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## Cassville School goes on lockdown for police suspect search

Charlea Estes-Jones

Cassville R-IV Schools went into temporary lock down as a precaution on Friday, October 13, after being notified by the Cassville Police Department that a person of interest was suspected to be in the area. James Erick Hooper, 27, of Duenweg, was arrested and booked into the Barry County Jail at 10:30 a.m. for a stabbing incident in Carthage and questioning for a local burglary.

The Barry County Sheriff's Department put out Hooper's photo and information that he was wanted for a home invasion burglary and fled on foot at 9:15 a.m. in Cassville. When law enforcement began looking for the suspect, Cassville R-IV Schools went into a lock down that lasted until the suspect was apprehended.

Cassville Superintendent Dr. Richard Asbill sent an automated call out to parents, alerting them of the situation, at 10:13 a.m. Later in an interview, he said, "We secured the exterior and didn't allow students to go outdoors until we got the all-clear.

"Parents should know that we are always in lock down, because our doors are all scan doors and locked during school hours. In this case, we just limited exterior access, meaning students couldn't leave the building to go to gym or recess. We had such a quick response on this, it didn't disrupt many of our regularly scheduled plans."

The school resumed regular activities once the Cassville Police Department apprehended the suspect.

According to the affidavits of probable cause by Cassville officer Colt Beck, Hooper had been reported to have broken into a home on Presley Drive and the man in the residence chased him out of the back door. While searching his home to see if anything was missing, Hooper's pants and shoes were found which contained his wallet and drivers' license.

The affidavit went on to state that shortly after, the Cassville High School reported a male outside of their facility wearing the stolen clothing from the home on Presley Drive. When Hooper was approached by the school resource officer Troy Wenzel, he took off on foot. Wenzel apprehended the suspect on the soccer field, placed him in hand restraints and Hooper was transported to the Barry County Jail.

In Barry County, Hooper is charged with burglary in the first degree and resisting arrest for a felony. Hooper is currently being held in lieu of a \$130,000 bond. Of that, \$30,000 is for the charges in Barry County. The remaining \$100,000 bond is for charges in the Carthage incident. Hooper is charged with assault in the first degree on a special victim and armed criminal action in Jasper County.

## The Show in Cassville celebrates 25 years

Charlea Estes-Jones

This year marks a milestone for The Show in Cassville. Next week will be the event's 25th year, and to honor that, the performers will be looking back at some of the performances over the years.

Greg and Brenda Beck are the founders of The Show, and Greg shared how The Show came to be and how things have changed over the years.

Beck was a musician on the road for many years. After retiring, he settled back in Cassville and contemplated a way to bring all of the local talent together for entertainment for the community. He said, "I told my wife, Cassville needs a music show. There is a lot of talent here. I hear people at church, and people can sing and play really well, but it didn't seem like there was an outlet here for that."

After hearing Greg talk about a variety show over and over, Brenda finally sat down and helped him plan it out.

He laughed and shared, "I think she kind of got tired of listening to me say it, and she got a piece of paper and said, 'Okay, who is in your band?"

Beck approached the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce with the idea for them to sponsor it, got the board approval and has worked with the Chamber ever since to put the perfor-



Above is Debbie Nickle, feeling tropical, at The Show in 2013. This year's 25th anniversary Show is bringing back some old favorites as well as new

mance on.

Over the years, The Show has covered a wide variety of songs and themes. In the past, they've done movie and television themes, a radio show, Trip Across America, One Hit Wonders and a 50s/60s show.

Performers are all volunteers, and the band puts in a significant amount of work. Practices begin in June and run five times a month until the performances at the end of October. Beck said, "The band is the key to the show. They show up every night of the rehearsals. Singers only have to show up for 30 minutes, but the band is there every Tuesday night. We don't have music, it's an ear thing. You can't afford to

buy sheet music for every song. Every once in a while, we get music if we are really having trouble on the song, but most of the time they have to figure it out."

Many members have been involved in the band, dubbed The Hometown Sound, since its inception. Beck shared, "Twenty-five years later, here we are. Bruce and Debbie Nickle have been here since the beginning. Jack Reed has been in it the whole time and has only missed a year. Jo Ellen Fielding has been with us 20 years and Carol House is 20 years. Jennifer Evans has been in 15 or 16 years. John Bowen has been here 25 years and Carolyn Bowen is our stage manager and has been all 25 years.

"After three or four years, we added the horns. Rocky [Mills], who recently passed away, and Jim [Craig] were both with us a long time."

Beck also shared that Rocky Mills, who played trumpet, sang and lent his talents to other instruments as the need arose, will be honored in this year's show. Mills passed away in May.

Beck said, "It's all volunteer, but once they all understood what we were doing, they were all in.

"I'm so proud of the band because we have stayed together. The core of the band for the most part, has been together that 26 years."

When asked why he thinks The Show has been so

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#### Inside this issue:

#### **Breast Cancer Awareness**

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#### **Cassville Food Drive**

Cassville School's Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat will be on Tuesday, October 24. **3A** 

#### **ATV Rodeo This Weekend**

The Cassville FFA Booster Club's ATV Rodeo will be the first event of its kind in Cassville. The event takes place this Saturday. For more information, see the article.

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## Man pleads guilty to murder of Golden man in 2015

Charlea Estes-Jones

The man accused of shooting a Golden man in his trailer in early June 2015 pled guilty last week, netting him a 20 year incarceration sentence for murder in the second degree and an additional three years for armed criminal action. Michael Beatty, 52, of Golden, pled guilty to the murder of Ed Smith, 68, of Golden.

Beatty was initially charged with first degree murder, attempted arson, armed criminal action,

and tampering in the first degree. He was booked into the Barry County Jail in lieu of a \$1,000,000 cash-only bond.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, a caller informed the Barry County dispatch at 11:18 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9, that Smith had been killed and that the suspect, Michael Beatty, had fled the scene in Smith's car. The caller also stated that Beatty was armed and that the caller was afraid for his life.

When officers arrived at the scene, Smith's trailer on Farm Road 1255 in Golden, Barry County Sheriff's Deputies Angela Cole and Bill Watkins found Smith under a pile of clothes and sheets soaked in gasoline on the bed in the trailer.

Officers immediately began a search of the area looking for Beatty or Smith's car, a white 2013 Chrysler 200. A road block was set up at the Golden Post Office and a search began near Mayo Beach.

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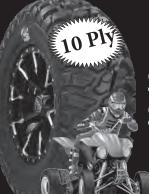
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#### MURDER from FRONT

Smith's car was located wrecked against a tree about three miles from the scene on Farm Road 2250, and Beatty was found hiding in bushes in the woods near the wreck. According to former Sheriff Mick Epperly at the time, Beatty was taken into custody by the Sheriff's Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 12:44 p.m. without incident.

Upon investigation, officers discovered that Beatty had been living with Smith at the trailer in Golden, and there had possibly been some type of altercation. Epperly said that Beatty had strangulation-type marks and bruising on his neck when he was taken into custody, but it was unknown as to the circumstances of the injuries.

A closer investigation of Smith's body indicated that he had been shot multiple times in the head and possibly chest before having his clothes stripped and piled on top of him on the bed in the trailer. Deputy Watkins observed blood on the bedding as well as the walls of the bedroom in the trailer. According to the probable cause, a small pile of leaves had been set fire in the living room, but had gone out, making the arson attempt unsuccessful.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, Beatty attempted to clean himself up before fleeing the scene. Epperly stated that Beatty also had a bag with him

before wrecking near Mayo Beach in Smith's car, leading them to believe that he was attempting to run.

Beatty was also charged with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor careless imprudent driving, misdemeanor driving without a license and failing to wear a safety belt. According to an affidavit of probable cause by Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper T. Coffey, who was dispatched to the homicide of Ed Smith, 68, of Golden, Beatty had driven the victim's car away and crashed it off the south side of Farm Road 2250 east of Farm Road 1247.

Beatty had fled the scene and was hiding in nearby bushes when he was found by the Highway Patrol and the Barry County Sheriff's Department. Coffey noted in the report that the investigation determined that Beatty had been travelling too fast for the conditions and he failed to negotiate a left curve, leading to the crash against a tree.

After Beatty was arrested, Trooper Coffey attempted to administer tests to determine if he was intoxicated, but Beatty was uncooperative. He was reported to smell strongly of alcohol, have blood shot eyes and dilated pupils, according to the officers' observations.

Those charges are still pending.

Beatty's sentence began on Thursday, October 12.

#### Two injured in Eagle Rock motorcycle crash

Charlea Estes-Jones

The driver and passenger on a motorcycle near Eagle Rock were injured on Thursday, October 12, afternoon after being thrown off the bike. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, the driver was flown by helicopter for serious injuries.

On Thursday, the pair were

on a motorcycle about three miles north of Eagle Rock on Highway 86. The 2013 Harley Davidson Heritage, driven by Randy L. Ikehorn, 62, Wichita, Kan., went off the right side of the roadway, overturned and ejected both riders.

Ikehorn was transported by helicopter to Mercy Hospital in Springfield for serious injuries. The passenger, Johanna L. Ikehorn, 67, also of Wichita, Kan., was transported to Mercy Hospital in Springfield for minor injuries. Both were wearing helmets at the time of the crash. The motorcycle sustained moderate damage and was towed from the scene by Brice's Towing, of Cassville.

#### Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat

Cassville High School's annual food drive will be coming to your neighborhood on Tuesday, October 24. Trickor-Treat So Others Can Eat will bring areas students to Cassville area homes on Tuesday afternoon looking for non-perishable food items to donate to the local community in need of food.

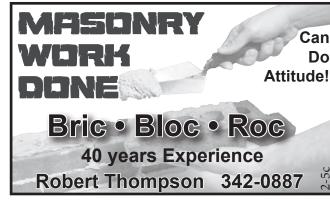
Each year, clubs at Cassville Schools band together for the campaign to gather more donations. Members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), FTA (Future Teachers of America), Technology Student Association (TSA) and Future Farmers of America (FFA) all work together to collect food to provide to the local food pantry.

The event, which happens near Halloween each year often features students dressed in costumes to add to

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next meeting or event. Contact: Gene Writer @ 417-342-3324 for availability and fees. fun of an event that is so vital to the community.

This year's collection will be on Tuesday, October 24, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you are unable to be home, you can leave donations on the porch for students to collect. To make other arrangements for donations, call the high school at (417) 847-3137.







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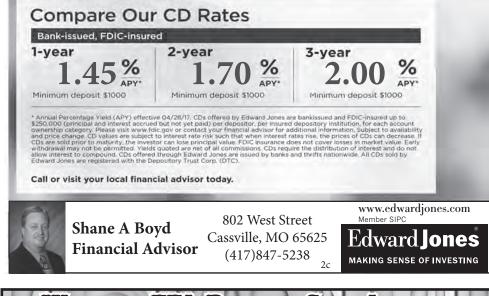
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The Family Life Center and area schools. You can register online at http://registration.upward.org/UPW65402 or at http://fbccassville.org/ministries/familylifecenter

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### **Community Calendar**

Community Calendar page is free as a courtesy to local events. If your event is relying on advertising for attendance, then it is vital for you to place a paid ad. There is no guarantee that your event will be placed in community calendar. Deadline for community calendar is Monday at 5 p.m.

#### **Notice:**

Cassville Farmers' Market will be on the square every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and at the auction barn on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. For information, call (417) 652-7308.

The Old Church Gallery Farmers' Market in Shell Knob will be open every Thursday morning from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. For information, call (417)858-2510.

#### October 20th

Purdy Parent Teacher Student Organization will hold its annual fall carnival on October 20 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Stella Senior Center will host a dance on October 20 at

5:30 p.m. For information, call (417)628-3314.

#### October 21st

McDowell Gold Jubilee will host music on October 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the community building.

Gunter Church Fall Festival will be October 21 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The church is located at Butterfield. For information, call (417)669-5582.

Central Crossing Senior Center will host a fundraising pancake breakfast on October 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 10

Jenkins and Wells Reunion will be October 21 at 1 p.m. at the Reavisville Fellowship Building. For information, call (417)235-3030.

Ray Family Reunion will be October 21 at the Fairview School House in Shell Knob at 12 p.m.

Seligman Chamber will host a dance on October 21 at 7 p.m. For information, call (417)662-3612.

Wheaton PTCO Carnival will be October 21 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school gym.

St. Mary's Halloween Carnival in Pierce City will be October 21 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the St. Mary's gym.

#### October 22nd

Free Meal will be offered on October 22 at 3 p.m. at the Seligman Community Center.

Fairview School Reunion will be held October 22 at 1 p.m. Please bring a covered dish. The school is located at Shell Knob. For information, call (417)342-9662.

#### October 23rd

Central Crossing Senior Center will host Nell's Nails on October 23. For an appointment, call (417)858-6952.

Central Crossing Senior Center will offer notary service on October 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Exeter High School National Honor Society will host a community blood drive on October 23 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

#### October 24th

Cassville FBLA, FCCLA, FTA, TSA and FFA will be collecting non-perishable foods on October 24 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Barry County Republican Club will meet October 24 at the Steak Inn in Shell Knob at 6:30 p.m.

#### October 25th

Central Crossing Senior Center will offer an art class on October 25 at 9:30 a.m. For information, call (417)858-

Golden Baptist Church will host a support group for single moms and their children on October 25 at 6 p.m. For information, call (417)271-3605.

Seligman Community Center will host a food pantry on October 26 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Must show Seligman address. For information, call (417)662-3749.

#### October 27th

Clio Community Building will host music on October 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Washburn Area Youth Revival will be October 27 through October 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Southwest High School Gym.

#### October 28th

Cassville Annual Fall Festival Chili/Salsa Cook-Off will be October 28 at 8 a.m. on the Cassville square. For information, call (417)847-2814.

Eagle Rock Daze will be October 28 at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call (417)271-3386.

#### October 31st

Seligman City Hall will host a Halloween Trunk or Treat on October 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Washburn First Baptist Church will host a safehouse on October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with food and games.

#### School Menus: October 23 - October 27

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

Southwest: Mon: B: Blueberry muffin, fresh fruit, or cereal, juice. L: Pepperoni pizza, romain salad, corn, tropical fruit or salad/fruit bar. Tues: B: Biscuits & gravy, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Chicken strips, breadstick, green beans, apple slices or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: Chewy choclate granola bar, bananas or cereal, juice. L: General chicken, rice, cauliflower/broccoli, pineapple or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: French toast, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Corn dog, broccoli mac & cheese, tropical fruit or salad/fruit bar. Fri: B: Hot ham & hashbrown sandwich, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: Bbq rib sandwich, cole slaw, potato chips, mandarin oranges or salad/fruit bar.

Purdy: Mon: B: Oatmeal, toast, cereal, fruit. L: Cheese quesadilla, corn, fruit. Tues: B: Breakfast pizza, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich, baby carrots, ranch, fruit, chocolate chip cookie. Wed: B: Biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: Corn dog, waffle fries, baked beans, pears. Thurs: B: Blueberry waffles, cereal, toast, fruit. L: Chicken patty sandwich, lettuce, tomato, potato chips, fresh broccoli, ranch, applesauce. Fri: No School.

Cassville: Mon: B: Biscuits & gravy or eggs extravaganza, toast, applesauce or cereal, graham crackers, pears. L: Beef burrito or hot dog, nacho cheese, green beans, chips & bean dip, pineapple chunks. Tues: B: Biscuits & gravy or brfst pizza, mandarin oranges or cereal, apple slices, carmel cup. L: Corn dog or chicken strips, mac & cheese, glazed carrots. Wed: B: Biscuits & gravy or brfst burrito, hashbrown, pineapple chunks or cereal, toast, peaches. L: Chicken sandwich or

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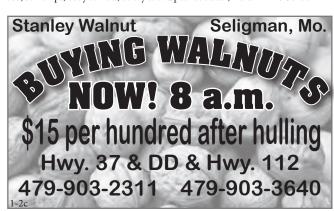
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Cassville High: Mon: B: Biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, peaches or cereal, rice krispy treats, apple. L: Chicken crispitos, corn, nachos or pizza meal or salad meal. Tues: B: Biscuits & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, yogurt cups, peaches. L: Shrimp poppers, mac & cheese, green beans, brownies or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Wed: B: Biscuits & gravy or sausage brfst pizza, tropical fruit cups or cereal, pb&j, banana. L: Grilled ham & cheese, chicken noodles, glazed carrots or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: Biscuit & gravy or blueberry bagel, go-gurt, peaches or cereal, pop tart, trail mix. L: Pork patty, sun chips, baked beans or chicken nugget meal or salad meal. Fri: No School.

Exeter: Mon: B: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, peaches, fruit juice, cereal, whole grain biscuit. L: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit. Tues: B: Whole grain pancake wrap, fresh fruit, juice, cereal, graham crackers. L: Bbq pork/bun, baked beans, winter mix, fruit. Wed: B: Ham & cheese bosco, orange, juice, cereal, pop tart. L: Chicken patty, carrots, corn, bread slice, fruit. Thurs: B: Chicken biscuit, whole grain biscuit, bananas, juice, cereal, vertical bar. L: Turkey & cheese sub, sun chips, baby carrots, celery sticks/peanut butter, fruit. Fri: No School.







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## How to fend off a fruit fly invasion

Homeowners who have dealt with insect infestations know that even the smallest critters can make for formidable foes. A single insect might not seem like a substantial problem, but such uninvited guests have a tendency to multiply, quickly becoming a problem for less proactive homeowners.

Such is the case with fruit flies. Though small in stature, fruit flies can prove a pesky, food-contaminating nuisance. As their name implies, fruit flies are attracted to ripening fruits, which serve as a food source and a breeding ground. Fruit flies also breed around garbage disposals, drains and garbage cans while facilitating the transmission of bacteria that can prove harmful to human health. Fortunately, homeowners can employ a combination of strategies to fend off fruit fly infestations before they take root.

· Locate and eliminate potential breeding grounds. Fruit flies are seen swarming around trash cans and areas where food has been left out. According to TERRO\*, an industry leader in DIY pest control products, fruit fly populations tend to be greatest during the summer and fall months, when they infest fruits during the harvest season. Pay particular attention to trash containers during these times of year, discarding trash more frequently if necessary and making sure all trash can lids are tightly closed. In addition, place ripened fruits and vegetables in the refrigerator during these times of year.

· Trap flies before they can breed and multiply. Fermenting fruit or moist organic debris is necessary to complete the fruit fly life cycle. TERRO® Fruit Fly Traps, which last 30 days, employ a non-toxic, food-based liquid lure to attract and trap fruit flies. Once inside, fruit flies cannot escape, eliminating their chance to breed and multiply. Before placing traps, pay attention to where fruit flies tend to be most problematic and place the apple-shaped traps in those areas.

"The key to successful elimination of fruit flies is to locate their breeding source and place the TERRO\* Fruit Fly Trap nearby," says TERRO\* Director of Research Stew Clark. "Look for fruit fly sources in areas where unrefrigerated fruits and vegetables are stored, near garbage cans and recycling bins."

Once you identify potential breeding grounds, activate the apple-shaped trap by pulling the leaf-like lid from its base and pouring the liquid lure into the vapor chamber. Keep the lid open while the trap is in use, and you should notice a significant decrease in the number of fruit flies within a few days.

· Keep a clean home. Clean homes, and tidy kitchens in particular, are less likely to be overcome with fruit fly infestations. After cooking meals, be sure to clean all surfaces with which food has come in contact. Clean any spilled drinks, since sweet and sticky beverages like soda and wine lure fruit flies. It's also important to keep cleaning materials, such as mops and drains, clean, since fruit flies can continue to breed in soiled mops and dirty drains.

Though small in stature, fruit flies can prove harmful to human health, spreading bacteria while also serving as a pesky nuisance. But while many might see fruit flies as an inevitable side effect of warmer weather, these uninvited guests can be quickly and easily eliminated. More information about TERRO® Fruit Fly Traps is available at www.terro.com.

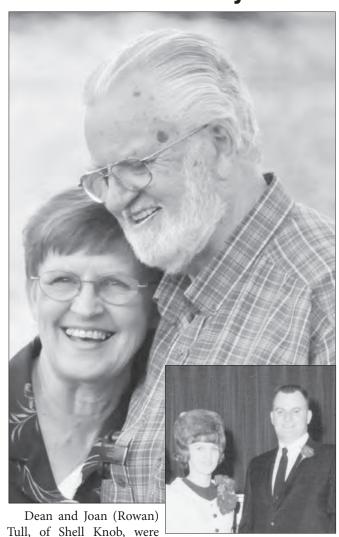
#### Wilma Easley celebrates 105th birthday



Wilma Easley (Thomas) celebrated her 105th birthday on Sunday, October 15, with family. She was born in 1912 near Madry and has resided in Barry County nearly all of her life. She is currently a resident at Roaring River Health and Rehab. She attributes her health and longevity to her relationship



## Tulls celebrate 50th anniversary



married October 21, 1967, at the Church of Christ, Norwich, Kan., by Claude Brazell. They attended high school together in Milton, Kan. Thier children are Brad Tull, of Wichita, Kan., and the late Deena Jo Rowan. Both Dean and Joan worked for Boeing. Dean retired in 1995 and Joan in 1998, and they moved to Shell Knob that same year. They have been enjoying life at the beautiful Table Rock Lake and they have been active in the local community and Lohmer Full Gospel Church. Joan has been a hospice volunteer for twelve years.

Dean and Joan will be celebrating their anniversary with family and friends at Lohmer Full Gospel, Shell Knob, Saturday, October 21, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.









#### **MARY LOUISE NICKLE**

Mary Louise Nickle, 72, of Cassville, passed away Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

She was born August 21, 1945, in Jenkins, the daugh-(Smith) Blankenship. On June 30, 1962, she was united in marriage to Jerry Nickle, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Doug Nickle and his wife, Ann, of Cassville; two daughters, Donna Terry and her husband, James, of Cassher husband, Keith, of Eagle Rock; three brothers, Henry Blankenship and his wife, Sharon, of Aurora, Carl Blankenship and his wife, Trudy, and Pat Blankenship and his wife, Debbie, all of Jenkins; one sister, Marie Iiams, of Jenkins; six grandchildren, Justin, Logan, Ally, Nicole, Ashley and Brett and four great-grandchildren, Kailyn,

Kenzleigh, Kyndal and R.J.

Preceding her in death were her parents and one brother, Harold Blankenship.

Louise was a graduate of Cassville High School and received her Bachelor's Degree from Missouri Southern in Joplin. For several years, she taught school, teaching kindergarten at Jenkins, math at Exeter and 3rd grade and kindergarten at Wheaton. She was a member of Gunter Methodist Church in Butterfield, where she played the piano for 43 years. She also taught Sunday School and was Vacation Bible School director. She was currently attending Johns Chapel at Ash

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, ter of Duane and Ollie Mae October 14, 2017, at Gunter Methodist Church in Butterfield under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Lee Neill and Pastor Mike Tharp conducted the services. Burial was at Gunter Cemetery in Butterfield.

Contributions may be ville, and Valerie Speer and made to Johns Chapel, Gunter Methodist Church or Gunter Cemetery in memory of Louise.

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## **OBITUARIES**



LEO JAMES "JIM" **HORVATH** 

Leo James "Jim" Horvath, 83, of Shell Knob, passed away Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at his home with his loved ones at his side. Beloved husband of Mary Ann (nee Matushek). Dear father of Terri (Doug) Kreienkamp, Mark (Chris) Horvath, and Cheryl (Rick) Rolwes. Dear grandfather of Stephen (Lauren) Kreienkamp, Michael Campanella and Kate, Catrina Horvath, Megan Horvath and Mike, Lucas Rolwes, Spencer Rolwes and Dillon Rolwes. Dear great-grandfather of Skylar and Maximus. Dear uncle, great-uncle and friend to

He was born March 24, 1934, in St. Louis, the son of Leo (Harv) and Esther (Reising) Horvath who preceded him in death. His sister, Sue Rickermann and his brother, Richard Horvath also preceded him in death.

Jim grew up and graduated from high school in St. Louis, where he also attended college. Jim was a true family man, dedicating his life

to sharing his love, wisdom and Christian faith with those close to him. He worked for 40 years at KSH Plastics and served in the United States Army. During his retirement, he spent many happy moments with his wife of 58 vears and faithfully serving Peace Lutheran Church in Shell Knob, as president of the congregation. He was a retired member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. His favorite pastimes were Wii Bowling and reading. His happiest day was being reunited with the Lord and family that preceded him.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at Peace Lutheran Church in Shell Knob under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Pastor Brian Chisamore will conduct the services. Private burial with military honors will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Peace Lutheran Church, Shell Knob, in memory of Jim Horvath are requested.

Visitation with the family will be from noon until service time.

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#### **SHIRLEY GENE** (WHITESCARVER) KEEN HUTCHISON

Shirley Gene (Whitescarver) Keen Hutchison, 81, formally of Cassville, passed away peacefully on October 15, 2017, in Port St. Lucie, Fla. She was surrounded by her children.

Shirley was born on December 24, 1935, in Picher, Okla. to Violet Hattie Thompson and James Orville Whitescarver. She spent her childhood and young adult years in Baxter Springs, Kan. and Joplin, before moving to Cassville in 1972. There she worked in the banking business, was the Public Administrator of Barry County for sixteen years and was Manager of Senior Citizen's Housing for twenty-three years before retiring in 2003.

Since her retirement, Shirley spent most of her time traveling to visit her four children and their families. She especially enjoyed traveling with and going to the University of Memphis women's basketball games. She was a resident of Memphis, Tenn. before moving to Port St. Lucie in 2012.

She was preceded in death

by her parents, Violet Hattie Thompson and James Orville Whitescarver, and one sister, Diana Kay Whitescarver.

She is survived by her four children, Michelle McLean and her husband, Mike, of Exeter, Calif., Gene McFerrin and his wife, Allison, of Atchison, Kan., Melissa McFerrin, of Memphis, Tenn., and Melanie Carr and her husband, Jim, of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; one sister, Paula Seaman and her husband, Wendell, of McKinney, Texas; five grandchildren, Beth Micari and her husband, Larry, of Exeter, Calif., Amy Carr, of Austin, Texas, Jimmy Carr, of New York, N.Y., Matthew Carr, of Tallahassee, Fla., and Libby McFerrin, of Atchison, Kan.; great-grandchildren, Brooklyn and Baylee Micari, of Exeter, Calif.; nieces, Belinda Seaman Dial and Janell Seaman Wyant; and nephew, Brent Seaman.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Habitat for Humanity, Cassville, or the Parkinson's Foundation of America.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cassville, with Pastor James Weaver officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m, to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2017, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville

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







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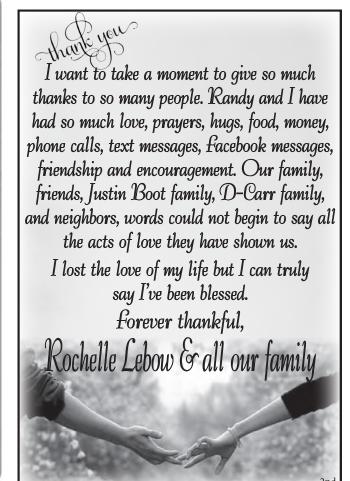
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Thank You to all the people who have made the most difficult day of our lives bearable. The cards, thoughts, prayers, and flowers demonstrated an overwhelming kindness for which our family cannot even begin to thank you. Special thanks to: Bro. Lee Neill, Bro. Mike Tharp, Norman Spain, Denny, Missy and Kylie Wolf, Dr. Kamyab, the nurses at Monett Cox Hospital, and Jim Fohn and staff.

With much gratefulness, Jerry Nickle Donna & James Terry and family Valerie & Reith Speer and family Doug & Ann Nickle and family 2pd

## **OBITUARIES**



### CHRISTOPHER A. WHITTINGTON

Christopher A. Whittington, 30, of Cassville, passed away on Monday, October 9, 2017. Chris, son of Timothy Allen Whittington and Lisa Renee Raiford, was born on April 10, 1987, in Hendersonville, N.C. On February 24, 2013, he was united in marriage to Kimi Schieler and to this union his daughter, Ady, was born. Chris' whole world was spending time with his daughter. They enjoyed going to the park, playing dress up and painting Daddy's fingernails. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, fishing and reading his Bible daily. Chris lived his life to the fullest and always had a smile on his face. He was a devoted friend to many and will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Survivors include his daughter, Ady Sue Whittington, of Cassville; his father, Tim Whittington and wife, Bree, of Lubbock, Texas; his mother, Lisa Raiford and fiancé, Mike Roberts, of Austin, Texas; three brothers, Justin Whittington, of Austin, Texas, Matthew Whittington, of Cassville, and Timothy Johns, of Washburn; two sis-

ters, Montana Whittington, of Hemphill, Texas, and Christina Whittington, of Hendersonville, N.C.; his paternal grandmother, Bonnie Orme, of Hendersonville, N.C.; his paternal grandparents, Bill and Jean Ann Whittington, of Hemphill, Texas; his aunt who helped raise him and was a big part of his life, Deborah Whittington and her significant other, Michael King, of Cassville; his uncle, Tommy Whittington and wife, Sunny, of Hemphill, Texas; his two nephews who thought the world of him, Aiden and Zane Whittington; and several cousins.

Chris was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mike and Mary Raiford; and his maternal great-grandparents, Ellis and Gladys Lowery.

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

A celebration of Christopher's life was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, with Pastor Dallas LaCaze officiating. Burial followed at Mineral Springs Cemetery, Cassville. The family received friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13, at the funeral home.

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

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## Some of the many uses for pumpkins

Few items signal the fall harvest season more than the bright, orange pumpkins that dot fields and liven up displays outside of homes and businesses. Come fall, many pumpkins are turned into grinning jack-o-lanterns just in time for Halloween. But there are many other uses for pumpkins as well.

Pumpkins are believed to have originated in North America. Early Native Americans relied on pumpkins as a source of food that helped them survive long winters. Pumpkins could be roasted, baked, boiled, and dried, and they were eaten and used as medicine. Pumpkin blossoms were added to stews. The shells of the pumpkins could be dried and used as eating and storage vessels.

While pumpkins may now be symbolic of Halloween, the following are a handful of additional ways this versatile fruit can be put to use.

#### Beauty regimen

Pumpkins contain a number of essential vitamins and minerals that can help replenish the skin. Pumpkin purée can be mixed with honey, aloe vera gel, olive oil, and a bit of cornmeal to create an exfoliating mask for the face or body. Pumpkin also can be used to rejuvenate dry or tired skin from cold weather.

Honey, pumpkin and yogurt can be mixed together and used to condition hair. Let the mixture sit for 15 to 20 minutes, and then wash it out and shampoo.

#### Foods and beverages

Pumpkin purée is the basis for many tasty, pumpkin-infused treats. Purée can be used in pies, cakes, muffins, breads, and many additional foods. Pumpkin purée also may be found in certain beverages, such as smoothies and shakes. A bit of spiced purée may appear as flavoring in teas and coffees.

Roasted pumpkin seeds make a healthy treat. Foodies suggest using the seeds from "sugar pumpkins" or the ones best for making pies. Boil the seeds for a few minutes before draining. Spray a baking sheet with non-stick spray and put the seeds in a single layer. Bake at 400 F for 20 minutes. Allow to cool and serve.

Pumpkin wines and beers are popular as well. There are many recipes for developing sweet, fermented beverages, which tend to be especially popular in the fall.

The "guts" of the pumpkin can be simmered along with aromatics and other vegetables to create a vegetable stock perfect for soups and broths.



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Pumpkins can also add to one's home décor during the fall. Pumpkins can be carved for Halloween displays, hollowed-out to hold tealights or simply left on tables and used as centerpieces. Larger pumpkins may be used as natural flower pots for mums or other seasonal floral displays. As the Native Americans once did, pumpkins can be hollowed-out and used as bowls to serve favorite soups and dips.

Use a hollowed, small pumpkin as a natural aromatic candle holder. Cut holes in the sides to vent the exhaust. Rub aromatic spices, such as cloves, nutmeg, allspice, cinnamon, and vanilla bean, on the inside of the pumpkin. Insert a beeswax candle in the bottom of the pumpkin and let it send inviting aromas into the air.





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## Cassville women battles, beats an aggressive form of breast cancer

Charlea Estes-Jones

For Cassville resident Trina Thomas, it all started with pain. Pain in her breast turned out to be what everyone hopes it isn't: breast cancer. She said, "I didn't go for my mammogram in October, thinking they never find anything. But I actually went to the doctor for breast pain and they said I had a huge mass."

On December 22 of last year, Trina Thomas was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer known as HER2 positive breast cancer. Being HER2 positive occurs in roughly one in five cases of breast cancer and makes the patient less responsive to hormone therapy.

Thomas shared, "I had pain, but by the time I got diagnosed, it was stage 3 HER2 positive. You can't just have your breast cut off. You have to go through chemo and radiation and all of that.

"It was really hard."

Thomas, like many local women, had to undergo treatment for her cancer in Springfield. Her treatments took place at the Hulston Cancer Center, and included a regimen of both chemotherapy and radiation. She said, "Chemo made me sick and made my hair fall out, and you're just really sick. But with radiation, you're just exhausted. It was only eight minutes for the radiation, but then I'd just sleep all day. The last five sessions were only four minutes, but it still made me so tired."

Thomas shared what her treatment looked like, "I had chemo every three weeks. And I had to have 25 radiation treatments. I had to go to Springfield Monday through Friday until it was done, and it's a lot of driving."

Being a mother meant that she needed help with her son, who has autism, during that time. She said, "My family was most helpful. My family took me up there and helped me with my son, but it was so hard. If you miss a day, they really get on to you. My son was sick one day, and they were calling me asking why I wasn't there." Being a mother is a big challenge when it comes to treatments over an hour away from home.

Thankfully, Thomas benefitted from a local chapter of a groups that helps people going through those treatments. "The Breast Cancer Center of the Ozarks in Springfield gave me gas money and gave me money for my electricity and clothes for my son. And then, like a month and a half ago, my air conditioner quit working, and they gave me the money to buy two window units. I'm really grateful to them."

When asked what advice she would give to people who know someone battling breast cancer, she said, "Even talking was exhausting. People ask me to come over, but I was too tired to talk to people.

"The main thing is to eat. No one wants to eat when you're on chemo because you can't taste a n y t h i n g, so try to get them to eat," she said.

Thomas lost 45

pounds during chemo. Five pounds of that was in a single day

She said, "They don't tell you everything that is going to happen to you. They tell



#### **Thomas**

you that if they told you everything that is going to happen to you, you wouldn't go through it. I knew so many people who went through it before, and they don't tell you either. I've met people who've actually said they wouldn't go



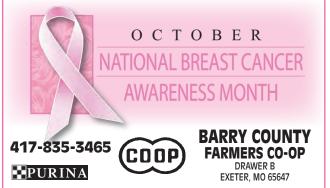
See BATTLE on 9A































#### Judicial Center Pinks Out for cancer awareness



Each year, the Barry County Judicial Center has a pink out day where employees wear pink for breast cancer awareness and to raise money for cancer patients in Barry County. Other fundraisers, including the pumpkin carving contest and dress down days for employees all contribute to the funds raised.

The employees from the Circuit Clerk's office and the Prosecuting Attorney's office participated are pictured above. In the front row, from left to right: Kami Renkoski, Alicia McManus, Terra Stockton, Marty Stearns and Kasey Hendrix. Second row: Deb Miller Kristina Hayes and Katie Epling. Third row: Shannon Pyle, Katie Correia, Chris Willyard and Rosanna Miller. Back row: Sherry Allee, Reta Voelker, Michelle Heimerman and Carly Morrison.

through with treatment.

"Yeah, it was horrible, but I lived through it."

That work and sticking with it paid off for Thomas. On July 6 of this year, she was given the all clear. She shared how she found out, "My operation was July 5, and my doctor called me personally at home on the 6th. When he called, I said, 'What's wrong? Why are you calling?' and he said it was good news. I didn't believe him, but he said, 'You're cancer free. It's good news."

She said she was really fortunate to receive care at The Hulston Cancer Center at CoxHealth. "All of the people up there was really wonderful. They are all really nice. They give you a nurse you can call 24 hours a day, and that's really nice."

We also asked Thomas what advice she would give to someone going through this. She said, "Whatever the doctor tells you, that is what you

She continued, "I was so lucky that I didn't have any major complications. really scary, but I think attitude makes a big difference. I've met people who were diagnosed 20 years ago, and it was much harder then than it is now. Do exactly as the doctors tell you to.

#### **BATTLE from 8A**

"You have to be positive. You know, I did meet a couple of people who were just doom, but it happens to

so many people and so many people live through it. I think attitude makes a big difference. I prayed a lot."



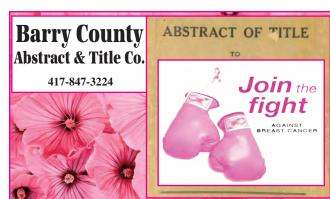














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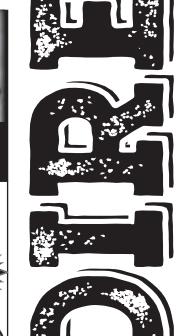
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Cancer does not discriminate. People from all walks of life are diagnosed with cancer every day. Certain contributors, such as family history of cancer, may be beyond a person's control. But the American Cancer Society notes that people can avoid some potential cancer contributors by making healthy

#### **Tobacco**

Anti-smoking campaigns have done much to impact the number of people who smoke, but tobacco remains one of the leading causes of cancer across the globe. The ACS notes that while cigarettes, cigars and pipe tobacco are made from dried tobacco leaves, in order to make smoking more flavorful and pleasant, tobacco companies add various substances. As the resulting products burn, the smoke they produce is made up of thousands of chemicals, at least 70 of which are carcinogens.

Some smokers may not give the smoke coming from their cigarettes much thought, but that smoke contains chemicals such as formaldehyde, lead, arsenic, and carbon monoxide. Recognizing that the smoke from their cigarettes is sending formaldehyde into their air may lead some smokers to quit for

#### Alcohol

Alcohol consumption can raise a person's risk of getting cancer. Alcohol has been linked to cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus, liver, and breast, among others. The ACS notes that regular, heavy alcohol use can damage the liver and cause inflammation and scarring that might increase a person's risk of developing liver cancer. Women who consume a few alcoholic beverages may be increasing their risk of developing breast cancer, which the ACS believes might be a byproduct of alcohol's affect on estrogen levels in the body.

Evidence suggests that the ethanol found in alcohol is what increases a person's risk of developing cancer. All alcohol beverages contain ethanol, so drinkers should not assume that one type of alcohol is safer than another.

#### Diet and sedentary lifestyle

According to the ACS, research has shown that poor diet coupled with a sedentary lifestyle can increase a person's risk of getting cancer. In fact, the World Cancer Research Fund estimates that roughly 20 percent of all cancer diagnoses in the United States are related to body fatness, physical inactivity, excessive alcohol consumption, and/or poor nutrition. Men and women who can control their weight and maintain a healthy weight throughout their lives can reduce their risk of getting cancer as well as other conditions, including heart disease and diabetes.

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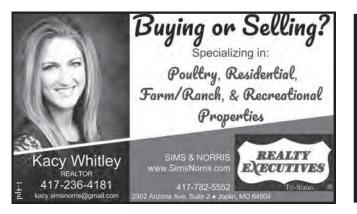
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On Friday, October 13, the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce held at ribbon cutting ceremony for new member Garrett Barnes, owner of Elevated Productions. Elevated Productions provides professional-grade videography and photography.

Pictured above, from left to right, in the back row: David Hermann, Raylene Hart, Allison Angel, Stefanee Sanders, Nadine Burnette, Chad Johnson, McKenzie Kochell, Wade Hermansen, Michelle Pilant, Aaron Walhert and Cheryl Williams. Front row: Courtney Parnell, Kelly Barnes, Garrett Barnes, Kent Barnes and Sarah Buck.



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## **Breast self-exam guidelines**

In addition to scheduling clinical screenings and mammograms, women should routinely examine and massage their breasts to detect any abnormalities. These breast self-exams can be an important part of early breast cancer detection.

Although many women are aware that they should become familiar with their bodies, many are unsure about just how frequently they should conduct breast examinations. Experts at Johns Hopkins Medical center advise adult women of all ages to perform selfexaminations at least once a month. That's because 40 percent of diagnosed breast cancers are first detected by women who feel a lump. Establishing a regular breast self-exam schedule is very important.

Begin by looking at the breasts in a mirror. Note the size and appearance of the breasts, and pay attention to any changes that are normal parts of hormonal changes associated with menstruation. Breasts should be evenly shaped without distortion or swelling.

Changes that should cause concern include dimpling, puckering or bulging of the skin. Inverted nipples or nipples that have changed position, as well as any rash or redness, should



be noted. In addition, the same examination should be done with arms raised over the head.

The breasts should be felt while both lying down and standing up. Use the right hand to manipulate the left breast and vice versa. Use a firm touch with the first few fingers of the hand. Cover the entire breast in circular motions. The pattern taken doesn't matter so long as it covers the entire breast. All tissue, from the front to the back of the breast, should be felt.

The same pattern and procedure should be conducted while standing up. Many women find this easiest to do while in the

shower

It is important not to panic if something is detected. Not every lump is breast cancer. And bumps may actually be normal parts of the breast, as certain areas can feel different than others. But bring any concerns to the attention of your doctor.

Breast self-exams are a healthy habit to adopt. When used in conjunction with regular medical care and mammography, self-exams can be yet another tool in helping to detect breast abnormalities. Doctors and nurses will use similar breast examination techniques during routine examinations.

### First ATV rodeo is coming to Cassville

Charlea Estes-Jones

The Cassville FFA Booster Club is bringing a new event to the area: an ATV rodeo. The club has teamed up with the Southern Missouri ATV Rodeo to put the event together. The rodeo will be held on Saturday, October 21, starting at 2 p.m. at the Bill Hailey Arena.

According to booster club president Jennifer Privett this is one of a few different new fundraisers the group is trying to raise money for the FFA. She said, "We're trying to amp it up a little." Normally, the club does a labor auction and fish fry each year and they run the concessions at the truck and tractor pull.

The idea to host an ATV rodeo came from one of the booster club members. She said, "We actually had one of our booster club members attend the rodeos up north with the same group that is going to do it for us. He said he had a perfect idea for a fundraiser, and it all went from there," she said. If this one goes well, they plan to have another ATV rodeo in the spring. Also in the spring is a regular ranch rodeo.

For those asking what an ATV rodeo is, picture barrel racing at a normal rodeo, but on ATVs. There are multiple different classes and age brackets.

One of the event's organizers with Southern Mis-

souri ATV Rodeo, Brent Trimble, said, "It's running barrels on a four-wheeler. This is the second year we've put them on. We've put on about 20 at this point, and we have been racing for the last six years going to the events."

In the trophy class, classes are:

- Ages 0 to 8
- Ages 9 to 12
- Ages 13 to 15 (teen class)
- Ages 16 and up (adult class).

Trimble said, "The one thing we do on the pee wee event, the ages 0-8 class, kids will receive at least a participation trophy. We do pee wees first and make sure they at least get something for coming out."

In the other classes, there is money to be won. Payout at the event is 70 percent of the pot, so prizes are dependent on the number of entries. Each event is a \$20 entry fee to participate. To just watch, it's \$5 at the gate.

The cash prize classes are:

- MX (dirt bike)
- UTV class,
- Any CC class
- Powder puff class
- Stock class2-stroke class,
- 400 and under 4 stroke
- 401 and up 4 stroke
- Outlaw class.

Trimble said, "We usually have between 120 and 170 entries, which includes kids,

souri ATV Rodeo, Brent adults and not just ATVs, Trimble, said, "It's running but UTVs and dirt bikes, as barrels on a four-wheeler. well."

As far as rules, Trimble said, "The only rules are that they have to wear long pants, closed toe shoes and helmets are required. We've had two year olds up to people in their 60s participate."

The funds raised during the ATV Rodeo, as well as all of the Cassville FFA Booster Club events, goes to support the local FFA Chapter.

Privett said, "We provide for certain things. If there is a kid who can't pay for their FFA jacket, we still want them to be a member and help out with that. We sponsored kids to go to the FFA camp and the Washington leadership conference. We sent 12 kids and adviser to the leadership conference. We do scholarships each year for the seniors. We provide meals when they are gone to competition and conventions."

She continued, "Any little thing that comes up that they need that the school can't provide if that they don't have the funds in their account to provide for, we try to help."

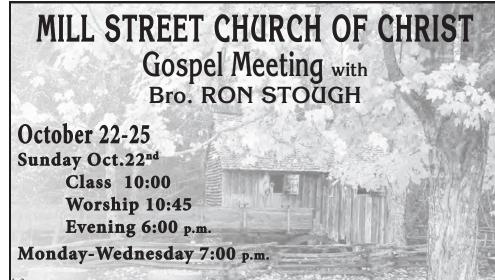
Other upcoming fundraisers by the booster club will be a bull riding event on November 5 and a 12 Days of Christmas gun raffle. Privett explained, "It's not an average gun raffle; it's called a 12 days of Christmas. Starting on December the 1st, we will pull for a gun each day." Tickets for the gun raffle should be available soon. Contact a booster club member for more information.

The ATV Rodeo will be held at the Bill Hailey Arena in Cassville on Saturday, October 21, beginning at 2 p.m.









#### **SHOW from FRONT**

successful for so many years, he said, "Well, it's really the only show of this kind that is in the general area. It's not strictly a country show. We probably could do a country show and pack the house every night, but we wanted to do a variety show. We wanted to do some comedy, some swing, some jazz, some good old basic rock and roll. I think maybe that is why the longevity is there."

Beck said the only type of music they haven't covered over the quarter of a century is opera. "Opera is one style we have stayed away from, mainly because of the instrumentation that we have isn't good for that," he said.

And pulling from all of those styles, The Show has never had a repeat. When taking into consideration the five Christmas Shows they've done and one gospel show, it's been approximately 720

This year, they are making an exception. At the end of last year's performances, they requested audience members to share their favorite performances over the years, planning to bring

back audience favorites for an encore. Beck said, "We came up with five or six Charlea Estes-Jones songs out of the requests. Some of them we couldn't do was taken into custody because the original mem- and charged after allegedly bers aren't with us anymore stealing a wallet and phone because they either passed from a residence in Monett. or are in a different state According to court records, and couldn't come back. But the man had been involved without saying too much, in another altercation at we are bringing some things the home a month prior, as

He added, "One thing that has made it success- davits of probable cause ful is that people we know stated that Joseph James are people you didn't know Rodriguez, 31, of Rocky could sing what they can Comfort, entered a resi-

The 25th year of The Monett. When Show will begin on Thurs- Rodriguez allegedly stole and Saturday's performances her iPhone 6 and her walwill be at 7:30 p.m. and Sun- let, which contained her day's show is at 2 p.m. at the license, debit card, credit Cassville R-IV FEMA and card and cash. event center.

gang plans to continue. Beck they called the victim's cell said, "No plans to stop in the phone, which rang . In his future. I think everyone is glove box was the victim's hanging around."

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#### Man charged after two altercations at Monett home

A Rocky Comfort man

On October 10, the affidence on Pine Street in day, October 26. Thursday the victim's vehicle key,

When officers stopped But 25th year or not, the Rodriguez in his vehicle, wallet, and the money, less For tickets, contact the a dollar, was in Rodriguez's

Rodriguez was charged

At the same residence, Rodriguez also racked up charges of an incident at the home on Pine Street. On September 10, officers went to the residence where the victims claimed Rodriguez had assaulted them and trashed their apartment. He had allegedly thrown clothes all over the room. The victims attempted to give him medicine because he was "drunk and bleeding from a cut on his head."

At that point, Rodriguez allegedly made sexual advances toward one of the victims, attempting to kiss her and throwing her against a wall before slamming her to the floor by her hair and dragging her. The victim also reported that he stomped the side of her

He is charged with domestic assault in the fourth degree and assault in the second degree for that

Rodriguez is currently being held in the Barry County Jail in lieu of a \$10,000 bond.





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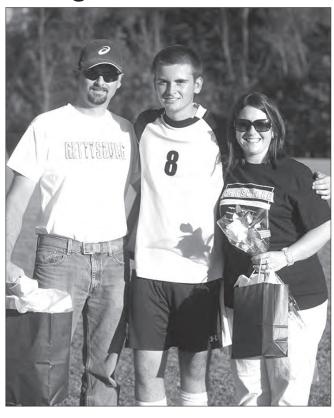
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### Cassville soccer says recognizes Ione senior



The Cassville High School soccer team recognized their lone senior, Kory Harvey, at last Thursday's home game. Kory is not only active in soccer but is in the Bass Fishing Glub, FFA and SADD. He is Cassville Soccer's 2016 "Gold Glove" winner, having started in the final ten games in goal with a 2.33 goals against average and five shutouts.

In 2017, Kory started in 24 games in goal with a 2.22 goals against average and three shutouts.

Kory is the son of Brad and Michelle Harvey, of Cassville.

#### Wheaton boys cross country win Ozark 7

The Wheaton Schools cross country teams brought home an abundance of accolades during this year's cross country season.

This season, the team received the following awards: High School Boys Southwest CC meet, first place; Junior High Boys Southwest CC meet, second place; Ozark 7 Boys Cross Country Team Champions for 2017; Ozark 7 Cross Country Coaches of the Year, Coach Steele and Coach Ball; and Ozark 7 Runner of the Year, Sean Lowry.

Members of the Wheaton cross country team are pictured at right.



### Lady Wildcats win Big 8 Conference cross country title

Lee Stubblefield

Brylee Wilson and Zoey Brookes cooked a 1-2 finish to lead the Cassville girls to the team title at the Big 8 Conference cross country meet on Thursday. Running at the Cassville Aquatic Park course, the Cassville girls posted a winning total of 42. Lamar was second with 54, and East Newton scored

63 for third, followed by McDonald County, Aurora, and Monett.

Wilson, the Cassville freshman, covered the 5K course in a personal best 19:47 - a school record with Brookes just five seconds behind.

On the boys side, Lamar runners swept the top three spots as the Tigers won

handily with 22 points. Mark Venable covered the course in 16:02 to lead Lamar to vic-

Austin Wilson's 17:09 was good for seventh position as he led Cassville to the third spot. The Wildcats scored 67, followed by McDonald County, Monett, and Seneca.

#### **CHS VOLLEYBALL** WINS IN FIRST **DISTRICT GAME**

Lee Stubblefield

The opening of district volleyball tournaments turned out to be Black Monday for area teams. Only the Wheaton Lady Bulldogs survived the first night of small school play, downing Thomas Jefferson in straight sets at the Class 1 District 8 tournament at Miller.

Exeter fell to McAuley Catholic in straight sets in that same Class 1 tourney.

In Class 2 District 10 action at Clever, both Purdy and Southwest saw their seasons end. Purdy lost to Marionville, 2-1, and Southwest fell to Crane in straight sets.

Class 3 District 12 action opened on Tuesday night at Mt. Vernon. The Cassville Lady Wildcats took care of business, defeating Seneca in quarterfinal action, 25-23 and 25-23.

In Class 1 semifinal action, the host Miller Lady Cardinals eliminated Wheaton, 25-18 and 25-11.

Cassville advanced to play top-seeded Aurora in a district semifinal today (Wednesday).

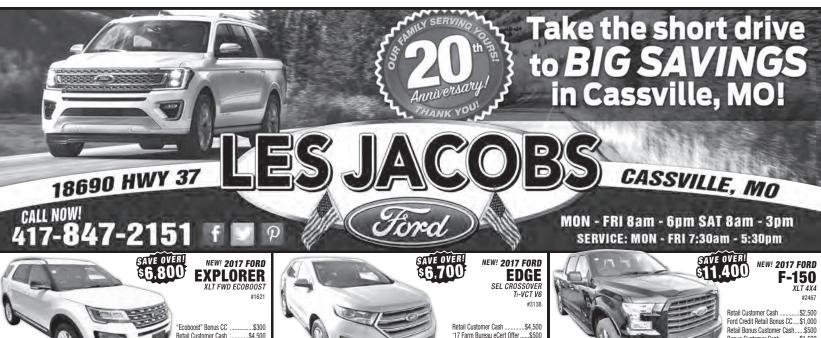
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## Cassville holds on to defeat Mt. Vernon, 27-19

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville defense rose to the occasion, surviving Mt. Vernon's desperate attempt to tie the game in the final seconds as the Wildcats held on for a 27-19 road victory on Friday night. With first and goal at the Cassville 13-yard line in the final minute, Mountaineers quarterback Ty Boswell could not complete any of his final four passes against the smothering Wildcat secondary.

Shannon Haney led the Wildcats on offense with his 140 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Mt. Vernon's Sammy Robinson had a monster game, running wild for 221 yards and three scores against the Cassville defense.

In last year's Cassville-Mt. Vernon battle, the one-point game was decided on the final play. Cassville pulled off an improbable comeback victory at Wildcat Stadium, turning back a strong Mt. Vernon team, 30-29. With just four seconds left in the game, Mt. Vernon's chipshot field goal for the win died when a high snap and a low kick became a part of Cassville football lore. Jayden Buttram's kick was swallowed by the Cassville defensive surge, and the jubilant Wildcats raced to midfield in celebration as the clock

On Friday night, the game was still in doubt when Ty Boswell dropped back to pass on 4th and 10 at the Cassville 13-yard line with just 13 seconds remaining. But Boswell's desperate pass in the back corner of the end zone fell incomplete, allowing Shannon Haney to genuflect to end the game.

It was a cruel ending to the regular season for Mt. Vernon's senior kicker, Buttram. After having the potential game-winner blocked against Cassville last year, Buttram missed an extra point and two field goals in the 8-point loss.

The Wildcats opened the game with a 12-play, 75-yard drive to take a 7-0 lead with 6:49 on the firstquarter clock. Haney circled right and shot into the end zone from 5 yards out to give Cassville an early lead.

But on the ensuing kickoff, Mt. Vernon's Andrew Montemayor escaped up the left sideline all the way to the Cassville 7-yard line. Javeon Perry knifed through the line to score on the next play, and Buttrum's PAT tied the game at 7-7.

The Wildcats sputtered with a three-and-out, and then Haney's rugby punt flew sideways off the rug. The shanked kick gave Mt. Ver-

non a field position gift at the Cassville 35-yard line. The Wildcats met the challenge with great defensive play, dumping Boswell for consecutive losses, then forcing incompletions on third and fourth downs.

Cassville then drove 63 yards in 8 plays to retake the lead. Haney scored again with a nifty 13-yard keeper, and Drake Reese's PAT gave the Wildcats a 14-7 lead with less than a minute left in the opening quarter.

Mt. Vernon's next drive featured senior running back, Sammy Robinson. His 47-yard run through the Cassville secondary gave the Mountaineers a first down at the Cassville 22-yard line. Three plays later, Robinson burst through the defensive wall to score. But Buttrum's PAT try sailed wide in the gusting wind, and Cassville clung to a 14-13 lead with 9:48 left in the half.

After Ethan Hoppes ran Buttrum's kickoff out to the Cassville 37-yard line, Haney and Anthony Tolbert alternated carries on a 63-yard scoring drive. On 4th and goal from the Mt. Vernon 5-yard line, the Wildcats lined up in the old-school "swinging gate" formation. Haney took the snap, rolled right, and scored easily on the open side of the field.



The Cassville Wildcat defense is pictured above as the celebrate after an interception of Aurora in their Senior Night game.

Reese chipped in another PAT to give Cassville a 21-13 lead with 3:29 left in the half.

Another long kickoff return set the Mountaineers up at the Cassville 40-yard line. Robinson made short work of the short field, roaring in to the end zone from 13 yards out with 1:42 on the clock. The failed two-point try left Cassville with a 21-19 lead.

Mt. Vernon would get one more chance for a half time lead. Haney was intercepted on an ill-advised third-down throw, and the Mountaineers drove to the Cassville 20-yard line. But Buttrum's 37-yard field goal attempt hooked left into the wind.

After all the first half offensive and special teams fireworks, the second half settled into a defensive battle. Buttrum missed another field goal attempt on Mt. Vernon's opening possession of the half, and then the teams competed in a punting duel for field position.

Finally, the Wildcats put together a 13-play, 61-yard drive that saw Tolbert score from a yard out with 1:57 left in the game. Reese's missed PAT left the door open for Mt. Vernon's last-gasp drive, but the Wildcat defense protected the lead as the game

Cassville's thin win in the matchup of 5-3 teams

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secured the second seed in Class 3 District 4 play. The Seneca Indians retained the top seed despite their 42-13 loss to Lamar in the Big 8 Conference title showdown.

Cassville will host Hollister in first round district action on Friday night at Wildcat Stadium. Kickoff is et for 7 p.m.

#### Big 8 scores

Cassville 27, Mt. Vernon

Lamar 42, Seneca 13 Aurora 42, McDonald County 32

Monett 41, East Newton 6













## Purdy Fall Pink Out smashes fundraising record



Wheaton Power of Pink founder Janice McCracken, center, accepts a \$1,300 check from Purdy High School Pink Out representatives, pictured from left: Ashley Brown, volleyball coach and FBLA co-adviser; Cailyn Spears and Hallie Henderson, varsity volleyball players and FBLA officers; and Megan Hibbard, art club representative.

















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Purdy High School varsity volleyball coach Ashley Brown announced that the recent Volleyball Pink Out fundraising activities raised a record \$1,300. Lady Eagles volleyball players, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members and Art Club members worked together to host a wide variety of Pink Out activities, including Pink Out T-Shirt, bracelet and cake pop sales; a volleyball serving contest; a 50/50 raffle; and a face painting booth.

This year's funds raised were donated to Wheaton's annual Power of Pink Walk/Run, founded by Janice McCracken. In its eighth year of existence, the Power of Pink has raised over \$87,000 to benefit local women battling breast cancer. Upon accepting the Purdy Pink Out check

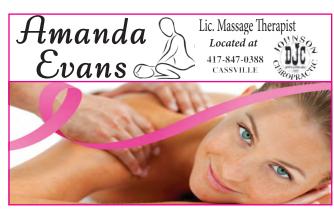
McCracken noted, "The Purdy Eagles brought home a big win during their Pink out!! A huge thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the high school volleyball team, high school FBLA, and the Art Club. Your hard work paid off and \$1,300.00 was donated to the 2018 Power of Pink Walk."

Lady Eagles Volley-ball Team member, FBLA officer and senior Cailyn Spears observed, "It was so amazing to see what can be accomplished when three different groups of students work together for a common purpose, one in which we all strongly believe. It was a privilege to raise money for the Power of Pink."

The 2018 Power of Pink event is scheduled for May 12. For more information please visit their Facebook page.











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#### Southwest Little Theatre Comedy Club performance Nov. 3, 4

The Southwest Little Theatre will present The SLT Comedy Club Friday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per guest and can be reserved by contacting (417) 826-5361 or r5whest@ swr5.net. The Southwest Little Theatre is a part of Southwest Schools in Washburn. The SLT Comedy Club will feature SLT performers facing off in five rounds of comedy competition judged by the audience. The two nights will feature different performers competing for the top prizes: 3rd place - \$25, 2nd place - \$50, and 1st place - \$100.

Friday's SLT Comedy Club performers include: Tierney Ash, Olivia Ayer, Molly Atkinson, Timothy Bee, Trevor Bemrose, Tyler Bemrose, Zachary Blair, Cloe Brattin, Amber Cannady, Carli Carmack, Michaela Coke, Amber Crites, Renae Dalton, Janaya Erwin, Jacob Flick, Justin Frazier, Justice Glueckert, Chloe Hodge, Hannah Hougland, Sydney Holt, Aubrey Horton, Calvin Jenkins, Rachel Jimenez, Elizabeth Long, Branden Lowry, Mackenzy McCarly, Danielle Martinez, Jailee Mitchell, Braden Moreton, Brooke Morgan, Jessica Munday, Seth Nipps, Lili Outhouse, Maggie Patterson, Austin Peterson, Amelia Pierce, Ethan Recio, Danielle Reed, Shaylyn Reed, Caleb Resz, Shyla Richardson, Hope Robbins, Maggie Robbins, Shaylea Rose, Elizabeth Ross, Lyric Sears, Tristin Sears, Harley Setzer, Kaizer Slinkard, Samuel Smallwood, Madison Snow, Kristin Teague, Brittany Trotter, Rachel Willer and

Saturday's SLT Comedy Club performers include the 6:30 p.m. Melodrama cast pictured above. The Olio will feature student directed comedy scenes in a competition

Heather Windes.



Pictured are SLT performers preparing for Southwest Little Theatre's Comedy Club. Front row, left to right: Janaya Erwin, Mariah Long, Kaylea Holder, Kaitey Resz and Jesse Foster. Back row: Deven Maleki, Amber Crites and Austin Moreton.

format. The audience will vote for the best scene, and the winning director and cast will be given awards at the SLT Angel Awards in March. The Olio cast includes: Jacey Ball, Deecan Barnes, Aaron Beeson, Hailey Benninger, Kaitlyn Bernard, Shelby Blevins, Lane Cargile Christina Brinkman, Josh Clay, James Colunga, Myka Cook, Amber Crites,

Kenneth Durossette, Janaya Erwin, Jesse Foster, Tanner Hackett, Jared Hamilton, Nathaniel Hamilton, Sarah Hedden, Rachel Hedden, Kaylea Holder, Rachel Jimenez, Blanche Kirk, Amber Larsen, Tanner Leonhardt, Mariah Long, Deven Maleki, Austin Moreton, Jarrett Pike, Austin Pippin, Jennifer Quintanilla, Kaitey Resz, Hope Robbins, Mathew Robbins, Brianna Roller, Allison Serrano, Matthew Serrano, Tristan Smith, Emily Snyder, Isaac Starr, Taylor Swindle, Kristen Teague and Alissa Walker.

## Ozark Festival Orchestra to open 38th season Oct. 29

The Ozark Festival Orchestra will open its 38th season with a "Salute to America" concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Monett High School Performing Arts Center. Music Director Todd Borgmann has assembled orchestral arrangements of several favorite patriotic songs and two works for narrator and orchestra that spotlight major historic events.

Major works on the concert will include James Swearingen's "Flight of Valor," a salute to United Flight 93 on 9/11 that crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and "Lincoln at Gettysburg" by Andrew Dabczynski, narrated by Judge Mike Garrett. Garrett will also serve as narrator on Bruce Healy's arrangement of "God Bless America."

The concert also includes "American Civil War Fantasy" by Jerry Bilk, Morton

Gould's "American Salute," George M. Cohan's "Over There," "America the Beautiful," and an arrangement of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Admission is \$10, or \$5 for senior citizens 65 and

Students high school age and younger will be admitted free. The performing arts center is located at the east end of the high school on East Cleveland Avenue, west of Bridle Lane at the Price Cutter store.

The OFO is a community orchestra composed of players from southwest Missouri and nearby towns, focusing primarily on classical music. Rehearsals are held weekly in Monett. The orchestra is supported by memberships, local foundations, ads in the orchestra program book and funds managed by the Monett Community Foundation









#### Wheaton names September Students of the Month



Wheaton Junior/Senior High named the September Students of the Month. Pictured, from left to right: Sarah Burton, junior daughter of Lisa and Kevin McNeill and the late Jimmy Burton; and Mary Crotwell, freshman daughter of Denna and Robert

#### REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

## **Saturday - Oct. 28, 2017 - 10:00 AM LOCATION: 380 FR 2182 - Exeter, Missouri Corner of FR 2182**

Snooks Road) & Rocky Road Dr. Exeter, Mo. From Jct. Hwy. 76-86 & MM (Front St.) Exeter, Mo. take MM south approx. 4 blocks to Snooks Rd. - turn right (west) & follow to Rocky Road Dr. Property is at corner of Snooks Rd (FR 2182) & Rocky Road Dr. **Tons of potential here!** 

REAL ESTATE: Approx. 4.5 acres- fenced w/ 2 entrances. (one from each road) water & electric on site.

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## **ESTATE AUCTION**

Monday Oct. 23rd, "2017"

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(REAL ESTATE SELLS PROMPTLY AT 1:00 PM) REAL ESTATE - FURNITURE & APPLIANCES COLLECTIBLES - GENERAL HOUSEHOLD









FURNITURE & APPLIANCES: (2) leather rocker/recliners - sm cherry look entertainment center - Sony 40" flat screen TV (only 1 yr. old) - ant Quarter Sawn oak library table - wing back chair - arm chair - vintage sofa - wall mirror - ant buffet - Ethan Allen dining table & (6) chairs – lighted curio cabinet – Ethan Allen tea or serving cart - misc arm chairs & ottomans - old floral rocking/ recliner - sm round table - sm wall table - ant wall mirror - full size bedroom suite, bed, dresser & chest of drawers - Ethan Allen dresser w/mirror & chest of drawers - drop leaf end table - Jenny lynn style full size bed – jewelry chest – misc end tables – table lamps. APPLIANCES: matching Whirlpool Super Capacity Plus washer & dryer (white). COLLECTIBLES: Glassware such as: Hobnail, Carnival, pressed glass - collectible plates & bowls - misc figurines & what knots - Refrigerator dishes - misc dishes & china - Service for (6) Silver plate silverware – old handheld fans – old handkerchiefs – several afghans -several old hand quilted quilts - asst costume jewelry – vintage metal kitchen cart – oil lamps old rug beater - serving tray from the 30's - vintage mixer - old chenille bedspreads - wood clothes pins - crock base for butter churn – old kettle – Avon from 1982-2000 & Presidents figures. **GENERAL HOUSEHOLD & MISC:** Misc kitchen wares such as: Silverware, pots & pans, dishes, cups, saucers, Tupperware, glasses, stemware, bowls, pie plates, knife set, Corning ware, Fostoria glassware, etc – set of waterless cookware – misc linens ookbooks – misc pictures & wall hangings – Oreck vacuum old Rainbow vacuum – ladies purses & jackets – misc sm kitchen appliances – misc old kitchen cabinet bases – patio table & (4) chairs w/umbrella - old chase lounge chair - misc lawn chairs shelf - misc handicap items, walker, potty chair, walker w/seat, wheelchair - elect leaf blower - sm metal tool box w/misc tools - misc long handle tools - hose caddy & hose - Christmas items -Troy Bilt wheel barrow.

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#### Southwest names October Students of the Month



During the month of October, Southwest Elementary students were chosen to be "Peanuts Pals" Students of the Month. For the month of October, these students exhibited the charac-

Southwest Elementary's October respectful students are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Grayson Payne, Joseph Cates, Kason Brinkman, Parker Willis, Noah McKnight and Elijah Blackburn. Middle row: Payton Neukam, Kylee Larsen, Shevy Smith, Molly Hendrix and Dakota Cotton. Back row: Addyson Payne, Tobias Smith, Seth Duncan, Bree-Ahna Paulsen, RJ Cutberth and Lane Hendrix.

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The Car Show is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with registration beginning at 8 a.m. Activities for the kids kick-off with a costume contest at noon. The barn will open up with games right after the costume contest with the main events: the Haunted House and cake walk beginning at 2 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Eagle Rock Library at (417) 271-

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FRIDAY Oct 20th, "2017" 1:00 PM

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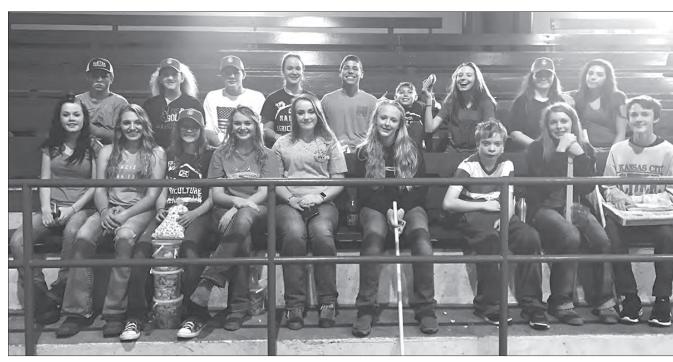
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## Exeter FFA members attend Farm Fest



Pictured above are Exeter FFA members in the arena at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds.

Madelyn Cole, Chapter Re-

On Friday, October 6, the Exeter FFA Chapter attended Farm Fest in Springfield. A total of 19 members attended, includ-Chloe Carpenter, Reanna Berry, Madelyn Cole, Kiley Lyons, Kelsey Vasey, Vanessa Logan Rayburn, Mackenzie Fuller, Mykah Estes, Wyatt Hoppes, Yvonne Bradford,

Riley Still, Hailey Mattingly, Clayton Rose, Abbi Caddell, Jamison Nichols, Lane Willis, Macy Barrett and Nate

Members participated in a scavenger hunt in which they had to take pictures with things such as a tractor or a fellow FFA member from another chapter. Members also had the opportunity to explore the fairgrounds and look at all

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#### REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

Saturday, Oct. 21 St. • 10:00 am 2017

Location: 237 Peach Tree Drive Cape Fair, Mo. 65724



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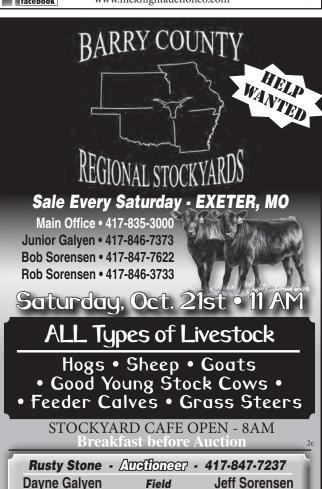
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### **Cassville Library events**

- There will be no 3:30 Thursday after-school activity on October 19.
- The Cassville LEGO Club will meet on Thursday,
- October 26, at 3:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. • The new DVD release Wonder Woman will be shown at 1:30 p.m. and 3:45 a.m. on Monday, October 23. Bring your own snacks. The film is rated PG-13.
- Little Shop of Horrors will be presented as the Midweek Macabre Movie on Wednesday, October 25, at 1:30
- An adult crafting opportunity is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The session is free but registration is required and space limited for this fun Halloween-themed activity. Call (417) 847-2121 to sign up and for more information.
- Continuing programs include Crazy 8s Math Club for K-5 students, preschool story time, exercise, crochet, sewing/quilting and tech tutor. Call the library for more details.
- A Fall Art Show presented by the students of Music Therapy and Creative Arts, Inc. will take place at the library through November 18. Art will be on display during regular library hours Monday through Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30

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#### Cassville Food Pantry offers USDA food programs

Government USDA Food Program offerings for food insecure residents in Barry County are available for low income families. Two different Government Commodities Supplemental Food Programs are offered monthly at Cassville United Methodist Church, 601 Gravel St., Cassville.

On Friday, October 20, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., there is the senior food box program, a USDA Commodities Supplemental Program for income eligible seniors age 60 and older. The program provides a complete food package once per month worth about \$50 consisting of canned meat, fruits, vegetables, cheese, cereals and grain items, and milk products. An application and certification process are required for this program. To determine qualification, seniors will need to bring a photo ID, proof of Barry County residency, and proof of gross household income

provided for all household members. Accepted participants receive a box every month. Applications will be accepted on Friday, October 20, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the upstairs main lobby of the Cassville United Methodist Church at 601 Gravel St., Cassville.

On Tuesday, October 24, 2017, there will be USDA Commodities Food Distribution. There will be two opportunities and time schedules to receive commodities. Dates are generally scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of every month, Holidays and bad weather exceptions.

From 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m., the food pantry will be partnered with OACAC Neighborhood Center Life Skills Class, for an educational opportunity. OACAC leadership will present the October class topic "Dealing with the Fall Holidays, Managing Stress and Menu Ideas." Commodities are distributed to class par-

ticipants at the end of the class. The class is optional and not a requirement to receive commodities. An open invitation is extended to everyone who would like to attend the Life Skills Class. A different subject is featured each month and is held in the street level fellowship hall of the Cassville United Methodist. Enter through the main lobby.

From 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., there will be an open house commodities distribution at the 6th and Townsend Streets entrance. All low income households are invited to come to receive a food box. Families should bring a proof of address, such as a piece of current mail for all persons 19 and older, and for all children with any type of document that displays the child's name.

For more detailed information, call (417) 847-2328. The Cassville Community Food Pantry is an equal opportunity provider.

#### Cassville students celebrated for math mastery

Cassville Intermediate students who mastered their math facts were honored last week with a celebration with their peers and ice cream

After completing their monthly math exams, intermediate staff evaluated the test results and celebrated third grade students

that were able to correctly complete 20 addition facts in one minute and 20 subtraction facts in one minute. Fifth grade students had to correctly complete 25 addition facts in one minute, 25 subtraction facts in one minute, 25 multiplication facts in one minute and 25 division facts in one minute.



Cassville Intermediate School third graders who mastered their mathematics facts are pictured above, from left to right: Carlos Barrientos, Rylen Holman, Shane Harvey and Harley Madison.



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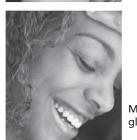


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#### Department of Art and design to host "Vitae" art exhibition

The advance drawing class at Fort Hays State University will present its exhibition "Vitae" at the Hays Art Council Annex, opening with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at 1010 Main Street in Hays.

"Vitae is Latin for 'of life,' which illustrates the connection between life and art," said Amy Schmierbach, professor of art and design. The exhibition, part of Schmierbach's curriculum, is designed to teach students professionalism, collaboration with peers and conceptual development.

"Students will showcase drawings in graphite, charcoal, ink, collage and pastels as they explore a variety of styles including surrealism, non-objective, pop art and realism," said Schmierbach.

The art students fea-

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tured in "Vitae" from local hometowns are:

• Exeter:

Tyler Dallis is a senior majoring in ceramics.

• Purdy:

Kendra Hall is a senior majoring in drawing.

The free, come-and-go exhibition gives individuals the opportunity to meet and talk with the artists, as well as enjoy a night full of great artwork and refreshments.

"Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to come out and support these talented, emerging artists in the Hays community as they build their professional development and share a variety of individual skills and concepts," said Schmierbach.

The exhibition will be open for viewing until Nov.

#### Cassville Elementary awards September Best Attendance



Cassville R-IV Schools says attending school is one of the most important things students can do to help achieve academic success. At Eunice Thomas Elementary, every month one class per grade level is presented with the Best Attendance trophy. The winning classrooms for September are Mrs. Michelle Ramaeker's kinder academy class, Mrs. Connie Rose's first class and Mrs.

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### Missouri Highway Patrol reminds drivers to watch for deer

Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, reminds drivers that deer are more active and create hazards for Missouri motorists this time of year. Last year, drivers in Missouri experienced 4,604 traffic crashes where deervehicle strikes occurred. One deer strike occurred every 1.9 hours in the state. In these crashes, there were six fatalities and 455 people were injured.

Deer create hazards for Missouri motorists. The Missouri State Highway Patrol reminds drivers that an attempt to avoid striking a deer could result in a more serious crash involving oncoming traffic. Try to remain calm. Panicking and overreacting usually lead to more serious traffic crashes. The majority of deer strike crashes occur in October and November each year, with the largest number taking place in November. Although deer strikes can occur at any time, most occur between the hours of 5 p.m. and 6:59 a.m.

Remember: Rural areas are not the only

place where deer/vehicle strikes occur. When you see one, slow down and proceed with caution. Deer often travel in groups--stay on guard after a close call or when you see a single deer. Natural features also affect deer movement. In areas where there are streams or wooded corridors surrounded by farmland, look for more deer to cross roadways.

Deer behavior changes due to mating season, which may cause an increase in sightings and roadway crossings. Hunting and crop harvesting may result in these animals being in places they aren't usually seen. Drivers are urged to remain alert.

The only 100 percent survivable traffic crash is the one that never happens. Make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly restrained in a seat belt or child restraint. Every day as we travel on Missouri's roadways, we trust that every driver on the road is going to obey the speed limit, pay attention, and drive sober. "Don't Violate The

## Missouri seatbelt usage on the rise

According to a recent survey, more Missourian's are making the smart choice to buckle up. With sixty-five percent of Missouri's traffic crash fatalities involving an unbelted driver or passenger, this increase could result in many lives saved.

The 2017 Missouri Seat Belt Usage Survey final report, conducted by the Missouri Safety Center and University of Central Missouri, shows that Missouri's overall seat belt usage is up to 84 percent. This is a 2.6 percent increase from 81.4 percent in

2016. The latest national average for seat belt usage is 90.1 percent.

Observers recorded data from 560 sites within the 28 Missouri counties on over 115,000 vehicle occupants. The report showed that vehicle passengers and females

were more commonly belted, and that occupants of sport utility/crossover and van/ minivans also had a higher rate of seat belt usage, at 86.5 percent. Pickup truck drivers and passengers had the lowest usage rate at 69.3 percent.

"With over 90 percent of traffic crashes attributed to human error, we know that most are preventable. However, a seat belt is your best defense in a vehicle crash," said Bill Whitfield, chair of the executive committee of the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. "Pay attention, buckle up, and never drive distracted or impaired."

Missouri is one of only 15 states that does not have a primary seat belt law. To date, 53 Missouri cities and two counties have adopted their own primary seat belt ordinances to protect their citizens.

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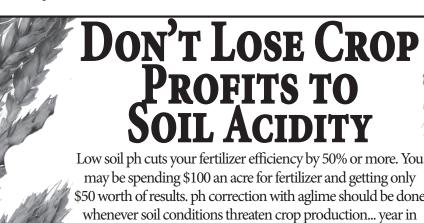


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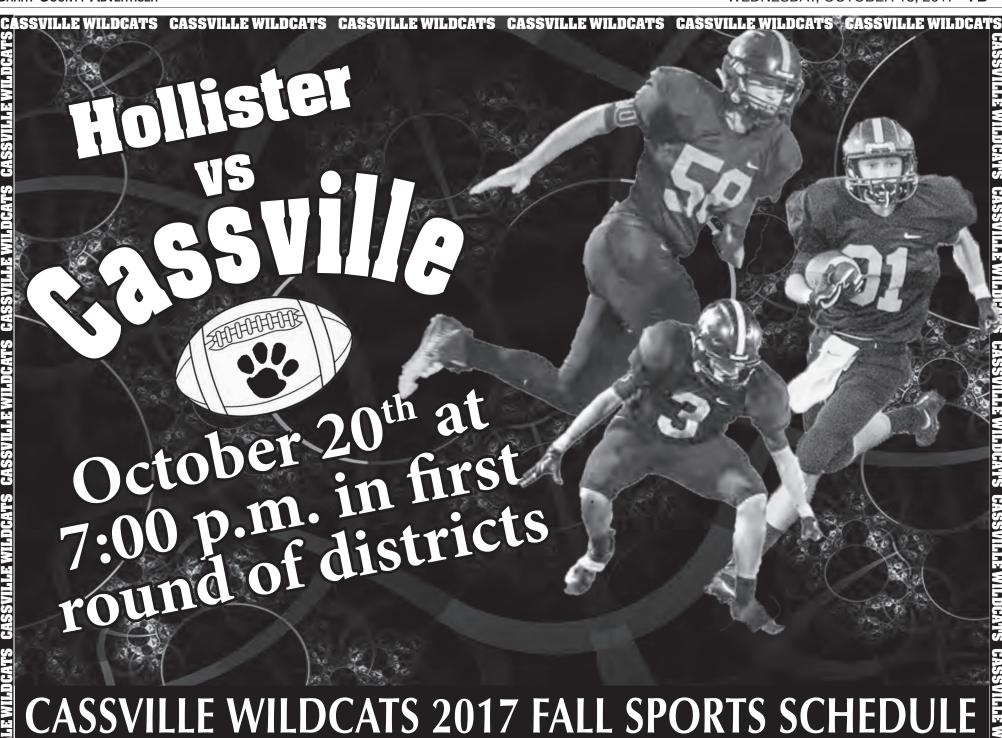
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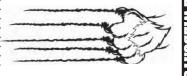
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Cassville Elementary announced the students selected for their Character Kids for the month of September. Teachers select students based on the character word for the month. September's word was friendship. First grade Character Kids are pictured above. From left to right, in the front row: Lexie Meltabarger, Kamille Tucker, Myia Hendrix, Alexis Lands and Sophia Longley. Back row: Mat Sanders, Hank Isley, Baylee Taylor, Corbin Scholl, Dade Zajac and Garett Mitchell. Not pictured: Jocelyn Roark.



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## Organic matter is a gardener's best friend

"You don't need a green thumb to be a good gardener, but it certainly helps to have good soil," said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

"Unfortunately, many of us are burdened with soils that need help," he said. One of the best ways to help soils be more productive is to add organic matter, Trinklein said. Organic matter improves soil structure, increases nutrient content and exchange, aids in water retention, and enhances the microbial population of the soil. That's why some call organic matter "a gardener's best friend," he said.

Perhaps the easiest and least expensive way to organic matter is to plant cover (or green manure) crops. In vegetable gardens, cover crops frequently are planted as the harvest is completed.

Annual ryegrass is one of the most popular and reliable grasses to plant as a garden cover crop, Trinklein said. It grows quickly, competes well with weeds and does a fine job of building soil structure because of its extensive root system.

If planting a cover crop must be delayed into fall, grasses with greater winter hardiness such as rye and oats are good choices. Both tolerate cold quite well and may grow throughout the winter, weather permitting, said Trinklein.

Gardeners often use cover crops as "catch crops" to take up and fix any residual fertilizer, especially nitrogen that would be lost through leaching during the fall and winter. Add a balanced fertilizer such as 15-15-15 at the rate of about 10 pounds per 1,000 square feet for more vigorous and predictable growth.

Gardeners with ample space might consider rotational planting, with a full-season cover crop as part of the rotation. This type of cover crop is planted in the spring and must be able to withstand the heat of summer.

Good full-season cover crops for gardens include buck-wheat, sorghum-Sudan grass hybrids, cowpea and soybean. They are easy to establish, grow rapidly and compete well with weeds. Cowpea and soybean are legumes and add nitrogen as well as organic matter.

Turn cover crops under in early spring when the soil is dry enough to work—preferably, at least three to four weeks before planting. This gives soil microbes adequate time to break down the organic matter in cover crops to a more stable form, Trinklein said.

Turn under cover crops thoroughly. Exposed parts of the plant might decompose slowly or not at all. Partially decomposed organic matter tends to tie up nitrogen. If the cover crop becomes tall, mow before turning it under.

### Gourds are nature's multipurpose utensils

Our ancestors couldn't go to the hardware store or shopping mall to buy utensils and other household essentials. Instead, they improvised with items found in nature. The dried fruit of several members of the cucumber family proved useful for many purposes, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

Today, we call these plants gourds, and they may be among the first domesticated plant species, dating back as early as 13,000 B.C.

Members of the genus Lagenaria produce white flowers that open at night and have soft, delicate foliage. Most bear fruit that have thick, hard shells when dried. This makes them useful for items such as ladles, dippers, spoons and containers. Native Americans made gourds into birdhouses to attract purple martins, which helped with insect control.

The fibrous interior of gourds from the genus Luffa has been used for items as diverse as oil filters, life preservers, scrubbing sponges (called "luffas" or "loofahs"), hats and upholstery.

Most of the colorful gourds people use for autumn decoration belong to the genus Cucurbita. They are close relatives of pumpkin. Members of this genus produce yellow flowers that open during the day and have coarser foliage than the white-flowers types. Examples include the pear, egg, orange, spoon, bicolor and warted gourds.

If you have gourds in your garden, harvest small ornamental gourds as soon as rinds mature and harden. Cut them from the main vine, allowing a small portion of the stem to remain attached. Whether harvested or purchased, fresh gourds need to cure for several weeks in a warm, dry area with good air circulation. After curing, dip or coat them with a household disinfectant to prevent storage diseases. A light coat of wax also protects them from disease and gives them an attractive sheen.

Leave the hard-shelled gourds on the vines until vines die or freeze in late fall. Freezing does not harm mature gourds but it causes immature ones to collapse. Store hard-shelled gourds in a warm, dry area to cure. For most types, curing takes about four months. Curing is finished when the seeds inside the gourd rattle when shaken. The gourd can then be sanded, sawed, painted or polished.

"For adventuresome gardeners, saving seeds from gourds can be interesting," said Trinklein. Cucurbits freely cross-pollinate, so seeds saved from gourds

grown in the garden will likely produce fruit of different shapes, sizes and colors. "More likely than not, very few of the offspring will resemble the fruit from which the seed was saved."

For more information, see David Trinklein's article about gourds in the August 2015 issue of "Missouri Environment & Garden" at ipm.missouri.edu/MEG/?ID=347.

#### Gourd trivia

- Gourds were used as life preservers in ancient China.
- For a brief time in the early 1800s, gourds served as the official currency of Haiti. Today, Haiti's currency unit is still called the "gourde."
- The papery, winged seed of the climbing gourd has a wingspan of 5 inches. It reportedly inspired the design of early aircraft and gliders
- According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the world's longest gourd grew in China in 2008. It measured an astonishing 14 feet, 11 inches.
- East Africans often give gourds with picture stories carved on them as wedding gifts.
- Ricky Ricardo's bongo drum in the television sitcom "I Love Lucy" was made from a zucca gourd. The zucca gourd frequently grows to 50 pounds or more.

## Drip irrigation nets higher yield for farmers

Research from University of Missouri Extension finds that subsurface irrigation as part of an integrated drainage water management system boosts corn yields by more than 40 bushels per acre and up to 14 bushels per acre for soybean on poorly drained flat soils. Further research is evaluating subsurface drip irrigation on soils with greater slopes.

MU Extension agronomist Rusty Lee showed the profit-boosting results at a recent field day at his Truxton farm. Lee's work is part of a subsurface drip irrigation study on soybean and corn conducted by MU agronomist Kelly Nelson, graduate researcher Rafid Al Ubori and nutrient management specialist John Lory.

Lee uses drip irrigation to manage water on no-till test plots rotated in corn and soybean. Water is the only variable in the tests. Researchers show consistent yield gain through uniform water and nutrient supply. They compare results to non-irrigated plots and those with over-

head irrigation.

Researchers study subsurface irrigation at varying depths to find what works best. For the study, Lee trenched 5/8-inch diameter plastic tubing called drip tape. He used a modified conservation ripper to bury the tape and connecting PVC pipe. The pipe feeds water to the tape via a pressure manifold and flush manifold. Sensors transmit readings to a wireless data collection system, which uploads the data to a website for monitoring. Water exits the drip tape from emitters spaced every 2 feet along its length.

Researchers bury the tape 12, 14 and 16 inches deep for testing. Lee is comparing 12- and 16-inch placement in Warren County's claypan soils. Water comes from an irrigation well and passes through a disk filtration system.

Researchers use MU's free Crop Water Use web app (cropwater.org) to schedule crop irrigation. Data is automatically added from MU Extension weather stations and the National Weather Service.

Lee says irrigated land produced 41 more bushels of corn per acre last year. With corn prices estimated at \$3.50 per bushel, that is about \$158 more per acre for the farmer. Kernel size increases and test weight improves with irrigation. Root systems of plants also reach deeper.

Lee estimates it costs about \$30.75 per acre for this year's well pump energy costs, and there's a one-time system installation expense of about \$700 per acre. The cost is similar to pivot systems, but drip irrigation gives farmers with small fields more flexibility. Drip irrigation reaches small and irregularly shaped fields, corners of all fields, and sloping ground, says Nelson.

Drip irrigation works differently for corn and soybean, Lee says. Soybean needs less water earlier in the season compared to corn, and it surpasses corn needs later in the season. Too much water early in the season stunts beans.

Drip irrigation prevents wetting of leaves and results in fewer foliar dis-

eases. Farmers can zone drip irrigation to specific areas of a field. It does not require large pumps and wells, and it uses less energy than pivot irrigation. Water usage can be reduced by 25 percent. Crops respond well to nitrogen fertilizer applied through drip irrigation, Nelson says.

Nelson says subirrigation research shows gross margins improved greatly for corn. His decade-long study shows that subsurface drainage and integrated water management systems increased yields 9 to 14 bushels per acre and corn yields 25 to 55 bushel per acre on flat, poorly drained soils.

However, drip irrigation has its drawbacks, Lee says. The system has to last more than 10 years to recoup initial installation costs. Lee's research shows that most do. Rodents can chew through drip lines, but Lee says it takes about five minutes to make repairs after finding the source of the leak.

Water filtration systems need frequent monitoring. Particulates and bacterial growth require periodic system flushing to prevent clogging.

"Establishment of longterm research to evaluate subsurface drip irrigation will help farmers make informed decisions on the cost-effectiveness of drip irrigation systems on claypan soils where inadequate water has significantly limited yield in four of the past 10 years," Nelson wrote in 2013.

"Water management will continue to be one of the major factors affecting crop production in Missouri," Nelson says. Good surface drainage and the ability to provide a controlled water supply in times of need will provide food production stability and should increase profitability.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service offers financial assistance for irrigation systems. See goo.gl/MPfuHV.

For more information about the Crop Water Use app, go to cropwater.org. A guide to the application is available as a PDF download at extension.missouri. edu/p/MP800.

## SKITS prepares for upcoming show Nov. 3-5

SKITS's (Shell Knob in the Spotlight) current cast of 24 includes many family members. It's a tale in itself. Here are some of their stories.

Reverend Bill Kenagy and Lucinda have roles. Reverend Bill plays God. I'm sure it won't surprise you that he does it so naturally. Lucinda plays the witch in Hansel and Gretel. Rev. Bill shared, "Our joy of being a part of SKITS as a couple is that we get to make new friends, who in turn have become a family to us."

Co-director Kim Przybyl and Cliff (Dwarf 2) take time to discuss SKITS' happenings over their morning "coffee talks." Kim says, "Our SKITS involvement has created a special bond between us." They are both very passionate about supporting community theater and the sense of accomplishment in its success.

Sue Ramonette has performed in many of the plays while her husband supported her passion doing infrastructure. They are performing as the characters "Hansel and Gretel." Sue says, "Paul wanted a part, and now we find ourselves breaking into our stage accents (German) and cracking up. It is immeasurable fun 'playing together."

Bob Van Dusen has been constructing the stage since the first play. He'll be getting a whole new view of the audience on stage. He joins his wife, Barb (Devil 1), as a very "extreme" Narrator 2 character. They enjoy sharing their hobby and interest in community theater and find it enhances retirement and "ups their fun and recreation."

The largest family SKITS' has embraced (or perhaps they embraced SKITS) is the Hoffmans. Anne Hoff-

man originally got involved so her youngest daughter Michaela (Snow White) could experience theater. SKITS has had the pleasure of including all of her local family in the past and many in this production. Heath (Prince) and Heather (The Girl), Andres (her daughter and son-in-law) and their three children, Evie, 8, (Rumpelstiltskin), Uriah, 7, (Dirt Merchant) and Asher, 5, (cameo) will be performing. Other family members have helped with make-up and dance routines in the past. They are truly a talented and gifted family.

Heather Andres reflected on her SKITS involvement, "Working with SKITS has been a great bonding experience for my family. I've been able to see my children grow bolder and more confidant with each play." Heather has seen Evie evolve from a

shy child who now delivers her lines with confidence and joy. She notes that it also gives her the chance to be the brave, organized, and worry-free person she strives to be in her personal life. She feels this experience will positively affect their lives for years to come.

Many of SKITS actors' spouses are involved with stage creation, tear down, or help with the ticket booth. They include: Kathy (Prop Dwarf) and Marvin Patterson, Patty Ellison (co-director) and Mike, Don ("The Actor") and Patty Herbert, Anyssa (Dwarf 1) and Matt Wright, Gloria and Ernie Wattam, Bill and Judy Schulze, and Randy (sound tech) and Sandi Schulz.

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