. As the school year rapidly approaches the end, they are getting closer and closer to that goal, racking up 844,365 words as of the time of press.

Voyak said, “We started with one journal per day, and eventually we started building volume. We’ve done journaling in the past, but it’s always been sporadic. This year, we’ve been really committed to it.”

He added that the school’s block scheduling makes this project much easier. Their class periods are 94 minutes. As the year has progressed, they’ve upped their journals to two per class period and they spend approximately 15 minutes writing before the rest of their lessons.

To add incentive, Voyak made a spreadsheet on the white board in his classroom with students listed by class, their current totals and averages. He also keeps the total for all classes up.

“One million words was the pipe dream at the beginning, but we didn’t think it would happen. The kids have really dedicated themselves to it.”

In addition to meeting the goal, Voyak said he has seen improvements in the students’ work because of the extra writing. “It’s helped a little with their writing in that they aren’t scared of the volume of words.

“It really helps with confidence, and to an extent, it’s cathartic. Writing really helps you deal with what you’re going through.

“I think it’s been beneficial to them. Just the act of writing about things if you are having a tough time; you work through those tough things in the journals.”

Voyak gives the students the prompts to write

Inside this issue:

4-H banquet a success

The annual 4-H banquet for the Barry County programs was a hit, raising \$2,000 for the program’s travel scholarships. 3A

Senate honors Melton

The Missouri State Senate honored the former Senator Emory Melton during session last week. Current Senator David Sater shared his thoughts. 12A

Driver hits tree

A Cassville driver was seriously injured when his SUV hit a tree. 12A

CHS hosting Art Show

The Cassville High School is hosting the District’s Big 8 Art Show on Friday and Saturday. 16A

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Successful 4-H banquet makes another year of scholarships possible



Above, Amanda Miller, of Purdy, writes a silent bid on an item at the banquet auction. Also pictured is Isaiah Miller, 14 months, of Purdy, and Vera Ray, of Cassville. Through silent and live auctions, as well as the banquet admission and donations, the event raised \$2,000 for 4-H scholarships for travel expenses.

Charlea Estes
 Barry County's annual 4-H banquet was a big success this year and ensures the group will have scholarships for the upcoming year. Marissa Tucker, 4-H youth program assistant, said the annual event raised around \$2,000 for the program.

Barry County has three 4-H programs currently, with another couple in the works in the Cassville area. Right now, there are the Exeter Trailblazers, the Purdy Screeching Eagles and the Wheaton Wranglers. Funds raised at the annual banquet go to reimburse members up to half the cost of trips throughout the year. Tucker said, "The operating cost sort of varies depending on what trips the members go on, but if we go by last year's reimbursements, we'll definitely have enough to reimburse our members." There are approximately 40 members in Barry County. The banquet this year was held at the Family Life Center in Cassville and featured both a silent and live auction

as well as a meal and special guest speaker Scott Fitzpatrick. Multiple donors made the event possible, including The Niche, Tyson Foods, D&D Oil Company, Price Cutter, WalMart, Arvest Bank, the Missouri Farm Bureau and Silver Dollar City, to name a few.

Tucker said, "4-H is a valuable program to Barry County youth because it gives members opportunities they otherwise would not have. It is inclusive; open

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Route 76 will receive a new driving surface and the roadway will be widened to include two-foot wide shoulders with edgeline rumble strips.

The work will take place along a 21-mile stretch of Route 76 between County Road 2182 and a point north of Fifth Street in Cassville and between Missouri Route 112 to Flat Creek Road and the Barry/

Stone county line.

Drivers can expect flaggers on the road and pilot cars directing them through the work zone. Drivers should wait for the pilot vehicle before proceeding through the work zone or before entering the work zone from a side road.

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

Eagle Rock Farmer's Market will be open on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the community center.

April 27th

Seligman Community Center will host a food pantry on April 27 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call (417)662-3749.

The Pierce City Senior Center will host a dance on April 27 from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. For information, call (417)476-5800.

April 28th

Central Crossing Senior Center will host O.J.'s cookout on April 26 at 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Clio Community Building will host music on April 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Washburn Mission Baptist Church will host an area youth revival on April 28 through April 30 at 6:30 p.m. nightly at Southwest High School Gym.

Cassville High School district art show will be April 28 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and April 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The show will be in the Fema building.

April 29th

2nd Annual Jolly Mill Challenge fun run and 5K will be April 29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the park. For information, call (417)489-3041.

The City of Exeter will host their annual city wide yard sale on April 29. For information, call (417)835-2823.

Farmers Market at Cassville Tractor Supply will be April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April 30th

Roaring River Campers Church will meet on April 30 at 9 a.m. in the amphitheater.

Lohmer Full Gospel Church in Shell Knob will host the singing group Mercy's Calling on April 30 at 6 p.m.

Washburn First Baptist Church will host live music and free food on April 30 at 6:30 p.m.

May 1st

Cassville High School Music Department will present their spring concert on May 1 at 7 p.m. in the gym.

May 2nd

The City of Exeter will host their annual clean up day on May 2. To arrange pick up, call (417)835-2823.

May 5th

Roaring River State Park Amphitheater will host bluegrass music on May 5 at 7 p.m.

May 6th

Eagle Rock Friends of The Library will host their annual community garage sale on May 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, call (417)671-1669.

Seligman Chamber will host a dance on May 6 at 7 p.m. For information, call (417)662-3612.

The Purdy Cemetery Association will have a meeting on May 6 at 10 a.m. at the Purdy Community Building.

Mineral Springs Cemetery will have a work day on May 6 at 8 a.m. For information, call (417)847-4148.

Cassville Senior Center will host a dance on May 6 at 7 p.m.

May 13th

Power of Pink Walk, Run, & Auction will be May 13 at Wheaton City Park. The walk will begin at 8 a.m. For information, call (417)466-5401.

Eagle Rock Fire Department will host a breakfast on May 13 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Chatty Crafters will have a meeting on May 13 at 10 a.m. at the Mane Station in Cassville. For information, call (417)498-2202.

May 18th

Pray Across Barry County will be May 18 at 9 a.m. at the Barry County Courthouse.

Creative Arts of Shell Knob will host a Paint n' Pour on May 18 at 6 p.m.

May 20th

Seligman Chamber and Missouri & Arkansas Railroad will host a spring train ride on May 20 and May 21 at 7 a.m. The train will depart from Seligman and travel to Van Buren, Ark, and back. For information, call (417)662-3612.

School Menus: May 1 - May 5

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

Southwest: Mon: B: Cereal, fresh fruit, juice. L: Cheese pizza, romain salad, green beans, peaches or salad/fruit bar. Tues: B: Biscuits & gravy, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Spaghetti, garlic bread, corn, tropical fruit or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: Eggstravaganza, orange wedges or cereal, juice. L: Bbq pork sandwich, cole slaw, baked beans, pineapple or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: Grilled cheese sandwich, bananas or cereal, juice. L: Chicken filet, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges or salad/fruit bar. Fri: B: Hot ham & hashbrown sandwich, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Hot dog, cole slaw, rice krispy treats, pears, or salad/fruit bar.

Exeter: Mon: B: Biscuits & gravy, peaches, juice or cereal, biscuit, peaches,

juice. L: Chicken & cheese quesadilla, cheese sauce, pinto beans, corn, fruit. Tues: B: Muffin, yogurt, orange, juice or cereal, pop tart, orange, juice. L: Spaghetti/meat sauce, broccoli, breadstick, fruit. Wed: B: Oatmeal, toast, fruit, juice or cereal, toast, fruit, juice. L: Salisbury steak, brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, carrots, bread slice, fruit. Thurs: B: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice or cereal, toast, fruit, juice. L: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit. Fri: B: Scrambled eggs, toast, banana, juice or cereal, vertical bar, banana, juice. L: Hot dog/bun, sweet potato fries, winter mix, fruit.



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Piano 88's Music Festival

Students of Mrs. Ruth Burnside held their 16th Annual Piano 88's Music Festival in Monett at the Countryside Christian Church on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Students performing were: Jeremiah Hall, Kuper Eden, Christian Renkoski, Heidi Sehrbrock, Sierra Cheatham, Karsen Rhea, Ely Key, Tatum Burt, Carson Burt, Oliver Bowman, Lisa and Connie Lee, Mallie Clifton, Kenzie Robbins, Myka Masters, Donovan and Avery Thomas, and Zoe LaCaze. The adjudicator and judge was Judah Hutchcraft (great-grandson of Mrs. Burnside), from Cartersville. All students received either a Superior and an Excellent rating and a trophy and certificate. Awards were also given to

those who had an outstanding performance in their category. They were: Sierra, Heidi, Ely, Lisa, Connie, and overall performance was Mallie. Vikki Branum was hostess at the table to welcome the students and their families and record the happenings and kept everything running smoothly.

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MARY "LOUISE" EDMONDSON SHULTZ

Mary "Louise" Edmondson Shultz, age 76, of Cassville, passed away Thursday, April 20, 2017, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

She was born September 11, 1940, in Anderson, Texas, the daughter of Raymond "Jack" and Bessie Mae (Hammett) Curbo. On December 31, 1988, in Ft. Worth, Texas, she was united in marriage to Frank L. Shultz, Jr., who survives. Also surviving are one son, Roy Edmondson and his wife, Heather, of Cassville; two daughters, Sherry Johnson and her husband, Keith, of Exeter and Rachel Edmondson-Sheats of Cassville; three stepdaughters, Lori Kay Dadgari of Ft. Worth, Texas, Lisa Ivy and her husband, Joe, of Skiatook, Oklahoma, and Lei Ann Peace and her husband, Dean, of Alvord, Texas; one brother, Weldon Curbo and his wife, Betty, of Mineral Wells, Texas; two grandchildren, William and Catherine Edmondson; four

step-grandchildren, Ryan Dadgari, Lane Peace, Joshua Sheats and Zach Sheats; several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents and two sisters, Ramie Phillips and her husband, Gene, and Carolyn Cook.

The Curbo family moved from West Texas to Powell in 1958 where Louise was a 1959 graduate of Rocky Comfort High School.

Louise was a very active in several organizations and supported her children in their school activities: President of Dogwood Trails Garden Club; GFWC Silver Leaf Benefit Club – President twice and District President; Girl Scouts; Cassville FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer Award; Cassville Rainbow Girls Chapter 37; CHS Marching Band; Women's Circle United Methodist Church; Voted Class Mother of the 1979 CHS Class.

A celebration of life where the family will receive friends will be held at 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2017, at First Baptist Church in Cassville.

Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Breast Cancer Awareness in memory of Louise.

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OBITUARIES



HAROLD DEAN BAILIE

Harold Dean Bailie, son of Orvie and Irene (Ray) Bailie, was born July 8, 1935, near Cape Fair, and departed this life on April 22, 2017, at the age of 81. Harold was united in marriage to Edna Frieze on July 3, 1954, in Oroville, California.

Harold was a loving husband as well as a proud Dad and Papa, who enjoyed fishing, hunting and St. Louis Cardinals Baseball. He is well known for his champion black and tan coon hounds. Harold provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a dairy and beef farmer near Jenkins for many years. He had a strong sense of faith and family.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, Erma Lee.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; two sons; Garold Bailie and Terry and wife, Teresa Bailie, of Aurora; one daugh-

ter, Deena and husband, Kenneth Cope, of Jay, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren, Ben and wife, Kayla Bailie, Canaan Bailie, Cissy Noll and husband Jason, all of Aurora, Jackson Bailie and wife, Stacey, of Crane, Sara Truman and husband, Mike, of Billings, Toby Sturgell and wife, Jamie, Buffy Fink and husband, David, all of Shell Knob; eight great-grandchildren, Cortney, Chase and Chance Noll, Shelby and Kellen Dean Bailie, Bella and Wyatt Truman, Stasha Sturgell; three sisters; Dorothy Phelps, Betty Cook and husband, Leonard, Ruby Jenkins and husband, Eddie, all of Aurora; and many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Services were under the care of Peterson Funeral Chapel. Funeral services were held today, Wednesday, April 26, at 2 p.m. also at the Church with Rev. Rex Mooneyham and Rev. Mark Reavis presiding.

SUSANNE LOUISE BURNETT

Susanne Louise Burnett, age 56, of Purdy, passed away April 19, 2017.

No services are planned. Cremation is in the care of Holden Cremation and Funeral Service, Sparta.



EVELYN "JUNE" HENRY

Evelyn "June" Henry, age 81, of Bella Vista, Arkansas, passed away Thursday, April 20, 2017, at Circle Of Life at Legacy Village in Bentonville, Arkansas.

She was born June 2, 1935, the daughter of Albert and Ethyl (Renfro) Carrick, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were her brothers and sisters.

Surviving are two sons, Gary Randall and his wife, Judy, and Jerry Henry and his wife, Kathy, all of Washburn; two daughters, Barbara Randall of Bella Vista, Arkansas, and Jane Hobbs and her husband, Les, of Seligman; eleven grandchildren, Aleesa and Robbie Randall, Kelsay, Jerri Lynn and J.R. Henry, Robin Hawkins, Dana Sutherland, Christina Linderman and Cody, Garrett and Stacy Hobbs.

June grew up in Diamond, where she graduated from high school. She was a homemaker and loved attending her grandchildren's sporting events, especially high school basketball. She enjoyed cooking for special family events and loved to quilt. For the last six years she had resided in Bentonville, Arkansas.

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

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OPAL PATE

Opal Pate, age 63, of Cassville, passed away in her home on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Mrs. Pate, daughter of Gerald and Nellie (Shiverdecker) Anderson, was born on December 27, 1953, in Omaha, Nebraska. She was a 1973 graduate of Cassville High School. On July 22, 1988, she was united in marriage to Gary Pate in Cassville. Mrs. Pate enjoyed genealogy and gardening. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren and will be missed dearly.

Survivors include her husband, Gary Pate, of Cassville; one son, Brandon Pate and his wife, Ashley, of Cassville; one daughter, Jennifer Pate and her fiancé, Jason Case, of Cassville; three grandchildren, Abigail Pate, Maliki Pate and Damien Case; one sister, Cindy Anderson, of Cassville; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Bo Anderson.

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

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 14, 2017, at the home of Gary Pate, 19505 State Hwy. C, Cassville.

A private family burial will be held at Antioch Cemetery in Cassville at a later date.

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

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We would like to thank all our family, friends and church families for the beautiful flowers, food and every act of kindness to our family. A special thanks to Community Faith Chapel, Lighthouse Full Gospel Church for the wonderful lunch and support throughout Shortys illness. A special thanks to Denney and Missy Wolf for their wonderful songs.

A special thanks also to Hospice Compasses for their caring touch (Joni you will forever be our angel) and Integrity for Kenny's (our other angel) loving care. May God bless each one of you.

The Shorty Maloney family



DR. ROBERT C. (BOB) MILES

Dr. Robert C. (Bob) Miles Ed.D, 87, of Shell Knob, passed away at his home on April 20, 2017.

He was born in Lebanon, South Dakota, to Irving and Ida Miles. He came to Missouri at a young age. He graduated from Clever High School in 1948. He attended Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, where he received his B.S. in Education; Kansas State College, Pittsburg, Kan., graduate work; Drury College, Springfield, where he received his Masters in Education; University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark., where he received his Doctorate in Education.

He taught high school business in Norwood for 2 years. He taught high school business and served as a Principal and Superintendent in Sheldon. He was Superintendent at Forsyth Schools for 5 years. He was Executive Secretary for all the School Boards Association with the University of Arkansas before returning to Missouri to serve as Superintendent at Ava. He finished his educational career at Windsor Schools for 14 years, retiring in 1985 and then retiring to Shell Knob, enjoying his days fishing on Table Rock Lake.

He held membership in such groups as the Vernon County Teachers Association, National Education Association, National Association of Secondary School Principals, Missouri Association of School Administrators, American Association of School Administrators

and the Phi Delta Kappa. He also served as President of the Vernon County Administrators Association, President of White River League, President of Taney County Fair Board, Chairman of the Missouri Community Betterment Program, and Chairman of Administrators' Day, University of Arkansas. After retirement, he worked as a consultant with Sammons and Buller Architectural Firm from Sedalia, he owned and operated H & R Block in Cassville and Shell Knob. He also supervised the building of the educational wing at First Baptist Church, Shell Knob. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Shell Knob, where he served as a Deacon and on various committees.

He was united to his wife of 65 years in 1951, JoAnn (Tiede) Miles, who survives. He is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents. He is also survived by his sister, Phyllis Arndt and husband, Raymond, Neosho; son, Alan Miles and wife, Donna, Ludlow; daughter Marinda Sandlin and husband, John, and son Keith Miles and wife, Dee, of Springfield. He is survived by five grandchildren and their spouses; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2017, at Shell Knob First Baptist Church under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Pastor Bob Gad-dis conducted the services. Burial was in Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Clever.

The family received friends from 1:00 P.M. until service time Monday in the church.

Contributions may be made to Shell Knob First Baptist Church in memory of Bob.

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MAE ROWAN: SOPHIA MAE BROCK

Mae Rowan: Sophia Mae Brock, born June 28, 1920, to Albert and Lula Brock of Cassville, grew up and went to school in Cassville. After she left, she lived and worked in the West most of her adult life as a beautician or a waitress. She loved to play her fiddle, sew, crochet, and paint. In 1992, she retired in Roseburg, Oregon, to be close to her family. She peacefully passed away at the age of 96 on April 2, 2017.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Wayne, Austin, Noel, Johnnie, and Eldon Brock; sisters: Fredaleen Harrell and Elaine Duncan; and daughter: Catherine (Katie) Farley.

She is survived by one brother: Buford Brock of Tulsa, Okla.; son Glen Harter and wife, Barbara, of Florence, Oregon; daughter Cassandra Harter of Roseburg, Oregon; her son-in-law Earnest Farley of Roseburg, Oregon; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service is planned for Sat., May 27, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at the Sutherlin Grange, 851 S. Comstock Road, Sutherlin, Oregon. For more information, please visit the web-site of Wilsons Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg, Oregon.



MARK SHIPMAN

Mark Shipman, 49, of Seligman, died April 18, 2017, in his home.

Mark was a Baptist believer. He served nine years in the Army National Guard and was deployed during the Desert Storm Conflict. Mark enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Townsend; brother, William Shipman; and two nieces.

Survivors include sisters, Teresa Taylor, Deborah Arducan, Cynthia Oxford, Julie Cook; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 2017, at Epting Funeral Home, Bentonville, Ark.



BETTY LOUELLA EVANS VANZANDT

Betty Louella Evans VanZandt, 84, of Gateway, Ark., went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 21, 2017.

She was born November 27, 1932, in Lost Springs, Kansas, to Willard Gordon Evans and Eva Elizabeth Chadd Evans. She married Edgar VanZandt on September 27, 1991, in Miami, Oklahoma, and worked for Wendt-Sonis/RTW in Rogers, Ark., for thirty years. She loved to travel, work in the garden and watch hummingbirds fluttering around. She loved her furry cat friends and wouldn't let any stray go hungry. She enjoyed going with Edgar on the farm to feed the cattle and to see all the baby calves jump around. Betty was a member of the Garfield Church of Christ for many years.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, James E. Evans.

Survivors are her husband, Edgar VanZandt, of the home; a daughter, Shelly Bassham of Fayetteville, Ark.; two sons, Stephen Bassham of Fayetteville, Ark., William Bassham and wife, Florence, of Bella Vista, Ark.; two step-daughters, Cindy VanZandt Smith and husband, Robert, of Pea Ridge, Ark., and Lesa Vanzandt Lohman and husband, Louis, of Garland, Texas; three sisters, Deborah Wade of Boyd, Texas, Faith Lovell of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Gail Casteen of Virginia Beach, Virginia; sister-in-law, Beverly Evans of Lake Worth, Texas; four grandchildren, Heather Thompson and husband, John, Melissa Burnett and husband, Joshua, Leah Brammer and Amber Lohman; four great-grandchildren, Tinsley, Avery, Trinity and Payton.

Service is set for 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2017, at Garfield (Ark.) Church of Christ with Bobby Vaughn officiating. Arrangements are by Sisco Funeral Home in Pea Ridge, Ark. Burial will be in Buttram Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 2017, at the funeral home.

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The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 31st Annual Dogwood Car, Truck and Motorcycle Festival. The Festival will be held around the Cassville square on Saturday, May 6. Registration will take place inside of the court house from 7:30-10:00 a.m. with judging set to begin immediately.

The Chamber office, located at 504 Main Street, is currently accepting early entries. The first 100 show entries will receive a goody bag, including a commemorative dash plaque, along

with other items donated from local businesses. The first 100 entries will receive a chance to win a \$100 cash prize drawing. Entry fee is \$20 per vehicle. Admission is free for spectators.

The Dogwood has a strong history in Cassville and is fun for both car enthusiasts and the general public. The event offers disk-jockey music and entertainment, food vendors, and over 100 cars parked around the square. Event t-shirts, sponsored by Shumaker Tire and Wheel, are available at the event.

At 12 noon, participants will be asked to start their cars and rev their engines for Dogwood tradition, “thunder on the square.”

Participants will have the opportunity to compete for the Top 30 Dogwood Awards, plus compete for the following 30 awards between the popular Dogwood Dozen and Specialty picks.

Awards will be given at the conclusion of judging. Event will take place rain or shine.

For more information, contact Brittany Farris, Director, at (417) 847-2814, or chamber@cassville.com.



The City of Exeter celebrated its 22nd year of Tree City USA. Part of the city's tree board was on site at the Exeter City Park with their newest planting to receive their Tree City package from the Missouri Department of Conservation forester Jon Skinner.

Board members, along with the city's municipal arborist adviser to the board, held up a flag in front of their tree in the park.

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The LEPC office is located in the Barry County Office of Emergency Management Offices located inside the Monett Justice Center. Citizens who wish to participate in LEPC activities, review the community plan, or learn more about chemicals in their community can visit the LEPC Office or call (417) 235-4241.

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JOURNALS from FRONT

about during each class period, but he tries to vary it. Sometimes it's related to something they are reading, like Homer's The Odyssey. Other times it's about current events, such as the election in November. But often, the students can use it as a personal outlet to talk about things that are bothering them.

Voyak said he doesn't read every journal they write, instead he skims them to see that they are completing the projects and not just copying and pasting things. "It is a bit private, so I don't read every single word, but I check to see that they are doing the assignment."

He said that the goal has helped keep them motivated. In early April, they participated in a special writing day, and that really added to their count.

Voyak said, "We also

participated in National Journal Writing Day, which was April 5 and 6, depending on what class they were in. They had to produce the prompts and write the entire class period on those days. They then had to write from the prompts the students created and choose four to eight of them. Different classes had different goals, like seniors were 1,250-1,500 words in a journal, but freshman were 1,000 words."

He added, "The kids were looking forward to it and really enjoyed it."

Some students were willing to share some of the things they wrote in journals this year as examples. Hannah Brown, a senior, wrote about beauty standards in society: "Beauty is a skewed idea in our society. We all fight to be what we perceive as beautiful out-

wardly, but our standards are constantly changing. The problem in our society, perhaps is not so much to what lengths we will go for beauty, but why we set such unrealistic standards of beauty."

Another senior, Skylor Rausa, wrote, "Can a teenager love? How do we define love, is it a heart? If I were to tear open my chest, would I find it there, if you were to bash in my skull would my heart lie inside?"

This year is nearing the end, and while the students may not hit the one million goal, they've put the effort into it. Voyak said, "We have the goal, and then when I really added up the word counts, we realized that we may pull this off. I don't know if we'll get there, but they are trying."

At the end of the year, students will be using their journals to culminate into



A few Southwest seniors work on journals in Mr. Voyak's class. Pictured above, from left to right: Austin Roberts, Hannah Brown and Skylor Rausa.

a final project. They'll be creating a slide show to present that includes 17 quotes from their journals, as well as their four favorite journals from the year. Essentially, they will create a digital scrapbook to show

off what they have accomplished individually. Voyak said, "I never dreamed I'd have gone this wild with it, but it's been fun. I think I'll stick with it next year."

He concluded, "Kids aren't always excited about writing, but they've really stepped up to it this time." Steve Voyak has taught at Southwest for 14 years. He teaches freshman and senior English as well as college composition.

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CHS band members advance to State

Levi Hodge selected as part of Missouri Scholars 100



Cassville High School band has four band members advancing to State competition over the weekend. Many students participated in the District music festival at the Missouri State Southern University in Joplin, and four earned "I" rating, allowing them to advance to State. Those attending state this weekend in Columbia are, from left to right: Megan Sloan, marimba; Grace Schell, flute; Derek Christy, trombone; and Melissa Martinez, trombone. They are each competing as soloists.

Cassville High School senior Levi Hodge has been selected an "Honorable Mention" student in the 2017 Missouri Scholars 100, a statewide program that honors 100 of Missouri's top academic students in the graduating class of 2017. "Levi is an amazing young man that is actively involved in our school," said Mr. Jeff Swadley. "He works extremely hard to be successful in all areas of life, and I am very proud of his accomplishments."

The Missouri Scholars 100 program, sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, invites schools across Missouri to nominate can-

didates for this statewide recognition. The selection is based primarily on a formula using the student's grade point average and ACT or SAT score.

Each student nominated had to first meet criteria of an "Academic Decathlon," which includes ten "events" designed to assure the academic strength of the student. To meet the decathlon requirements, the student must have a minimum GPA of 3.750, a minimum ACT score of 29 or a minimum SAT score of 1,900, be ranked in the upper ten percent of the class, and have taken upper level courses in mathematics, science, English and foreign language.



Levi Hodge

The student must also have excellent attendance, be an exemplary school citizen and be involved in the school activity program.

Levi is the son on Chad and Kristi Yarnall and Ryan and Jillian Hodge, of all Cassville.

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Driver seriously injured after hitting tree

Charlea Estes

A Cassville man was seriously injured when his SUV hit a tree and overturned early Thursday morning. The wreck happened about half a mile east of Cassville on Highway 248, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report.

Dale K. Roller, 48, of Cassville, was driving a 1998 Mitsubishi Montero eastbound on Highway 248 when he ran off the roadway around 2:15 a.m. on Thursday morning. After crossing the center line, he struck a fence, hit a tree and overturned.

Roller was transported to Mercy Hospital in Cassville for serious injuries sustained in the crash. He was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. The Montero was totaled and towed from the scene by Brice's Towing, of Cassville.



REMEMBERING FORMER SEN. EMORY MELTON

Last week, my colleagues and I paused to take time out from the normal course of business in the Missouri Senate to honor former senators who have passed away over the last few years. This was an opportunity to celebrate their lives, legacies and records of public service with their families and loved ones. Among those honored in the Missouri Senate from the 29th District, Sen. Emory Melton.

Senator Melton was born in McDowell, in 1923, and was a life-long resident of Barry County. His love of Barry County and southwest Missouri as a whole was evident to anyone who met him. He was a student and writer of history, chronicling the history of his hometown, Cassville, in his book, "The First 150 Years in Cassville, Missouri," and was commonly known as the authority on all things related to Barry County history. Senator Melton was no stranger to hard work and perseverance. After graduating from Verona High School, he hitchhiked his way to Columbia, where he enrolled in the Law School at the University of Missouri. While there, he swept floors, worked in the hospital's kitchen and slept in boiler rooms to make ends meet. Returning to Barry County, he began a career practicing law that would last over six decades until his passing in December 2015. He and his wife, Jean, were owners of Litho Printers and the Barry County Advertiser, both of which are still in operation today. They also owned the Crane Chronicle/Stone County Republican newspaper and were partners in the Barry County Abstract Company and former owners of the Cassville Republican newspaper.

Perhaps what Sen. Melton is most remembered for is his time serving in the Missouri State Senate. First elected in 1972, his career in the Senate lasted 24 years, until he termed out of office in 1996. Emory was among the Senate's most revered and beloved members, making friends on both sides of the aisle and gaining both respect for his intellect and fear of his knowledge and ability to debate. Nearly every time Sen. Melton is mentioned in the Capitol, the first thing I hear is "Emory read every one of the bills and knew most of them better than the sponsoring senator did." I heard stories about his use of humor and story-telling on the Senate floor to make a point or disarm a political opponent. I heard stories about his tireless campaigning across the district (which was a lot bigger back in his day), that he would stay overnight anywhere he could find so he could get up bright and early the next morning and knock on someone's door and tell them how hard he would work for them in the State Capitol. One of my favorite stories about Emory is one where he was so adamant in talking to every potential voter he could that he once removed his shoes and socks, hiked up his pant legs and waded across a creek to reach a farmer working on the other side. I heard a lot of stories about Emory this past week. Some of them I had heard and some I hadn't, but all of them had one thing in common: tremendous respect for Emory and his service to this state.

When I first considered running for public office, Emory was one of the first people I went to for advice. His counsel was invaluable and I got the feeling that neither I nor those that came before or that will come after me in the 29th District Senate seat could fully fill his shoes. Even in his twilight years, he would call my office every few weeks to request a copy of a Senate or House bill or to see if a new set of statutes was available or to offer advice about an issue or bill before the Legislature.

During this memorial service, all those senators honored had their names called on the Senate floor one more time. It was my pleasure and great honor to answer for Sen. Melton when his name was called. I am confident this won't be the last time Emory Melton's name is mentioned in the halls of the Capitol or in the Barry County Courthouse or on the streets of Cassville or any other town in the 29th District. His legacy lives on and those of who had the privilege of knowing him and learning from him don't know who lucky we are.

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Barry County Road Commissioners sworn in for new terms



The Barry County commissioners held a swearing in ceremony for the newly elected road district commissioners in the April General Municipal election. The swearing in, held at Crowder College on April 20, included brief presentations on the Sunshine Law and the bidding process for road work in the county. Pictured above are the road district commissioners being sworn in by Barry County Clerk Gary Youngblood.

The newly elected road commissioners, along with their district, are: Michael Benton, Ash; Tommy Ray, Butterfield; Rick Vanderpool, Capps Creek; Ron Schad, Corsicana; Andy McCullough, Crane Creek; Shannon Stewart, Exeter; Jim Cox, Flat Creek; Robert Slane, Greasy Creek; Edgar Schreiner, Jenkins; David Brittenham, Kings Prairie; Bill Wolf, McDonald; Jenise Isley, Mineral; Pete Rauch, Monett; Victor Link, Mountain; Steven Gold, Ozark; John Mills, Pioneer; David Sperandio, Pleasant Ridge; Randy Wormington, Purdy; Larry Lea, Roaring River; Timothy J. Wilson, Shell Knob; High “Cisco” Maloney, Sugar Creek; Tom Bromwell, Viola; Mike Shockley, Washburn; Robbie Brattin, Wheaton; and Kenneth Olson, White River.

Not all road district commissioners were present for the photo. Their terms expire in 2020.

Cassville Speech and Debate members compete at State



Cassville Speech and Debate competed at the annual Missouri MSHSAA High School state tournament hosted at Missouri State University on April 21 and 22. Schools throughout Missouri compete at their district tournaments to qualify at the state-level. Alexander Mackey placed second in the state in Poetry. Jacob Whitham placed 14th in the state in Dramatic Interpretation.

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Cassville Speech and Debate visits State Capitol



On Wednesday, March 29, Cassville High School Speech and Debate students participated in the Fine Arts Education Day at the Missouri State Capitol.

The purpose of Fine Arts Education Day is to highlight the importance of fine arts education in Missouri schools. During FAED, the Missouri State Capitol Building is alive with vocal and instrumental ensemble performances, dance groups and theatrical presentations. Performance venues include the First Floor Capitol Rotunda and the South Steps of the Capitol building.

CHS students had the opportunity to tour the capitol, perform at the capitol and meet Representative Scott Fitzpatrick. They attended a Summit the evening before, and Fitzpatrick provided the group's transportation fees.

In the photo, from left to right: Representative Scott Fitzpatrick, Thomas Tabor, Tempest Gray, Jouna Thao, Marisa Padilla, Olivia Padilla, Grace Baxley, Jake Whitham, Levi Hodge, Ying Thao, Cole Stringer, Garrett York and CHS Speech and Debate teacher Talana Hinson.

Barry County Route. W to be resurfaced starting May 1

Drivers can expect one-lane traffic and occasional traffic delays when a project to resurface and widen Barry County Route W begins the week of May 1, the Missouri Department of Transportation said.

Route W will receive a new driving surface and the road-way will be widened to include shoulders with edgeline rumble strips.

The nine mile project runs between Route 86 in Wheaton and Route 37 near Butterfield.

Drivers can expect flaggers on the road and pilot cars directing them through the work zone. Drivers should wait for the pilot vehicle before proceeding through the work zone or before entering the work zone from a side road.

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Lee Stubblefield

It wasn't a shutout this time, but Purdy's 21-4 domination of Southwest on the tiny field at Washburn gave the Lady Eagles a 3-0 regular season sweep of their Ozark 7 rival with district play just a week away.

Purdy improved to a stellar 19-1 with the victory, leaving one to wonder how in the world they lost that one game to Strafford. Twelve of the 19 wins were shutouts, several achieved in brutal fashion. Scores of 14-0, 15-0, 20-0, and 28-0 litter the Purdy scorebook. It has been an impressive season so far.

The Purdy domination of this conference rivalry has been tough to swallow for a proud group of Southwest girls. The Lady Trojans are a solid team, but haven't been able to play at the same level as the Lady Eagles.

Tuesday night, both teams came out swinging. Literally. It's always a good strategy to be aggressive at the plate when playing at Washburn, where the outfield fence invites home runs from 190 feet away. The short porch on the left field foul line is even closer.

Purdy struck for three runs in the top of the first inning. Rion Boyd stroked an RBI double to open the scoring, and Sami House knocked in two more runs as Purdy claimed a 3-0 lead with the two-out rally.

Southwest went in order

in the bottom of the inning, but Maggie Robbins held the Lady Eagles to a rare scoreless frame in the top of the second. Likewise, Hallie Henderson mowed down the Lady Trojans in the home half of the inning.

Purdy again went scoreless in the third, and then Southwest pushed a run across for their first score this season against the Lady Eagles. That run came courtesy of three walks and a hit batsman by Henderson, but it counted. After three innings, the Lady Trojans were within hailing distance at 3-1.

But Robbins returned the favor in the next frame, walking the bases full of Eagles. Then Zoe Brown laced an RBI single to up the lead to 4-1.

Heather Windes led off the Southwest half of the fourth with a shot over the center field fence. Her wind-aided solo blast cut the lead to 4-2. The home crowd came to life, sensing a monumental upset.

It was not to be.

Robbins, who left the mound against Sarcoxie on Monday night after taking a line drive off the shin, strug-

gled to find the strike zone. Determined but disciplined, the Purdy batters took pitch after pitch and were rewarded with three free baserunners with no outs. Freshman outfielder Kylie Wood stepped to the plate and ripped a 2-2 pitch over the fence in right center for a grand slam.

Dagger. Although Southwest would score twice more via home runs by Taylor Swindle and Windes - her second of the game - the Lady Trojans could not keep pace with the Purdy scoring machine.

Purdy led 13-3 after adding 5 runs in the sixth. Only Windes' second dinger kept the game from being shortened. The Lady Eagles then batted around in the top of the seventh and scored 8 more after Windes came on to pitch in relief of Robbins.

Purdy will open district play at Clever on Monday at 4:30 PM when they square off against winless Verona. Next, Exeter will play Wheaton at 6 PM. Southwest plays Marionville at 6 PM on Tuesday.

The District 10 semifinals will be contested on Wednesday, with the championship game at 6 PM on Thursday.



Kyren Postlewait, a CMS 8th grader, swept the middle school relays on Tuesdays, ending the track meet with four first place medals. Postlewait won gold medals in the following events: 200-meter dash, 4x1 relay, 100-meter dash and finished first in shot put with a throw of 34.5 feet.

CASSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST SOFTBALL CAMP

The Cassville High School softball team will be hosting a softball camp May 8th – 11th will be for current grades 4th, 5th, & 6th grades and will be from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m.

Camp will be held at the Cassville High School field just north of the High School.

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pants will have fundamental skills assessed and receive personal feedback focusing on methods for improvement. Skills that will be addressed will be throwing/catching, base running, tag-ups, leadoffs, sliding, infield, outfield, catching, stealing, bunting, and hitting.

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Issac Dodson

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Cassville hosting district art show Friday, Saturday



Cassville High School art is hosting the Big 8 District Art Show. The show will be open Friday, April 28, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Viewing will be open to the public during that time, as well as Saturday morning, April 29, from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. The show will be located in the FEMA building next to the football field. Parking is in the football field parking lot.

Cassville art students are pictured above with some of the work to be displayed during the art show. From left to right are: Reagan Brock, senior; Sierra Lacy, junior; Marissa Matthews, sophomore; and Joby Paul, senior.



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Wheaton FFA dairy foods evaluation team places third in state competition



Pictured above is the Wheaton FFA Chapter dairy team. From left to right: Hallie Mitchell, Lia Boa Yang, Hilsden Moseley and Gerardo Nunez.

The Wheaton FFA Chapter placed third in the dairy foods career development event at the 89th Missouri FFA Convention. There were 45 teams in the competition. Team members are Lia Boa Yang, Gerardo Nunez, Hilsden Moseley and Hallie Mitchell. Individually, Yang placed first, Nunez placed 28th, Moseley placed 46th and Mitchell placed 156th out of 171 students. The Wheaton advisor is David Bolton.

The participants in the competition taste-test milk

samples for flavor, identify 14 different types of cheese, and use a scoring system to test milk products according to USDA standards. The hands-on portion of the event is combined with an intensive written examination.

Sponsored by University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, this CDE is one way the FFA prepares student members for career success. CDEs engage students in learning and make a real

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Cassville students advance to Speech and Debate Nationals



Four Cassville High School Speech and Debate students have qualified for the National Debate and Speech Tournament which will be held June 17 through 23 in Birmingham, Alabama.

The students who have earned this honor are as follows: Jake Whitham, Dramatic Interpretation, qualified with a second place win; Tempest Gray, Program of Oral Interpretation, qualified with a first place win; Olivia Padilla, Senate Congress, qualified with a first place win; and Levi Hodge, House Congress, qualified with a first place win

The National Debate and Speech Tournament has been held across the country since 1931 and today is the largest academic competition in the world. Each year, more than 3,500 high school students compete in the week-long competition to determine the National Champion.

In photo, left to right: Olivia Padilla, Jake Whitham, Levi Hodge and Tempest Gray.

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Cassville FFA's Littlefield participates in convention media room



Andrew Littlefield

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Skinner performs in ensemble

Parker Skinner, vocal music education major from Cassville, performed as an ensemble member in Harding University's 44th annual Spring Sing on April 13 through 15. Four hosts and hostesses, 20 ensemble members, and seven vocalists performed throughout the musical variety show, drawing more than 10,000 audience members to four performances.

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Competing shows are brought together under the Spring Sing theme "Curtain Up" by host and ensemble performances. As part of "Curtain Up," Skinner performed in group numbers highlighting modern Broadway music.

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Cassville Library events

- The LEGO Club for the Cassville Branch will meet at 3:30 Thursday, April 27, in the library's lower level. All are invited to attend.
- Don't miss the fun on Saturday, April 29, with Mike Anderson, the Dulcimer Guy. The program begins at 1 p.m. and all are welcome to this free event sponsored by The Peterson Family Trust.
- Split, rated PG-13, is the Monday Movie Matinee on May 1 beginning at 1:30. James McAvoy stars in this American psychological thriller by M. Night Shyamalan. Bring your own snacks.
- Color Me Mellow is a relaxing coloring group for grown-ups that meets each first and third Wednesdays at 4 p.m. You may bring your own projects or use the materials provided. The next session will be May 3.
- The 3:30 Thursday activity for May 4 will be the showing of a Disney animated feature called Tangled: Before Ever After, rated PG. Please bring your own snacks.
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Hummingbirds begin to come back to Missouri

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages people to discover nature this spring by learning about the ruby-throated hummingbird. Missourians will begin seeing these hummingbirds in April as the tiny long-distance fliers return to the state as part of their spring migration from Mexico and Central America.

“Hummingbirds will be arriving soon and a few have already been spotted in southern Missouri,” said MDC State Ornithologist Sarah Kendrick. “It’s time to put out feeders! Their numbers will increase throughout the month of April.”

Kendrick noted hummingbirds.net is a fun and useful website to see when and where hummingbirds are migrating. The ruby-throated hummingbird migration map shows locations where the birds have already been spotted this year as they migrate northward into the U.S. and Canada. The website allows visitors to help out by submitting dates and exact locations of hummingbird sightings.

Just like most birds, hummingbirds typically migrate south in early fall and migrate back north in the spring.

“Hummingbirds arrive in Missouri in April and May to nest and raise their young. They then make their fall southward migration in mid-August with most leaving by early October,” Kendrick said. “A few birds overwinter in extreme southern coastal states, but most overwinter from southern Mexico to Costa Rica. Dur-

ing migration, these tiny birds fly nonstop for 600 miles from the Gulf Coast of the U.S. to the Yucatan Peninsula over the Gulf of Mexico and then back on their return trips. They often lose half their body weight during this 24-hour flight.”

Early spring arrivals rely on sap oozing from sapsucker-drilled holes and insects for food. With warmer weather, they soon switch to eating nectar from many different kinds of flowers later in spring. This gives them energy needed to catch insects all day long to feed their young.

Hummingbirds are more than just a delight to watch zipping around at your feeder, they also play a very important part in our ecosystem.

“Hummingbirds are important pollinators for many plants that require a long-billed pollinator,” Kendrick said. “And because of their small size, hummingbirds can end up as food for predators such as large insects, spiders, other birds, and frogs.”

Hummingbirds are found across Missouri throughout the summer and can be seen around nectar feeders outside homes and in parks and gardens. Hummingbirds nest in wooded areas on small tree branches 10-20 feet up, and are frequently observed near forests and streams. Learn more about the ruby-throated hummingbird, including images and a video, at MDC’s online Field Guide at nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/ruby-throated-hummingbird.



SOUTHWEST SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

As part of continued efforts in keeping patrons informed, the Southwest R-V School Administration will provide monthly information concerning Board Meetings.

A recap of the April 13, 2017, Regular Meeting is as follows:

The Board convened for its meeting at 7 p.m. The Board approved the Consent items, including accepting the resignations of Jessica Maloney and Amanda Miller and the retirement of Beverly Branstetter.

The board approved Krystal Haney to be hired as a 4th grade teacher for the 2017-2018 school year.

Current openings are: HS Math, Elementary Art, 5th and 6th Grade Mathematics and Science and 7th & 8th Grade Mathematics.

There were no items under old business this month. New business items included the approval of the amended version of the 2016-2017 district budget and approval of the 2017A MSBA Board Policies.

Under Administrative and Program Evaluations, the Board reviewed the spring sports report and the monthly Maintenance and Administrative reports.

Superintendent Tosha Tilford informed the Board about the progress on the building project. The Performance Contractor, CTS, is taking bids. They are moving quickly on bids and want to get started on the projects.

Graduation is slated for May 12 at 8 p.m. and 8th promotion is May 11 at 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting will begin after promotion is completed.

MAP and EOC testing begins next week. Middle School will be the first to test. The other buildings will be over the next few weeks.

The Board met in closed session for approximately one hour to discuss personnel, then returned to open session and officially adjourned in advance of being reorganized. Board Secretary Judy Brooks administered the Oath of Directors to incumbent board member Ruth Henderson and the new board members Doug Henry and Terry Meek.

New officers were selected with Danny Dalton serving as President, Robert Catron as Vice-President, Ruth Henderson as Treasurer and Judy Brooks as Secretary. The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for May 12 in the high school library.

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Pictured above, from left to right: Laney Moore, Amy Reeves, Elizabeth Ross, Shyla Richardson and Austin Pippin (in front).

Barry County Museum honors volunteers



In recognition of National Volunteer Appreciation Month, the Barry Conty Museum honored all of the helpers at the museum with a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Those in attendance were: Ted, Fran, and Gus Bolton; Roger and Joyce Cusick; Judy Harvey; Carrol and Doris Hayes; Glenda and Don Myers; Bob, Marge, and Becky Ryder; Bob and Carolyn Reed; Anita Stufflebeam; Anne Taggart; Elaine Tripp; Darrell and Beverly Ledenham; Herschel Stehlik; and Chloe Weathers .

Cassville spring band concert May 1

The Cassville High School Music Department presents its Concert Band and Jazz Band in a Spring Concert Monday, May 1, at 7 p.m. in the Cassville High School Gym. Included in the concert will be music by John Philip Sousa, Johann Strauss, Jr., Mozart, selections from Mary Poppins, jazz pieces

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Special Cassville Farmers' Market April 29

Jump into spring — and start your own garden — with a trip to the Farmers Market on Saturday, April 29, at Tractor Supply Company in Cassville.

From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., the Farmers Market at 1011 Old Exeter Road will feature homemade and homegrown goods from local farmers and crafters, along with gardening advice to help new growers get started.

Farmers and crafters will showcase their goods in front of the Tractor Supply store.

“At Tractor Supply, we’re proud to partner with customers who are passionate about homemade and homegrown goods,” said Trent Cannon, manager of the Cassville Tractor Supply. “Our Farmers Market allows us to showcase these local crafters and growers, highlight the benefits of growing your own food and offer those looking to start their own gardens the advice and supplies needed to do so.”

Along with seasoned advice, Tractor Supply carries a variety of tools and supplies, including organic options for use in the garden, such as planters, seeds, soil and fertilizer, garden tools, tillers, hoses, mist kits and other garden accessories.

The Tractor Supply Farmers Market will take place April 29 at 1011 Old Exeter Road. Contact the Cassville Tractor Supply store at (417) 846-1844 for more details or information about participating in the event.