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Current and former George's Processing employees test positive for COVID-19

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According to an unnamed source, a second-shift, further-processing employee at George's Processing in Butterfield tested positive for COVID-19, a fact confirmed by Barry County Health Department Administrator, Roger Brock.

"We were notified Tuesday morning," he said.

Barry County Office of Emergency Management Director, David Compton, said this diagnosis is in addition to another case confirmed in a recent employee of the company.

According to Compton, neither employee resides within Barry County. He was unable to disclose their county (or counties) of residence, nor did he have knowledge of whether the two had contact outside of their employment at George's.

"Area health departments have sort of a networking chain of command," Compton said. "If a resident from another county is diagnosed

with COVID-19, who has lived or worked within Barry County, we don't list that case in Barry County's statistics, nor do we necessarily have an obligation to report it. The case diagnosed in an out-of-county resident will be handled by the health department of the county of the person's residence. They will have the responsibility for tracing the person's contacts. If one of those contacts resides within Barry County, the other health department will notify us and we will follow up with the contact living within Barry County."

"In the case of an employee from out of the county who worked within a large manufacturing facility in Barry County, we (the Barry County Health Department and my office) do feel an obligation to report that we have a positive diagnosis from George's," Compton continued.

Compton indicated that a press release would be issued later Wednesday morning.

The original source of disclosure of the case who tested positive at George's reported that all employees of the facility were issued a form to sign which acknowledged they were aware of the positive test within their place of employment.

David Compton said the Barry County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management are monitoring developments with George's on a daily ba-

"We are working closely with George's corporate officials and plant management," he indicated.

"With the mitigation measures George's put in place 60 days ago, we have every reason to believe there will be no spread of the virus within the processing plant," Compton added. "Many of the positions within the plant do not require employees to stand close together, but in areas where there is closer proximity between employees, George's has erected



Two employees of George's Processing Plant near Butterfield, one who was currently working in the facility and another who had recently worked there, tested positive for COVID-19. The George's processing plant, as well as the nearby hatchery and feed mill, is a major employer in Barry County. Photo by Caden Swearingen.

both horizontal and vertical shields between work stations. Employees are required to wear protective masks within the plant at all times, and break times are staggered so there is space

in the break room."

Employees are screened for a fever before entering the plant to begin their shifts, according to Compton.

Daniel Workman, a repfor employees to spread out resentative of Edelman, the public relations firm for George's, said that George's does not wish to make a statement at this time. They do, however, want to direct people to a webpage which

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Purdy High School graduates celebrate commencement



Purdy 2020 graduates celebrate.

Sheila Harris

Saturday night, June 6, marked the formal com- High School, a long-awaited

mencement ceremony for the 2020 graduates at Purdy event which for some time had been in limbo due to COVID-19 concerns. It was cause for great celebration for the 30 graduates and a source of great nostalgia for this writer, who graduated from Purdy High School in 1979, back when the Bee Gees were pumping out disco music and there was no air conditioning in the school.

Although the ticketed ceremony limited attendance to 15 family members and/or friends of each graduate, the gym was filled almost to capacity with well-wishers for the 2020 graduating class of COVID-19, as they will ever be known.

In one of three commencement addresses, graduate Haylie Harris shared wisdom gained from her school year.

"Choir taught me to work hard to achieve my dreams," she said, "and track taught me to push past my limits and to prove to myself that I can do anything as long as I work hard."

Graduate Shana Whisman reminded fellow students to "write your story and make it one you are proud to tell."

Graduate Shelby Haskins reminded all of us "be where you are, and be all there," to live in the moment, because the future is uncertain.



Purdy High School graduate, Shana Whisman (right), shares a laugh with Principal, Dr. Derek Banwart (left).

In a break with the high torian, Purdy High School school tradition of naming a valedictorian and saluta-

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Pediatric therapy comes to Cassville

Sheila Harris

Sheila Villareal Wolf, once known in Cassville as "The Sonic Girl," will soon be serving up something other than cheeseburgers and milk shakes to area children. A graduate of Cassville High School, Wolf attained a Master's Degree in Physical and Occupational Therapy from the University of North Dakota and is back in the area with plans to open a clinic in Cassville to serve the needs of children with developmental delays.

"I have 20 years of experience offering physical and occupation therapy to both adults and children," Wolf said. "The Cassville clinic



Grandson of Sheila Wolf models part of the new sensory equipment at Wolf Pediatric Therapy.

therapy, though. It will be a satellite clinic to my Holiday Island clinic, which primarily serves senior citizens."

Wolf's goal with the Cass-

will provide only pediatric ville clinic is to provide outpatient services locally, so that patients do not have to drive to a larger city in order

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Candidates announced for August 4 primary

Notice of Candidates **Primary Election** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 **Barry County**

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- Nicole Galloway, 505 W Stewart Rd, Columbia, MO
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- Antoin Johnson, 12200 Barcelona Ave, St Louis, MO 63138
- Eric Morrison, 8805 Hunter Ave, Kansas City, MO 64138-
- Robin John Daniel Van Quaethem, 1040 N Elizabeth Ave, St Louis, MO 63135 LIEUTENANT GOVER-
- Gregory A Upchurch, 529 Caulks Hill Rd, St Charles, MO 63304
- Alissia Canady, 8710 Newton Ave #3905, Kansas City, MO 64138

SECRETARY OF STATE

• Yinka Faleti, 4317 Forest Park Ave, St Louis, MO 63108

STATE TREASURER

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

- Rich Finneran, 7154 North-
- moor Dr, St Louis, MO 63105 • Elad Gross, 5653 Southwest Ave, St Louis, MO 63127

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• Teresa Montseny, 1250 E Lark St Apt 19, Springfield,

MO 65804

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- Mike Parsons, 1458 E 464 Rd, Bolivar, MO 65613
- James W. (Jim) Neely, 5433 NW State Rt D, Cameron, MO 64429
- Saundra McDowell, 907 Carpathian Dr, Lake St Louis, MO 63367

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Helping Hands Food Pantry in Eagle Rock serves community

Sheila Harris

Tim Lower, a volunteer at the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Eagle Rock, is afraid people aren't aware of, or have forgotten about, the services they provide.

The pantry, located on Hwy. 86, across from Dollar General east of Eagle Rock, has served the community for many years.

"We're supported by area churches, business associations and private donations," Lower said, "so there is no cost to those seeking assistance, nor do we ask for income or need verification. If you say you're in need, you'll receive assistance with food and hygiene items. The only thing we do ask for is verification that you're a resident of the Eagle Rock, Golden, Mano area we serve, and that you are who you say you are. So if you're a first-time patron, just bring along a utility bill, or something with your name and address on it, along with a photo ID.

"The quantity of items we give is proportional to the size of your family," Lower continued, "so we'll need proof of your children's existence, too, in the form of social security cards."

Helping Hands Food Pan-

try regularly serves about 75 families each month.

"We do limit families to once a month visits," Lower indicated. "However, if there's an emergency in your family, we aren't strict about that limit. We'll issue more items, if necessary, and reset your calendar.

"The food pantry has benefited from many committed and long serving volunteers," Lower said, "but we're always open to more help. We spend a lot of time sourcing, sorting and stocking the food for the pantry. Our sources include the Ozarks Food Harvest in Springfield, plus weekly donations of fresh milk, eggs and bread from Sun Fest Market in Holiday Island.

"We don't want to see fresh items go to waste, so we encourage residents of the Eagle Rock, Golden, Mano area to visit us if they can use these items," he said.

Helping Hands Food Pantry is open from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. every Saturday and Tuesday, and from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month.

The pantry is located at 32685 Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock (just 1/4 mile east of the Hwy. P intersection).

With questions, call 417-271-1301.

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August 4 primary absentee voting starts Tuesday, June 23

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- You may register to vote at the County Clerk's Office, the Monett Chamber of Commerce, or the Shell Knob Chamber of Commerce.
- Please notify us if you have moved and have not updated your address or had a name change. • Absentee voting starts

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at the

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in Cassville, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. • If unable to vote in per-

request to the office of: Jill H. LeCompte, 700 Main St. Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625 or fax to: 417-847-5311. We will need: name, physical address, mailing address, date of birth, last four (4) digits of social security number, phone number, reason for voting absentee, preferred party, and signature. If you live in the Shell Knob or Monett area, you can go by the Shell Knob Chamber or Monett Chamber Office and fill out the absentee application. They will fax it to the Barry County Clerk's office for you. For more information, call the Barry County Clerk's Office at 417-847-2561 or email jhlecompte@

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Community Calendar

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Notice:

The Helping Hands Food Pantry services the citizens of Eagle Rock, Golden and Mano. There is no income or need verification requirements. If a citizen comes seeking assistance for food and personal hygiene items, they only have to verify they are a resident in one of the cities we serve, (utility or property tax invoice typically) and that they and their dependents are who they say they are. (Photo I.D., S.S. card for dependents without photo I.D.)

Residents can come one time per month, every four weeks to get assistance. The quantity of food is proportional to size of their family and covers a wide variety of staple food items. Volunteers serve without ANY prejudice or judgement to the need of the citizen.

The Helping Hands Food Pantry in Eagle Rock located on Hwy. 86 has served the community for many years and regularly assists about 75 area families each month. The pantry is supported by area churches, business associations and private donations. There is NO COST to those seeking assistance. The Pantry has benefited from many committed and long serving volunteers, but is always welcome to more volunteers.

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The Pantry is open from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. every Saturday and Tuesday, and also 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month.

Questions for the pantry can be answered by calling 417-271-1301 or visiting at 32685 State Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock. (Just 1/4 mile east of the Hwy. P intersection).

Blue Grass in The Park is a family friendly free outdoor event every Friday evening - weather permitting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the ampitheatre at Roaring River State Park. These bluegrass performances will take place until September 27.

The Barry-Lawrence Regional Libraries began offering curbside pickup on May 18. For details about curbside pickup, visit https://www.blrlibrary.com/post/ curbside-pickup-at-the-library or call your local branch library.

Exeter Maplewood Cemetery of Exeter requests that flowers be removed 2 weeks after Memorial Day. Flowers may be left on headstones and in vases only. Please notify the cemetery association with additional veterans names. Rules are posted in the pavilion of the cemetery. Any donations would be appreciated, please mail to Maplewood Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 177, Exeter, MO 65647.

OATS Transit continues to adjust to the COVID-19 cri-<u>sis</u>. They have now returned to regular transportation service. In following social distancing requirements, bus seating is reduced to approximately 30% of normal capacity. Riders are asked to wear masks or face covering while on board the bus. Riders should refrain from riding the bus if experiencing a fever or other forms of sickness. Individuals can call the OATS Transit office at 417-887-9272 or 1-800-770-6287 for information on local service. Visit their website at www.oatstransit. org/health for updated information on this topic.

June 12th

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mercy Hospital Administrative Office, 90 Gravel Street, Cassville. Donors are strongly encouraged to make an appointment online at https://donate. cbco.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/12530.

June 13th

The City of Exeter will host their Annual Citywide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 13th. Anyone interested in participating may call City Hall at (417) 835-2823. No fee is charged to participate. A list of sales and addresses will be available at City Hall.

A Fish Fry will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Washburn, at 5 p.m. There will be singing with Rosie O'Toole. Everyone is welcome. A love offering will be taken.

The Seligman Chamber Dance and Potluck will be held at the chamber event center at 7 p.m. Guests are asked to bring prepackaged snacks only. 3 Hits and a Miss will be performing. Call (417) 662-3612 for more information.

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June 16th

The City of Exeter's Annual Cleanup Day will be Tuesday, June 16th. If you have appliances, please call City Hall at (417) 835-2823 to make arrangement for pick up.

June 18th

Due to the current situation, Barry Electric has postponed their 73rd Annual Meeting of the members. At this time, they have tentatively rescheduled the meeting for June 18th. They will be sending out updates when they are avail-

June 18th-19th

Pre-K and Kindergarten Screenings will be held at Exeter Elementary, Thursday, June 18, and Friday, June 19. For the 2020-2021 school year, children must be 4 years old before August 1, 2020, for pre-K, and 5 years old before August 1, 2020, for kindergarten. Please bring proof of residency (something with physical address on it), birth certificate, and immunization record. Call (417) 835-2922 ext. 1 to schedule an appointment.

June 20th

A Blessing Service for 2020 Graduates will be held at Community Faith Chapel, Cassville, at 5 p.m. All 2020 graduating seniors and families are welcome to attend.

Russell Cemetery will have a business meeting and cleanup day. All flowers and items left on graves that do not meet the rules will be removed and disposed of on this day.

July 3rd

The Live, In Person, Cassville High School Graduation will take place. The time will be anounced at a later date. This event is planned to be by ticketed entrance only.

Cancellation

Clio music is cancelled until further notice.

Habitat for Humanity is looking for families to apply for a home in Wheaton. For more information or to apply, stop by the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 900 10th St. in Cassville. They are open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Summer School Menus: June 15 - June 19

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Cassville PR-Int.-Middle: Mon: B: cereal, muffin, yogurt cup, orange, juice. Tues: L: soft taco, salad, fruit roll up, glazed carrots, pears. Tues: B: cereal, sausage patty, toast, fruit cocktail, juice. L: turkey sandwich, BBQ chips, corn, applesauce. Wed: B: cereal, mini cini, hashbrown, applesauce, juice. L: chicken nuggets, salad, mac & cheese, pears. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy, cereal, cinnamon toast, peaches, juice. L: general chicken, rice, corn, Go-Gurt, peaches. Fri: B: cereal, sausage biscuit, pears, juice. L: hamburger, chips, green beans, mandarin oranges.

Purdy: Mon: B: blueberry mini pancakes, mixed fruit. L: cheese quesadilla, cantaloupe, corn, Spanish rice. Tues: B: pancake on a stick, tropical fruit. L: sub sandwich, orange, baby carrots, cheese puffs, chocolate pudding, ranch. Wed: B: cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: ravioli, watermelon, corn on the cob. Thurs: B: chocolate muffin, Pop-Tart, fruit. L: pizza, broccoli/carrots, peach cup, peanut butter cookie. Fri: B: egg and cheese sandwich, banana, fruit. L: hot dog, tropical fruit, Shape-Up, Lay's potato chips.



Online maps helps families locate summer food programs

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has been helping families in need during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Through the Summer Food Service Program, thousands

of meals have been provided and will continue to be provided all summer. The program is designed to provide breakfast, lunch, and/ or snacks to children living in eligible areas during the

summer months and during times of public emergencies, when children do not have access to free or reducedprice meals at school.

An online interactive map is provided to help families in

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On August 7, 2019, my life was changed permanently by the simple act of going on a walk for my health. While walking on a sidewalk on Main Street, not far from the school, I was attacked by two dogs and was bitten 38 times on my left hip, legs, and arms. I was left with serious injuries to both arms which included breaks in both. Since that morning I have endured rabies shots into open wounds, surgery, months of occupational therapy and pain that may last for the rest of my life, not to mention the medical bills. I have also endured psychological injuries that I will not go into at this time but you can only imagine what those must be like.

I have learned the great majority of the citizens are amazing individuals. A neighbor and first responders are my heroes. They took incredible care of me with love and compassion. My school family provided me meals that almost lasted to Christmas break. Our community has prayed for me and my family. I know because I have felt the power of their prayers and they continue to tell me that they are praying for me even today.

Through all of this I have also learned more about our legal system then I care to know. I have always done my best to be the best law abiding citizen possible and have tried to teach my children to do the same. I have always felt that the laws by the local, state, and federal govern-

ments were there to protect me. I believed that if a horrific event occurred it would be okay because we are all treated equally and everything would be fine because we have a system of laws established to help it's citizens.

Unfortunately, I have discovered that our system is not there to protect me, the hard working, tax paying, middle class citizen. I have been let down by the ordinances of our city as well as the laws of our state. The dogs and their owner have all the rights and I have little to none.

The owner has continued on with her life with no consequences up to this point. She is allowed to own new dogs that are seen upon occasion running up and down her street and have also been seen chasing people riding bikes. As a side note, I almost accidentally hit one of them when it ran out in front of my

According to my understanding of the laws of Missouri, the brutal attack I suffered by the dogs is classified as a misdemeanor. However, had I attacked the dogs to the same degree it would have been a felony. While this may not seem like much of a difference it is significant. Because the crime is a misdemeanor, the criminal courts cannot require her to pay my medical expenses and any criminal consequences will be minimal, while I will pay for this incident for the rest of my life in one way or an-

I have been allowed to

have my civil case heard by a judge and I was awarded a large judgement. However, because the dogs' owner owns little and doesn't even appear to work, the possibility of even receiving one penny directly from her to help with my medical bills is highly unlikely.

The state has a crime victim's fund that has been established to help victims of crimes. I was told by numerous people, including the prosecutor's office, to apply for help by that state fund and I finally took their advice. However, that agency will not certify what happen to me as a crime because "she did not sic the dogs on you," as stated to me by a state worker.

Please understand that I do not write this letter in anger or in the need for anyone to feel sorry for me. I am a strong person with a strong faith that has seen me through this. I write this to point out the state of our system. A system that is severely broken. A system that is now designed to protect the criminal with little or no regard to the average citizen. A system where animals and criminals have the majority of the rights.

Kristie Preddy Cassville, Missouri Missouri find out where their children can receive free meals this summer. (mobilefriendly version)

organiza-Community tions serve the meals at schools, churches, parks, swimming pools, YMCA facilities, Boys and Girls Clubs, and other spots where children gather when school is not in session. During this time of social distancing, many of the meals are being provided in a non-congregate, drive through, method to ensure the safety of the community.

The meals are provided to all children that attend the meal service location. Children do not have to register and there is no fee to participate in the program.

"We are appreciative that the Summer Food Service Program has been able to assist in providing meals to families while schools have been dismissed due to CO-VID-19," said Dr. Randall Williams, Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. "Knowing that the meals will continue for those families throughout the summer will provide some comfort during these unprecedented times."

The map and more information about the Summer Food Service Program can be found at www.health. mo.gov/sfsp/. The map can be searched by city, county, or zip code. For families without access to the internet, summer meal sites in the area can also be found by texting the phrase "Summer Meals" to the text number

Meals will be served to children age 18 and under. They are also provided to individuals age 18 to 21 that have been determined by a state or local educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who participate in an established school program for the mentally or physically disabled.

Funding for the Summer Food Service Program is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. More information about

the Summer Food Service Program is available online at www.health.mo.gov/sfsp or by telephone at 888-435-1464 (toll-free). Individuals who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or have a speech disability can dial 711 or 1-800-Community 735-2966. organizations that would like to become sponsors may also email the Summer Food Service Program at sfsp@health. mo.gov or write to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Summer Food Service Program, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102 for more information.

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GEORGE'S from FRONT

details the steps they are taking to ensure the safety of their employees. The information can be found at: www. georgesinc.com/how-wereresponding-to-covid-19/.

The promised press release, just received, indicates that the two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in current and recent George's employees are believed to be the result

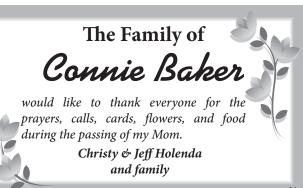
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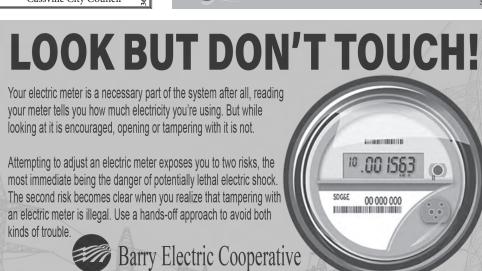
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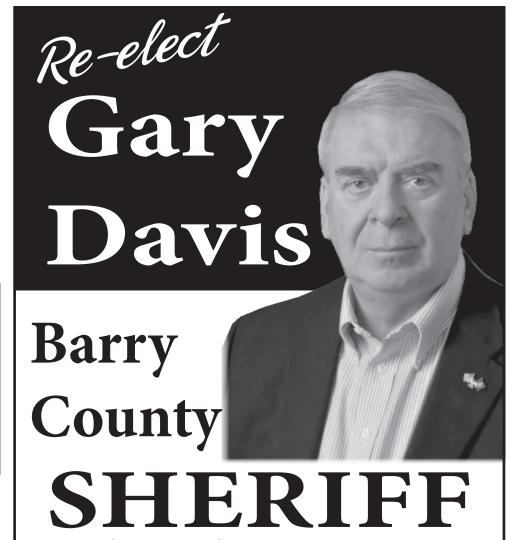
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Cassville Education Fund grants awarded





Shown above left, Sixth Grade English Language Arts teachers, Tracie Greening (left) and Morgan McDavid (right) display oversized checks received from the Cassville Education Fund. Primary School Librarian, Savannah Essary, displays a check, above right.

Two grants totaling \$2,486 from the Cassville Education Fund were awarded to Cassville teachers at a surprise presentation on Wednesday, May 20, at the Cassville School district office.

A grant of \$1,436 was pre-

sented to primary school librarian, Savannah Essary, for a subscription to the Scholastic Bookflix service.

A grant of \$1,050 was presented to Tracie Greening and Morgan McDavid for novel sets for Sixth Grade English Language Arts class-

Established in 2010 by community volunteers, the Cassville Education Fund is a permanent endowment fund benefiting Cassville R-IV school district academic programs. Grants from the fund are awarded annually. More than \$20,000 in grants have been awarded to Cassville teachers in the past 10 years.

Weaver receives Ruby Award



Cassville Elementary Principal, Catherine Weaver (right), was presented with Soroptimist Club's Ruby Award by Jill LeCompte

Shelter Insurance Foundation scholarships awarded



Above, Wheaton High School Secretary, Dale Forgey (left) is shown with Wheaton High School graduate, Emily Gonzalez, the recipient of a Shelter Insurance Foundation scholarship.

Cassville Shelter Insurance agent, Terri DeGraffenreid, is pleased to announce the selected recipients of the Shelter Insurance Foundation scholarships, an opportunity for area high school seniors which she sponsors and partially funds.

Every year, a committee of local high school officials and community leaders considers each applicant's scholastic achievements, educational goals, citizenship, moral character and participation in school and community activities as the basis for selection of local scholarship awards. The scholarship is given without regard to race, disability, religion, national origin or gender of applicants.

Based on recommendations of the committee, this spring, the Shelter Insurance Foundation awarded one \$2,000 scholarship to Kennedy Parnell, a graduate of Cassville High School, and a second \$2,000 scholarship to Emily Gonzalez, a graduate of Wheaton High School.

Beginning the fall after graduation, recipients' may direct the scholarship funds toward tuition, fees or campus housing, for any course of study leading to an academic degree at any accredited college or university. The scholarship will be paid directly to the schools the recipients select.

One purpose of the Shelter



Shown above, Cassville Shelter Insurance agent, Terri De-Graffenreid Brattin (left) presents CHS graduate, Kennedy Parnell, with a scholarship from the Shelter Insurance Foundation.

Insurance Foundation is to fund scholarships within the operating territory of Shelter Insurance. It is sponsored by the Shelter Insurance Companies headquartered in Columbia, Missouri. Shelter offers auto, home, life, farm and business insurance services via a network of local insurance agents in our operating territory.



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THERAPY from FRONT





Sheila Wolf, above left, discusses her new pediatric therapy clinic in Cassville. Some of the sensory play equipment is shown, above right.

to obtain therapy for their children with special needs.

"Not only can parents bring their children to my office, we can meet them where they are: in daycare or at home, for example," she said. "It's good to get family members and caregivers involved in therapy sessions so a child will have a well-rounded team to meet their needs."

Wolf explained the difference between physical and occupational therapy, which, essentially, has to do with the difference between fine motor skills and gross (large) muscle skills.

"Physical therapy has to do with mobility and balance," Wolf said, "while occupational therapy is more centered around upper body skills, such as speech, vision and cognitive ability."

Wolf is currently seeking a speech therapist to work from her Cassville site.

"While adults may be able to 'graduate' from therapy after a set amount of weeks, children with developmental disabilities often need therapy indefinitely to meet different needs as they grow," she explained.

"Early intervention with therapy," she added, "is critical for children with developmental delays."

Wolf, who spent years as a "traveling therapist" for 13-week stints in various locations around the country, was on assigment as a therapist for the Berryville school district, then later for the hospital in Eureka Springs, when she realized the need for a therapy clinic in that

"Many aging residents," she said, "were driving as far as Bentonville or Fayetteville for physical therapy. Not

an easy drive, even if you're young. With that thought in mind, after talking it over with my husband Robert (also a Cassville native), I decided to rent clinic space in Holiday Island just to see how things went."

They went exceedingly

"In no time, the demand for service was so great that we outgrew our rented space," she said. "We ended up building a new facility. In addition to serving senior citizens, the Arkansas clinic - Wolf Wellness Center - is contracted with five northwest Arkansas school districts to provide services for children.

"I had been asked to bring therapy services to Cassville earlier," Wolf continued, "but I didn't think the time was right. I was too busy in Arkansas. Then along came

COVID-19, which changed a lot of things for a lot of people. When COVID-19 shut down the Arkansas schools we were contracted to provide service for, I suddenly had therapists without work. That's when I realized it might be time to branch out into Barry County and begin serving needs here."

Wolf rented space between Blake Fields' office and the barber shop at 607 Main Street and installed specialized sensory play equipment for children with autism, sensory processing disorder and other developmental delays.

She is currently seeking a speech therapist to work from her Cassville site.

On Thursday, June 11, from 3 - 7 p.m., Wolf is offering a sneak peek of her pediatric therapy clinic to area physicians, teachers, child care providers and parents of children with special needs.

A ribbon-cutting planned for 11:30 a.m., Friday, June 12, corresponding with an open house from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. the same day. Anyone seeking more information is welcome to stop by.

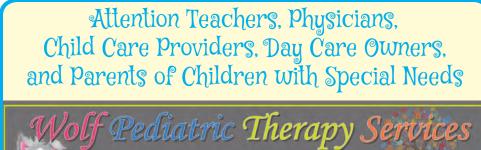
The clinic will be doing business under the name of Wolf Pediatric Therapy Services of Barry County. Parents may call 417-847-7061 to schedule an appointment for their child.

Oriental House boasts spectacular flowers



Gardener extraordinaire for Oriental House in Cassville, Kum Mun, provides eye candy for passing motorists and patrons





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Call 417-847-7061 for more information



Mercy Brings New Eye Procedure to Southwest Missouri

Patients with keratoconus have traditionally faced a choice between blindness or multiple cornea transplants. Until now.

Last week, Mercy Clinic Eye Specialists performed the first corneal cross-linking procedure in the area. This non-invasive therapy combines ultra-violet light with riboflavin to strengthen the collagen in the cornea.

That's key, because keratoconus weakens the cornea, causing a cone-like bulge to develop. Most commonly diagnosed in teenagers and young adults, keratoconus results in significant visual loss that worsens over time. In severe cases, the sightthreatening condition requires a corneal transplant.

"Corneal transplants are not only invasive, but they are not permanent," said Dr. Shachar Tauber, Mercy ophthalmologist. "Most patients who receive a transplant need another within 20 years. Individuals with keratoconus are receiving these transplants so early in life that they will likely need multiple

until 4:00 pm on June 22, 2020.

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Bids maybe dropped off at or mailed to:

replacements in their lifetime."

Corneal cross-linking helps stop the progression of keratoconus.

"I had been working to get cross-linking at Mercy for quite some time," Dr. Tauber said. "Then one day, as I was telling another patient that they needed to travel elsewhere for cross-linking, the patient put money on my desk and told me to raise the funds and get the equipment here. So, I did just that. That anonymous patient was our first donor of many to help us secure the Avedro KXL System and begin cross-linking in Springfield."

For 21-year-old Casey Brown, keratoconus was quickly defining his life. Brown had moved to the area to attend Drury University, but realized his vision was getting significantly worse. After being diagnosed with keratoconus, he made the decision to not live in the dorms and move in with his aunt, Shalene Dunmore, while he took courses online.

"I knew I had bad vision,"

NOTICE TO BID

The City of Purdy is currently taking bids on the property

located at 101 Front Street, Purdy MO. This property con-

sists of one concrete building (38'x 33'= 1254 square feet)

and a shop building that is (30'x 54"= 1620 square feet).

The Board of Aldermen have issued a minimum amount

per square feet that they will accept. Bids will be accepted

The Board of Aldermen reserve the right to reject any or all

bids. Bids will be opened on June 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm at

City Hall, 401 E State Hwy C, Purdy MO 65734.

Brown said. "But I learned

Brown's Brown's right eye.

"He told us blindness Tauber's gift."

Casey Brown was the first patient to undergo corneal

Casey's keratoconus from taking any more of his vision," Dr. Tauber said. "The cross-linking will essentially cement his cornea so it can't be further damaged. Then, Casey's vision can be fixed with a simple contact lens."

Following his procedure, Brown looks forward to continuing his studies at Drury University. "I have changed my major a few times," Brown said. "I just want to do something that matters. Maybe I'll be an ophthalmologist."

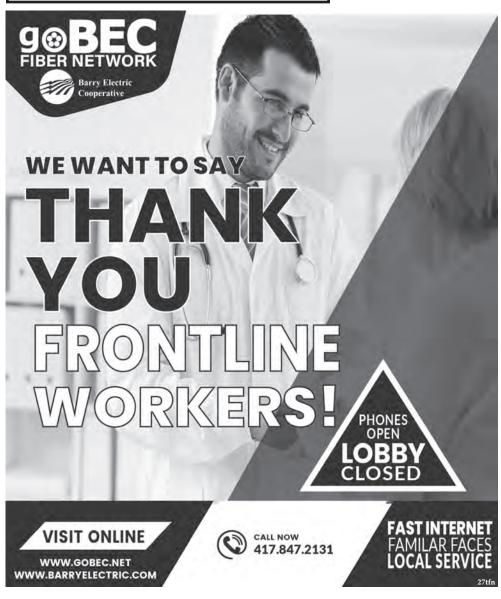
to adapt and didn't make it a big deal. When my aunt finally made me get my eyes checked we realized my vision was much worse than I could have imagined."

keratoconus had progressed quickly in his left eye. With the significant damage, Dr. Tauber performed a corneal transplant, but was determined to 51,159 applications from paavoid a second transplant on

would not be Casey's destiny," Dunmore said. "That really stuck with me. The entire care team at Mercy has been like a second family to us. They care about Casey and his life goals just as much as I do. Dr. Tauber knew that getting Casey's right eye cross-linked was going to be crucial in improving his vision. God always has a ram in the bush, and I thank him for his divine provision for Casey and for the use of Dr.

On Tuesday, June 2, cross-linking at Mercy.

"The goal is to stop



Medical cannabis patient, caregiver count exceeds 50K

The expected availability of medical cannabis in Missouri this summer continues to drive a wave of patient interest, with more than 50,000 patient and caregiver applications receiving approval from state health regulators.

As of May 22, 2020, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services had approved a total of tients (49,665) and caregivers (1,494), with thousands more pending review.

That works out to a weekly average of more than 1,000 new patients since the program started accepting applications last June - an impressive pace that hasn't noticeably slowed, even amid the global pandemic and an extended stay-at-home order by Missouri Gov. Mike Par-

"The continued growth patient interest shows that the will of Missouri voters remains on full display," said Andrew Mullins, executive director of the Missouri Medical Cannabis Trade Association (MoCannTrade), referring to the overwhelming approval 18 months ago of what is now Article XIV in the state Constitution. "And that interest will likely only grow once visibility increases after retail dispensaries begin opening later this summer."

Before that can happen, Missouri regulators must first verify the applications of the hundreds of businesses to receive medical marijuana business licenses from the state, followed by a commencement inspection prior to the start of operations.

DHSS reports completing 75 verifications, with three commencement tions under way. The former group includes Certified Alternative Medicine Providers (CAMP), a licensed cultivator and manufacturer of infused products in St. Louis.

In addition to receiving preliminary state approval, the company has worked with its architect and security consultants to finalize building design and continues to add staff and consult with suppliers as it prepares to begin facility construction, said president Susan Griffith.

Cultivators and manufacturers in St. Louis and St. Joseph have received preliminary state approval to move forward with construction of facilities.

Missouri Cannabis Testing, a division of EKG Labs, has also received its state verification. Its St. Louis County facility is one of 10 labs statewide where medical marijuana sold at retail must first be

"We're in regular communication with cultivators and manufacturers to understand client timelines, potential volume and any additional needs beyond the state-mandated testing," said Natalie Brown, the company's director of operations.

The acceleration of business planning and sustained growth in patient interest follows the conclusion of a Missouri legislative session in which several proposals that would water down or undermine Article XIV were defeated.

The unsuccessful measures include a bill mandating the state allow unlimited number of cannabis business licenses; legislation that would have banned edibles as a medical cannabis form sold in Missouri; and a bill that would have prevented statelicensed physicians from certifying medical marijuana patients through telemedi-

The Missouri Medical Cannabis Trade Association (MoCannTrade) is an association of business owners, health care providers, professionals, patients and residents responsible for helping to implement a successful, safe and compliant medical marijuana program in Mis-

The membership-based association is directed by a board of diverse professionals experienced in medical marijuana, healthcare, law, pharmaceuticals, science, agriculture, law enforcement, security, commercial real estate, finance, public affairs and regulatory sectors.

To learn more about Mo-CannTrade please visit www. mocanntrade.org

Discover a new trail this summer

June 6 was National Trails Day, an event that annually sends people searching for new trails to discover.

Often, they want a trail that's smack-dab in the middle of the outdoors, but close enough to be easily reached from urban areas. It has to be a place that's remote enough that hikers will be completely isolated from city bustle and highway noise, but close

enough that you can visit and return home in a day. Also, because of the health concerns currently underway, it'd be nice if it were a trail that wasn't over-crowded with

If this describes your hiking quest, keep in mind that many Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) public use areas that are known for their hunting op-

portunities have some sort of trail system, too. For instance, MDC's 772-

acre Little Sac Woods Conservation Area in northern Greene County is known for deer and turkey hunting, but the area also has a system of clearly marked trails. The same can be said for the 2,502-acre Busiek State Forest and Conservation Area in Christian County, the 3,172 acre Bois D'Arc Conservation Area in Greene County, the 4,360-acre Robert E. Talbot Conservation Area in Lawrence County and the 840acre Compton Hollow Conservation Area in Webster

The American Hiking Society's National Trails Day, which is the first Saturday in June, is a great opportunity to begin a summer adventure of exploring trails at nearby MDC areas. You may think, with summer heat coming on, that autumn would be a better time to hike at MDC areas. Fall hiking is fun, but an advantage to hiking MDC areas now is that the human traffic at many of these locations is lighter. It's the interim

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period between hunting seasons. Spring turkey season is over and fall hunting seasons haven't begun. (Squirrel season opens May 23, but many squirrel hunters don't hit the woods until leaves start to drop and nuts ripen in the

Things to keep in mind when hiking MDC Areas:

The trails are not paved at many MDC areas.

Some trails follow old service roads while others are foot paths that wind through forested locations or on the edges of open areas.

Some trails are easy to walk while others may be a bit more overgrown than what is found on heavily used areas.

High socks will provide leg protection on most trails.

Bring insect repellant to keep ticks away and know what poison ivy looks like because you may find some near trails.

Don't let these details scare you away, though. On trails at MDC areas that receive less human visitation. you have better chances of seeing various types of plant, insect, and wildlife species. Imagine seeing butterflies on wildflowers of a variety of sizes and vibrant colors. Envision lizards sunning themselves on rocks, turtles basking on logs, does keeping a close watch on their spotted fawns, male songbirds in vibrant courtship colors perched alongside ankledeep and shin-deep creeks that are perfect for wading into to see numerous crayfish and small fish scooting amongst the rocks. All these wildlife sightings have one thing in common - they can only be seen in summer.

While enjoying your time at an MDC area, remember to follow all current health recommendations. These include:

- Avoid crowded places.
- Stay at least six feet apart from others. • Stay at home if you're sick.
- Bring water, soap, and hand sanitizer.
- Be considerate of others you may encounter when you're out.

Find more information about nearby MDC areas online at mdc.mo.gov or through MDC's mobile app MO Outdoors.

Scholarships announced for Cassville High School graduates

Community

Association;

The following Cassville High School 2020 graduates have received scholarships from a variety of organiza-

Brandon Annecharico: CHS A+ Scholarship; Jesse Anthonysz: CHS A+ Scholarship; Deven Bates: Shell Knob Thrifty Closet, CHS A+ Scholarship; Nathaniel Boley: CHS Band Booster, CHS A+ Scholarship; **Devon** Brookes: CHS A+ Scholarship; Addyson Brophy: CHS A+ Scholarship; **Julia Brown**: CHS A+ Scholarship: Samuel Cochran: Eagle Rock Community Association, CHS A+ Scholarship; **Steven** Collinwood: U.S. Navy Enlistment, CHS A+ Scholarship; Quinn Cook: CHS A+ Scholarship; Michaela Cotton: CHS A+ Scholarship; Nolan Crain: Shell Knob Thrifty Closet, Shell Knob Lions Club, Shell Knob Central Community United Methodist Church, CHS A+ Scholarship; Cathrine Edmondson: CHS A+ Scholarship; **John Faber**: CHS A+ Scholarship; Nefertiti Gautney-Lopez: Doris Lorayne Sims Easley, CHS A+ Scholarship: Richard Gomez: CHS A+ Scholarship; Opal Gouvion: Little Joe Transplant Trust Fund, Hope Scholarship, Crowder College Festival of Wreaths, CHS A+ Scholarship; Xain Gray: CHS A+ Scholarship; Troy Hagins: CHS A+ Scholarship; Jacob Hall: CHS Alumni; **Dustin Hayward**: CHS A+ Scholarship; Eli Herrin: Commerce Bank, Security Bank of Southwest Missouri; Derek Hess: CHS A+ Scholarship; Mackenzie **High**: CHS A+ Scholarship; Tressa Hilburn: Crowder College Fred, Mattie & Helen Turner Endowment, CHS A+ Scholarship; **Dusti Hodge**: CHS A+ Scholarship; Jacob Housekeeper: U.S. National Guard Enlistment, CHS A+ Scholarship; Carson Jacobson: Commerce Bank, CHS A+ Scholarship; Summer Kilpatrick: CHS A+ Scholarship; Whitney Koenig: Dare to Dream, Dr. Russell Robinson Music Education; Kya Kraft: Community Blood Center of the Ozarks, CHS A+ Scholarship; Ange-

lina Liggett: First State Bank, CHS A+ Scholarship; Alexis

Mann: Cassville Rotary

Club, CHS A+ Scholarship; Zachary Marlowe: CHS A+ Scholarship; Parker Marple: Cassville Rotary Club, CHS A+ Scholarship; Dane Martin: Crowder College Cassville Center, Crowder College Festival of Wreaths, CHS A+ Scholarship; Gabriel Martin: CHS A+ Scholarship; Melissa Martinez: Ray and Wilma Skelton Legacy, CHS A+ Scholarship; Timothy Mason: Shell Knob Thrifty Closet, Shell Knob Central Community United Methodist Church, CHS A+ Scholarship; Mindy McClary: Shell Knob Thrifty Closet; Abigail McCollough: Doris Lorayne Sims Easley, CHS A+ Scholarship; Madry Mc-Crackin: C.C.T.A., FBLA Cassville; Tayler McCullah: CHS A+ Scholarship; Taylor McDonald: Olin J. Brattin, Doris Lorayne Sims Easley, CHS A+ Scholarship; Natalie McNeill: Soroptimist Club-Violet Richardson, Soroptimist Club; Sandra Forrester: Carroll Electric Cooperative, Doris Lorayne Sims Easley, Little Joe Transplant Trust Fund, CHS A+ Scholarship; Angela Meza: CHS Alumni, CHS A+ Scholarship; Riley Mills: FFA Booster Club, CHS A+ Scholarhip; Lindee Mitchell: MFA, Freedom Bank of Southern Missouri; Wayne Bickford: Ag., FFA Booster Club, CHS A+ Scholarship; Ethan Nape: CHS A+ Scholarship; **Jacob** Olbertz: Shell Knob Thrifty Closet, Shell Knob Central Community United Methodist Church, Freedom Bank of Southern Missouri, CHS A+ Scholarship; Madison Osborne: Little Joe Trans-

plant Trust Fund, Eagle Rock

Kennedy Parnell: C.A.T.S., C.C.T.A., Shelter Insurance, CHS A+ Scholarship; Alexa Perez: Little Joe Transplant Trust Fund, FBLA CHS, CHS A+ Scholarship; Bowen Preddy: Dr. Mary Newman, Class of 1995, CHS A+ Scholarship; Robert Preddy: CHS A+ Scholarship; Andrew Prier: Eagle Rock Association, Community CHS A+ Scholarship; Ashlyn Pulliman: CHS A+ Scholarship; Juan Reyes: CHS A+ Scholarship; Austin Rivera: PFLAG Springfield, Cassville Rotary Club, CHS A+ Scholarship; Carson Roller: CHS A+ Scholarship; Riley Rowden: CHS A+ Scholarship; Bailey Saffold: Eagle Rock Community Association, CHS A+ Scholarship; John Sommers: CHS A+ Scholarship; Grady Stephenson: CHS A+ Scholarship; Cole Stringer: CHS A+ Scholarship; Bridgette Sutter: Shell Knob Thrifty Closet, Arvest Bank-Shell Knob, Cassville Rotary Club, Battery Outfitters Technology Award, CHS A+ Scholarship; Jacob Thomas: Arvest Bank- Cassville, CHS A+ Scholarship; Holly Thompson: Cassville Rotary Club, CHS A+ Scholarship; Pamela Velasquez Vail: CHS A+ Scholarship; Hallie Walker: CHS A+ Scholarship; Jarrod Wallace: Battery Outfitters Technology Award; Kel Wilson: John Childers Rising Star, Holiday Island Elks Lodge #1042, Doris Lorayne Sims Easley, Community Blood Center of the Ozarks, CHS A+ Scholarship; Carmen Wolf: CHS A+ Scholarship; **Neo Woodyard**: CHS A+ Scholarship.





Shell Knob resident dies in crash

30-year-old Lawrence D. McKee of Shell Knob died as the result of a traffic accident Saturday at 7:28 p.m. on Highway YY in Shell Knob.

As the eastbound driver of a 2020 Jeep Wrangler, driven by Gary D. Allison of Olathe Kansas, attempted to make a left turn onto YY, his vehicle was struck in the side, by the side of an eastbound 2009 Ford Fusion driven by McK-

McKee's vehicle continued

off the left side of the road, where it struck several trees and ejected the driver.

McKee was not wearing a safety device.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Barry County Coroner, Jim Fohn.

The accident was investigated by Trooper J. O. Prater of the Missouri Highway Patrol, Troop D.

This is Troop D's 45th fatality for 2020.



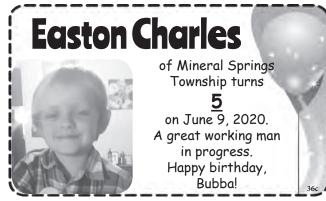


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DARLENE M. LUPPEN

Darlene M. Luppen, 85, of Cassville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at Cox South Hospital in Springfield. Darlene was born in Belmond, Iowa, on December 13, 1934, to Robert and Mildred (Lindsay) Reeder. Darlene was a proud member of the Iowa Falls class of 1952. Darlene worked many years as a Scale Operator and Fleet Manager for Weaver Construction in Alden, Iowa. Darlene later went on to own and operate Super 9 Inn in Okmulgee, Okla., and Cassville Bowl in Cassville. After selling Cassville Bowl, she worked daily at Fabritec in Butterfield, retiring when she turned 70. She then volunteered weekly at The Second Act in Cass-

Darlene was united in marriage to Gary Luppen in June 1990 in Las Vegas.

Darlene enjoyed people and always had time to visit a garage sale. She was loved by many and shared a laugh and a smile with anyone she met. She drove a hard bargain and always had a quick witted comeback. Darlene enjoyed gardening, and took great pride in her plants and vegetables. In retirement, she enjoyed canning, pickling, hummingbirds, and most importantly taking yearly trips to visit her beloved classmates.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Gary Luppen; her children, whom she loved dearly, Marcia Accordino, of Roanoke, Va., Brenda Delsing (Scott), of Iowa Falls, Iowa, Jake Thomas, of Iowa Falls, Iowa and, Tricia Thomas, of Cassville; her stepchildren, who meant the world to her, Dan Thomas, of Dows, Iowa, Deb Thomas (Kenny), of Terrell, Texas, Doug Thomas (Judy), of Dows, Iowa, Virgil Thomas Jr., of Dows, Iowa, Gary Luppen Jr. (Martina), of Nevada, Iowa, and Debbie Luppen, of Nevada, Iowa., along with special blessings several grandchildren great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her best friend and cousin, Edna Toettcher (Richard), of Santee, California.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Reeder; her stepfather, Robert Walker; her mother, Mildred Walker; and daughter, Rhonda Hagelman.

Visitation will be held

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from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M. Thursday, June 18, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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CYNTHIA "CINDY" **MARIE BURTON**

Cynthia "Cindy" Marie Burton, age 56, of Cassville, formerly of Bonne Terre, passed away surrounded by family and friends. Mrs. Burton, daughter of Nelson and Barbara (McFerron) Travers, was born on February 27, 1964, in St. Louis. Upon graduating high school, she went on to receive her education at Meramec Community College in Kirkwood, where she played softball and competed for a national title. On Jun 2, 1995, she was united in marriage to Roy Burton in St. Louis.

Cindy loved the outdoors and being on the water, besides traveling, driving her Master Craft was her favorite thing to do. She made countless memories with family and friends pulling them on tubes, wake boards and skiing. She had a passion for people, animals, and living life to the fullest. She knew how to have a good time. Cindy loved to entertain; she had a warm smile, a special giggle that was infectious and will never be forgotten. She was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Blues, and Kansas City Chiefs. Cindy was a dear friend to so many and touched so many lives in her short time here, she will be deeply missed.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Burton, Sr., of Cassville; one son, Roy Burton, Jr. and his wife, Brandy, of Marshfield; one daughter, Suzette Yount and her husband, Mike, of Potosi; five grandchildren; her two golden retrievers who meant the world to her, Bow and Arrow; one brother, Jeff Travers and his wife, Debbie, of Chesterfield; one sister, Diane Gray and her husband, John, of St. Peters; several nieces, neph-

ews, cousins; and special friends who became her familv which include the Kirks. Edwards, Turners, Cieslinskis, and Everetts.

Cindy was preceded in death by her parents and a nephew.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in St. Louis and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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





GARY IESSEPH

Gary Jesseph, age 56, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2020, at his home.

He was born July 17, 1963, in Wellington, Kansas, the son of Donald Wayne and Clorene (Long) Jesseph.

Gary grew up in Buckner and received his education at Fort Osage High School in Independence. Most of his life was spent traveling the country, working as a foreman for Nowak Construction Company as one of the first certified operators of a directional drill (Ditch Witch). He was also a mem-

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm

Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 pm

ber of the Harley Davidson H.O.G. Chapter.

Gary never met a stranger he wasn't willing to help. He brought laughter and excitement to everyone he met. His free spirit and generous nature was infectious to the world around him. His best times were spent traveling with the love of his life on their Harley.

Surviving family members include his mother, Clorene Jesseph, of Monett; his wife and the love of his life, Amy Smith, of Fayetteville, Arkansas; stepdaughter, Rachael Smith and her husband, Mike, and their two children, Lillyanne and Ryker, of Kansas City; his stepson, Mason Glenn and wife, Amanda Welsh, and their two children, Daniel and Elaina, of Kansas City; and his aunt, Vera Rickard, of Wellington, Kansas.

Preceding him in death were his father, Wayne Jesseph; his grandparents, Jesse and ViEttia Jesseph; and his maternal grandparents Boyd and Dora Long.

Contributions may be made to Christian Motorcyclists Association in memory of Garv.

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CHESTER J. ZUBKO

Chester J. Zubko, age 90, of Shell Knob, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Spring-

Prayer services were held Sunday, June 7, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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JOANNE MARIE FUNCANNON

Joanne Marie (Woosley) Funcannon, of Cassville, passed away peacefully at Lacoba Nursing Home in Monett on June 6, 2020. Joanne was born Sept. 1, 1931, to Helen Harris and Lyal Woosley in Peoria, Ill. She graduated from Longfellow Grade School and Woodruff High School.

She married her high school sweetheart, Elijah Carl Funcannon, in June 1949. They enjoyed 64 years together and were dedicated Christians. He preceded her in death on April 28, 2013.

She leaves behind four children and their spouses, Carl Michael (Diane), of Cassville, Rick Allen (Lisa), of Lacon, Ill., Scott Bradley (Lisa), of Austin, Texas, and Barbara (David) Tidd, of Las Vegas, Nev.; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, James Griffin, of Atlanta, Ga., and David Woosley; one sister, Kyle Woosley Matson; an uncle, Vernon Woosley; and aunt, Carol Knight, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends including one extremely special friend, Tom Hollopeter.

She was recently preceded in death by loving sister, Barbara Taylor, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Joanne loved trees, being outside, sports, people and animals. She also appreciated music, singing gospel songs and participating in high school choirs. She performed in many theatrical productions in high school and church functions. While raising her children, she was active in the PTA, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and was "Team-Mom" for many baseball and softball teams that Carl coached. The family camped across the U.S. and Canada, enjoying nature and spending time together. She always took in her children's friends as her own, giving them attention and compassion when needed.

Joanne was a Christian Clown. She and Carl loved to perform for abused children to make sure they knew that Jesus loved them. They traveled extensively on missionary trips showing God's love. Chances are that many of you went with them.

She will be most remembered for her smile as she

shared it with everyone she met.

Services will be held at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. with visitation beginning one hour prior. A private burial will be performed immediately after

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JIMMIE NORMAN

Jimmie Norman, age 83, of Shell Knob, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at Lawrence County Manor in Mt. Vernon.

He was born July 18, 1936, in Aurora, the son of John and Lorres (Davis) Norman. On May 21, 1988, he was united in marriage to Patricia Florence Baker, who preceded him in death on May 17, 2019. Also preceding him in death were his parents and first wife, Sue.

Surviving are one stepson, Randy Lynn Baker and his wife, Helen, of White Pigeon, Michigan; and one brotherin-law, Donald LaChappell and his wife, Joanne, of Clifton, Illinois.

Jimmie grew up and received his education in Aurora where he graduated high school. From March 1956 until September 1957, he served in the United States Navy. For several years, he owned and operated an excavation company. Later, after moving to Shell Knob fifty plus years ago, he owned and operated Ozark Mountain Water Company.

Jimmie was a member of the Shriners, Lions Club, Eagles Club and was involved in numerous Bass Tournaments. He was a member of First Christian Church in Shell Knob.

Services were held Friday, June 5, 2020, at First Christian Church in Shell Knob under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Pastor Tom Rees conducted the services. Burial will be held at Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Springfield at a later date.

Contributions may be made to First Christian Church or Shriners Hospitals for Children in memory of Jimmie.



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VELMA ELIZABETH WOOLIS

Velma Elizabeth Woolis, age 79, of Shell Knob, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 12, 2020, at Grace Community Church in Shell Knob, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Pastor Joe Evans will conduct the services. Burial will be at Lake Park Memorial Gardens in Shell Knob.

Visitation will be from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday at Grace Community Church in Shell Knob.

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DON A. SHORE

Don A. Shore, CPA, of Shell Knob, passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2020, at the age of 80.

Funeral services will be held at Lohmer Full Gospel Church in Shell Knob on Saturday, June 13, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob.

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NETTA SUE WESTON

Netta Sue Weston, age 79, of Monett, passed away on Monday, June 8, 2020.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at Liberty Cemetery, Monett, under direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

Drury University launches "Drury GO"

Drury University announces the launch of Drury GO, an evolution of the university's respected evening and online programs. Drury GO will accelerate opportunities for students to gain new skills, earn credentials and meet career goals on their own terms.

Launching this week, the newly redesigned program offers four academic pathways in high-demand fields that focus on outcomes, not just majors. The new name, Drury GO, stands for "Global. Online." – meaning students have the opportunity to follow their chosen path in a way that works best for them, either online or at one of eight locations across southern Missouri.

The program boasts scholarship opportunities for new students, credit for military experience and robust transfer options, in addition to an expansion of Drury's signature one-on-one advising and career planning.

"Drury GO meets today's students where they are and provides them a clear path to reach their goals – their way," says Kimbrea Browning, executive vice president for enrollment management and operations for adult and online education. "We are thrilled to offer a Drury education in an innovative, affordable and flexible new format at a time when so many are seeking to advance or change their careers."

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Drury GO offers more than 40 accredited degrees and credentials. Rather than committing to a specific major on Day One, incoming students can instead choose an academic pathway that meets their needs and interests. The pathways are:

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- Public Service and Safe-
- Education

Whether students are seeking a bachelor's degree, associate degree or certificate, Drury GO can help shorten the line of sight between progress and end goals. Students have the option to start where they feel comfortable and build on their degree as they go. Checkpoints along the way provide opportunities to pivot within a pathway if interests or goals change, or if students want to earn credentials to improve job prospects. Trusted advisors and career mentors are alongside at every step.

"One-on-one advising from people who really take the time to get to know you as an individual is a hallmark of Drury's evening and online program," Browning says. "This redesigned academic format leans into the power of those relationships, which we know is a difference-maker for our graduates."

Additional Student Benefits

A \$500 scholarship is available for students who sign up for nine credit hours or more in their first semester. This scholarship is available to new, transfer and readmitted students.

Drury GO has a generous transfer policy that lets students transfer in credits from other accredited institutions. Advisors can evaluate transcripts and help build an efficient plan for graduation based on courses students have already taken.

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Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts partner on recycling project





Habitat for Humanity volunteers and Boy Scouts load scrap metal for recycling (left). In photo on right, from left to right, front row: Connor Gahagan, Jonathan Stults, Aidan Rowland; Back row: Marc Gahagan, Peter Teague, Bill Simms, Merle Rogers, Christina

"We are pleased to announce that Habitat for Humanity of South Barry County has partnered with Cassville Boy Scout Troop #76 on a recycling project," Habitat President David Herman said.

"We had a lot of scraps in the back of our ReStore that needed taken out and recycled, but we didn't have the manpower to do it," said Habitat for Humanity Vice President, Tabetha Smith.

"We contacted Merle Rog-

ers, with Cassville Boy Scout Troop #76 and asked him if the scouts would like to come take the metal and aluminum for recycling if we let them keep the proceeds. They were more than happy to do so. It worked out really well for

"We love being able to help the community; that's what we're here for," she add-

Area churches distribute dairy products



On Friday June 5, 2020, a dairy giveaway was hosted by First Assembly of God in Cassville, Body of Christ in Wheaton and Ridgley Assembly of God at The First Assembly of God in Cassville. They gave away over 300 boxes of dairy products and over 700 gallons of milk to 316 area families. This was their first product distribution in Cassville.

PURDY from FRONT

has moved to a Cum Laude Latin system of recognizing academic excellence. The achievements of the following students were notable:

Cum Laude honors (meaning, literally, "With honor"), for students with a grade point average of 3.5 - 3.74, went to: Ximena Aldava, daughter of Rufino and Patricia Aldava; Kimberly Coyoy, daughter of Rosa Lopez and Angel Flores; Soledad Salas, daugther of Jose and Tomasa Salas; Shana Whisman, daughter of Shane Whisman and Denise Hembree; and Kylie Wood, daughter of Darrin Wood and Lenni Jeffers.

Graduating Magna Cum Laude ("With Great Honor"), with a grade point average of 3.75-3.99 were: Heather Greenway, daughter of Chris and Rebecca Greenway; Haylie Harris, daughter of Phillip Harris and Crystal Erter; and Sean Thomas, son of James and Susan Thomas.

Graduating Summa Cum Laude ("With Highest Honor"), with a grade point average of 4.0 and higher, were: Shelby Haskins, daughter of David and Karen Haskins; Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of Joe and Lisa Hoffman, and Randy Schad, son of Gary and Sara Schad.

The following scholarships, totalling \$281,146, were awarded to the following students:

- Ximena Aldava, A+ \$10,515. Aldava plans to attend Crowder College toward a degree in Business Administration;
- Haylie Madison Harris, College of the Ozarks, Pre-Med: Blessings Forward, \$500; CTA \$400; Purdy Alumni Association, \$500; A+, \$10,515; Cost of Education Scholarship from C of O, \$54,928
- Shelby Diane Haskins, Crowder College: MFA \$2,000; First State Bank \$500; Purdy Alumni Association, \$500; Board of Education, \$250; CTA(Charles Bowman), \$1,000; A+, \$10,515; Crowder Trustee Scholarship, \$1,300; Purdy FFA Alumni, \$1,250
- Scotty Russell Henry, Lineman School: A+ \$10,515
- Elizabeth Rose Hoffman, College of the Ozarks

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/ Nursing: Purdy Alumni Association Gary Kathryn Horton Scholarship, \$1,000; Security Bank of Cassville, \$500; Board of Education, \$250; Bright Flight, \$3,000; CTA(Superintendent), \$750; Arnhart Baptist Church Scholarship, \$1,000; Cost of Education Scholarship from C of O, \$54,928

- Ashlie Marcelis Johnson, Navy: A+, \$10,515
- Andrew Gabriel Martinez, College of the Ozarks: Purdy Alumni-Leroy Howard, \$500; Alan Rhea Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; Board of Education, \$250; CTA, \$400; A+, \$10,515; Purdy FFA Alumni, \$800; C of O cost of education, \$27,464
- Shadyn Laray Minton, Crowder College / Criminal Justice: Purdy Alumni Assoc \$500, Kevin Propps Memorial Scholarship \$500, Ozark Electric \$500
- Soledad Antonia Salas, Crowder College / Nursing: Community Blood Center of the Ozarks, \$500; A+, \$10,515
- Randy Joseph Schad Crowder College / Animal Science: CTA, \$400; A+,

\$10,515; Crowder Trustee Scholarship, \$1,300; Purdy FFA Alumni, \$1,500

• Sean Michael Thomas Crowder College / Computer Science: A+, \$10,515; Jack Henry Computer Science \$10,515 Scholarship, \$4,000

• Shana Michelle Whisman, State Fair Community College / Music Education: Americorps, \$1,311.11; A+,

• Kylie Mae - Ann Wood, Labette Community College / Radiology: A+ \$10,515

PUBLIC AUCTION *

Monday, June 15, 2020 • 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Cassville, MO. From Cassville, go east on Hwy. 248 6/10 miles. Turn left to auction. (1001 Chinquapin St.).

Living Estate of Bob & Sue Mitchell BOAT - GUNS - MISC TOOLS - FURNITURE & APPLIANCE - MISC







Boat: 1977, 17' Mon Ark McFast Fish N Ski w/1977, 115 hp Johnson & 1977 Silver Trail trailer & trolling motor. Guns: Winchester mdl 1912, 16 ga pump – Winchester mdl 12, 16 ga pump – Winchester mdl 1897, 12 ga pump – Remington Sportsman 58, 16 ga automatic - Diver Johnsons Arms & cycle works, pistol, 32 revolver - Herrington & Richardson pistol .32 revolver – (*Note* one of these 32 revolvers was used to rob the Exeter Bank many many years ago). Tools: Sm. Craftsman air compressor – aluminum ext. ladder - wood step ladder - elect blower - air hose & reel - misc long handle tools - hedge trimmer - yard seeders - ext. cords - gas cans - wheel barrow - misc sm hand tools - organizer - metal shelf - misc cleaners, etc. - ant work bench - shop vac







30. Oldies: Whiskey crocks - ant garden push plow (Nice) - old cane bottom chair - vintage console stereo - old 78 records - Fiesta Ware - crock bowl - 3 ladder back chairs w/cane bottoms - ant coal haud - iron kettle - strawberry crate. Furniture & Appliance: Lane cedar chest – large wall mirror – Victorian style sofa (original Mitchell furniture) – (2) glass & mirrored end tables - old rocker - misc end tables - oak sofa table/ dining table – (4) newly upholstered wrought iron chairs – dining table (nice) – (2)

matching chairs -book shelf - floor lamps - table lamps - wall mirror - reclining leather chair - rocking chair & ottoman - Drexel vintage 9 pc sectional - Drexel coffee table - little desk (nice) - (2) matching book shelves - (2) matching cabinets - old console TV cabinet - (2) cane shelves - chest of drawers - vintage glass & brass display shelf (nice) - butler stand - night stand - leather love seat w/dual recliners – patio table & 4 chairs – (2) wrought iron lounge chairs – down mattress topper – bakers rack – med size upright freezer - Panasonic microwave - misc sm kitchen appliances. Misc: New Golf balls - golf clubs – coolers – Kerr jars – aluminum 2 hole dog box – approx. 2'x4' animal cage – pet taxi – approx. 2 & ½ rick firewood - (2) wood racks - cat tree - portable radio - vintage Christmas decorations - kitchen wares misc dishes – (2) barrel plant stand – wrought iron candle stands – ash bucket & shovel – step stool – Weber grill – sure to be many more items as we unpack & set up for the auction. Note: The living estate of Bob & Sue Mitchell. They have sold their home & we will be offering all the listed items to the highest bidder. The boat is very clean & has been kept inside. Come join us on Monday June 15th at 10 AM. Lots of good shade and good parking. Catering and restroom on site. Terms: Cash or good check w/2 forms of current ID. Must have current drivers license to obtain bidder number. All terms on bidder card apply. If paying by check on the boat, it will be held until your check clears our bank. All sells as is where is w/no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material. No debit or credit cards.

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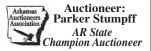
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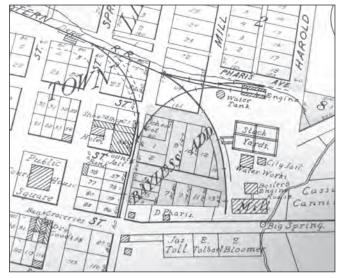


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In Memoriam: A Girl & A Train



Harold Henson, right, remembers the C&E Railroad well. He's shown above with his neighbor, Joan Schoelzel, left.



1909 Cassville city map showing the route of the railroad tracks as they ended at East Street and Mill Street in Cassville. The former Bloomer property is shown at bottom right.

About thirty-five years prior

to Henson's misdeeds, in an

incident Henson was un-

aware of, a similar scenario

unfolded: one with tragic

October 4, 1917, Cassville

school teacher, Mrs. Zuma

Talbot Bloomer, was seated

at her dining room table

with her son, 15-year-old La-

verne, and oldest daughter,

Francis "Ruth," who had just

returned from a neighbor's

house. Ruth, a freshman at

Cassville High School, had

table worked on school les-

sons, Bloomer's 12-year-old

daughter, Willie, practiced

playing the piano in an ad-

joining room. When Wil-

lie heard rumbling, at first

distant, but growing ever

louder, she rose from the

piano bench and headed for

the dining room to ask her

mother what it could be. She

heavily loaded with gravel

and pushing an empty box

car in front of them, jumped

the end of the track, bar-

reled across the street and

Two runaway freight cars,

never made it.

While the three at the

turned 14 the day before.

Around 8:30 p.m., on

consequences.

Sheila Harris

Editor's note: Although many historical accounts have been written about the short railroad which once served Cassville, I am new to its history, and am thus newly fascinated. I've been particularly intrigued with trying to retrace the route of the tracks and the location of various landmarks associated with the railroad. If you've seen me circling city blocks with seemingly no purpose, I've actually been on a mission to recreate the past in my mind, in order to tell the following story. - SH

Harold Henson, of Cassville, never rode in the passenger coach on the C & W Railroad (later renamed the C & E), but his memory of the nation's shortest standard-guage railroad, which made daily runs from Cassville to Exeter and back, are vivid, nevertheless.

"We used to steal cars from the train," he said, confessing to boyhood transgressions he, his brother and a neighbor committed.

"We didn't mean any harm," he continued, although by hindsight he admits harm could have resulted

"Sometimes the engineer left a freight car or two parked on the track across from the depot overnight," he explained. "A time or two, when we thought we could get away with it, we boys would release the parking brake on a car, so we could watch it roll down the track to the end of the line, just around the corner. Strictly speaking, I guess it wasn't stealing, but we knew we'd get in trouble if we got caught. We were too young to realize someone could have gotten hurt."



The Cassville Depot is pictured above, with the train preparing to cross Main Street, called Springfield Street on old maps.

smashed into the house with such force it was knocked from its foundation. Ruth, seated with her back to the outside wall of the front of the house, bore the full brunt of the impact. She died 30 minutes after being located beneath the wreckage from massive trauma to the head and spine. Her mother and siblings were unharmed.

The catastrophe, which left the community reeling in shock, nearly spelled an end to the railroad – which was judged to be at fault in the tragedy.

While attempting to pull a trainload of gravel up the five-mile incline from Cassville to Exeter, the engine proved incapable of the task, so two loaded gravel cars were uncoupled three miles west of Cassville. They were left sitting on the track while the engine pulled the rest of the cars on into Exeter. Afterward, the engine returned for the two remaining cars. However, when the engine bumped the leading car in an attempt to recouple, the pin failed to lock into place. Instead, the engine's nudge pushed the cars into a gravitational descent into Cassville, one in which they gained momentum with every turn of their wheels.

The engineer followed with the engine in a desperate attempt to catch up with them and recouple to prevent the loaded cars from hurtling into an unsuspecting town. When he saw that his efforts were futile, he put in a call to a switchman in Cassville in hopes that *he* could divert the runaway cars, but the call was received too late.

The two gravel cars swept around the final bend in the track near Mill and 9th Streets, crashed into an empty box car, and, pushing it like a ramrod, plunged across 7th Street, directly into the Bloomer home.

After the 1917 tragedy, Mrs. Bloomer, who had lost her husband (W. J. Bloomer) when her children were infants, opted to relocate with her remaining two children to Columbia, Missouri, where her brother was a professor at the University of Missouri. There, she accepted a position with the Department of Agriculture and, to the best of her ability, put the past behind her.

The C & W (Cassville & Western) Railroad was originally funded and constructed by Cassville citizens in 1896, after the Frisco had opted to run their north/south line five miles to the west, through Exeter, in 1881. The new, privately-financed line from Cassville to Exeter short though it was - was a boon to merchants and industries in Cassville. It was often the sole means of transportation for goods, supplies and travelers in a town with roads frequently impassable due to flooding.

After the 1917 accident, the railroad was purchased by Cassville businessmen Dave Dingler and James C. Ault, who changed its name to the C & E (Cassville & Exeter) Railroad. A new name and new owners gave fresh life to the railroad, which



Left to right: Ruth, Laverne and Willie Bloomer, a few years prior to the train accident.



The Bloomer home, after the 1917 train accident in which 14-year-old Ruth was killed.



A view of the depot, facing east.

gained renown as the nation's shortest, privately-owned, standard-guage railroad. Being featured in *Ripley's Believe It or Not* didn't hurt its claim to fame, either.

See TRAIN 2B



From the west, looking east, the tracks of the C&E railroad ran into downtown Cassville around the corner above the drainage ditch (shown above), where 10th Street is now located.

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Mr. Lammers and Mrs. Gorman



2019-2020 CHS Band Seniors, front row, left to right: Ashlyn Pulliam, Whitney Koenig, MacKenzie High. 2nd row: Nolan Crain, Tressa Hilburn. 3rd row: Jillian Hang, Alysse Brown, Holly Thompson, Melissa Martinez. 4th row: Shayla Sewell, Natalie McNeill, Nefertiti Gautney-Lopez, Alexis Mann. 5th row: Gavin Gunkel, Steven Collinwood, Jarrod Wallace, Ethan Nape, Nate Boley.

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TRAIN from FRONT



The Bloomer house stood in front of the swingset, above, across from where Mill Street and the railroad tracks once ended.

In addition to providing much-needed freight service to Exeter, the C & E catered to tourists, who bought tickets for round-trip rides in its sole passenger car. Field trip outings on the train were also the highlight of many a schoolchild's year.

The depot in Cassville, touted for its "commodius and tasty" amenities, was located where Bob's Appliance now is, on the west side of Main Street just north of the BBO Station.

As the train made its downhill coast into Cassville from the west, it swept around the picturesque "high road" (10th Street), hugging the bend at the base of the tree line above the drainage ditch separating it from what is now 11th Street below.

When the train reached town, it crossed Townsend Street, ran along the back of the yard where The Barry County Advertiser and Litho Printers are now situated, then stopped at the depot for passengers to disembark, before crossing Main Street with freight cars.

The track split as it crossed Main Street and diverged in what is now the diagonal parking lot on the north side of Copy Cat Printers. One track ran south on East Street and ended at what is now 7th Street. A second line ran farther to the east and curved southward on Mill Street, likewise reaching track's end at 7th Street, in front of where Cassville Mill & Power once stood.

Across the street from the old mill site, to the south, a swing set now stands in the public playground: a fitting memorial to a young girl taken too soon, whose home once stood in the immediate vicinity.

There is no record of another accident involving the short railroad which once ran between Exeter and Cassville. It served its intended purpose for 60 years. After a couple more changes in ownership, it became a victim of changing times in 1956, when a last run was made on its rails. The depot was torn down and the tracks were pulled up - except for a few which, according to Harold Henson, lie beneath pavement.

* In Cassville's past, 7th, 8th and 9th Streets were called Water, North and Paint Streets, respectively.

Many thanks to Jeremiah Buntin at The Barry County Museum for his help and for the great work he does in archiving Barry County's his-

Much information for this article was found on the museum website (barrycomuseum.org) and in books printed by Litho Printers, including a 1976 Barry County Advertiser article by Irene Horner and accounts by Senator Emory Melton, as well as the Bloomer obituaries on the Rootsweb archives of Oak Hill Cemetery in Cassville.

State Historical Society Completes World War II Letters Digital Collection

Volunteers and staff of the State Historical Society have been working steadily over the past several years to complete the digital collection of World War II letters. In 2016, SHSMO began an ambitious project to provide online access to a large manuscript collection of World War II letters written by over 3,000 enlisted men and women from nearly all 50 states. In addition, letters from family members add perspective on life on the homefront.

The collection is a result of an effort begun in September 1945 by Kansas City radio broadcaster Ted Malone, the host of the nationally syndicated ABC show Between the Bookends. Malone asked listeners to send in wartime correspondence to be considered for a book of war letters edited by University of Missouri professor W. Francis English. People from all over the United States were soon contributing letters written by their loved ones who had served in the war.

Although the book was never finished, the stories can now be shared online 75 years later after the war's end. The public can access the letters for free online at digital. shsmo.org.

Over a three-year period, volunteers, college students and staff scanned, transcribed, and added essential metadata to ensure the letters are keyword-searchable and easily accessible. Visitors to the site can group letters by date, location, and hometown of the service member. Researchers and scholars can tailor their searches to explore how the war impacted families and service members depending on where they were from and when and where they served.

The State Historical Society will continue to add to its World War II Digital Collection from other related manuscript collections. The Jean Schwarting Anderson papers, for example, provide a fascinating glimpse into the day-to-day life of a member of the Navy's Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) during the war. The collection contains the correspondence of Jean Schwarting, who wrote letters home to her family in Missouri nearly every day of her training in Massachusetts and her service in Washington, D.C., where she worked in communications. The lively and informative letters offer numerous details and insights into her experiences as a WAVE, providing a glimpse into the world of military women during World War II.

Founded in 1898, the State Historical Society of Missouri collects, preserves, publishes, and makes available material related to all aspects and periods of Missouri history. SHSMO also provides educational programs on the cultural heritage of the state through its research centers in Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla, St. Louis, and Springfield.

Link to Entire WWII Collection: https://digital.shsmo. org/digital/collection/wwii/ search

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- When operating a trimmer or chainsaw, you'll need ear protection, shoes with slipresistant soles, chaps and gauntlets.
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PICKUPS- AUTOS: 1993 Nissan SE V6 Pathfinder, 4wh.dr.(needs minor repair)- 1993 Nissan 2wh.dr. 2400 PU truck (needs minor repair)- Nice 2002 Nissan Frontier SE 4x4 pickup, extended crew cab (needs minor repair)- 1995 Ford F150 2wh.dr. PU, auto, V8 (no title)- 1950's 2ton GMC w/straight six- Two 90's Dodge Dynasty cars, probably parts cars- Old Honda motorcycle- Nice Coleman scooter. TRAILERS- MOWERS- TRACTORS- FARM EQUIP-MISC: Good 5x8 shop built trailer- Good 5x10 dump trailer (great for mower or 4wheeler)- John Deere 950 diesel tractor, factory topper & front loader, 1750hrs.- Old International tractor w/front loader- Nice 8N Ford tractor, 6volt original system (been in shed)-Ford PU bed trailer- Old single-horse trailer frame- 5ft. 3pt bush hog- 7ft. pull-type bush hog- Various riding lawn mowers, tillers, etc. (condition unknown)- 2wheel lawn trailer- Ford 3pt post auger-3pt boom pole- 3pt bale spike- 3pt rear blade- 3pt rear scoop- Round bale feeder- Misc. troughs, hog feeders, coops, water tanks, etc. Top links, draw bars, 2wheel disk plow- New 1000gal poly Septic Tank. GUNS- ALL CLEAN & WELL CARED FOR- ARE NOT ON PREMISES UNTIL SALE DATE! No 1 MKIII British .303 military rifle- Winchester bolt-action single shot .22 cal. rifle- Winchester model 290 auto .22 cal. rifle- Marlin.22 cal. auto rifle- H & R single shot 410ga shot gun- Daisy .22cal single shot- Stevens model 77 20ga pump shotgun w/adjust. choke- Marlin, lever-action, 30-30- Pardner 410ga single shot, New England Firearms- Connecticut Valley Arms 50cal. rifle, (percussion black powder-cap type)- RG 22cal. re volver- 40cal 6 shot black powder pistol, made in Italy- Early 1960's Daisy pump-action BB gun- Daisy 177 cal. pellet rifle- Daisy leveraction BB. TOOLS- SHOP RELATED ITEMS- MISC: Century 250 elect. welder- Wire feed elect. w/gas asst welder- 4 or more elect. air compressors- Honda 5500watt generator- Lot tool boxes- Truck tool boxes- Bearing pullers, handsaws, chain saws, come alongs- Misc. long tools, lot hand tools, all varieties- Victor torch head, gauges & hoses- Chain link fencing, lot steel T-post, 200 or more concrete blocks- Several live animal traps, 2 saddles, antique iron bed frames- old wood stoves- Small caboose stove. SURPRISE! There is a 40ft shop building stacked full of boxed items unseen at time of listing. *SCRAP IRON* Lg. amt. scrap iron, metal, motors & parts, junk cars/trucks, mowers- you name it! TERMS: Statements made day of sale supersede all printed material. ID required to receive buyer number. No debit or credit cards! Cash or good check only. Nothing to be removed until settled for. For pictures & complete listing go to AuctionZip.com ID #35501.

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50 Years Ago BCA, Volume 3, Number 25, May 27, 1970

South Barry County Leads Territory In Red **Cross Participation**

The South Barry County Chapter of the American Red Cross now leads the Ozark territory in Red Cross Participation. Mrs. Hazel Edmondson and Mr. Bill Easley, co-chairmen of the fund drive, were presented citations from the National Red Cross for outstanding achievement. It was noted that \$3,852.94 or 163% of the goal, was collected by Chapter members. Also receiving a citation was Mrs. Joanne Ellis, chapter president, for leadership and enthusiasm.

The fund drive and last bloodmobile visit brought the South Barry County Chapter to the top of the 38 chapters in the territory in participation.

Deveno's Visit St. Louis

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Deveno and son Tom, of Purdy, spent Sunday in St. Louis as guests of August Busch, Jr., at the grand opening of the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdale Barn located at Grant's Farm. After visiting the horse barns, carriage shed with restored antique coaches, and the trophy and harness rooms, the day ended with a ride

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through the pastures where dozens of wild animals living peacefully together put to shame our modern, intelligent, mechanized, war-torn world, the Deveno's reported.

Schlichtman Children **Raise Baby Crows**

Seven-year-old Mike Schlichtman and his threeyear-old sister, Barbie, children of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Schlichtman, are doing their part in preserving the nation's wildlife by hand raising two baby crows. After the tiny birds hatched, they were adopted by the Schlichtman family. Mama Judy came up with a mixture of "gruel" which has been the mainstay of the bird's diet for some four weeks now. They eat hungrily of the mixture poured down their open throats with a spoon and now loudly "caw" when they become hungry. The birds are becoming widely traveled, even visiting Mike's first grade class at Cassville Elementary School.

The birds have feathered out and are now hopping about in the Schlichtman yard. They ride on Barbie's family pet dogs. The family is known to be making a study of teaching the birds to speak, and neighbors will not be in the least surprised to one day hear themselves greeted by a black bird perched in a tree.

Green Hills Drive-In Theatre advertised the hole #3" starring James Coburn and Carroll O'Connor.

Red's Grocery Store advertised Bar-B-O beef sandwiches served hot on a bun 9 cents each, or a sack of 10 for 89 cents.

10 Years Ago

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War College

eran of the Missouri National Guard, will graduate from Class of 2010 in Carlisle Bar-

Grit", rated G, starring John Wayne, Glen Campbell, and

showing of the movie "True Kim Darby, as well as "The Funniest Adult Western Spoof Ever Made" "Water-

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10 A.M. * Saturday, June 20 * 10 A.M.

Location: 108 E. 4th St. Galena, Mo. 65656 (3rd floor of Stone County Courthouse)

Parcel	l Property #	Location	Desription
JC-1	#08-3.0-07-002-022-003.000	Wildwood Park, Galena	Lots 1 & 2 Block 1;
JC-2	#14-4.0-18-004-002-012.000 Jo	e Bald Area Indian Hills I	ane 60'x 90'Triangle Lot;
JC-3	#15-4.0-19-002-009-021.000	Turkey Mnt. #2	2nd Addition Lot 164
JC-4	#15-4.0-19-002-012-026,000	Turkey Mnt. #2	2nd Addition Lot 73
JC-5	#15-4.0-19-002-013-007.000	Turkey Mtn. #2	2nd Addition Lot 125
JC-6	#15-4.0-19-002-013-009,000	Turkey Mtn. #2	2nd Addition Lot 129
JC-7	#15-4.0-19-002-013-027.000	Turkey Mtn. #2	2nd Addition Lot 130
JC-8	#15-7.0-36-002-003-022.000	Baxter Area, Fairwood Ac	res1stAdd,Lot37Block1
JC-9	#15-9.0-30-003-001.028.000	Shell Knob Area	Lakeside Heights Lot 57:
JC-10	#15-9.0-30-003-004.008.000	Shell Knob Area	Lakeside Heights Lot 281:
JC-11	#15-9.0-30-003-007.007.000		Lakeside Heights Lot 157
JC-12	#15-9.0-30-003-009.013.000	Shell Knob Area	Lakeside Heights Lot 79
JC-13	#15-9.0-30-003-015.003.000	Shell Knob Area	Lakeside Heights Lot 268
JC-14	#15-9.0-30-003-015.009.000 S	Shell Knob Area Lakesi	de Heights Lots 221 & 222
JC-15	#15-9.0-30-003-017.027.000 Sh	nell Knob Area To	mahawk Heights Lot 318
JC-16	#15-9.0-30-003-017.034.000 Sh	nell Knob Area To	mahawk Heights Lot 328
JC-17	#15-9.0-31-002-003.009.000 Shell	Knob Area Tomaha	wkHillsBl.2Lots14&15
JC-18	#16-1.0-12-002-001-009.000 BoulderDr.	Her-LoyEstateTreasur	ePointBlk2,Lots12,13,14
JC-19	#16-1.0-12-002-001-009.009, Boulder I	Drive Her-LoyEstate	TreasurePointBlk2,Lot9
JC-20	#16-1.0-12-002-001-009.010, BoulderI	Drive Her-LoyEstate'l	reasurePointBlk2,Lot10
JC-21	#16-1.0-12-002-001-009.011, BoulderI	Drive Her-LoyEstate T	reasurePointBlk2,Lot11
JC-22	#16-1.0-12-002-015-003000 Treasure	Point Treasure Poin	nt & 86-63B 100' x 200' Lot
JC-23	#16-1.0-12-003-004-004.000 T	race Hollow Rd.	Sky Harbor Block 5 Lot 4
JC-24	#15-9.0-31-001-002.013.000 Shel	ll Knob Area Toma	hawk Hills Block 17 Lot 9
JC-25	#30-2.0-10-001-008-0006.000 Arrow	PointArea BarryCou	intyFarmRoad2263Lot6
JC-25,	A #30-2.0-10-001-008-0007.000 Arroy	wPointArea BarryCou	intyFarmRoad2263Lot7
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back and on the backs of racks, Pennsylvania, in ceremonies on June 12, 2010. She will be awarded the Masters of Strategic Studies degree.

Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

In regard to the 5/26/2010 letter to the editor, Mr. Kelly wrote that classical music compared favorably to the twanging of guitars. As a lifelong resident of this GREAT Ozark area, I was very offended. I would like to say, Mr. Kelly, open your eyes, sir, because you are in the heart of twangy country.

Bluegrass and country music are deeply rooted in this area and the residents are very proud of it. If you don't believe me, take a trip to Clio, LeAnn, or McDowell on a Friday or Saturday night and see what you find. In all these places and many more, you will find people pickin' and grinnin, as they put it.

Everyone has their own opinions and likes, but don't put down other people and their music whenever you are expressing concern for your own.

I would also like to say that I am very proud to be a member of this community and the reason I am is because of these twangy people. Thank you,

Jordan McNair.

★ ESTATE AUCTION ★

Saturday, June 13, 2020 • 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Granby, MO. (554 East Cherry ST). From Main St & East Cedar St. go East on Cedar ST 3/10 mile. Then go left on Grove St. Follow signs.

REAL ESTATE (3 PROPERTIES) - TRACTOR - IMPLEMENTS - RIDING MOWER **OLD HONDA TRAIL BIKE - ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES FURNITURE & APPLIANCES - MISC.**



(Bush Hog Brand) - old 3'x8' utility trailer (no title) - old

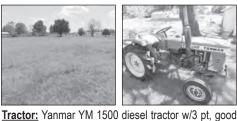
pickup bed trailer (no title) - John Deere yard wagon

- 4' angle blade. Riding Mowers: John Deere LA 105,

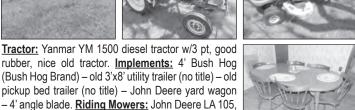
19.5 hp 42" riding mower (nice) - old Craftsman 13.5

hp 30" riding mower (needs work). Garden Tiller:













Honda tiller. Trail Bike: Old Honda trail 70 dirt bike (needs work). Antiques & Collectibles: Asst old garden push plows - old calf yoke - old steel trap - old cow kickers - old implement wire wheel - galvanized chicken feeders & hens' nest - galvanized chicken house heater - chicken waterers - sev. Galvanized buckets - sev old bottles - old Avon bottles - vintage step chair - old high chair - old spice rack - old flash light - misc galvanized tubs, round & sq. - old windows - old iron bed frame - old bicycles - bushel baskets

- old homemade stretcher - old screen door - old office chair - old Pet Milk skids - old tin - some old red clay tile - galvanized wash tub on stand - nail keg - old scales - old Coleman lanterns - cross cut saw - old metal lunch box - old smudge pot - sm old cart - old 5 gal metal oil can - old hand plains - old glass milk bottles - old milk strainer - old galvanized wood handle minnow buckets - old license plates - old magazines - old sm appliances - old egg baskets - old trunk - ant stroller - old wood bench - old wood step ladders – old fire extinguishers – scythe – misc wood boxes – old meat hook – old whiskey



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jugs - old metal vintage kitchen cart - cigar boxes - old luggage - granite pot - old View Master in original box – old CB radio – old Ansco ShurShot camera – old Brownie camera – sm old ladies purse – McCoy clown cookie jar - Pyrex baking dishes - old bowls - Fire King dishes - some carnival dishes - McCoy nesting bowls old crock bowl – old apple peeler – sm crock – glass juicer – misc old dishes – Granby memorabilia coffee cups - old oil lamp - old colored metal cups - quilt tops & quilt scraps - old afghans - old 45 records & misc albums - vintage cabinet style stereo - misc figurines - stein - sure to be many oldies found as we unpack a 75 year old collection. Furniture & Appliances: Drop leaf sq table - old sm sq table - rocker/recliner - wood corner TV stand - (2) hide a bed sofa's - dining table & 6 chairs - old blonde bedroom suite, full bed, night stand & dresser - night stand - full bed - blonde dresser - Sound stereo turn table w/cassette - Sylvania TV w/ VHS player – old dresser & matching chest – full bed – table lamps – sm Toshiba flat screen TV. Appliances: Fisher Paykel matching washer & dryer - old Philco chest freezer (nice) - Whirlpool portable dishwasher - GE gas range/oven. Tools, Farm Items & Misc: Campbell Hausfeld air compressor - old #13 post maul - misc long handle tools - leveling trailer hitch - garden hose & reel - wheel barrow - bench grinder - wood step stool - fence charger - misc t post - some woven wire - tomato cages - stock tank - feed troughs - 5 gal buckets – (22) bundles of oak trim – (25) boxes of old new stock 12"x12" tile – sm BBQ – misc old coolers – misc craft items - (3) sewing machines - lots of patterns - misc baskets - misc kitchen wares such as silverware, dishes, wall hangings – vacuum – many more items not listed REAL ESTATE (3 PROPERTIES) For RE info go to www.stumpffauction.com. Terms: Cash or good check w/2 forms of current ID. Must have current ID to obtain bidders number. Positive ID scan on site. All terms on bidder card apply. Sells as is where is w/no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material. No debit or credit cards accepted. Real Estate Terms: Qualified buyers only w/pre-approved bank letter of approval. Nonrefundable 10% paid day of auction w/balance due in cash or certified funds within 30-45 days. Buyers and sellers will be responsible for their own portion of their closing cost. Taxes will be prorated to date of close. Sells as is where is with no warranties or guarantees. Bidders, buyers, or agent of the buyer is responsible for conducting own inspection of property prior to auction and should rely solely upon their own due diligence and inspection. The 7 ½ acres will be sold with the lead, zinc & cadmium disclosure agreed upon & signed by the buyer. This property is offered with absolutely no contingencies of any kind, no contingencies on financing, surveys, appraisals, or final walk throughs. Seller has the right to accept or reject final bid. A 10% buyer's premium will apply. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material. Call the office for details on how to get pre-approved 417-847-2507 or to preview the property before auction date.

Estate of Grover Akehurst, Owner Virgina Akehurst



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020

BARRY COUNTY ADVERTISER

Chip seal operations have begun

Chip seal operations have begun throughout the state, and the Missouri Department of Transportation wants you to know what this work entails and why this technique is used to preserve highways throughout the

MoDOT has prepared a series of videos titled "All About Chip Seals" to help drivers better understand this maintenance technique. The videos can be found on MoDOT Central District's YouTube channel here.

"The bottom line is that chip sealing is a cost-effective way to get more use out of our highways," said Natalie Roark, MoDOT's state maintenance director.

A chip seal operation entails spraying a heated film of asphalt liquid on the road, followed by placing fine rocks or chips on top. The chips are then compacted to make them adhere to the roadway. Finally, the excess loose chips are swept from the surface, leaving an improved roadway that will hold up longer than it would have without the treatment.

Chip seals are about one-third the cost of a conventional asphalt overlay, averaging \$15,000 per mile as compared to an estimated \$55,000 per mile for an asphalt overlay. Chip seals

keep damaging water from penetrating paved surfaces and extend the life of the pavement for an additional five to seven years. Chip sealing also seals cracks and improves roadway traction.

A surface may be chip sealed several times, providing the road remains structurally sound. The chip seal process is typically used on roads carrying lower traffic volumes which make up more than half of MoDOT's roadway network.

"Motorists need to observe the speed limit of 35 mph on roads where chip sealing is in progress," said Roark. "Most damage to vehicles comes when drivers are going too fast or ignore road conditions in a chip seal work zone."

Motorists should also be aware that flaggers and pilot vehicles are frequently present at chip seal operations, and vehicles may be required to come to a complete stop. Traffic delays are possible, so travelers should consider alternate routes, if available.

Road condition information is available 24/7 on Mo-DOT's Traveler Information Map located at modot.org or through MoDOT's smartphone app which can be downloaded free for iPhone and Android phones.

Crowder College and SBU sign transfer agreement

Crowder College and Southwest Baptist University finalized an articulation agreement on Thursday, May 28, which will allow students to seamlessly transfer from Crowder into SBU's bachelor degree programs.

"Crowder College strives to expand partnerships and opportunities for all of our students to continue their academic journey beyond graduation," said Keith Zoromski, associate vice president of academic affairs at Crowder College. "This articulation agreement serves as evidence that Crowder College values coordinating with each of its university partners to mutually support its students."

The partnership also allows SBU the opportunity to engage students currently enrolled at the Neosho, Mo.based community college, who are wanting to pursue a bachelor's degree at a liberal arts Christian university.

"We are excited to partner with Crowder College in providing an avenue for students to earn their bachelor's degree at SBU," said Dr. Lee Skinkle, provost of SBU. "This agreement helps make that transition for students an easy one as they join the Bearcat family."

This agreement will impact students pursuing an Associate of Arts degree at Crowder. The A.A. often is referred to as a "transfer degree" because it is designed for students who plan to continue their education beyond the associate degree level.

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Five tips to ward off mosquitoes

Dr. Craig Stoops

Summer is here, which means so are mosquitoes. The flying pests invade neighborhoods like an army, but they aren't just a backyard nuisance with bites that itch. They also can carry dangerous diseases, including West Nile virus and Zika.

Most regions of the U.S. have issues with mosquitoes, but knowing prevention and mitigation measures can stop them from mushrooming into a big problem, says Dr. Craig Stoops (www.mosquito-authority.com), a retired U.S. Navy medical entomologist and chief science officer at Mosquito® Authority, a mosquito control company.

"People are unfortunately attractive to mosquitoes," Dr. Stoops says, "but there are numerous ways we can avoid the irritation and the potential danger of a bite. So much has to do with preparing your property and knowing how mosquitoes thrive.

"Some people are more susceptible to bites than others. Mosquitoes can be attracted to different chemicals found in human skin. But just because mosquitoes are an inevitable part of summer doesn't mean you're defense-

Dr. Stoops offers five tips on reducing the appearance of mosquitoes and their bites:

Consider a professional service. Sometimes people prefer to do it themselves when it comes to fixing home issues, but they later find that a persistent problem is often better left to trained professionals. "Companies that specialize in mosquito control can effectively address the

problem by implementing an entire program over a period of time, including followups," Dr. Stoops says. "There is a science and strategy to a program, and it requires considerable knowledge of how to treat different types of yards in different regions of the country. A good company in this industry continually educates its people as well as the consumers on how to effectively stay ahead of the

Get rid of standing water. Still water is a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes. Common places of standing water include: clogged drain gutters, corrugated drain pipes, bird baths, pet bowls, planters, trash and recycling bins, children's toys, and kiddie pools. "It is important to remain vigilant and remove any containers and debris from your yard to lower the habitats available to mosquitoes," Dr. Stoops says. "A mosquito needs only about a tablespoon of water to lay

Use safe repellents. Repellents registered by the Environmental Protection Agency have been reviewed and approved to pose minimal risk when used properly. "Some of the most effective ingredients commonly referred to in a repellent are DEET, Picaridan, and oil of lemon eucalyptus," Dr. Stoops says. EPA-approved repellents provide up to two hours of protection.

Dress appropriately. "Studies have shown that some mosquitoes are more attracted to dark clothing," Dr. Stoops says. "Avoid wearing lightweight, thin materials, which mosquitoes can bite right through. Instead, opt for tightly woven materials, like cotton, denim, nylon, or windbreaker-type materials, which are more difficult for the bugs to penetrate. Clothing that provides UV protection is typically tightly woven and often protects against insect bites, too."

Keep your landscape clean. "Trimmed trees and shrubs improve a property's air circulation," Dr. Stoops says. "The increased air flow will physically push mosquitoes out of that area and remove the environment they thrive in. Also, there are some gardening choices that can deter mosquitoes: basil, lavender, and catnip are all plants that mosquitoes don't like."

"Many people just think of bug spray during mosquito season," Dr. Stoops says. "The main idea should be to keep them out of your yard as much as possible. From there, considering summer is the time to get away, always prepare for your environment, especially if hiking or camping."

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The Real Deal: To flip, or not to flip?

Rob Lotufo, Ozark Properties Group

There's a growing market in our area for people who want to buy fixer uppers. Some people just want to gain equity and find a nice place to live with a minimal investment. Others are set on flipping homes, or doing renovations to increase the marketability and value dramatically.

I quite often have clients call and say they are only interested in repo's (repossessions). Sometimes these are also called REOs or Bankowned properties. This is a serious business, and in some cases, not really suited to beginners. Here are some tidbits of wisdom you might want to consider if you think you are ready to get in the flipping game.

Buy it at the right price

You can't make money remodelling a run down home, or a flipper, if you don't buy it at a low enough price. Some investors try to quote out the whole refurb job and make sure that they are going to be profitable before even making an offer. Others just try to buy as cheap as possible and hope for the best.

There are a lot of factors that give you bargaining power at this stage of the game. The best strategy, of course, is to have cash in hand. A cash offer "as is, where is" will whet a seller's appetite anytime. If you need to build in contingencies such as loan approval, appraisal or inspection, you make your offer less appealing to a seller, who often just wants to get rid of the property with as little hassle as possible.

Very often, repossessions are available only to cash buyers, or at least buyers with a letter of credit in hand. If you have liquid assets, you might want to consider talking to your bank about what they could do for you on a quick turnaround investment loan. Another reason you might not want to go with a conventional mortgage, even if the seller allows it, would be to avoid any prepayment fees or early payment fees associated with mortgages. In most cases, if you buy with a simpler loan, you may save a lot on processing fees: appraisals, origination fee, etc.

What's wrong with this picture?

I just finished talking to a man who has been looking at houses in the \$20 to \$40,000 range. I found myself asking, "Why are the houses so cheap?" There's nothing wrong with buying inexpensive houses, but you have to be honest with yourself and ask what the reason for the low asking price is. Some issues like roof repairs, septic systems, wells, flooring and sheetrock damage are easily noticeable, but others are

A few things to always be on the lookout for are hidden problems like moisture, mold, termites and wood rot. Although technically the seller should disclose any of these items they know about, there's always a chance they either don't know or chose not to disclose them. If, after you have done the research and feel like you've got a good handle on the things that are wrong with the house, you think you still are making a good deal, go for it!

Do it yourself?

Here's where a lot of investors lose their shirts. You have to know your limits. Many people can do carpentry, but not plumbing; can paint or do sheetrock, but stay away from electricity. It's very important to round up some competent contractors, and get a feel for how much of a project you are taking on. It's a really good idea to build in a significant buffer for over-runs on renovation projects. After all, it's no fun to do all the work and end up not making a profit.

Time is money

If you're borrowing money, or if like most of us, your time is limited, it's important to have a schedule of completion for a project like this. Over-runs cost money, whether you are paying for labor or not. It's very important to set a schedule and try to adhere to it.

Rent or sell?

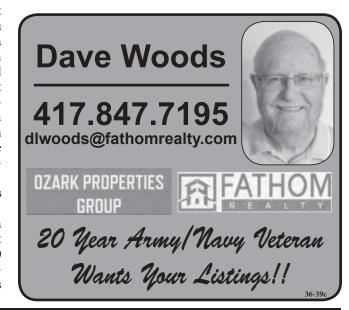
The quality of your renovation very often is going to depend on whether you are building long-term value in a house to sell, or whether you are just trying to make it adequate for people to live in. Installing granite countertops, hickory cabinets and ceramic tile floors is very often a standard for nicer homes these days, but they won't bring you a dollar more in rent at the end of the month from a tenant. It's important to know your end game and plan your renovation around what your desired result is.

How is the neighborhood?

Every location has its market value. There is an old adage about "buying the cheapest house in a nice neighborhood". That's a solid plan if you can find one. In general, it's a good idea to make sure you are not overbuilding in an underpriced neighborhood. If you don't know the area, a really productive effort might be to try and research it, talking to people who either live there or are familiar with it. Often the internet can help, but it may not reveal the whole picture. Factors such as school districts, proximity to shopping and crime rates all weigh in on determining the quality of a neighborhood.

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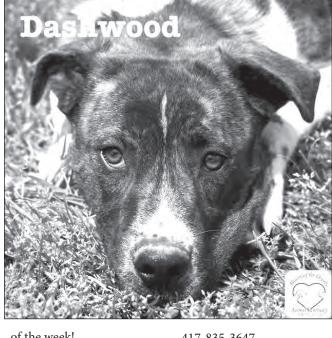
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Consumer Confidence Report for the Cassville Water System Now Available

CASSVILLE, MO - The City of Cassville's water quality report for the year 2019 is now available online at www.dnr. mo.gov/ccr/mo5010144.pdf. The document, also called a Consumer Confidence Report, provides important information about the City's efforts to provide safe drinking water. Residents can find detailed information about where their drinking water comes from as well as what trace elements (contaminants) have been detected.

Residents can call City Hall at 847-4441 to obtain a printed copy of the report and to obtain more information on the municipal water system.

MDC considers changing regulations

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is proposing changes to the Wildlife Code of Missouri regarding coyote hunting and feral hog control. MDC is considering the changes in response to citizen requests to the Regulations Committee to use night vision, infrared, thermal imagery equipment or artificial light to hunt coyotes and from landowners to allow their authorized representatives to use night vision, infrared, or thermal imagery equipment without prior approval from a conservation agent to address damage caused by feral

The proposed regulations would allow landowners who own property of any size and their authorized representatives to possess, control, and use night vision, infrared, and thermal imagery equipment to kill feral hogs on the landowner's property while in possession of any implement where wildlife could be killed or taken. Landowners and their representative would be authorized to kill or take feral hogs using these methods without prior approval from a conservation agent throughout the year.

Additionally, the proposal allows properly licensed hunters to use artificial light, night vision, infrared, or thermal imagery equipment in conjunction with other legal hunting methods to pursue and take coyotes from Feb. 1 through March 31.

"MDC proposed this specific time frame to allow these methods for predator hunting based on several factors," explained MDC Deputy Director of Resource Management Mike Hubbard. "It's a time when most bucks have shed their antlers, which minimizes the threat of poaching. It also occurs after Jan. 31 when other furbearer seasons have closed, such as badger, bobcat, and fox."

MDC notes that property owners and their representatives can still use night vision, infrared, thermal imaging equipment, or artificial light to kill coyotes or other wildlife causing property damage at any time of the year with written authorization from a conservation agent.

The Missouri Conservation Commission gave initial approval to the proposed regulation changes during its May 28 meeting. As part of the rulemaking process, MDC is asking for public comment July 2 – 31 at https://short.mdc.mo.gov/ Z49. The Commission will then consider input received and make a final decision to approve, amend, or withdraw the changes during its Sept. 4 meeting. If approved, the anticipated effective date of the changes would be Nov. 30.

For more information on nuisance and problem species, visit the MDC website at https://short.mdc.mo.gov/Z5L.

Nursing homes receive federal funds

Senator Roy Blunt (Mo.), Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (Labor/HHS), today commended the Department of Health and Human Services' announcement that 502 skilled nursing facilities in Missouri will be receiving a total of nearly \$165.4 million in additional coronavirus relief funding.

"This is a scary time for older Americans, especially as they are separated from loved ones to help protect their health during this pandemic," said Blunt. "Nursing homes have faced a tremendously difficult and important task in trying to keep high-risk seniors safe. Those efforts will continue and we need to make sure they have the support they need. The funding announced today can be used for additional

personal protective equipment, testing capacity, staffing and more. I will continue working with the administration to give seniors and their families the peace of mind that we are doing everything we can to be sure they are getting the care they need."

As Labor/HHS chairman, Blunt worked to include a total of \$100 billion for hospitals and health care providers in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (CARES) Act and an additional \$75 billion in the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act.

Blunt previously announced that Missouri had received two funding allocations, \$618 million and \$175 million, for hospitals and health care providers to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Missouri 4-H'ers exceed food drive goal

4-H clubs across Missouri have raised nearly 300,000 meals to feed hungry families — far exceeding their 250,000-meal 4-H Feeding Missouri Food Drive goal for 2020

"Even in the midst of all the challenges around COV-ID-19, you stepped up," said Marshall Stewart, University of Missouri vice chancellor for extension and engagement. "You pulled together to inspire people in your community to continue to donate. And what an important cause this is — particularly this year, with every Missouri family and community impacted in some way by this pandemic."

The second annual 4-H Feeding Missouri food drive, in partnership with Missouri Farmers Care Drive to Feed Kids, ran Jan. 1 through April 30. Even with in-person local drives, fundraising, volunteer service, and education and outreach activities unexpectedly suspended due to COVID-19 for most of that time, 4-H clubs suc-

cessfully inspired donors to contribute.

The \$5 "Give a Hand" campaign in the drive's final weeks helped 4-H'ers raise the equivalent of 297,132 meals. The donations go directly to Feeding Missouri, a coalition of the state's six major food banks that provides hunger relief through a network of more than 1,600 community-based food programs in every county and the city of St. Louis.

"COVID-19 has impacted all of us in ways we never could have imagined. Thousands of Missouri families have been put out of work and now find themselves unable to make ends meet," said Scott Baker, Feeding Missouri state director, noting that some food banks have seen demand increase by as much as 100% during the COVID-19 response. "Because of you, many Missouri families who face the prospect of hunger for the first time now have food, but maybe even more importantly, they have hope."

At a virtual event celebrating the drive's successful end, Missouri 4-H Director Lupita Fabregas singled out Webster County for raising 61,391 meals, the most of any county. In recognition of their special effort, Webster County 4-H'ers will have an opportunity to participate in a leadership program later this year

"The most important part of this drive was the work you do to raise awareness across the state about this important issue," Fabregas said, urging 4-H'ers to keep working with their local food pantries and to support the Drive to Feed Kids campaign later this year.

Dan Cassidy, Drive to Feed Kids chair and chief administrative officer of the Missouri Farm Bureau, echoed that call: "One in five Missourians face hunger, and the needs of those who are food insecure are on the rise. But together we are making a difference."

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