

Local Boys Scouts’ camping gear, trailer stolen

Charlea Estes

After an unfortunate discovery Monday morning, Cassville’s Boy Scout Troop 76 is asking for the community’s help in looking for their stolen trailer which was filled with camping equipment.

According to Troop 76’s assistant scoutmaster Bill

Sims, they learned of the trailer’s theft on Monday morning around 8:05 a.m. He said, “We know it was stolen sometime early Sunday morning between 12 a.m. and 1 a.m. or so. An officer saw the trailer being pulled off of Mill Street where our building was, but with people down fishing and

everything; he didn’t think anything of it.” The trailer did not have any decals or information that would indicate it was a Boy Scout trailer.

The trailer is a red 8 foot by 12 foot enclosed trailer manufactured by Shadow Grand with two doors on the back and one door on the right side. It also has a top rack on it. The trailer’s license plate number is 52E-9WN.

Sims said, “We use that trailer at least four or five times a year. We have summer camp coming up in June, and it’s going to be really inconvenient without our trailer. But we’ll still go. We’re going to borrow the Pack trailer and, between everybody, we’ll pull enough stuff together to be able to go.”

Inside, the trailer was stocked with lanterns, propane stoves, sleeping bags, and

plenty of gear for their troop, which is comprised of six boys between the ages of 12 and 13.

Sims said, “The boys asked me what we were going to do, and I told the boys don’t worry about it. We’ll persevere. That’s what we do.”

Troop 76 is moving on, still holding out hope that the trailer will be found, but in the meantime, they are asking the community for help in case it isn’t recovered. They have released a full list of gear that was inside of the trailer and are also seeking monetary contributions to help purchase a new one if it isn’t found.

Sims said, “We might have to do some fundraising to afford another trailer, but we’ll get there eventually.”

The complete list of equipment the troop is seeking is:

- 2 lanterns in soft Coleman cases



Boy Scout Troop 76’s stolen trailer is pictured above. The troop used it for the boys’ camping trips at least four or five times a year.

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Cassville graduates 140 in Class of 2017



Photo by Jeremy Huse

Cassville High School’s graduation ceremonies were held on Sunday, May 21. The Class of 2017 included 140 graduates. Pictured above, senior Kassie Graves receives her diploma and shakes hands with Cassville R-IV School Board President John Sullivan.

Kids go fishin’ for fun Saturday at Roaring River



Wyatt Ryan, 12, of Ozark, gets a little help from his dad, Clint Ryan, as he reels in a good-sized trout on Saturday.



Eli Madsen, 6, of Cassville, casts a line at Roaring River’s Kids’ Fishing Day on Saturday.

Area libraries ready for summer reading programs

Charlea Estes

The Barry-Lawrence County Libraries are hoping to ‘Build a Better World’ with their summer reading programs this year. This year’s theme encourages patrons of all ages from toddlers to seniors to get involved in their local library branches and read.

The annual summer reading club is geared toward people of all reading levels and abilities, especially families who want to participate together. They will even be giving away six Kindle Fire HD tablets at the end of the program.

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Cassville Fire Department acquires ladder truck

Charlea Estes

For the first time, the Cassville Fire Department has a ladder truck that is being added to the existing truck fleet. The 75 foot ladder truck, a 2000 E-One, was purchased after the Cassville Fire Protection District Board placed a bid of \$84,000 on it following the suggestion of district personnel. The truck traveled to the Department all the way from California from the Stanilaus Consolidated Fire District in Riverside.

While it will still be a bit of time before the department is able to use the truck, it will be an asset to them. Administrator Chuck Miner said the truck won’t be utilized until it is fully equipped and the firefighters are trained on its use. The equipment is expected to take up to six weeks to be received. Miner said, “It could be taken out right now, it’s a functional truck, but we

would have to equip it from the other apparatus. It will have all of its own equipment by mid-summer.”

Firefighters began training last week, but it will have more detailed training soon. The volunteers will continue to train with the truck once it is in operation with the department.

The E-One joins two brush fire trucks, three engines, three water tanker trucks and a technical rescue trailer for water rescues and building collapse rescues at the two fire stations.

Cassville Chief Millard Andrews said, “Having another apparatus that can deliver a high volume of water and other capabilities will further improve our mission of providing life safety services in the Cassville area.”

Before the district decided on a truck, two district personnel travelled to River-

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Cassville driver injured after hitting downed tree in road

Charlea Estes

A Cassville driver was injured after a tree fell in the roadway on Farm Road 2180 near Cassville.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, Andrew R. Adkins, 22, of Cassville, was driving east-bound on Farm Road 2180 about a mile east of Cassville in a 1997 Ford F150. Around 4:40 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, he struck a tree that had fallen into the roadway.

Adkins, who was wearing a seat belt, was transported to Mercy Hospital of Cassville via ambulance for moderate injuries. The truck was moderately damaged and towed from the scene by Brice's Towing, of Cassville.

Cassville student wins District Rotary Speech contest



Pictured above are, from left to right: Cassville Rotarian David Samuel, Padilla, Cassville Rotarian and Cassville R-IV Superintendent Dr. Richard Asbill.

Olivia Padilla, Cassville High School class of 2017 member, has won the District Rotary Speech Contest.

Padilla first won the speech competition at our local Cassville Rotary club, was able to advance to the regional level where she was one of four to move on to districts. At the district competition, she placed first.

Cassville Rotary Club is a member of District 6110. District 6110 includes 79 clubs in the states of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri.

Padilla both wrote and performed her speech based on the Rotary Four-Way test. The Rotary Four-Way Test asks members to consider the following of the things they think, say or do:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Padilla is the daughter of Telisha Padilla, of Cassville.

Cassville Library events

- All branches of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 29.
- A sewing and quilting group meets Wednesdays at 1 p.m and a crochet class is held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m., both in the library's meeting room.
- Summer preschool story time will meet on Thursday, June 8, with the theme All About You and again on Thursday, June 22, with Construction Zone. All sessions begin at 10 a.m. Children five and younger are welcome.
- The so-called "summer slide", where kids may lose some newly acquired reading skills, can be held at bay by practicing throughout the break. Participating in the library's Summer Reading Program can be one way your family can continue using those important skills. This year's theme is Build A Better World and is open to all ages. Stop by your library today to register.
- The Monday Movie Matinee for June 5 at 1:30 p.m. is Collide, rated PG-13. Bring your own snacks.

Cassville Senior Center honors moms



The Cassville Senior Center held a Mother's Day lunch at the center on Friday, May 12, where they gave away baskets of flowers. There were 14 ladies who won baskets.

Some of the winners are pictured above, from left to right: Rita Craig, Shirley Weems, Perryleane Lingle and Misha Blakely.

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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. For information, call (417) 652-7308.

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

May 25th

Pierce City Senior Center will host a dance on May 25 at 7 p.m. For information, call (417)476-5800.

Seligman Community Center will host a food pantry on May 25 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call (417)662-3749.

The Old Church Gallery Farmers Market in Shell Knob will be May 25 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. For information, call (417)858-2510.

May 26th

Clio Community Building will host music on May 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Roaring River Park will host bluegrass music on May 26 at 7 p.m. at the amphitheater.

Farmers Market will be May 26 at 4 p.m. and May 27 at 8 a.m. on Mo. Hwy. 86 across from Office Pub in Golden. For information, call (417)846-0069.

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

Stella Senior Center will host a dinner and dance on May 26 at 5:30 p.m.

May 27th

Cassville Alumni Association will host a banquet at the Cassville High School on May 27. Registration at 4:30 p.m. and banquet at 6 p.m. For information, call (417)847-2221.

The Southwest All School Reunion will be May 27 at the high school cafeteria beginning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch tickets are \$10.

Eagle Rock Fire Department will host a breakfast on May 27 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Seligman Chamber will host a dance on May 27 at 7 p.m. For information, call (417)662-3612.

Seligman New Salem Cemetery Association will host its annual meeting on May 27 at 11 a.m. For information, call (417)826-1141.

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Association will have their annual meeting on May 27 at 2 p.m. For information, call (417)342-4900.

May 28th

Kings Cemetery will have a meeting on May 28 at 2 p.m. at the cemetery.

Free Meal at Seligman Community Center on May 28 at 3 p.m.

Dent Cemetery Association will have annual meeting on May 28 at 2 p.m. at the cemetery.

Roaring River Campers Church will meet May 28 at 9 a.m. at the amphitheater.

Concord Cemetery will have a meeting on May 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the cemetery.

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Ennis Cemetery will host annual meeting on May 28 at 2 p.m. at the cemetery. For information, call (417)847-6201.

May 29th

Stella Veteran's Memorial will honor the veterans with a memorial service on May 29 at 10:30 a.m.

May 31st

Central Crossing Senior Center will have a nutritional information presentation on May 31 at 11:45 a.m.

June 3rd

Anderson Uniform Company of Mt. Vernon will host a reunion on June 3 at 1 p.m. at the Gary Ewing Park. For information, call (417)737-3601.

Dogwood Trail Garden Club will host a garden and flower sale on June 3 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shell Knob Community Building.

Southwest High FCA is hosting a fund raising rummage sale on June 3 at 7 a.m. in the high school commons area.

June 5th

Monett Senior Center will host a dance on June 5 at the casino from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. For information, call (417)632-4297.

School Menus: May 29 - June 2

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

Cassville: Mon: No School. Tues: B: Cereal, rice krispy treat, apple. L: Hot ham sandwich, doritos lite, baked beans, sidekicks. Wed: B: Cereal, cinnamon toast, pears. L: Submarine sandwich, bbq chips, carrot sticks, juice. Thurs: B: Biscuits & gravy or cereal, teddy grahams, mandarin oranges. L: Chicken nuggets, tossed salad, broccoli & cheese, peaches. Fri: B: Cereal, banana muffin, peaches. L: Burrito, nacho cheese, green beans, go gurt, apple.

Southwest: Mon: No School. Tues: B: Cereal, apple, cinnamon muffin, fresh fruit, juice. L: Peanut butter sandwich, baby carrots, yogurt cup, tropical fruit. Wed: B: Mini pancakes, strawberries or cereal, juice. L: Chicken filet sandwich, mac & cheese, dill spear, cantalope. Thurs: B: Breakfast burrito, peaches or ce-

real. L: Cheese pizza, corn on the cob, chocolate chip cookie, peaches. Fri: B: Hot ham & hashbrown sandwich, fresh fruit or cereal. L: Cheeseburger, baked beans, sliced toamto, watermelon.

Purdy: Mon: No School. Tues: B: Breakfast pizza, peaches or cereal, toast, peaches. L: Corn dog, tator tots, cantaloupe, oreo cookie. Wed: B: Biscuit & gravy, sausage, pears or cereal, biscuit, pears. L: Ravioli, baby carrots, ranch, garlic bread, watermelon. Thurs: B: Waffle stick, apple or cereal, toast, apple. L: Sub sandwich, sun chips, mandarin oranges, apple, vanilla pudding. Fri: B: Chocolate muffin, yogurt, banana or cereal, yogurt, banana. L: Hot ham/cheese sandwich, cheez-its, celery sticks/pb cups, banana, ice cream.



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Bradley is the son of John and Wendy Lueckenhoff, of Monett, and Kathy Wagner, of Bella Vista, Ark. He is a graduate of Cassville High School, attended Crowder College, and is now attending the Highway Patrol Academy.

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Kelsey is the daughter of Kris and Suzie Nau, of Republic. She is a graduate of Greenwood High School and is currently attending Missouri State University.

Jordan is the son of Wendy and John Lueckenhoff, of Monett, and Paul Bailey, of Cassville. He is a graduate of Cassville High School and Missouri State University.

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Billy Lee Day, Jr., age 68, of Goodman, passed away on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at Cox South Hospital in Springfield. Bill, son of Billy Sr. and Mary Day, was born on December 21, 1948, in the Mineral Springs community. He was a 1967 graduate of Cassville High School. On December 2, 1977, he married Jeanetta Blevins in Cassville. Bill worked at manufacturing companies performing maintenance on large machinery, owned his own bar and then owned and operated a trucking business for many years called Blue Day, Inc. He loved to drink beer, fish, and camp with his family. Bill was very ornery, enjoyed making people laugh, and was known by his family as a great husband, father and grandfather.
Survivors include his wife Jeanetta Day, of Goodman; five sons, Allen Mahurin and

his wife, Veralee, of Cassville, Daniel Mahurin and his wife, Ann, of Richmond, Virginia, Richard Mahurin, of Goodman, Buddy Day, of Ashland, and Brian Day, of Bentonville, Arkansas; two daughters, Leeann Day, of Golden City, and Angie Day-Ellingsworth, of Sarasota, Florida; thirteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Claude Stevens.
Memorial contributions may be made to Haven of the Ozarks and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.
Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2017, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory with Pastor Jamie Smith officiating; burial to follow at Mineral Springs Cemetery in Cassville. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, at the funeral home.
Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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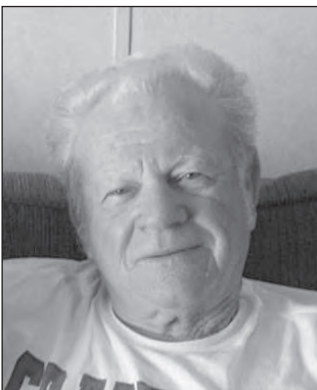
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Obituaries



EDWARD "ED" LOYD BANKS
Edward "Ed" Loyd Banks, 87, of Washburn, died Friday, May 12, 2017, at Apple Blossom Retirement Community in Rogers, Ark.
He was born June 7, 1929, in Washburn, to Lott Gilbert Banks and Rilda Caroline Mahurin Banks. He married Geneva Pauline Henry August 12, 1953. He was a US Army veteran serving as a CPL in Germany. He operated a dairy farm in Washburn for many years, enjoyed fishing, rabbit and coon hunting, and loved his family. He attended the Church of Christ and is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Geneva Pauline Henry Banks; six brothers, Floyd Banks, Jay Banks, Denver Banks, Armon Banks, Bryce Banks, and Vernon Banks; six sisters, May Laughlin, Hazel Schrader, Edith Wade, Maggie Woodward, Oleta Woodard and Geneva Antle.
Survivors are two sons,

Danny Banks (Linda), of Bentonville, Ark., and Leonard Henry (Dottie), of Rogers, Ark.; one daughter, Reva Hayworth (Rick), of Washburn; his longtime friend Kathryn Smith, of Washburn; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.
Visitation was held from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at Sisco Funeral Home Chapel in Pea Ridge, Ark., with service following at 2:00 p.m. at the chapel. Burial was in Dent Cemetery with military honors. Online condolences may be made at siscofuneralhome.net.
BOBBY LEE KERR
Bobby Lee Kerr, age 65, passed away on May 17, 2017. Bob was born on April 2, 1952, in Stella, to Ovan and Grace (Pogue) Kerr.
Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Pastor Frank Smith conducted the services. Burial was in Rocky Comfort Cemetery at Rocky Comfort.
Contributions may be made to American Heart Association in memory of Bobby.
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LARRY EUGENE ASH
Larry Eugene Ash, age 75, of Cassville, passed away Thursday, May 18, 2017, at his home.
He was born April 17, 1942, in Barry County, the son of Hershel and Edith (Hoenshell) Ash. On October 9, 1981, he was united in marriage to Darelene Buchanan, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Landon Saunders, of Purdy; two daughters, Laurie Speakman and her husband, Todd, and Kristy Paul and her husband, Shane, all of Butterfield; one brother, Lonnie Ash and his wife, Sandra, of Purdy; one sister, Verna Sue Wallace, of Exeter; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.
Preceding him in death were his parents; one sister, Betty Smith; and a brother-in-law, Bill Wallace.
Larry grew up and received his education at Purdy, where he graduated from high school. During the Vietnam War, he served in the United States Army from November 3, 1966, until November 1, 1968. After returning to Barry County, he became a cattle farmer. He was employed at Wintech and did construction work in this area. He was a member of Log Church of

God Holiness.
Graveside services with military honors were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2017, at Log Church Memorial Gardens in Butterfield, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Carolyn McNabb conducted the services.
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ONG CHANG LEE
Ong Chang Lee, age 51, of Cassville, passed away Sunday, May 14, 2017, at her home.
Services will be held from Friday, June 2, 2017, until Monday, June 5, 2017, at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton, Missouri. Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday in Maplewood Cemetery at Exeter.
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GREGORY L. BROWN
Gregory L. Brown, age 63, of Seligman, passed away at his home on Thursday, May 18, 2017.
Private memorial services will be held at a later date.
Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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Cassville Middle School students compete, win at Big 8 Art Show



Cassville Middle School was recently the host to the Middle School Big 8 Art Show. The art show had hundreds of pieces on display from art students across the region. The follow CMS students placed at the show and are pictured above. First place and Best of Show Overall for seventh grade: Lilly Love. First place award winners: Samantha Willis, Maci Walker, Adrienne Quiros and Am-ani Firestone. Second place award winners: Olivia Holman, Hailey Homewood, Sahara Stettmisch, Rylan Wilson, Brady Schwer, Josie Guevara, Alexis Vance and Taylor McCorkle (absent from photo). Third place award winners: Mya De Leon, Jhandi Shears, Brookland Huett, Krysta Rawlings, Silvia Serrano, Stephanie Morgan, Emily Wilson and Alexis Vance. Ms. Debra Curnes is the art teacher at CMS.

Cassville postal carriers collect 2,944 pounds of food for the pantry



On Saturday, May 13, it was the 25th anniversary of the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. The carriers of the Cassville Post Office, along with supervisor Bowen Li, helped stamp out hunger by collecting 2,944 pounds of food that was donated to the Cassville Community Food Pantry.

Cassville Community grant applications accepted until September

Cassville Community Foundation will be accepting grant applications for its 2017 grant cycle from June 1st to September 1st. Not-for profit 501(c)3 organizations that serve Cassville and its surrounding area are invited to apply. Applications are available at the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce office, located at 504 Main Street.

The grant application requests the following information: a description of the community need or problem that the funding will be used to address; the project's primary goals and expectations; the number of community members who will be served and the collaborative opportunities;

and an itemized project budget. Completed applications must be returned to the chamber office no later than September 1st to be considered for 2017 funding cycle. Organizations that are selected for grant funding will be contacted directly.

Last year, Cassville Community Foundation

awarded \$4,300 to eight local community organizations to help assist them with the funding of new or existing programs.

For more information or to request an electronic application, email Kati Rose, Foundation Coordinator at cassvillecommunityfoundation@gmail.com or call (417) 847-2814.

Southwest FCA rummage sale

The Southwest High FCA is hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, June 3, in the high school commons area to raise funds for a two day mission trip to Columbus, Ohio, and one day fun excursion down Ark Encounter trip in October.

The trip is being funded entirely through donations, fundraisers and by those going on the trip. Students will need to raise a combined total of \$6,000 for their traveling fees and materials while there.

The rummage sale is the first of several fundraisers for the year. The doors will open at 7 a.m. on Saturday, June 3.

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If confidence is moderate to high that any form of severe weather will occur this weekend, Barry County OEM will coordinate decision support conference calls with the National Weather Service, event coordinators, response agencies, dispatch centers, and OEM staff to discuss specific forecasts and contingency/response plans for Barry County event locations.

Please inform David Compton, Barry County Emergency Management, with the details of any events you feel need to be included at (417) 737-142.

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2013 BEST BROKERAGES

Cassville Intermediate fourth quarter perfect attendance

3rd grade: Lillie Andrews, Diana Arguelles, Kaylee Ashley, Layla Bailey, Gage Barnes, Ayden Bates, Jeremiah Blankenship, Joei Blankenship, Wyatt Bohanan, Jerry Bouyear, Trevor Brookes, Will Brooks, Ashton Campbell, Timothy Cash, Oliver Cooper, Logan Deiser, Westley Dice, Jacee Durossette, Kindred Durossette, Jaeron Ganoung, Mason Gauss, Andon Goutney, Gracie Gray, Amelia Hagins, Jacob Hall, Gwendylan Harmon, Ansley Harris, Bethany Hernandez, Angelly Herrera-Beltran, Jenavieve Hightower, Linda Hurd, Nevahe Johnson, Kierstyn Kalbaugh, Adriana Kelley, Ryan Knight, Isaac Luney, Tucker McCorkle, Gabriel McCormick, Landon Messbarger, Donovan Middleton, Trevis Moore, Victor Ortega, Cody Peterson, Emily Powers, Payton Ray, Claire Reuter, Corbin Rhoads, Colton Roark, Cayden Rohde, Margarita Ruiz, Glandy Salas, Isabel Serrano, Lily Simmons, Ethan Sizemore, Jadyn Stewart, Sara Stockton, Charles Stoller, Aubrey Stoufer, Ashlyn Stringer, Tera Tippings, Izyk Walker, Courtney Wall and Logan Wingo.

4th grade: Vanessa Alexander, Ashley Alonso, Connor Annecharico, Kyle Bailey, Carlos Barrientos, Kaitlyn Birchfield, Hanna Blankenship, Kyla Bowling, Avery Britt, Aleigha Bryan, Hailey Bryan, Traiton Burnette, Elizabeth Butler, Evan Butler, Jonathan Cash, Mallery Cornell, Abraham Cortez Garcia, Colton Cox, Jared Crase, Dylan Criswell, Autumn Davis, Dalton Deiser, Isabella Dunbar, Curtis Ellis, Nicolas Fierro, Rebekah Fry, Simon Gates, Hailey Gautney, Lydia Godsey, Taylor Haggard, Kyler Hayward, Laura Henry, Shayden Hilburn, Jaret Hinson, Makayla Hollingsworth, Kinlee Holman, Kyler Holman, Saige Holman, Isabella Hopper, Nathan Hunsucker, Douglas Israel, Chayton Issler, Jazmyne Kelley, Cheyenne Lingo, Anjolina Luper, Austyn Melabarger, Jagger Miller, Ryker Nelson, Jeffrey Nickle, Ryan Norris, Rebecca Oliphant, Spencer Osborne, Lilliann Palmer, Maliki Pate, Ella Pearman, Yovanni Perez, Brooklyn Powers, Rylee Quinlan, Elly Raemaker, Alexis Rayburn, Talen Reed, Miller Reid, Laramée Reynolds, Justine Robar, Timothy Roberts, Isabella Rodriguez Muise, Tierany Sloan, Lauren Sparkman, Melody Stephens, Cricket Stockton, Eli Stokes, Kade Swolley, Travis Thomas, Kaitlyn Tiner, Nathan Todd, David Turner, Lorelei Vanderhoef, Jacklyn Weldon, Kaden Wilson and Johnathan Wood.

5th grade: Frenando Alonso, Shannon Aplin, Sawyer Asbill, Summer Banks, Bentley Barber, Leah Beach, Emma Berndt, Josie Blevins, Colton Balnkenship, Ethan Bohmke, Rylee Bowman, Pazlee Burbridge, Joseph Burton, Justin Case, Vincent Chadwick, Avery Chappell, Gracee Cornell, Zoie Coupland, Kristiana Davis, Jonathan Dunbar, Garrett Ewing, Kayden Fuchs, Mackenzie Gemmecke, Ashlyne Glover, Ruben Gonzalez-Cortez, Andrew Gray, Madison Gray, Emily Griffin, Emerson Grossman, Makenna Hagins, Madison Halterman, Nathaniel Hang, Deigo Gonzalous Hernandez, Haley Higgins, Juan Ibarra, Ashlyn Jackson, Bryson Jacobson, Hunter James, Josie Keeven, Corey King, Natalia Luna, Xxavier Luper, Kelsey Mackey, Katlyn Malone, Frank Martinez, Brooklynn Mitchell, Tori Mitchell, Kathryn Morris, Emilio Perez, Nathalia Perez, Jabin Postlewait, Domanic Reed, Christian Renkoski, Joseph Reuter, Gailey Roark, Hailey Roberts, Daniel Roper, Cody Rose, Angeles Ruiz, Samantha Sanders, Aracely Serrano, Taylor Smith, Kaysha Stockton, Ryleigh Tabor, Khorbin Taylor, Alex Todd, Christiasn Vail, Angel Velasquez-Vail, Malachi Vincent, Landon Webb, Shelby Weldon, Kaylynn Wilson and Sophia Wyman.

Cassville High School Art takes 3rd at Big 8



The Cassville High School art department, led by art teacher Ms. Teall Williams, was the host school for the Big 8 Art Show April 27 through 30. CHS had several art students who placed at the show. Those that placed are pictured above: Claire Hurst, Madisyn Popanz, Mystree McMahan, Samantha Blanggeir, Morgan Smith, Lauren Greek, Reagan Brock, Lexi Campbell, Jesse Edie, Rain Phaneuf, Dezirae Sizemore, Caden Swearingen, Siera lacy, Katlyn Rose, Austin Lone, Kaylee Reibert, Adrien Lee, Ellie Good and Audrie Thorpe. Not pictured are: Addison Nunley, Seay Williams, Lea Periman, Rhandi Pendergraft, AJ Goergen, Ryan Test, Gilbert Medina and Madison Mason.

Cassville High School placed third overall in the conference, taking 56 ribbons and ten first place medals. McDonald County took first with 69 ribbons and 14 medals, and Mt Vernon was second with 64 ribbons and 11 medals.

Individual Conference Champions were: AJ Goergen - Mixed Media 2D and Portfolio Champ; Sierra Lacy - Drawing Wet Media Color, Representational Acrylic Painting, and Silkscreen Printing Champ; Lexi Campbell - Representational Oil Painting Champ; Addy Nunley - Watercolor Painting NonRepresentational Champ; Kaylee Riebert - Printmaking Relief (Block Prints) Champ; Seay Williams - Reductive Sculpture Champ; and Samantha Blangger - 2 hour Live Drawing Champ.

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Cassville High School recognizes top graduating seniors

Graduation ceremonies brought a lot of joy and excitement to 140 graduates and their families, but Cassville School also inducted the first class for the district into the Cum Laude academic system.

The Class of 2017 was the first class to be recognized within this system as it was approved by the Board of Education when they were just eighth graders. The academic system and requirements have to be implemented in a way that allows an incoming freshman class to achieve the same standards, said Jeff Swadley, High School Principal. The requirements were established in 2013 and communicated to all incoming freshmen of the future Class of 2017 and all Cassville High School classes of the future.

The Cum Laude system recognizes academic excellence. There are three tiers to this system, Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude. Dr. Richard Asbill, Superintendent, commented that, "I am proud to say that today we have 55 graduates to honor who will be recognized for their academic accomplishments", as he addressed the students, family, and guest of the commencement ceremony. "On behalf of the Cassville R-IV Board of Education, administration and faculty, it is my pleasure to introduce those students who have earned academic

recognition within the Cum Laude system.

"These students have acknowledged their own personal goals and within this academic system they no longer compete against each other for just 10 individual spots of recognition," said Dr. Asbill. The Cum Laude System and the Cassville R-IV School Board established the academic standards and students maintained their own personal goals of achieving those standards. John Sullivan, Board President, commented, "The opportunity to recognize 55 students for academic excellence is outstanding and we now get to honor more students and their families for efforts made within academic achievement."

Mr. Swadley explained the three tiers of achievement within the academic system. Students who completed a minimum of seven successful semesters of high school, earned 25 credits, and earned a 3.50 or above GPA are awarded the bronze Cum Laude medal. Students who completed a minimum of seven successful semesters of high school, earned 25 credits, and earned a 3.70 or above GPA are awarded the silver Magna Cum Laude medal. Students who completed eight successful semesters of high school, earned 27 credits, including three specified core electives, and earned a 3.90 or above GPA are awarded the gold Summa Cum Laude medal.



Seniors earning Summa Cum Laude are pictured above. They are, in alphabetical order: Abby Boyd, Kaylyn Bryant, Abigail Buntin, Kayla Clancy, Kaileigh Gorski, Bailey Hendrix, Mary Hennigan, Lindsay Hernandez, Levi Hodge, Camille Holman, Olivia Padilla, Macey Parsons, Yesenia Rivera, Chelsey Small, Anne Sommers, Ying Thao, Kandace Wallace and Lexie Wilson.



Seniors earning Magna Cum Laude are pictured above. They are, in alphabetical order: Raegan Brock, Jordan Campbell, Dominique Christy, Savannah Clere, RJ Elliott, Monsserrat Fierro, Kassandra Graves, Audrey Harrison, Gilbert Medina, Alissa Olsen, Brenna Pendergraft, Rhandi Pendergraft, Addison Perez, Ashley Ray, Kyle Ruark, Brooklyn Sizemore, Austin Sparks, Savannah Williamson and Savannah Willis.



Seniors earning Cum Laude medals are pictured above. They are, in alphabetical order: Hope Boston, Debbie Davis, Alyssa Erwin, Riley Fletcher, Jeremiah Hilburn, Alani Lantz, Madeline Mason, Rebeca McKinney, Jet Moua, Brandon Navarrete, Collin Pearman, Bailey Periman, River Phelps, Charlie Seymour, Caleb Stephens, Jessica Terry, Destiny Whittenburg and Cole York.

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Local students initiated into Phi Kappa Phi

The following local residents recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

- Amy Harkey, of Purdy, was initiated at Missouri State University
- Michael Fenske, of Purdy, was initiated at Missouri State University.

These residents are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Wheaton Schools names employees of the year



Pictured above, from left to right, are: Kathy Henry, David Bolton and Dana Bartkoski.

The Wheaton R-III School District held their annual end of the year picnic and recognized their employees of the year. The 6th annual event was held on final day

of school for teachers. This year's classified employee of the year was Dana Bartkoski. Dana is the PK-12th grade School Nurse and has been with the district for 16 years. Her nomination stated that "she goes the extra mile in the care that she gives students and has even saved a life."

The PK-6th grade Teacher of the Year is Kathy Henry. Kathy teaches 2nd grade and has been with the district for 5 years. Mrs. Henry's nomination stated "her passion for education is evident every day" "she uses her classroom to teach children how to be good people" "she has a big heart for kids and school."

The 7-12th grade and District Teacher of the Year is David Bolton. David teaches Agriculture Education and is the FFA Advisor. Mr. Bolton has taught at Wheaton for 8 years and has had countless successes with the students in his program. His nomination stated "he shows respect for his students and in turn they respect him" "he teaches with innovation, creativity, and a keen knowledge of best practices" "he strives to pass on his love for agriculture to students and is supportive of their career choices." Mr. Bolton will represent Wheaton in the state wide Teacher of the Year program next year.

Exeter National Honor Society inducts new members



The Susan Doty chapter of National Honor Society for Exeter High School met on Tuesday evening, April 18, 2017, for the purpose of inducting new members into their chapter. All students who were inducted met criteria present in the bylaws of the chapter. New inductees are pictured in the front row, from left to right: Baili Resz, Kelsey Vasey, Andrew Blake, Jarrett Brattin, Maycee Blake, Quartny Allen, Rebecca Barton, Emalee Davis and Jared Alverson. Back row: Kamerin Newman, Chapter Treasurer; Casey Oxford, Chapter President; Lindsey Henson, Chapter Reporter; Kelsey Stringer, Chapter Vice-President; Madelyn Cole; Allison Burnette, Chapter Secretary; Chloe Carpenter, Ethan Caddell and Trevor Nelson.

During the ceremony, four new members were recognized for exhibiting the four symbols of the National Honor Society qualities. These students are: Scholarship, Quartny Allen; Service, Jared Alverson; Leadership, Jarrett Brattin; Character, Rebecca Barton. Speakers for the evening included Mrs. Lucretia Brattin, chapter advisor, who recognized senior members and their parents and Mr. Robert Taylor, high school principal, who spoke on the importance of leadership in our schools.

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Cassville's April Character Kids

Cassville Intermediate named its April character award winners. Each month, the school's counselor and teachers present a character trait. Students are then nominated by their teachers for displaying the focused trait. April's character word was courage.



April's third grade Character Kids are pictured above. From left to right, in the front row: Wyatt Bohanan, Tyler Holenda, Jewell Frieze, Amelia Hagins and Grace Hurst. Back row: Maggie Ruiz, Izyk Walker, Jeremiah Blankenship, Caysee Stillings and Jadon Castleberry. Not pictured: Joei Blankenship, Jerry Bouyer, Logan Williams, Trevor Brookes and Will Brooks.



April's fourth grade Character Kids are pictured above. From left to right, in the front row: Axl Chapman, Malcom Terry, Macie Talbert, Isabella Hopper, Jazmyne Kelley and Isabelle Jones-Tice. Back row: Taylor Haggard, Violet Rillstone, Makayla Hollingsworth, Jacob Duncan, Eric Foster, Kamryn Fare, Melody Stephens and Yovanni Perez. Not pictured: Izzy Burton, Alexis Rayburn, Angel Gomez and Kason Arjona.



April's fifth grade Character Kids are pictured above. From left to right, in the front row: Shannon Aplin, Landon Webb, Frank Martinez, Jabin Postlewait and Corey King. Back row: Xxavier Luper, Levi Lane, Alex Todd, Emerson Grossman and Vincent Chadwick. Not pictured: Jacob Freeman.

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A new Rocky Ridge: More than meets the eye at the Seligman hot spot

Charlea Estes

If you've ever looked for a food pit stop in Seligman, you've probably noticed Rocky Ridge nestled up on the hill just off the highway as you pass through the south part of town. What you may not realize is the impressive selection of food and drinks available, and the dedication the new owners have to maintaining entertainment and great meal specials.

Rocky Ridge is a restaurant and bar that many people in the community recognize by name, but under new owners, the eatery and watering hole has undergone some serious changes. Mike and Lois Rush took over Rocky Ridge on September 9, 2016, and they've been working toward many improvements ever since.

Besides a fresh coat of paint and some deep cleaning, they also added a beautiful stage and sound system, a new menu, and plenty of activities slated throughout the week to keep guests coming back.

They have bands perform on most Saturday nights, pool tournaments are Thursdays, and Fridays are reserved for karaoke. They even have dancing lessons beginning soon on Thursdays. Dance lessons will start with line dancing and are \$10 per person, but the dancer's first drink is included in that price.

One of the other big changes is the menu. All of the faire available in the dining area is made-from-scratch from Lois' recipes. She said, "For our pizza bread, even the sauce is made here from a recipe I learned from an Italian lady. It's all my own two hands."

Meals at the restaurant include the pizza bread, sandwiches and burgers, everything made from scratch except the bread they are served on. Rocky Ridge also features daily lunch specials for \$8.99. The specials include a drink and dessert. Specials include pulled pork, meat loaf and pot roast, depending on the day of the week. Many come with Lois' famous cole slaw, made in-house.

Being a bar, as well as a restaurant, Mike and Lois are very concerned with safety, including offering designated drivers free non-alcoholic beverages all night. Mike said, "We also offer people rides for free. Whether it's us, bar tenders or staff, we make sure everyone makes it out of here safely."

Lois added, "We want this place to be a safe place for everyone and comfortable." Comfort is an important aspect when people are having a night out. The owners agreed that anyone not being respectful is asked to leave, as safety is their number one priority for their patrons.

Part of that includes

understanding that area youth like to play pool inside, but anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult after 7 p.m. each evening. Children are only

allowed on the restaurant side, and everyone is carded at the door.

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Lee Stubblefield

The Purdy Lady Eagles crushed Lincoln's undefeated championship hopes in the second semifinal of the MSHSAA Spring Softball Championships at Killian Park in Springfield on Saturday, flying past the Lady Cardinals, 3-0. Earlier, Strafford downed Kennett, 2-0, to set up a rematch with Purdy in Sunday's title game.

With half of the Final Four field less than an hour from Springfield, fans from Kennett, Lincoln, Purdy, and Strafford pushed the seating capacity to the limits for Saturday's games. This is just the fourth year that MSHSAA has awarded championships in Spring Softball. The championships were first held at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff before moving to the Killian Sports Complex, the home of the Missouri State University Lady Bears, in 2016.

Postponed from Friday night, when tornado sirens replaced the cheering crowds

The Kennett Lady Indians only managed five baserunners while falling to the Strafford Lady Indians in the early contest. Strafford's offense wasn't much better: their first run came as a first-inning gift when Kennett's catcher threw the ball off the reservation with the bases loaded.

Strafford earned an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth inning. A bunt single, a double, and an RBI ground-out by Hayley Frank created the final score of 2-0.

Preparation and execution have been the trademarks of this Purdy squad throughout the postseason. From scouting the opposition and making crucial adjustments in defensive alignments, to the Tom Brady-like playcard that Hallie Henderson uses to review her pitching plan from the circle, Coach Lori Videmschek has been one step ahead of the opposition. But all that planning is worthless unless the players execute.

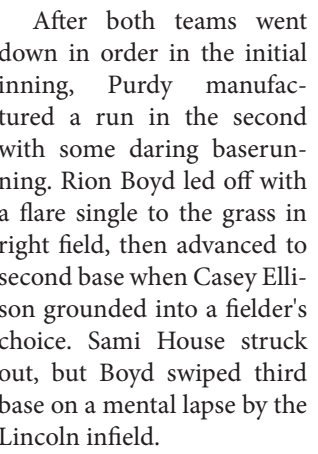
In six playoff games, Purdy has allowed just 2 runs while piling up 58 of their own.

Led by decorated senior pitcher Sloan Swearingin, Lincoln had vanquished every foe. The only close shave for Lincoln came in the first game of the season, a 6-5 nailbiter over Green Ridge.

Swearingin posted a season-high 14 strikeouts in Lincoln's 10-2 quarterfinal win over Kingsville. Her complete mastery of playoff opponents begged the question, "Can Purdy score against Lincoln?"

Purdy did score. Not a lot by Purdy standards, but enough. Because when Purdy pitcher Hallie Henderson is at the top of her game, one run is usually enough.

Henderson outdueled Swearingin, 10 Ks to 4, and the Purdy defense was far superior to Lincoln's. There are no weak sisters in the Purdy defensive alignment, and the girls in black had Henderson's back, committing only one error in the shutout victory.



It was a huge gamble that paid big dividends.

Swearingin had an 0-2 pitch count against Mikey Schad, but the Purdy first baseman patiently held up on the next offering for a 1-2 count. Swearingin tried to nibble the outside corner with her next pitch, but the ball skipped away from the catcher and Boyd raced home for the go-ahead score.

boosted Purdy to a 1-0 lead.

Henderson had complete control of her pitching repertoire. Purdy's ace calmly studied her wristband playbook between hitters, looking more like she was ordering appetizers than selecting pitches in the biggest game of her career to that point. Her accurate, deliberate deliveries resulted in 8 strikeouts in the first three innings.

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Power of the Pink celebrates 7 years, raises over \$25K



Liz Young



Marcie McDaniels

The Power of the Pink organization celebrated its seventh year by raising just over \$25,000 in their fundraising efforts. The organization spends the year raising money to help provide monetary assistance as well as a community of support for local women battling breast cancer.

Over the last seven years, Power of the Pink has surpassed their own expectations with the outpouring of giving to the cause. Janice McCracken, coordinator of Power of the Pink, stated, “Our goal was to wrap up year seven with \$83,000 in the hands of local women battling breast cancer. We are proud to announce that we surpassed those totals and have raised over \$87,000 in seven years.”

Each year is spent raising money through butter-braids fundraiser events, raffle tickets, auction items, donations and the Power of the Pink 5K which happens every May.

In seven years, 21 ladies have been helped. This year’s fundraising helped Marcie McDaniels, Amy Woods, Tricia Crawford and Liz Young.

“We started this walk with the heart that what if we could just help one,” said McCracken. “What if we could just make a small difference in a huge fight? What if?”



Tricia Crawford



Amy Woods

Skiles earns All State medal at Class 2 state track

Lee Stubblefield

Layne Skiles of Purdy placed fourth in the shot put competition at the Class 2 state track meet over the weekend in Jefferson City, earning an All State medal. The top 8 placing individuals/relay teams in the respective events earn All State recognition.

Class 1-2 state track results for area participants

Girls

Shot 4th Layne Skiles Purdy 38-01.50

4x100 M Relay 15th Purdy (Emma Harkey, Madison Renkoski, Layne Skiles, McKenzie Renkoski) 54.27

4x200 M Relay 10th Purdy (Savannah Bradt, Madison Renkoski, Emma Mareth, Cierra Moore) 1:53.95

Wilson and Hemphill qualify for Class 3 state track competition

Both Austin Wilson and Brianna Hemphill qualified for the Class 3 state track meet with strong fourth place performances at the sectional meet in Eldon on Saturday. Hemphill hit the sand in 32-07.5 to advance in the Triple Jump. Wilson circled the track in 52.38 to qualify in the 400 meter dash.

Results from Class 3 Sectional 3 track results @ Eldon (Top 4 finishers in each event qualify to the Class 3 state track meet this Friday and Saturday @ Jefferson City)

Girls

Triple Jump 4th Brianna Hemphill

Cassville 32-07.50	Kennedy Parnell) 53.04
High Jump 7th Brianna Hemphill	Boys
Cassville 4-10.00	400 M 4th Austin Wilson
Shot 5th Audra Brooks	Cassville 52.38
Cassville 34-02.50	Long Jump 6th Austin Wilson
Javelin 6th Josi Rose	Cassville 18-11.50
Cassville 100-04	Shot 6th Satchel Hill
100 M Hurdles 7th Trinity Ewing	Cassville 46-10.00
Cassville 17.48	Javelin 5th Arther Reed
4x100 M Relay 7th Cassville (Trinity Ewing, Parker Marple, Damaris Taylor,	Cassville 142-00
	300 M Hurdles 8th Devon Brookes
	Cassville 45.83

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Lincoln couldn't manage a single baserunner through five innings. Meanwhile, Purdy boosted the lead to 3-0 in the top of the fourth frame.

Boyd popped a one-out single into short center field, then Swearingin fanned Ellison for the second out. A rainbow fly ball off the bat of House bounced out of the fielder's glove. Instead of running off the field after the third out, Swearingin could only watch as Boyd scored on the error to give Purdy a 2-0 lead.

Schad extended the rally with an RBI single, and the Lady Eagles held a 3-0 advantage.

Lincoln finally threatened in the bottom of the sixth. Henderson's streak of innings without a baserunner ended quickly when Sydney Johnson ripped a grounder under Devyn Callahan's glove at third base. Paige Kahler's sac bunt moved Johnson into scoring position.

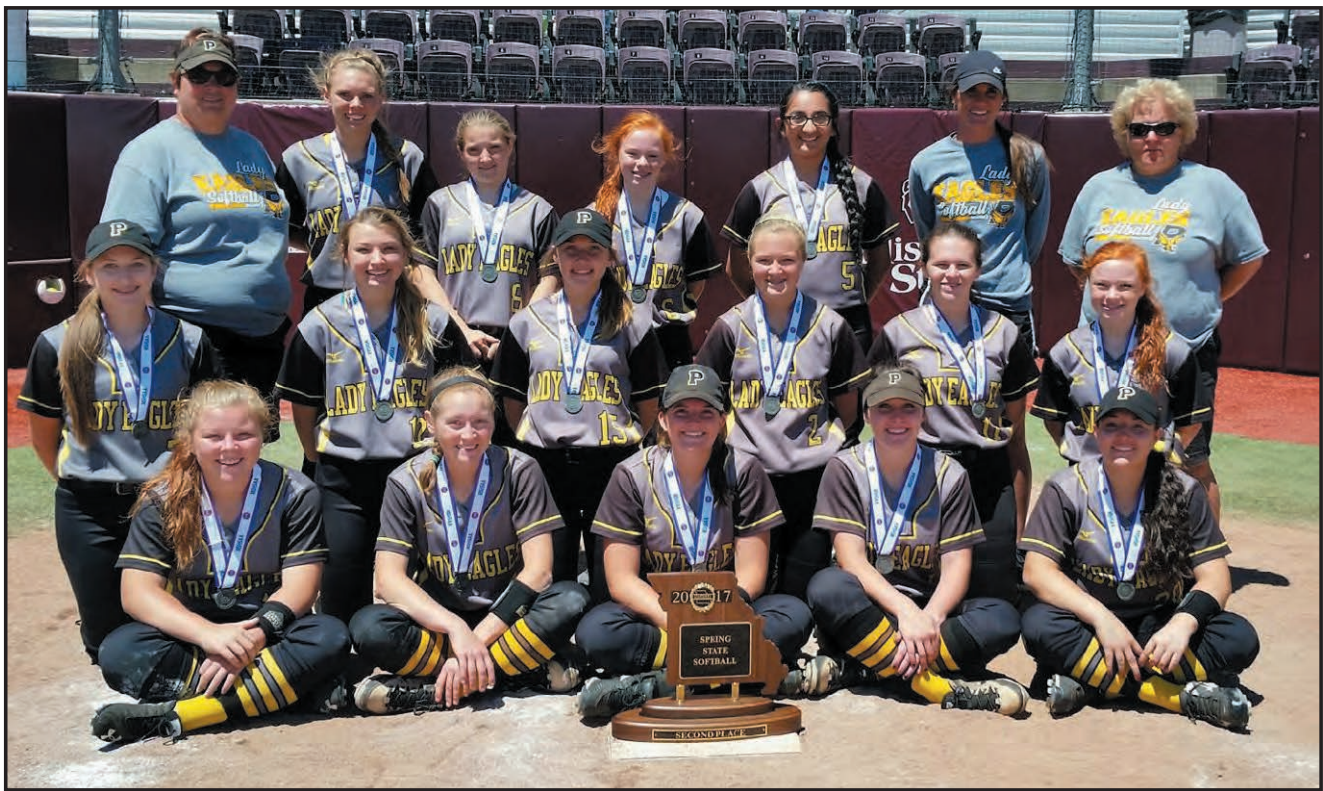
But Chloe Reese struck out on three pitches, and Genesis Smith popped out to Callahan at third to end the inning.

The Lady Eagles stranded a runner in scoring position in the top of the seventh, and then the Purdy defense took the field. Henderson's rising fastball drew consecutive fly ball outs, and Haley Mackey tapped a grounder to House at shortstop for the game-ending 6-3 relay.

The Purdy girls improved to 27-1 with the win and advanced to Sunday's championship game against Strafford, falling to the Lady Indians 3-0.

Four of Strafford's five hits and the only runs in the ball game came in a monumental fourth inning. It was the first shutout of the Lady Eagles since a 4-0 loss to Pierce City on October 11, 2013.

After a quick three scoreless innings, the Lady Indians roughed up Hallie Henderson in the fourth frame. Rilie Vote drilled a 1-0 fastball high over the fence in



right center for a 1-0 Strafford lead. Hayley Frank and Samantha Gott reached with consecutive one-out singles, and both scored on Alissa Collette's double to center field.

3-0, Strafford.

Purdy only had two baserunners - one on a hit and one that walked - to show for

five innings of futility.

Desperately needing offense, Purdy's leadoff hitter in the sixth inning was McKenzie Renkoski.

Against this "flash mob" defense, Renkoski could almost shake hands with the entire Strafford infield. All three outfielders stood in the dirt with their heels barely

touching grass. It was such an extreme shift that any ball hit over the fielders would result in an inside the park home run, given Renkoski's sprint speed.

Nine pitches later, Renkoski was still at the plate. With a 2-2 count, the Purdy lefty fouled off three consecutive Zoey Mullings pitches

with half swings, and then took a high fastball to fill the count. On the next pitch, she dropped a perfect bunt that died four feet from home plate. Renkoski blazed a contrail of infield dust as she flew down the base line. Third baseman Collette pounced, scooped, and fired a rocket to first base.

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The Purdy crowd found its voice, cheering wildly for Renkoski's improbable bunt single. But the cheers faded when Mullings struck out both Devyn Callahan and Zoe Brown. Hallie Henderson drew a walk to bring the tying run to the plate, but Rion Boyd flied out to short right field to kill the rally.

Henderson set Strafford down in order in the seventh, collecting her 12th strikeout.

But Mullings and the Strafford defense held serve in Purdy's final at bat. The Lady Eagles bookended a fly ball with two 6-3 groundouts as Strafford claimed the 3-0 win.

Strafford won the Spring Softball title for the first time, finishing with a 25-1 record. Purdy ended the season at 27-2, and took home the second place trophy. This is only the fourth year that MSHSAA has hosted a Spring Softball championship. Kennett won the first two titles, and Mt. Vernon won last year.

Earlier, Lincoln withstood a late Kennett rally to win the third-place game, 8-6.

Barry County Drug Court graduates honored

On May 11, Kimmie Patterson and Kevin Elkins graduated from the Barry County Drug Court program. Both are pictured below with the honorable Judge Johnnie Cox.



Dalton accepts administrator position, returns to Purdy Schools

Purdy R-2 Schools Superintendent Steven Chancellor announced that Julie Dalton has accepted the position of PK-6 principal for the 2017-2018 school year. Dalton is a familiar face to many in Purdy, having served as an AmeriCorps Reading Coach and Assistant Volleyball Coach for the district from August 2007 to May 2009. Of her first tenure at Purdy, Dalton reflects, "My experience as a Reading Coach helped shape my future as a teacher and administrator by allowing me the opportunity to help and support students with varying academic abilities. One of my fondest memories during that time period was when a first grader who struggled in reading reached her reading goal. She cried tears of happiness and could not wait to tell her teacher and mom. The greatest joy in life is being able to encourage a child

to be the best he or she can be, regardless of academic ability. All students can learn; they just need someone who is passionate about teaching, encourages personal goal setting and celebrates success." Julie Dalton began her teaching career as a Monett Cub, in August 2009, where she served as a first grade teacher at Monett Elementary, a position she held for four years. In 2013, Dalton transitioned into special education where she taught reading, writing and social skills to first and second graders and co-taught first grade. Dalton accepted the position of Instructional Coach/ELL Interventionist at Central Park Elementary in Monett in 2015, which, in Dalton's words, "...provided the opportunity to enhance my leadership role within the district." Dalton and her husband of 18 years, Mike, live in

Monett. The Daltons have two daughters. Shaylin, age 17, will graduate a year early from Monett and plans to attend Drury University in the fall. Kelsey, age 14, is a freshman at Monett High School, where she broke three high school track records and is ranked third in the State of Missouri and first in the area in the 100-meter run. Dalton notes of her family, "We are very proud of our daughters' achievements and look forward to many more accomplishments to come." Of her return to Purdy, Dalton enthuses, "I am overjoyed with the opportunity to rejoin the Purdy family. I look forward to building lasting relationships and positively impacting the students, faculty and Purdy community. As PK-6th grade principal, I plan to continue supporting the direction Purdy is moving." According to Superin-



Dalton

tendent Chancellor, Dalton's return trip to the Nest exemplifies the opportunities to shape the future that employment with the Purdy R-2 School District affords. "From Reading Coach to Administrator, Julie has come full circle. Her return to Purdy as principal of the building where her passion for educating students was born is the ultimate example of what it means to be a Purdy Eagle."

Letter to the Editor

During the Cassville graduation ceremonies Sunday, I had the opportunity to announce the students who have achieved our top academic honors at Cassville and within the new Cum Laude honor system. I was so impressed that in our first year of this system we honored 55 graduates for their academic achievements. However, during the announcements I missed honoring one student, Riley Fletcher. I want to personal apologize to Riley, his parents, and family for my mistake. Graduation is a great day and when your son or daughter has an achieved something you deserve to hear about that achievement. My sincere apologies to Riley and his family. Riley, great work and congratulations on your achievements; your parents and all our graduate parents should be proud of the Cassville Class of 2017! Respectfully, Dr. Richard Asbill, Superintendent

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See MAP on 4B

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MAP from 3B



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 Bids must be returned and received by June 5th, 2017. All bids need to state lowest and best bid.
 Bids will be opened and read during the June 6th, 2017 at 6:30 monthly meeting.
 Any questions please contact: Ed Gibson at 417-846-5141 or Marc Landrith 417-665-9839
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 Send bids to: PO Box 9, Eagle Rock, MO 65641
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MEMORIAL DAY

Cassville Intermediate students awarded for math skills

Cassville Intermediate students that have mastered their math facts were honored last week with a celebration with their peers and a fun game of dodgeball.

After completing their monthly math exams, intermediate staff evaluated the test results and celebrated third grade students that were able to correctly complete 20 math facts in one minute, fourth graders had to complete 23 facts in one minute and fifth grade students had to complete 25 facts in one minute.

Fifth grade students are pictured at right. From left to right, in the front row: Jessi Hoppes, Kaylynn Wilson, Alex Todd, Faith James, Ferando Alonso, Jade Pruitt and Matthew Kunda. Middle row: Cosmo Rhoads, Jackson Ray, Chaney Cox, CJ Rose, Pedy Hill, Kelsi Ware, Emma Berndt, Josie Bivens and Garrett Ewing. Back row: Madison Halterman, Joseph Burton, Kaysha Stockton, Jonathan Dunbar, Avery Chappell, Andrew Gray, Liam Mills, Joshua Olsen and Cadyn Smith. Not pictured: Monique Lopez, Zoie Coupland, Emerson Grossman and Kelsi Ware.




Third grade students are pictured above, from left to right. Front row: Jacob Hudson, Andon Goutney and Diego Haros. Back row: Paul Mounce, Lillie Andrews, Kindred Durossette, Maddox Cooper and Tyson Bohmke.



Fourth graders are pictured above, from left to right. Front row: Hanna Blankenship, Kyle Bailey, Jared Crase, Ashley Alonso, Nicolas Fierro and Rebekah Fry. Middle row: Kamryn Fare, Spencer Osborne, Kaitlyn Birchfield, Lauren Sparkman, Miller Reid and Evan Butler. Back row: Kyler Hayward, Austyn Meltabarger, Cricket Stockton, Elizabeth Butler, Gracen Hilburn and Lydia Godsey. Not pictured: Mylee Stump and Johnathan Stults.

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