

Couple wanted for crime spree in custody

Charlea Estes

A couple wanted for a three state crime spree are finally in police custody after the Barry County Sheriff's Department received multiple tips. Christopher Allen Blevins, 32, of Golden, and Mercedes Nichole Splichal, 24, of Golden, were taken into police custody on Wednesday, June 14, without incident despite Blevins' alleged threats of gunfire.

Last week on June 7, the Barry County Sheriff's Department posted on their Facebook page that Blevins was wanted for failure to appear on multiple charges in both Barry and Carroll County, Ark., and that he was driving a stolen water truck that belonged to Benton Washington Public Water. An update later said that Blevins had removed the water tank from the truck but was still driving it.

Probable cause statements spanning from May 2016 to present show the pair allegedly stole multiple vehicles and guns from Barry and Stone Counties, Madison County, Tennessee, and Carroll County, Arkansas.

The two weeks leading up to Blevins' and Splichal's arrests were filled with sightings from both the public and law enforcement

before their eventual capture. The Carroll County, Ark., Sheriff's Department reported that they had chased Blevins into Missouri but had lost him on Highway 86 near The Office Pub in Eagle Rock.

Area tipsters were providing information to officers about when and where they had seen Blevins and Splichal.

Barry County officers caught up with the duo on June 14 on Stallion Bluff Road outside of Shell Knob, but lost them. At that time, they were driving a stolen 2002 Chevrolet Silverado pickup with a Tennessee license plate, according to the affidavit.

Around 1 p.m., officers were dispatched to a location off of Farm Road 1240 where Blevins' allegedly knocked on a home's door and asked for help with a broken down truck while he was carrying a rifle. The residents told him they could not help him and he walked off.

When officers arrived at the scene, Blevins' was found pulling out of a driveway in a 2002 Dodge Caravan. Deputies pulled in behind the van and Blevins was taken into custody without incident.

According to the Barry County Sheriff's Department Facebook post,

Habitat ReStore moves to new location



Pictured above, from left to right, are, in the front row: Skyler Bowman, Stefanee Sanders, Niki Null, Delene Abbott, Sara Longley, Sharon Schacht, Carroll Ledenham and David Hermann. Back row: Raylene Hart, Laura Holycross, John Baty, Stacy Runnels, Wade Hermansen, Rachael Freeman and Devon Forsythe.

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The Habitat for Humanity ReStore has a new location for patrons to visit after over ten years on Cassville's Main Street. The ReStore employees and board members held a public grand opening on Thursday, June 15, as well as a ribbon cutting with the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce. The move was a good choice with ample parking and a better building for shoppers to peruse all the ReStore has to offer. The new location is at 900 West 10th Street in Cassville.

The ReStore manager Sharon Schacht said that the move was important mostly due to structural issues with the old building and the lack of parking. She said, "Flooding was obviously an issue. Every time it rained, the roof leaked, and there were a lot of repairs. There were structural issues; parking was an issue. We also want people to be able to get in and out easily."

The ReStore operates as a thrift store, but there are also building materials, appliances and other goods people would use in home repairs and building. Everything at the ReStore is donated.

From books to tools, home paint, trim, movies, books, housewares and furniture, there is a little something for anyone who visits and at a more reasonable rate than buying new.

Schacht said, "I think it provides a service to those who might not be able to afford things in a regular department store. We have a lot of furniture and household goods at much lower prices. It helps the folks on fixed income or maybe between jobs. It's also easier to make home repairs for less."

She added that the goods offered through the ReStore will be primarily the same at the new location. Schacht said, "Things are pretty much the same, but we won't be taking toys anymore. They aren't big selling items. Stuffed animals are still fine. Pretty much everything else is the same."

The funds raised through the ReStore go to support the local Habitat for Humanity, which builds

homes for people in need in the area. Currently, the Habitat is working on their sixth house.

The first ReStore was built in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1991. In the United States alone, there are more than 840 ReStores and the number internationally is growing. The mission of the stores is the same as the Habitat, "seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."

The hours for the ReStore are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. They also offer donation pick up opportunities by appointment. Currently pick ups are on Saturdays only. Call (417) 846-0110 to schedule a pick up.

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Barry County Fair this weekend

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This weekend marks the annual Barry County Fair. The location has changed, making the event more fun for the whole family.

On Saturday, June 24, the Barry County Fair will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Exeter Corn Maze. The venue change means there will be more activities, food and vendor booths for visitors to enjoy.

The livestock shows will feature beef, dairy, swine, goats, sheep, poultry and rabbits from area FFA and 4H members.

The event will kick off at 6 a.m. on June 24 with the Blue Ribbon Breakfast. Other food will be available throughout the day.

Vendor booths will be set up throughout the fair grounds, and for \$7, you can purchase an unlimited armband that will grant all-day access to various activities. The corn maze will have their pumpkin jump, shoot-out shack, zip line, cow train and more open the day for the fair.

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Charges result from alleged domestic assault

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A Cassville man was charged with domestic assault after allegedly choking his ex-girlfriend and mother of his child. James I. Yancey, 25, of Cassville, is charged with domestic assault in the second degree.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, Cassville Police were dispatched to the Cassville Heights apartments for a disturbance on June 15. When officers arrived, the victim told officers that she was in the bathroom with the door locked when Yancey broke into the bathroom with a butter knife. The victim said Yancey began choking her and holding her against the wall.

A witness said he heard the victim yelling for help and forced his way in the bathroom. The witness allegedly grabbed Yancey off of the victim and out of the bathroom.

The victim was transported to Mercy Hospital in Cassville for treatment of severe neck pain.

Yancey is currently being held in the Barry County Jail in lieu of a \$15,000 cash, corp. surety or 10 percent bond.

Soroptimist Club announces community volunteer awards



The Soroptimist Club of Barry County has awarded the annual Ruby Award to community volunteers Bertie Bailey and Bobby Tucker.

Both Bailey and Tucker were recognized during the club's monthly program meeting for their outstanding volunteer efforts in Barry County. Soroptimist will make a \$300 contribution to a local not-for-profit in honor of these women. Bailey and Tucker selected the Cassville R-IV Back Pack Program to receive these funds.

The Soroptimist Club of Barry County is a women's service organization committed to improving the lives of women and children in Barry County.

Pictured, from left to right, are: Bailey, Jill LeCompte, Soroptimist member and Ruby Award Committee Member, and Tucker.

Strafford man charged for meth delivery

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A Strafford man was arrested on methamphetamine charges after an investigation by the Barry County Sheriff's Department in Crane. Daryl E. Pickle, 56, of Strafford, is charged with delivery of a controlled substance.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, the Barry County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to a residence on Farm Road 2012 and Farm Road 1212 east of Missouri 39 for an intoxicated male walking in the area on June 16. When officers arrived, they made contact with subject. Officers reported smelling

methamphetamine, and one of the people interviewed said there were drugs in the residence.

After obtaining a search warrant, officers allegedly found a purple box with scales, small baggies, and white residue that field-tested positive for methamphetamine.

In other rooms, officers located a glass bong, syringes, other baggies and paraphernalia. No charges have been filed against the other residents at this time.

Pickle is being held in the Barry County jail in lieu of a \$15,000 cash, corp. surety or 10 percent bond.

Correction:
In last week's issue, the Cassville High School second semester honor roll was printed. Jarrod Wallace, a freshman, was omitted from the Principal's List, which is a GPA of 4.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

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Notice:

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

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

16th Annual School Readiness Fair is hosting sign-ups through July 7 for Pre-K through 12th grade who attend school in Barry County. For an appointment, call (417)847-2140.

June 22nd

Seligman Community Food Pantry will be on June 22 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the community center.

Pierce City Senior Center will host a dance on June 22 at 7 p.m. For information, call (417)476-5800.

Central Crossing Senior Center will be hosting Shell Knob Strings for lunch entertainment on June 22 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Old Church Gallery Farmers Market in Shell Knob will be open June 22 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. For information, call (417) 858-2510.

June 23rd

Clio Community Building will host music on June 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Roaring River State Park will host bluegrass music on June 23 at 7 p.m. at the amphitheater.

Stella Senior Center will host a dance on June 23 at 5:30 p.m.

June 24th

Annual Butterfield Street Fair and Car Show will be June 24 at 10 a.m. For information, call (417)442-3684.

Eagle Rock Fire Department will host a breakfast on June 24 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Washburn Area Chamber of Commerce will host an art and craft fair and a bluegrass band on June 24 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The event will be in downtown Washburn. For information, call (479)295-4634.

Purdy Alumni Association will hold their annual meeting on June 24 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Russell Cemetery will have a business meeting on June 24 at 9 a.m. at the cemetery.

Seligman Chamber will host a dance on June 24 at 7 p.m. For information, call (417)662-3612.

June 25th

Free Meal will be served at the Seligman Community Center June 25 at 3 p.m.

Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church will host a 70th anniversary celebration on June 25 at 11 a.m. For information, call (417)846-5941.

Roaring River Campers Church will meet June 25 at the amphitheater at 9 a.m.

Bennett -Fly Reunion will be June 25 at the Monett Senior Center. A basket dinner will be served at noon. For information, call (417)442-3544.

47th Annual Mitchell, Fletcher, Morgan Reunion will be June 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Monett City Park. Please bring a covered dish.

June 26th

Central Crossing Senior Center will host Nell's Nails on June 26. For an appointment, call (417)858-6952.

The Eagle Rock Library will host "Magic and Ventriloquism" on June 26 at 3:30 p.m. with Rusty Pliers.

June 28th

Central Crossing Senior Center will host a presentation on hydration on June 28 at 11:45 a.m.

Central Crossing Senior Center will host a WIC clinic on June 28. For an appointment, call (417)847-2114.

Eagle Rock Farmers Market will be hosting a garden and craft tool swap meet along with market on June 28 at 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the community building.

July 1st

Eagle Rock Community Association will host a free concert on July 1 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the community building.

July 3rd

Monett Senior Center will host a dance on July 3 at the park casino at 7 p.m.

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Cleansing rain helps wheat after flood

Wheat flooded before harvest brings questions from affected farmers. What do they do now?

University of Missouri Extension field crops specialists said, “Wait and see.” During a weekly teleconference, field staff answered questions from farmers.

Dirty or even mud-caked wheat could benefit from more rain. The forecast for many parts the state includes rain.

“See if rain washes away the soil,” said Greg Luce, MU Extension agronomy specialist. “Not much can be done until we see how wheat develops.”

Some farmers asked about making forage out of the sodden grain crop.

“Most wheat is at an in-between stage for hay or silage,” said Craig Roberts, MU Extension forage specialist. Best forage from wheat comes before seed heads start to form or after the grain fills the seed heads.

Early wheat leaves still contain carbohydrates, which make good feed. Later, the nutrients move from leaves to

seeds. “In between, you have low-quality stems,” Roberts said.

After seed set, wheat can be considered for grain harvest. Or it can be cut for forage.

The consensus was to not rush to harvest early.

Roberts said he’s concerned about making silage from plants carrying lots of soil microorganisms.

“Some soil organisms, such as listeria, are harmful,” Roberts said. “These are common problems in some areas.”

Making haylage or baleage—storing wet forage in plastic bags—might not be the best answer, Roberts said.

Even after a flood of rain, a cleansing rain will be welcomed.



David and Carol Griffin, of Washburn, are pleased to announce the wedding of their son, Brian Griffin, to Halie Schmidt, daughter of Nick and Suzi Howe, of Antioch, Calif., welcomed by April Brooks, of Washburn, sister of Brian. The wedding took place on May 5, 2017, Hanalei, Hawaii. Brian, a graduate of Exeter High School, is a manager and Halie Griffin is a public relations professional. They reside in Seal Beach, Calif.

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60043616	This charming home is 3Bd 3Ba. Comes with a shop building. Home has granite counters, kitchen appliances, living & family room, wood flooring, a balcony, newer septic.	\$99,900
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Cassville Rotary Club members served up sodas at the pop shack during the rodeo. Pictured above, from left to right: Andrew Peters, Maddock Roark, Caleb Buntin, Eli Roark and Chad Johnson.

Two air lifted from Shell Knob wreck

Charlea Estes

Two people had to be air lifted after a roll over crash near Shell Knob. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, the driver and passenger were seriously injured as a result of the wreck.

Sheridan Ponder, 20, of Aurora, was driving a 2001 Chevrolet truck southbound on Highway 39 two miles north of Shell Knob on Sunday, June 18. At 4:50 p.m., Ponder left the roadway and struck the guardrail. The truck then overturned.

Ponder sustained serious injuries from the crash, as did his passenger Breanna D. Briggs, 19, of Rogersville. Both were air lifted from the scene and taken to Mercy Hospital in Springfield. Ponder was not wearing a seat belt, Briggs was.

The truck was totaled and towed from the scene by Table Rock Auto Clinic.



Kids raced up and down the grounds during the ever-popular calf scramble at the rodeo on Friday night. Lucky winners received cash for the rodeo-favorite event.

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Reward offered for stolen pistol with a history

Cassville Speech and Debate members go to Nationals

Charlea Estes

Back 60 years ago, a chance meeting resulted in a gun purchase and an interesting story. Gerald Fletcher, of Cassville, came upon two guns, a shotgun and a pistol, from a man who, unfortunately, would never return from Vietnam. On June 7, someone stole one of those guns, and Fletcher is trying to get it back.

Back in the late 1950's, Fletcher was working for Nabisco. While out calling on grocery stores, he met a young man. "The clerk came up to me at this store and was asking me if I would buy a couple of guns from him. I told him that I wasn't interested, and that I didn't have any need for guns," Fletcher recalled. The young man continued on anyway.

"Then he told me he was heading for Vietnam and needed to clear up some bills before he left. So I told him, 'I'll buy the guns for your price and I'll keep them. Then when you get back, look me up and I'll sell them back to you for the same price I paid,'" Fletcher said.

But he was killed in Vietnam and i've had them ever since."

The story behind the shotgun and pistol Fletcher bought from that young back almost 60 years ago is why he has held on to them all of the years since.

He gave the shotgun to his son. "My son kept the shotgun, and he knew he was never to sell it or get rid of it. But I wanted to have the pistol redone."

Fletcher had recently had the pistol returned after the work was completed on it. "I was fixing to take it and give it to my son, as well. But then it was stolen," he said.

Fletcher and his wife, Mary Jo, own and operate the Ole Home Place flea market on Main Street in Cassville. On June 7, Fletcher started talking to a man in the store who was a gun collector. Fletcher said, "So I decided I would show him the one I have."

Fletcher and the man went out to Fletcher's Cadillac and he showed him the USA-made 9-shot revolver. Then sometime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., someone stole the pistol.

Fletcher said, "Someone had to see him showing it to him. We didn't see anyone around when we were out there looking at it, but I immediately called the police."

He added, "Whoever took it, they had to know it was there because it was under a hat and you couldn't see it."

So far, no information has popped up to get Fletcher the gun back. He said, "I'd never even fired the gun, but it had special meaning to me."

In hopes of getting the revolver back, he is offering \$500 for the return of the gun or a tip leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person or persons who stole it.

The gun was stolen from the front seat of a Cadillac in the Ole Home Place parking lot at 100 Main Street in Cassville on June 7 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

If you have any information regarding the theft, contact the Cassville Police Department at (417) 847-4700 or call through dispatch at (417) 847-4911.



Cassville Speech and Debate competes at Nationals in Birmingham, Alabama, this week. Qualifying in this tournament puts them in the top 3 percent in the nation in their individual events. Pictured above, from left to right: Jake Whitham, in dramatic interpretation; Olivia Padilla, congress senator; Levi Hodge, congress representative; and Tempest Gray, program and oral interpretation.

Roney named to C of O President's List

Kelsey Roney, of Cassville, was named to the College of the Ozarks Spring 2017 President's List.

Roney is a Cassville R-IV High School graduate.

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MAXINE RUTH CRIDER

Maxine Ruth Crider, 96, of Exeter, passed away Saturday, June 17, 2017, at her home.

She was born July 29, 1920, in Gravette, Ark., the daughter of John and Effie (Rawley) Slagle. In 1939, she was united in marriage to James Arthur "Art" Crider, who preceded her in death on January 26, 1964. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one son, James Crider; two brothers; and five sisters.

Surviving are one son, Steve Crider and his wife, Linda, of Washburn; four daughters, Glenna Wilhite, Rama Jo Coffey and Karen

Garrett, all of Ridgley, and Ronda Raynor and her husband, Gary, of Jenkins; sixteen grandchildren; forty great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Maxine moved from Arkansas to Ridgley at the age of four. She received her education at Ridgley and Wheaton. She was a homemaker and also worked at the garment factory for a while. Some of her favorite pastimes were gardening and raising flowers.

She was a member of Ridgley Baptist Church where services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 22, 2017, under direction of McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Burial will be in Leann Cemetery at Leann.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., today, Wednesday at Ridgley Baptist Church.

Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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OBITUARIES



JOHN RAY EASLEY

John Ray Easley, 52, of Eagle Rock, was born April 28, 1965, in Eureka Springs, Ark., son of Ray and Opal (Cash) Easley. He departed this life Tuesday, June 20, 2017, in Eagle Rock.

On April 5, 1986, he was united in marriage with Gina Marie (Myers) Easley, who survives him. He is also survived by two daughters, Nichole Easley of Carl Junction. and Jessica Easley and husband, Keith "Boogie", of Eagle Rock; three sisters, Linda Davenport of Shell Knob; Georgia Whiteley and husband, Jim of Huntsville, Ark., and Peggy Easley, of

Eagle Rock; grandson, Bobby Drezinski of Carl Junction; granddaughter, Abigail Drezinski of Eagle Rock; aunt, Emma Joyce Cash of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; ten nieces and nephews, eighteen great nieces and nephews, a multitude of other relatives, friends and loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Opal (Cash) Easley, and brother-in-law, Kirk Davenport.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 23, 2017, at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel, Berryville, Arkansas. Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 24, 2017, at the Lighthouse Full Gospel Church, Eagle Rock, with Pastors Jim Clay and Jody Ray officiating. Interment will follow the service in the Oak Hill Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2017



GEORGE FROST STUMPPF

George Frost Stumpff, 85, of 206 W. Greer St., husband of Mary Lou Stumpff, died Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at Rainey Hospice House.

Born in Barry County, he was a son of the late Monroe Melvin and Clarice Hazel Frost Stumpff. He was a member of the Upstate Church of Christ of Anderson and was a U.S. Army Veteran of 23 years, having served in the Vietnam War as a pilot. Later in life, he worked as a funeral director, working with Skip White at Williamson Funeral Home in Cassville.

Mr. Stumpff is survived by three sons, David Lynn Stumpff (Debra Wilder Stumpff), of Anderson, Stephen Glenn Stumpff, of Warner Robbins, Ga., and James Owen Stumpff (Amy Tyner Stumpff), of Honea Path; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by a sister, Dorothy Bouchard.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 18, 2017, at Clio Cemetery, Jenkins.



MARK T. KOBLACK

Mark T. Koblack, 61, of Wheaton, passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at his residence. Mr. Koblack, son of Edward and Barbara Koblack, was born on December 9, 1956, in Chicago, Ill. He was a member of the Teamsters Union in Chicago while working in construction. Mr. Koblack loved watching movies, spending time with his grandchildren, and being outdoors. He especially loved the night time sky in southwest Missouri, and star gazing for hours since they had no stars in the skies of Chicago.

Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Koblack, of Exeter, Sara Ann Redeagle, of Virginia Beach, Va., and Jamie Koblack, of Crown Point, Ind.; five grandchildren; and one very special friend, Annamae Ellstrom, of Wheaton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Koblack.

A private family burial will be held at a later date.

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

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EARL LEE SCOTT

Earl Lee Scott, 87, of Brownsville, Texas, passed away on May 26, 2017, at the Brownsville Nursing Center. Earl was born July 22, 1929, in Stott City, the son of Winfield Orville Scott and Addie May, also known as Maida, (Porter) Scott. Preceding him in death were his parents and four brothers, Porter John, George Marvin, Jewel Franklin, known as Little Mac, and James Clinton. Earl was a member of the Brownsville Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Olga (Lopez-Parra); three sons, Steven and his wife, Dacy, of California; Gerardo “Beto”, and Lonnie and his wife, Virginia, all three of Brownsville, Texas; two daughters, Teresa Scott and her beloved, Paul, both of California, and Monica Blount and her husband, Alan, of Harlingen, Texas; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Winfield Scott and his wife, Jean, of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Mary Norman, of Cassville, and Carol Theriac and her husband, Glenn, of Houston, Texas; and a large extended family of

nieces, nephews and cousins.

Earl graduated from Brownsville High School. He received a football scholarship from Monterrey University in Monterrey Mexico where he played for one season. Earl enlisted in the US Navy in 1950 upon the onset of the Korean War and was stationed in San Diego, Calif. While Earl was overseas, he saw action during his service aboard the USS Juneau and the USS Tucker. In 1953, Earl was honorably discharged. Earl owned and operated the Montgomery Ward store in Monett. He was also a salesman for Fulton Sanitation in Rogers, Ark., before finally returning to Brownsville, Texas.

A memorial service was held for Earl on June 10, 2017, at the Sunset Memorial Funeral Home will full military honors provided by the local VFW Post 2035 of Brownsville.



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Purdy FFA members attend leadership workshop



The 2017-2018 Purdy FFA officer team recently attended a leadership workshop, hosted by Crowder College in Neosho. The workshop consisted of many lessons for the officers, such as time management, team building, planning events, and different strategies to grow their chapter. Participants are pictured from left to right: Tyler Keeler, Randy Schad, Kyler Propps, Cailyn Spears, Casey Ellison, Emma Mareth, Mikey Schad, Brendan Reynolds and Mason Schallert.

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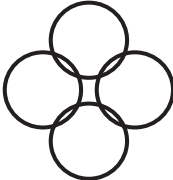
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Hospice Compassus ranked in top three programs

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The program, known as Tri-Lakes, outperformed more than 93 other Compassus programs throughout the U.S. in six Pillars of Success evaluation categories that include regulatory compliance, colleagues and culture, quality care, ser-

vice excellence, expanding access to services and fiscal responsibility.

Compassus established its Pillars of Success to give the company's community-based programs a common service vision based on measurable goals that continually lead to improving the quality of care for patients and their families.

"This honor is a credit to the outstanding leadership and tireless work of all members of the Compassus - Tri-Lakes team," said Mark Costley, M.D.,

who serves as the program's medical director. "We are gratified by this affirmation of our continuous efforts to meet the medical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their families through the delivery of superior quality end-of-life care."

"Compassus, which is one of the largest post-acute providers in the U.S., continues to set the standard of excellence not only for our sister programs but for all providers of hospice, palliative and home

health care," said Janet Gard, executive director of the Compassus - Tri-Lakes program. "I am exceptionally proud of the positive impact our colleagues make every day in the lives of our patients and families."

For more information about Compassus - Tri-Lakes, please visit compassus.com/monett or call (417) 635-5063.

About Compassus

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Cassville and Monett alumni set to brawl on Saturday

Lee Stubblefield

Football alums from Cassville and Monett will battle this Saturday in a summer edition of the Barry County Brawl. It's a chiropractor's dream: two opposing squads of older players, many of whom have not glimpsed football pads since the end of their high school careers.

But for these players, the opportunity to wear their varsity uniform once more is

just too good to pass up.

"We will have three brothers all playing together," reported Doug Edwards, the Cassville coach, "and we will have a father-son duo playing side by side in the line."

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at Burl Fowler Stadium in Monett. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-11, 5 and under get in free,

ARROWS PLAN MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY

Lee Stubblefield

When last Saturday's home game against the Midwest Nationals was postponed by rain, the Cassville Arrows immediately began planning for this Friday's contest. The Arrows will host the Joplin Outlaws at Wildcat Field beginning at 7 p.m.

Following the game, the Arrows will present Kids Free Movie Night on the field, featuring the classic baseball flick "The Sandlot."

The movie will be shown on the outfield fence. Parents and kids are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets or whatever for comfortable seating and enjoy the movie.

Local runners kick off summer road racing season

Lee Stubblefield

"It was so hilly. I thought I was running at race pace but my watch said otherwise," said Leah Treadwell after finishing the Joplin Memorial Half Marathon.

Five area ladies braved the streets of Joplin on Saturday, May 20, for the annual Joplin Memorial races. Sponsored by Freeman Hospital, races are contested at the 5K, half marathon and marathon distances.

The half marathon saw 623 runners cross the finish line. Kayla Ragsdale led the Barry County group, finishing in 1:58:51. She was 5th in the F30-34 division. Kelsey Fields ran 2:08:40, followed by Treadwell in 2:09:37. Hannah Hendrix ran a 2:35:55, and Victoria Lecompte finished in 2:54:54.

Josie Stubblefield claimed

medals at both the Running of the Squirrels 5K in Marionville back on April 22 and the One Sole Purpose 5K in Springfield on May 6. She sprinted past Julia Witt, of Halltown, to snag the 3rd-place age-group award at Marionville, then won the 50-54 division at Springfield in 29:00.93.

The Bubba's Fight For Burns races in Clever went off on Saturday, May 27. I claimed the overall award in a lightly-attended 10K race, running 46:16. It was an old guys reunion. Four of the top seven 10K men were 60 and older.

Focus races in the coming weeks include the Run for a Vet 5K and half marathon in Branson on June 10, the Sertoma Duck Waddle 5K in Ozark on June 24, the Firecracker 5000 and 10K



TREADWELL

in Branson on July 4, the Red White and Boom 5K in Carthage on July 4, and the Sweatfest 2 mile and 10 mile races in Strafford on July 8.

Cassville Arrows to hold Youth Summer Camp

The Cassville Arrows baseball club will host a one-day only summer youth camp. The camp will be held on Saturday, July 8, at the Cassville High School baseball field. The camp will be geared to those 6 to 14-years old.

The camp will include three hours of instruction on fundamentals of hitting, throwing, fielding and base running with collegiate coaches and players. Camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per player

which will include a Cassville Arrows camp shirt for those who register before the June 30 deadline.

Any registration turned in after the deadline is not guaranteed a camp shirt. Both the camper and a parent must sign a release form.

For more information, contact Coach Trent at 417-365-1921.

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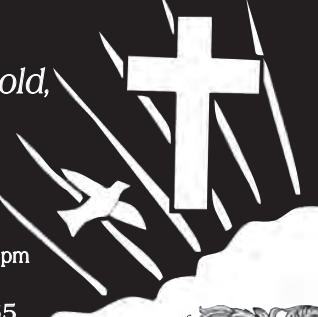
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CAPTURE from FRONT

Blevins had made comments that he would not go back to prison and would “go out in a blaze of gunfire.” Blevins was in possession of a .357 Ruger revolver on his hip in a holster and a single shot .44 rifle in the front seat of the van. The revolver had been reported stolen from Seligman. Blevins also had suspected methamphetamine in his pocket. This rock was sent to the state crime lab for testing.

Blevins told officers that Splichal was waiting for him to steal a vehicle and pick her up in the Piney Creek Wilderness area. Officers took Splichal into custody without incident, as well. She was armed with a .22 semi automatic rifle, according to the Barry County Sheriff’s Department press release.

Once in custody, officers questioned Blevins on his motives and about a variety of accusations. Blevins

reportedly told officers that he knew they would be in trouble, so they had nothing to lose. Officers also said he told them he never intended to hurt anyone, but they were using lots of dope, and they didn’t care.

Officers were able to locate the truck stolen from Brownsville, Tenn., in the Piney Creek Wilderness where Blevins reported it to be. Brownsville police also were able to find a truck stolen from Seligman. Other vehicles were stolen from Barry and Stone Counties, as well as personal property and weapons.

Blevins and Splichal are currently being held in the Barry County Jail on a slew of charges. Each have their bond set at \$30,000 cash-only.

In Barry County, Blevins is charged with two counts of tampering with a motor vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, stealing a firearm, unlawful

use of drug paraphernalia, burglary in the second degree, and theft of \$500 to \$25,000, Blevins is also charged with two counts of receiving stolen property in Stone County.

In Barry County, Splichal is charged with tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree and stealing a firearm. Splichal is charged with tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree in Stone County.

According to information provided by the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office, Blevins is facing charges for terroristic threatening, criminal mischief, theft of property, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and theft by receiving in Arkansas.

The Barry County Sheriff’s Department press release stated additional charges from multiple jurisdictions are expected to follow.

Cyclists pass through Cassville on Trail of Tears ride



Twenty cyclists are participating in 2017 Remember the Removal Bike Ride passed through Cassville on Tuesday, June 20, as part of a 950 mile journey taking the northern route of the Trail of Tears. The group gathered in the Pizza Hut parking lot on Tuesday morning before heading toward Fayetteville, Ark.

The group began in New Echota, Georgia, and will conclude in Tahlequah, Okla., on June 22.

Eagle Rock Library events

- The Eagle Rock Library will be hosting “Magic and Ventriloquism” with Rusty Pliers at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, June 26. This program is open to all ages and is free to attend.
- There will be no Summer Reading Program the week of July 4. The library encourages all to have a fun and safe holiday. For any questions about programs, feel free to contact the Library at (417) 271-3186.
- The Eagle Rock Farmer’s Market will be hosting a garden and craft tool swap meet during their market time on Wednesday, June 28. The Farmer’s Market is open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Wednesday and is always open to new vendors. Currently at the market are: tomatoes, onions, garlic, lettuce, blackberries, cedar crafts and homemade baked goods. The market is located

on Highway 86 at the Eagle Rock Community Center.

- On July 1, the Eagle Rock Community Association will be holding a free concert by “Bob Roper’s Horse Thieves.” The concert will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m featuring old three cord country. Bring lawn chairs and get ready for a fun evening.

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Soroptomist Club hands out grant funds



Pictured above, from left to right, in the front row: Michele Hovland and Charlie Melton-Hovland, of Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp. Back row: Janet Mills, of the Cassville Community Food Pantry; Trinity Hartin, of Barry County Youth Camp; Cindy Puryear, of Recovery Resources; Jill LeCompte, of Cassville R-IV Schools Bright Futures Program; Ken Ortman, of LUC Boys Ranch; Marlene Whitham, of Kornerstone; Jaynee Langley, of Kornerstone; and Kasey Crawford, of the Soroptomist Club.

On Thursday, June 8, the Barry County Soroptomist Club awarded the following groups with donations to apply to their programs from the Dreams in Action funds:

- Cassville R- IV Schools Bright Futures Program with Jill LeCompte, \$300;
- LUC Boys Ranch with Ken Ortman, \$600;

- Recovery Resources with Cindy Puryear, \$600;
- Kornerstone with Marlene Whitham and Jaynee Langley, \$600;
- Kids of Our Heros – Michele Hovland and Charley Melton–Hovland, \$600;
- Community Food Pantry – Janet Mills, pantry donation items;
- Barry County Youth

Camp – Trinity Hartin, \$600.
 Any interested non-profit organization in need of grant funding, please contact the Barry County Soroptomist Club by mailing your request to P.O. Box 373. Applications will be available in October, with a deadline in January. For additional informa-

tion, please contact club president Debbie Gerleve at (417) 847-4794.

Barry County Assessor announces valuation increase

Sherry L. Smith, Barry County Assessor, would like to inform property owners of a State Mandated valuation increase, effective for the 2017 taxing year.
 The State's county wide statistical review of property values reflected that Barry County was not at market value for real property, and in addition, noted that there had not been a valuation increase in Barry County for 11 years. The Barry County Assessor's Office is required by the Missouri State Tax Commission to mail a notice when a property owners real valuation increases. These notices are scheduled to be mailed out within the next week. If you receive a notice, it will be due to either new improvements constructed on the property or due to the State Mandated county-wide review of property values.
 The Assessor's office is located in the historical courthouse on the square. The phone number is (417) 847-4589 and office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. should you have questions or concerns.

Barry County Health Board vacancy

The Barry County Commission is announcing a vacancy on the Barry County Health Department Board due to the passing of Rocky Mills. The person that will be appointed will serve until the next General Municipal Election, held in April 2018.
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Southwest FFA Chapter held their banquet April 27, 2017. The Chapter banquet recognizes students for their achievements throughout the year. The FFA chapter awarded 61 proficiency awards. Star Discovery was given to Ty Howard, Star Greenhand was given to Leland Colf, and Star Chapter Farmer was given to Jacey Ball. This year, Southwest FFA had 14 recipients for the Area Degree. This year's recipients were: Paton Clay, Deven Resz, Landon Wright, Hannah Outhouse, Sam Owens, Caity Blevins, Hailey Benninger, Jay Fields, Adam Ramirez, Emmitt Mucksick, Lane Morgan, Evan Still, Frankie Benton, and Jackayla Bruno. The FFA chapter State Degrees went to: Sydney De-

lossantos, Michael Banks, Morgan Mitchell, JR Henry, and Kendra Hayworth. Each year, Southwest FFA gives out prestigious senior awards. This year's awards were as follows: the FFA Senior Pride award was given to Sarah Catron. The outstanding achievement award for four year seniors went to Michael Banks, Sarah Catron, Payton Clay, Sydney Delossantos, Cody Durossette, Kendra Hayworth, Morgan Mitchell, Devon Resz, Landon Wright, and JR Henry. The Outstanding Senior award was given to Kendra Hayworth. This year's Workhorse award was given to Sydney Delossantos. The Dekalb Award went to JR Henry.

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The managed deer hunt application period is July 1 - 31. Hunters are selected by a weighted random drawing. Draw results will be available Sept. 1 through Jan. 15. Applicants who are drawn will

receive area maps and other hunt information by mail.

Get more information on managed deer hunts, preview hunt details, and apply starting July 1 at mdc.mo.gov/managedhunt.

Details about managed hunts can also be found in MDC's "2017 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and

Information" booklet available starting in early July at MDC offices and nature centers, from permit vendors around the state, and online at mdc.mo.gov.

Cassville Library events

- A preschool story time will be held Thursday, June 22, at 10 a.m. with a construction theme.
- Wild Heart will be performing at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 22. All ages are welcome to attend this Summer Program. The Emmy award-winning duo Jan and George Syrgos bring "the heart of the wild to the heart of the child."
- Despite the Falling Snow will be the Monday Movie Matinee feature showing on June 26 starting at 1:30 p.m. Rated PG-13, it is the story of a female spy in Cold War Russia.
- There will be a teen book club on Tuesday, June 27, at 2 p.m. Ages 13-18 are urged to attend this organizational meeting. Snacks will be served.
- The Cassville LEGO Club will hold a summer program on Thursday, June 29, at 3:30 p.m. Important: you must be registered in the 2017 Summer Reading Program to participate in this special event. Space is limited. Call (417) 847-2121 for more information.
- Get creative at your library. Crochet is held each Friday at 10:30 a.m. and sewing and crafting each Wednesday at 1 p.m.
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During the 147th commencement ceremonies, William Woods conferred 840 degrees, including 243 undergraduate and 597 graduate students. They earned degrees including: associate of applied arts, bachelor of arts, bachelor of fine arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of social work, master of business administration, master of education, education specialist in administration, and doctorate in educational leadership.

Award-winning country music star and New York Times best-selling author, Jimmy Wayne, spoke at the undergraduate ceremony in the morning, while Dr. Sherri Thomas, a William Woods alumna and principal of the Lewis and Clark Middle School in Jefferson City, spoke to the graduate students in the afternoon.

Road construction will affect local state routes

Seven state routes, in Barry, Jasper, Newton, Stone, Barton, Christian, Taney and Lawrence counties, are scheduled to be sealed with a mixture of rock and oil beginning the week of July 1, the Missouri Department of Transportation said.

Here's a look at the locations and the tentative schedule:

- Missouri Route 86 in Stone County from Route 13 in Blue Eye east approximately 12 miles to the roundabout at Big Cedar Lodge in Taney County – mid July
- Missouri Route 86 beginning at the Barry/Stone county line east approximately 10 miles to Missouri Route 13 in Stone County – late July
- Missouri Route 265 in Stone County from Route 76 in Reeds Spring approximately 13 miles to near Chateau on the Lake in Branson – late July
- Missouri Route 265 in Lawrence County from U.S. Route 60 in Marionville approximately 31 miles to

Branson West – late July

- Missouri Route 413 in Christian County from U.S. Route 60 near Billings south approximately four miles to Missouri Route 265 – early August
- Business Route 37 in Barry County from Missouri Route 37 to 5th Street in Cassville – early August
- Newton County Route NN at Reddings Mill south approximately 11 miles to Kapok Drive – mid August
- Missouri Route 86 in Newton County from the roundabout at East 50th Street in Joplin south approximately one mile to Broad Lawn Circle – mid August
- Missouri Route 43 in Jasper County from the roundabout at Missouri Route 96 north approximately 14 miles to Missouri Route 126 in Barton County – late August
- Missouri Route 126 in Barton County from the Missouri/Kansas state line approximately 30 miles east to U.S. Route 160 at Golden City – late August.

Weather and/or construction

delays could alter the work schedule.

Drivers can expect one-lane traffic with flaggers and pilot vehicles directing them through the work zone. Traffic could be stopped for several minutes. Delays are expected.

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Central Crossing's library matriarch honored



On Wednesday, May 17, Sharon Clute received special recognition for her tireless efforts invested in creating and organizing the Recreational Library at Shell Knob's Central Crossing Senior Center. What was once no more than an over-sized closet with a few paperbacks has now become a dedicated room where seniors can sit back and enjoy a current best seller or maybe a book on tape surrounded by the comforts of home. Her tireless efforts were apparent to anyone who has ever checked out a book at the center. The titles are ever changing as Sharon takes pride in providing fairly new titles for her patrons to enjoy.

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Missouri boat operators found to have a blood alcohol content of .08% or greater will be arrested for boating while intoxicated. Intoxicated boat operators endanger themselves, their passengers, and other boaters utilizing our many waterways.

"Missouri is blessed with a variety of water-related recreation opportunities," said Col. Karsten. "Floating, swimming, and boating activities should be fun, safe experiences. When your family or friends plan a water outing, make sure safety is part of the discussion. Life jackets save lives. Consuming alcohol and then operating a vessel puts lives at risk. The Missouri State Highway Patrol joins its Operation Dry Water partners in stressing the importance of being sober when in and around water. Please don't operate a vessel if you've consumed alcohol."

Last year, 538 local, state, and federal agencies participated in a weekend long event of heightened BWI enforce-

ment known as Operation Dry Water. Officers removed 367 intoxicated boat operators from the water. In addition, law enforcement officers made contact with over 131,054 boaters concerning BWI or boating safety enforcement and awareness. United States Coast Guard 2015 data reveals that alcohol use remains the primary known contributing factor for recreational boater deaths.

In 2016, troopers arrested a total of 11 people statewide for boating while intoxi-

cated, contacted 661 vessels and 2,000 boaters, and issued 114 boating violation summonses and 613 warnings on Missouri waterways. Marine operations troopers also issued 176 summonses for non-boating violations during the 2016 Operation Dry Water weekend. Special enforcement operations will continue throughout the summer months. Boaters are reminded that designating a sober operator is always the safest bet if alcohol is going to be included in their boating experience.

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Cassville Alumni Association holds annual banquet

The Cassville School's Alumni Association held its annual banquet on May 27 at the Cassville High School commons area. President Jill LeCompte welcomed the attendees, Carolyn Bowen led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Dr. Richard Asbill gave the invocation. The meal was prepared by John Sullivan. Members in attendance were as follows:

Jim Bower 1956, Mona Watson Bower 1957, Michael LeCompte 1983, Jill Holman LeCompte 1984, John Sullivan ,1967, Janet Peterson Sullivan, 1970, Mae Bell Foster Lund 1967, Charles Majors 1955, Tom Farwell 1957, Mary Snider Farwell 1965, Edna Meryl Painter 1948, Judy East Homesley 1955, Jerry Nickle 1962, Louise Blankenship Nickle 1963, Joe Fisher 1955, Sophia Leneaux Bickford 1960, Linda Wilson Phillips 1965, Norman Phillips, Jerry Crowe 1954, Ann Koon Crowe 1963, Wilma Swanson Ball 1947, Don Myers 1952, Glenda Myers, Eddie Dummit 1960, Judy Wolf 1961, Jimmie Joe Taylor

1955, Rowena Wiley Hutchens 1952, Carol Hutchens 1952, Spiz Stephens 1952, Linda Hall Brock 1967, Harold Brock 1967, Barbara Bickford Donaldson 1977, Gary Easley 1957, Janice Baker Easley 1957, Sydney Ash 1963, Linda Ash, Eugene Sliger 1963, Larue Slinkard Lyall 1970, Jerry Lyall 1967, Donnie Elliott 1967, Donna Elliott, Don Beeson 1947, Margaret Besson, Kenny House 1957, Carol England House 1958, Jackie Beatie Hendrix 1978, Wayne Hendrix, Bailey Hendrix 2017, Angeline Williams Roland 1940, Judie Edmonson Harvey 1962, Allene Stubblefield Brock 1952, Calvin Holman 1947, Del Holman, Glen Craig 1952, Gary Wallace 1979, Kandace Wallace 2017, Ron Vison 1967, Kaylyn Bryant 2017, Joel Bryant 1988, Kristie Stringer Bryant 1986, Carolyn Cox Bowen 1960, Donald Bowen 1958, Rick Madison 1975 and Carolyn Madison.

The oldest female graduate was Angeline Williams Roland from the class of 1940

and the oldest male graduate was Calvin Holman from the class of 1947. These two received Cassville football t-shirts. The class of 1967 had the greatest number of classmates in attendance. These all received Cassville schools lapel pin. Three 2017 graduates each received \$500.00 scholarships from the alumni association. Kaylyn Bryant, Bailey Hendrix and Kandace Wallace each gave a brief synopsis of their educational plans as well as thanking the association for selecting them as winners. Dr. Asbill spoke about the renovations at the intermediate building and the addition of the senior recognition tribute outside of the J.C. Duncan Gymnasium. Officers for 2018 were nominated from the floor and were elected as follows: President Desiree Corn (2002), Vice President Kay Baker (1963), and Secretary/Treasurer Shari Rhea (1986). The 2018 Cassville Schools annual banquet will be held on May 26th at the high school.

Dairy cow heat stress has years-long impact



Dairymen from across the state gathered under the newly constructed dry cow facility at Martin Dairy in Humansville for a Missouri Dairy Industry Alliance Field day titled, “Managing Missouri’s Heat Stress.”

Humidity has started to creep up on us as summer heat begins to set in. A group of dairymen gathered under a newly constructed dry cow facility at Martin’s dairy in Humansville for Missouri Dairy Industry Alliance (MDIA) field day in early June to discuss reasons to manage Missouri’s heat stress and solutions they can implement right away.

Experienced dairymen would tell us that when the cows aren’t comfortable and cool, a decline in milk in the

tank starts to creep in. Unfortunately, it is not rare for the vulnerable herds to experience 10-20 percent decline in milk production during the hottest of times.

That’s not the whole story. Research recently released from the University of Florida helped paint a picture of the long-term impact of heat stress. They focused on the dry cow.

A question many never thought to ask, “What happens to the calf inside the heat

stressed dry cow?”

Looking at five years’ worth of data, cows during their 46 day dry period who were provided access to shade (heat stressed) were compared to cows provided shade, sprinklers and fans (cooled). The average summertime temperature, 75°F.

They found this vulnerable developing heifer calf inside the heat stressed dam was:

4.1x more likely to be delivered stillborn

Ten pounds lighter at birth

Lower weaning weight

More likely to be culled, because of comprised immunity and deformities

Require more services to become pregnant (2.0 vs 2.5)

Once a cow – will produce on average 11.2 lbs/head/day less than her cooled counterparts throughout the first 245 days of lactation

In addition to losing the milk production immediately from the heat stressed dam, the dairy is hit with a double whammy – her heifer produces less too, two years later!

Perhaps the most concerning part of this data is the researchers expect a phenomenon called fetal programming is to blame for the decline in performance between the heat stressed calf and the cooled. This means, the DNA of the calf born from a dam who was heat stressed is permanently changed to be metabolically different from her cooled peers.

It’s time to take control of your herd’s heat stress. There are very few scenarios where the return doesn’t pay back the investment rapidly when using a model that only looks at the milk loss on the year of heat stress. Adding in the impact on the unborn fetus, heat stress is beginning to compete as one of the most costly issues in the dairy industry.

The University of Missouri – Extension is your one-stop source for practical education on almost anything. To learn more about dairy cattle heat stress effects and abatement, visit: dairy.missouri.edu/stress or contact your local University of Missouri-Extension dairy specialist Reagan Bluel at (417) 847-3161, BluelRJ@missouri.edu or Ted Probert at (417) 547-7545, ProbertT@missouri.edu.

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