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Cassville Arts Council bringing fine arts to the forefront

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Charlea Estes-Jones

A newly formed arts council will give members of the Cassville community a creative outlet for those who want to express themselves through song, dance and the fine arts. The Cassville Arts Council was officially begun in March of this year, and board president and founder Trent Oliphant is hoping the groups's inaugural performance will draw more attention to arts in the community.

The first production for the Cassville Arts Council debuts next week on June 27. The group will be presenting the Pirates of Penzance, and the show runs through June 30.

Oliphant explained how the council began and his hopes for the future. He said, "I've been wanting to form this group since I moved here six years ago. I've been involved in community theatre for most of my life, and there aren't that many community theatre opportunities in the area. There are none in Cassville."

Oliphant reached out to two other members of the community to ask them about serving on the council's board so he could make the group a non-profit. Mary Richmiller, longtime choral music director at Cassville High School, and Lee Allphin, of Stark City, both agreed to serve. Oliphant said, "It was just me, and I recruited a couple people because in the state of Missouri to have a not-for-profit organization, you have to have at least three people on the board."

"They were both interested in what we are trying to do." After the initial performance, Oliphant plans to recruit additional board members to provide a variety of perspectives from people to move the council forward. As it stands, the group is planning on one musical theatrical performance a year before branching out to other areas in the fine arts. Oliphant said, "Even in the theatre, I would like to see them do some children theatre and education workshops. I'd like to see people get involved, and we want to bring in a concert series with various types of musical groups to perform concerts, like trios and quartets. I'd like to see music that we don't see here, like jazz and classical."

"I'd also like to sponsor a visual arts show, as well. It's an arts council and I'd like to include all of the fine arts, both visual and performing."

A lot of the group's plans are dependent on volunteers

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Exeter School bumps teacher pay for 2019-20 school year

Vinnie Roberts

During the Exeter School Board on Wednesday, June 12, the board discussed the budget for the 2019-2020 school year. In that discussion, the board revealed they had previously passed a resolution to increase the base pay to all certified teaching staff within the district.

During the 2018-2019 school year, base pay for all first year teachers in the district was set at \$30,500. In previous meetings, administration brought up the idea of raising that starting salary. According to superintendent Dr. Ernest Raney, this year, the board found it was in the budget to raise that amount by \$500.

The new base salary for first-year teachers at Exeter increased to \$31,000 for the school year. This pay bump will also ripple out through the payscale, effectively raising all salaries by \$500 per year.

According to Dr. Raney, this is a move that the board considers on a yearly basis. The superintendent hopes the pay increase will make the prospect of working for

the school attractive to new teachers and allow the district to remain competitive with the starting salaries in other districts.

"We look at it every year

and see what we can do," said Raney. "I think any time that we can increase base pay and stay as competitive as we can with surrounding schools and get

the best teachers, that's a positive."

The new pay scale will take effect at Exeter Schools beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.

Movie Under the Stars entertains at Roaring River



On Saturday, June 15, the Cassville Branch of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library hosted an event called "Movies Under the Stars" at Roaring River State Park. Attendees were treated to the animated film *Over the Hedge*, projected on to a 20-foot screen at dusk while they sat on the lawn near the Park Store. Pictured above, the Brown family, of Cassville, got comfortable as the sun set and projector began to roll. In the chair: Stephanie Brown, and on the blanket, August Brown and Sophia Brown.

Purdy water, sewer bills to raise in July

Charlea Estes-Jones

Residents in Purdy can expect a jump in their water and sewer bills from the city in July. Purdy's City Council voted unanimously to raise rates to compensate for rising costs. The last time water and sewer rates

were raised in the city was 2011 and 2013, respectively.

Currently, the city charges two different water rates for customers inside the city limits and outside the city limits. Water rates for the first 1,000 gallons is a \$16.50 cost and each 1,000 gallons over 1,000 is \$3.50 for customers inside the city limits. Outside the city limits, the rate is \$35.75 for the first 1,000 gallons and \$3.50 for each 1,000 gallons after that.

Sewer rates in the city are a \$20 minimum for the first 1,000 gallons of water used and \$5 for each additional 1,000. There are no sewer customers outside the city limits.

In all, the city has 379 sewer customers and 479 water customers with roughly 66 customers paying the minimum water bill each month, most of those estimated to be businesses.

City manager Debbie Redshaw presented information to the city council at

the meeting on June 12 that in order to break even on water and sewer costs, the city needed to raise rates for water bills to be around \$11 higher and sewer bills needed to be raised by around \$36 per customer.

As a result, the city council members worked together to establish new rates in the city that went into effect starting with the bills customers will receive in July. New rates will be \$25 for the first 1,000 gallons of water for in-limits residents and \$45.75 for outside limits customers. After that first 1,000 gallons, inside customers will pay \$5 for each 1,000 gallons and residents outside of the city will pay \$10 for each 1,000 gallons after.

For sewer rates, the city is raising the minimum for the first 1,000 gallons to \$30 and each additional 1,000 gallons will cost \$10. Sewer bills will continue to be calculated using an average of water usage in Janu-

ary, February and March to prevent cost spikes based on watering gardens and other summer activities.

Trash rates on customers' bills will remain the same at \$12.50 each month.

The jump will be large for customers, but city officials stand firm that there was no other option to get the city to break even on water and sewer.

Redshaw said, "We can't do incremental increases, because we don't have the funds to just pay for the difference as we raise them."

The council lamented the city should have implemented incremental increases for years instead of leaving rates steady for so long and putting the city in a bad financial situation on utilities.

Redshaw said, "We should have been doing this slowly, but now we can't."

Purdy mayor Bo Prock said the city needs to get on a schedule for small, annual changes after this first big

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The City of Seligman is reinstating its Planning and Zoning Commission to act as a liaison between residents and city council.

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Seligman reinstates Zoning, Planning Commission

Vinnie Roberts

During a meeting of the Seligman City Council on Monday, June 10, the board of alderman made the final steps toward re-assembling a long-standing regulatory body. The council moved to recreate a zoning and planning commission to help assess public concerns regarding building ordinances and propose changes to city council.

During previous council meetings, several public con-

cerns about issues related to zoning ordinances within the city were raised. These issues ranged from ordinances regarding the pitch of roofs on manufactured homes to regulations preventing tiny homes from being built on ground meant for mobile homes.

In order to resolve these issues, Seligman's city council opted to reform a zoning and planning commission. Seligman has not had a commission of this kind since 2013,

according to city clerk Brian Nichols.

This commission will be a commission of seven to 15 citizens that will act as an intermediary between concerned citizens and the council. One of these members is required to be an alderman of the city. At the council meeting on June 10, the board of alderman elected Robert Hughes to be the board's representative on the commission. Though he is not required to do so, Seligman mayor Michael Avers elected to join the commission, as well.

The commission will listen to public concerns related to city ordinances. They will then draft proposed changes to legislation and present to the council to be heard for consideration of approval.

"Board approval is necessary for any final changes to be made," said Nichols.

The commission currently has five members confirmed to be a part of the commission which is two short of the amount that city ordinance requires for the commission to meet.

"We still need two more individuals to have the meeting," said Nichols. "We currently have five: three citizens, the mayor and one alderman."

In order to drum up more membership, the city will place a notice about the commission's formation on the back of the next cycle of water bills.

For more information, or to inquire about joining the city's zoning and planning commission, contact Seligman City Hall at (417) 662-3600.

Upcoming Cassville Library events

- Trekking Across the Universe is the preschool story time theme for Thursday, June 20, at 10 a.m. No registration is required to attend.
- Don't miss Unearthing Nature's Mysteries presented by Springfield's Dickerson Park Zoo on Thursday, June 20, at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- "Arctic" will be the Monday Movie Matinee selection for June 24 at 1:30 p.m. This drama/thriller is the story of helicopter crash survivors and is rated PG-13.
- Adult and high school-age crafters are invited to preregister for the June canvas painting session "Whimsical Night" to be held Tuesday, June 25, at 12:30 p.m. and 6

- p.m. Participants must register by June 24 and pay a \$5 fee. Call (417) 847-2121 for additional details.
- Summer Sewing will be creating a "Hobby Apron" on Wednesday, June 26, at 1 p.m. Call the library to sign up.
 - In cooperation with the Cassville First Baptist Church, the Cassville Branch Library will present "A Galaxy of Giggles" with humorist and storyteller Will Stuck on Friday, June 28. The event will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The program is open to all.
 - Crochet With Kathy is held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and Mondays at 6 p.m. Beginners are welcome.

Magician mystifies at library program



Magician D.J. Edwards entertained library guests on Thursday, June 13, as part of the Universe of Stories summer reading program. Young audience volunteer Jocelyn Roark is pictured suspended in mid-air during one of the amazing illusions. Visit the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library website for upcoming summer events.

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jump in rates. He said, "We need to talk about raising these annually so this doesn't happen again."

When looking at the average bill in municipalities, usage is calculated at 5,000 gallons of usage. At 5,000 gallons of usage, Purdy's bill will change from the current cost of \$70.50 for water and sewer for inside city limits customers to \$115. With trash, the new bill, for 5,000 gallons of usage, will be \$127.50.

For residents outside of the city limits, water bills will go from \$49.75 to \$85.75 for 5,000 gallons of usage.

In 2018, other Barry County cities' bills for 5,000 gallons of usage* are: Cassville \$33.49 for water, \$46.55 for sewer for a total of \$80.04; Exeter - \$33.75 for water, \$41.00 for sewer for a total of \$74.75; Monett - \$24.52 for water, \$27.95 for sewer for a total of \$52.47 Seligman - \$26.75 for water, \$28.50 for sewer for a total of \$55.25; Washburn - \$54.00 for water, \$28.33 for sewer for a total of \$82.33; and Wheaton - \$35.75 for water, \$25.75 for sewer for a total of \$61.50. *provided by the Missouri Public Utility Alliance

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Notice:

School Readiness Fair registration will be from May 28 to July 10, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the OACAC Barry County Neighborhood Center, 700 East Hwy. 248 in Cassville. Call (417) 847-2140 for an appointment. Social Security cards will be needed for all household members. Students Pre-K to 12th grade are eligible. Each participant must be pre-registered. The School Readiness Fair will be August 3, 2019.

Bluegrass in the Park will be at the Amphitheatre in Roaring River State Park every Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

OATS Transit Schedule for May: to Springfield, 1st Monday each month; to Joplin, 2nd & 4th Mondays each month; to Rogers, 3rd Monday each month; to Neosho, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month; to Mt. Vernon, 4th Wednesday. To schedule a ride and for more information, call the OATS transit office at (800) 770-6287.

Old Church Gallery Farmers' Market takes place every Thursday 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be fresh local produce, eggs, baked goods, and craft items. The market will be on Farm Road 1240 in old Shell Knob. Phone (417) 858-2510.

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

Seligman Chamber will host a dance every Saturday at 7:00 p.m. For information, call (417) 662-3612.

Golden Baptist Church Single Moms Support Group will meet every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. For information, call (417) 271-3605.

Washburn First Baptist Church Clothes Closet/Free Store will be open Wednesdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Fridays, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

June 20th

Free Screening Mammograms will be offered by Cox Monett in partnership with Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call (417) 354-1138 for more information.

June 21st

Dress a Girl Southwest Missouri will host two work days to create dress kits Friday, June 21, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 22, from 3:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 821 Old Exeter Rd., Cassville. No sewing experience is needed. Email suecavness@gmail.com for more information.

A Dinner and Dance will be hosted at the Stella Senior Center. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. with pork loin on the menu. The dance will start at 7 p.m. with The McDonald County Country Band playing. There is a \$5 cover charge for the dance. Call (417) 628-3314 for information.

June 22nd

Russell Cemetery will host a business meeting followed by a clean-up of the cemetery at 9 a.m. The board asks that all flowers be removed by that date. All flowers not attached to the stone and up off the ground will be removed by the cemetery board and burned at the cemetery on June 22.

Fundraiser Breakfast will be served at the fire station in Eagle Rock from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

June 23rd

Bennett/Fly Family Reunion will be at the Purdy Community Center starting at 2 p.m. Guests are asked to bring pictures.

June 25th

Learn about "Water and Fish" with Chesapeake Fish Hatchery will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the Monett Branch Library.

June 27th

The Pirates of Penzance, a Gilbert and Sullivan comic operetta, will be performed June 27, 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. and June 30 at 2:30 at the Cassville Schools Event Center (The FEMA building). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

A Dance with The Fun Timers Band will be hosted at the Pierce City Senior Center from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$4. Finger foods are welcome. Call (417) 476-5800 or (417) 737-4900.

June 28th

Wild West Days for ages 10 to 18 will be held at the Haworth Arena, Purdy, July 8 through 12 from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each day. Participants will learn barrel racing, goat tying, basic horsemanship, roping and more. Registration must be turned in by June 28. Call (417) 442-7472.

Second Annual Car Show will be at Central Crossing Senior Center, 20801 YY 15, Shell Knob, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no registration required and no entry fee. A low cost lunch will be available. Call (417) 858-6952 for more information.

Cassville Healthcare's Annual Fireworks Display, free for the public, will be at 7:30 p.m. Watermelon and ice cream floats will be served at no charge. Guests are asked to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets. Call (417) 847-3386 for more information.

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June 29th

Sam & Nancy Rose Family Reunion will start at 10 a.m. at Prairie Hill Baptist Church.


Purdy School Alumni Meeting will be at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

July 1st

Monett Dance will be at the park Casino from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with the Timberline Country Band. Guests are asked to bring a dish or snack to share.

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CMU announces spring 2019 dean's list

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Out of CMU's nearly 5,000 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) and College of Graduate and Extended Studies (CGES) students, 1,037 were named to the spring semester Dean's List.

These students study at CMU's main campus in Fayette, at a CMU center, or through CMU's online programs.

The following CMU students from local areas were named to the Spring 2019 Dean's List:

- Shannon Mitchell, from Seligman, a middle school - science major who studies at CMU's main campus in Fayette
- Bria Neill, from Aurora, a biology major who studies at CMU's main campus in Fayette
- Cassidy Pachner, from Monett, an elementary education major who studies at CMU's main campus in Fayette
- Shawn Pennell, from Aurora, a criminal justice major who studies at CMU's main campus in Fayette

Since its founding in 1854, CMU has evolved into a university that confers master's, bachelor's and associate's degrees through programming on its main campus in Fayette and through extension sites and online.

Local authors present keto diet program at Monett Library



Authors Dennis and Patty Burge presented a program at the Monett Branch Library on Friday, June 7. They talked about their books and the keto diet. The two books are: *The Pilgrim's Plan for Optimal Health, Abundant Energy and Living Lean Without Prescriptions* by Dennis Burge and *The Pilgrim's Plan Cookbook: Quick and Easy Recipes for Maximum Fat Loss and Abundant Energy* by Patty Burge.

Cox Monett named one of the nation's top 150 Best Places to Work in Healthcare

For the second consecutive year, Cox Monett has been named as one of the nation's top 150 Best Places to Work in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare. The recognition program honors workplaces throughout the health care industry that empower employees to provide patients and customers with the best possible care, products and services.

"We are honored once again to be named as one of the nation's best places to work in health care," said Dr. Darren Bass, president of Cox Monett. "If you ask our staff what makes Cox Monett a great place to work, they will tell you it's because of our family atmosphere — we support and empower one another to be the best we can be."

Cox Monett is the only critical access hospital in Missouri selected for this award, and one of only two hospitals in Missouri to be named to this prestigious list.

This award program identifies and recognizes outstanding employers in the healthcare industry nationwide. Modern Healthcare partners with the Best Companies Group on the



Dr. Armin Kamyab, general surgeon, and Cathy Lewis, volunteer chaplain, are all smiles at one of the many employee appreciation events held throughout the year at the hospital.

assessment process, which includes an extensive employee survey.

Cox Monett was selected for this national recognition based on elements such as competitive employee benefits, employee satisfaction and innovative organizational culture.

The Modern Healthcare recognition comes after CoxHealth announced last week that the health system was named as one of America's Best Employers in 2019. The first-ever ranking by Forbes of the top employers by state has Cox-

Health as No. 18 in Missouri out of all industry types, the No. 3 health system in Missouri out of 156 hospitals in the state, and the No. 1 best health care employer in southwest Missouri.

Modern Healthcare will publish a special supplement featuring ranked lists of all the winners along with the Sept. 30 issue. Four hospital staff members will represent Cox Monett at the awards gala on Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Renaissance Dallas.

A celebration will be held at the hospital later this month.

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Mattingly steps down from Exeter School Board

Vinnie Roberts

At the Exeter School Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, June 12, Exeter resident and long-serving board member Kerry Mattingly announced that she would be stepping away from her duties after 11 years of service to the board.

According to Mattingly, this is to focus on her education as she finishes her degree to become a middle school teacher.

"I decided that now was a good time to focus on my education. I am furthering my education and finishing my teaching degree," said Mattingly. "I would like to be certified in middle school. I'm going to finish my elementary education degree and try to Praxis into other subjects."

Mattingly explained she believes her time working on the school board will be helpful to her as an educator.

"I get to see the back side of everything," continued

Mattingly. "I see the types of things that we work on, school financial needs and things like that. I think it will be a big help in my career moving forward."

Mattingly served on the Exeter School Board for 11 years. She was elected to the board in 2008. According to her, her service began during one of Exeter's more trying times as a district.

"When I first got on the board, our school's standing wasn't the greatest," said Mattingly. "We were able to rise up and overcome so many obstacles. When I was on the board, we were able to make a lot of positive changes to our school. Being able to help others has always been a strong motivation for me."

This sentiment was further expanded upon by Exeter superintendent Dr. Ernest Raney, who has served the district for nine of the 11 years that Mattingly has been on the board.

"She's a great lady. Anything you ever need done,



Mattingly

she's willing to give it her all to make sure that we accomplish our goals," said Raney. "We're about meeting students needs first and that's what her goal always was. She's both feet in on every project and in doing everything that the board wants to accomplish and everything that she sets out to do."

Mattingly went on to express that the district's current positive state was another contributing factor to her decision to step away.

"We're currently operating in the best standing we've ever had," said Mattingly. "Our administration is strong, so I felt like if I was going to leave, now would be the best time."

According to Raney, this positive direction the district is in has a lot to do with Mattingly's involvement.

See BOARD on 10A

OATS hosts community Fish Fry



On Thursday, June 13, drivers and patrons of the OATS (Operating Above The Standard) door-to-door shared ride program gathered in Rocky Edmondson Park in Cassville to host a fish fry. This event was hosted by OATS and sponsored by Sportsman's Corner for the purpose of helping to gather donations for the program in hopes of purchasing a new bus. Lunch was a potluck with attendees and drivers bringing their own dishes to the fundraiser event. Pictured above, Danny Looney and Roy Hudson cooked up some fish for hungry attendees.



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UL 409 **Great Piece of Development Land!** Eagle Rock/Golden. Around 1000' State Highway 86 frontage. Property is flat to gentle roll and has a drive entrance in the center of property. Would be a great location for small homes, storage buildings, or commercial retail/storage. **Make an offer!** **\$29,900**

HO 301 **Tucked away on 6 acres,** 3 bed., 2 bath Cape Cod style near Campbell Point. Open kitchen/living/dining, galley type kitchen w/ 12' food bar. Vaulted ceilings w/exposed beams. Lots of windows, large front porch, and wrap around wood deck. 80x20 detached garage w/2 doors. New roof in July! Property Transfer Cert. Approved! **Make an offer!** **\$197,900**

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Barry County Fair returning June 29

Vinnie Roberts

On Saturday, June 29, the annual Barry County Fair is returning. The event will be hosted at the Exeter Corn Maze, just off of Highway MM southwest of Exeter. Admission into the fair is free, with admission into cattle, goat, sheep, individual rabbits and individual chicken livestock events costing attendees \$5 per head. Pens of meat rabbits and pens of broiler chickens cost \$5 per pen for admission.

There will be a concession stand at the fair offering food for purchase throughout the day.

The fair will include activities provided by the corn maze, such as: barn swings, a zipline, a cow train ride and a paintball shack. There will be \$7 activity bracelet available for purchase for access to all of the activities.

There will also be a ‘gem-mining’ station at the event for \$5 per bag and go-kart races available for \$3.

Every year, the county fair serves as an opportunity for local youth livestock owners, Future Farmers of America (FFA) members and 4H

members to pit the size, behavior and overall quality of their animals against competitors from all over the county. Livestock events are limited to youth competitors, with an age limit 18 for active 4H members and 21 for active FFA members.

Activities will begin at 7 a.m. with a blue ribbon breakfast consisting of biscuits and gravy and a drink for \$5. There will also be donuts available for an additional charge.

Check-ins for livestock events will begin at 7 a.m. and will proceed as follows:

- 7 a.m. - check-in times for beef and dairy cattle, beef cattle and steer weigh-in.
- 8 a.m. - Dairy cattle show, swine check-in and weigh-in begins
- 9 a.m. - Beef cattle show, goat check-in/weigh-in and sheep check-in/ weigh-in
- 10 a.m. - Swine show begins
- 11 a.m. - Dairy goat show, meat goat show and sheep show
- 1 p.m. - Poultry check-in, broiler chicken weigh-in.
- 1:30 p.m. - Broiler chick-

- en show begins
- 2 p.m. - Poultry show, rabbit check-in/weigh-in
- 2:30 p.m. - Rabbit show will immediately follow the poultry show

The beginning of the end of this year’s fair will be marked by a premium sale dinner slated to begin at 5:30 p.m. At this time, the concession stand will begin serving meals of pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, a dessert and a drink. The premium sale dinner is available for a donation that can be made to a donation jar that will be set out during the dinner.

At 6:30 p.m., the premium sale will begin. Competitors from the livestock events present their animals to attendees for purchase. A main buyer will be able to purchase the animal and add-on buyers will also be able to contribute to help competitors in 4H and FFA fund their future projects.

“It’s a lot of hard work to set up, but it’s a lot of fun,” said Barry County Fair treasurer and secretary Sherri Sanders. “We really enjoy seeing what the kids bring to show each year and we’re

really looking forward to seeing everyone out there.”

The Barry County Fair will begin at 7 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, at the Exeter Corn Maze, located south-

west of Exeter off of Highway MM. General admission to the fair is free. For more information on the Barry County Fair, contact Sherri Sanders at (479) 903-2683.

For more information on the Exeter Corn Maze and corn maze activities, visit their website at: <https://www.exetercornmaze.com>.

Soroptomist Club welcomes two new members



The Soroptomist Club of Barry County recently swore in two new members. Pictured above are new members Christine Kuhn (left) and Rachael Selby-Freeman (right). Soroptomist Club is dedicated to the betterment of life for women and children in the community and across the world.

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LESTER ALBERT BERRETH
Lester Albert Berreth died June 15, 2019, at the age of 76 at Cox South Hospital in Springfield in Greene County surrounded by family.
Lester was born August 6, 1942, in Eureka, S.D., in McPherson County to Albert and Rosie (Kautz) Berreth of Artas, S.D.
He received his education at Herreid High School, graduating with the class of 1960. Lester enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17 (August of 1960 - August of 1966 with a rank of AMS3 [E-4]).
Lester married Victoria Elaine Rieger on September 27, 1964, at the Artas UM Church, Artas, S.D., and

to this union three children were born, Shelly, Dawn and Kelly.
Lester and Vickie made their home in Wichita, Kan., where Lester worked as an inspector at Boeing. He was at that job for over 20 years.
In December 2002, they moved to Shell Knob to help his daughter and son-in-law, Kelly Forsythe, at Big Creek Resort. Lester also was a great handy man. Lester took great pride in his work, was a naturalist at inventing things and always very organized. His shop was always in tip top shape. He loved his family and took great pride in teaching his grandchildren how to be productive citizens.
Survivors include his wife, Victoria, of 54 years; daughter, Shelly and Brian Popovich of Wichita, Kan.; daughter, Dawn and Kelly Forsythe of Shell Knob; and son, Kelly and Sandy Berreth of Wichita, Kan.; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; special friends George and Barb Dickerson; two sisters, Patricia Allen and Dennis Lemmon, of Gering, Neb., and

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Rose Andersen and Wendell Malsam, of Pierre, S.D.
He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Bernice and Janice; brothers in law, Bob Brick, Dave Andersen, Gary Allen and Stanley Weinzirl; one nephew, Dwight Weinzirl; and one son-in-law, Danny Ivey.
Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, June 21, 2019, at Fohn Funeral Home 27758 State Hwy 39, Shell Knob, MO.
Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.
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THOMAS MERLIN ITTNER
Thomas Merlin Ittner, 71, passed away on Friday, June

14, 2019, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis after a two-year valiant and courageous battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
He was born on July 27, 1947, in Brazito, a son to Walter and Pauline (Engelbrecht) Ittner.
On May 15, 1971, Tom married the love of his life, Lisa Ann Coffman, of Jefferson City, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Honey Creek. And so began a beautiful journey that brought them joy and life for the next 48 years. They had two children, Chad A. Ittner, of St. Louis, and Julie A. Chappell (John), of Cassville. And he was known as Papa to his two grandchildren who were his pride and joy, Avery and Jack Chappell.
Tom worked at Missouri Farm Bureau and Thrivent Financial in Jefferson City.
Visitation will be held at Freeman Mortuary from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday June 19, 2019.
Services will be at Faith Lutheran Church at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 20, 2019, with the Reverend Eric Geldhill officiating and the Reverend Tony Alter providing the celebration of life message. Interment will immediately follow at Hawthorn Memorial Gardens with the Reverend Micah Ernst officiating.
In lieu of flowers, me-

morial contributions may be made to the Special Learning Center, 1115 Fairgrounds Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.
To view his complete obituary or to leave condolences for the family, please visit www.freemanmortuary.com.



RALPH ALLAN PATSEL
Ralph Allan Patsel, "Big Al", 85, passed away on June 11, 2019, in Springdale, Arkansas. He was born on November 23, 1933, in San Francisco, California, to the late Ralph and Hilda (Chase) Patsel.
His passion was basketball, the game he played while in college and in the Army prior to being a Teamster. Ralph had a great imagination and was very creative. He had a magnetic personality that captured the hearts of many along with his wit and resourcefulness. We will all miss his corny jokes.
He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Roxanna Wolford.
Ralph is survived by his daughters, Debra Patsel, of New Jersey, Karin Linenbrink, of Springdale, Arkansas, and Tina Smith, of

California; his brother, Mel Patsel, of California; grandchildren, Joshua Suttle, William and Kayla Linenbrink, Devon Patsel, and Lindsay and Amber Smith.
There will be no public service or memorial. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his honor to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org or the American Heart Association, www.heart.org.
Arrangements are under the care of Rollins Funeral Home in Rogers, Ark.
Online condolences can be made at www.rollinsfuneral.com.

JOYCE ETHEL HUTCHINS
Joyce Ethel Hutchins, 82, of Monett, passed away on Thursday, June 13, 2019, while at her daughter's home in Monett.
Graveside services were held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 15, 2019, at the Kings Prairie Cemetery, southeast of Monett. Pastor Richard Pickett officiated. Arrangements under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

PAUL WINFRED RALLS, JR.
Paul Winfred Ralls, Jr., age 53, of Webb City, was gently called home to be in the arms of the Lord on Thursday, June 13, 2019, while at Webb City Health and Rehab.
Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2019, at Buchanan Funeral Home. Pastor Joe Morris officiated. Interment followed at McCormick-St. John's Cemetery, Monett. Arrangements under direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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SHARI LEIGH NANCE

Shari Leigh Nance, age 56, of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, passed away Friday, June 14, 2019, at Jamestown Nursing and Rehabilitation in Rogers, Arkansas.

She was born May 9, 1963, in Monett, the daughter of Carl and Judy (McCullough) Nance, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were grandparents and two uncles, Lonnie McCullough and Lowell Nance.

Surviving are one son, Otis Blankenship, of Pea Ridge, Arkansas; one daughter, Missy Blankenship, of Pea Ridge, Arkansas; one brother, Carl Nance, Jr. and his wife, Robin, of Cassville; and one sister, Diana Dobbs, of Shell Knob.

Shari grew up and received her education in Cassville, where she graduated from high school in 1981. Most of her life was spent in Cassville and she was employed several years at McDonald's. Ten years ago, she moved to Pea Ridge where she worked at Casey's Gen-

eral Store. Services will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 21, 2019, at Jamestown Nursing and Rehabilitation in Rogers, Arkansas. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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RONALD CHARLES "RON" SEEKAMP

Ronald Charles "Ron" Seekamp, age 58, of Shell Knob, passed away Thursday, June 13, 2019, at his home.

He was born April 6, 1961 in Rockford, Illinois, the son of Russell and Verna Seekamp. On April 17, 1981, he was united in marriage to Luella Ray, who survives. Also surviving are his mother Verna Seekamp, of Aurora; one son, Robert Seekamp, of Shell Knob; and one sister, Sandra Gripka, of Aurora.

Preceding him in death were his father, Russell Seekamp, and a daughter,

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Amanda Seekamp, in 2004. Ron moved to Barry County when he was in the eighth grade and graduated from Cassville High School in 1979. For several years, he owned and operated a body shop in Cassville. Later, he worked at Norris Ford, Jim Nesbett Ford and currently Les Jacob Ford.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 22, 2019, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Bob Gaddis will conduct the services. Burial will be at a later date at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter.

Contributions may be made to Maplewood Cemetery in memory of Ron.

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MARILYN MARIE HULL

Marilyn Marie Hull, age 66, of Monett, passed away Monday morning, June 17, 2019, at her home.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 20, 2019, at Buchanan Funeral Home in Monett. Interment will be in the Monett I.O.O.F. Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



LARRY DEAN GUNDEL

Larry Dean Gundel, 62, of, Seligman, died June 14, 2019, at this home.

He was born March 29, 1957, in Bentonville, Ark., to Edward Gundel and Alice Jean Carden Gundel.

He was a self employed farmer who loved fishing, hunting, cutting wood and was of the Church of Christ faith. He was a loving father, husband and loved being with his two grandchildren, Alycia and Mitchell. He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Sally Huffman.

Survivors are his wife, Tawnya Gundel, of the home; his son, Clarence Gundel, and wife, Katie, of Seligman; grandchildren, Alycia Dawn and Mitchell Avery Dean Gundel; siblings, Rose Mary Miles, Delores Jobe, Edward Gundel, Mona Smallwood, Charlene Pickering, Caroline Owensby, David Gundel, Donald Gundel, Vicki Resz and Dennis Gundel.

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Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at Antioch Church of Christ on KK hwy in Missouri. Arrangements are by Sisco Funeral Home in Pea Ridge. Online condolences may be made at siscofuneralhome.net.

MARY RUTH GARRINGER

Mary Ruth Garringer, of Elm Springs, Arkansas, formerly of Monett, passed

from this life to her Heavenly home on Monday, June 17, 2019. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Monett. Reverend Robert Bradow will be officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



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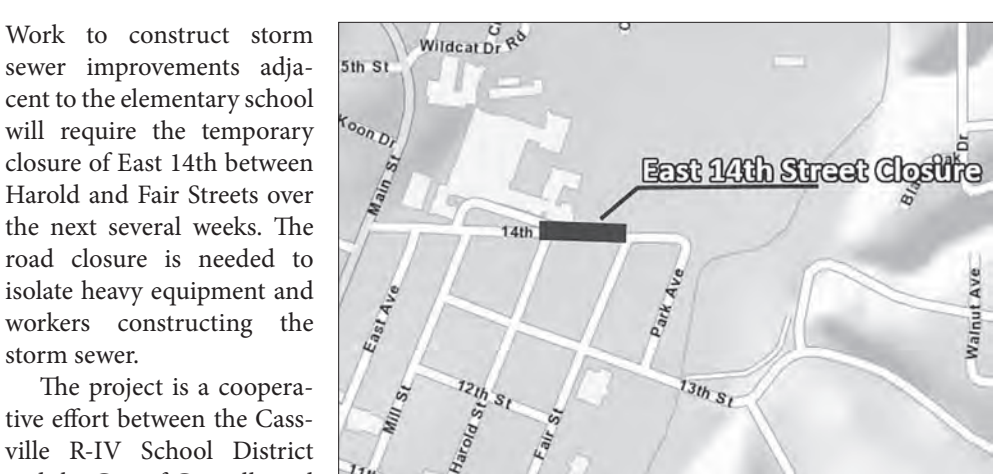
Barry County Democrats donate to food pantry

Temporary road closure on east 14th in Cassville



The Barry County Democrats are doing more than just talking politics. The club has been growing and gaining new members who have lots of fresh ideas. The younger members expressed their desire to do more locally to help their community. “We talked about adopting a section of highway or serving in a senior center,” stated club chair Maella Blalock. “After contacting the Barry County Health Department, we decided to collect food and hygiene items to donate to local food pantries.” Items were delivered to the Monett Food Pantry. Future plans include distributing free water at the Purdy Festival and the Monett 4th of July Celebration. “Yes, we also talk about politics,” said Blalock, “but we want people to have a place to come and learn about issues and discuss their opinions without labels, stereotypes and anger.” The club meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Cassville Library.

Pictured is the club’s donations to the Monett Food Pantry. At left is Janet Palmer and at right is Melva Gressley, secretary for the Community Kitchen and Food Pantry.



Above is a map of the section of East 14th Street that will be closed in Cassville beginning on June 21 and lasting through July.

Work to construct storm sewer improvements adjacent to the elementary school will require the temporary closure of East 14th between Harold and Fair Streets over the next several weeks. The road closure is needed to isolate heavy equipment and workers constructing the storm sewer.

The project is a cooperative effort between the Cassville R-IV School District and the City of Cassville and is intended to reduce or eliminate surface water runoff at the pedestrian crossing for the elementary school.

The closure is expected to begin on or about Friday, June 21st, and last through the month of July. The start of construction and expected completion date are dependent upon suitable weather, materials availability and other factors.

Drivers are advised to detour around the closure using either Harold or Fair Streets and to remain aware of equipment and personnel that will be working and moving materials through the area.

Residents with questions or concerns about this project or the road closure should contact Cassville City Hall at (417) 847-4441.

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“She’s led a lot of different efforts,” said Raney. “She did a lot to make a difference in the lives of these kids. That’s always been her center of attention. It’s always been a great experience to work with her. We always knew we could count on her support in anything that we did.”

Mattingly has lived and worked in the district for a large portion of her life.

“I grew up in Exeter and I went to school there. I have always had an interest in making our school as good as possible. If we can make a change and make life better for at least one student, that’s all I ever wanted to do.

Though the decision to leave was a difficult one for Mattingly, she hopes to continue to work within the district once her degree is finished.

“It’s very bittersweet,” said Mattingly. “It was a hard decision to make. I hope to be back soon but in a different role.”

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Cassville WGA swings into summer season

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The Cassville Women's Golf Association's competitive season is in full-swing. The association is made up of Cassville locals who meet on a regular basis at the Cassville Golf Course to play against one another in competitive events.

On May 16, the association reported favorable weather and hosted a competition for the lowest gross and net score. In golf, gross scores are determined by how many strokes a player takes to move the ball into the hole, while the net is that number subtracted by the player's handicap.

First, second and third place winners were named for players in both categories. For lowest gross score: first place - Lynn Blanke; second place - Karry Lewis; and third place - Doris Connor. Winners of the lowest net score: first place - Deb York; second place - Cheryl Ludwig; and

third place - Janie Watson.

Deb York received a payout for the lowest number of putts. Birdies, a scoring term used to denote a number of strokes that are one less than the expected number on a given hole were scored by York on holes one and 14 and Janie Watson on hole three.

On May 30, the association hosted a competition wherein the winner was the player with the lowest number of putts. Deb York and Jeanette Skorpski tied for first place in this competition with Karry Lewis in third. Susie Jacobs was recognized for landing a shot closest to the pin on hole 11. Chip-ins, or short shots intended to only move the ball on to the green that end up sinking the hole, were scored by Doris Connor, Susie Jacobs and Barb Vesley.

Most recently, on June 13, the association hosted a

scramble event. A golf scramble is tournament structure that emphasises fun over the pressures of individual score keeping. In this format, golfers form teams of two or more and all players shoot a tee shot with the team playing through with the ball that went the farthest.

Winners of this event include: first place - Janie Watson, Kay Hauptert and Debbie Yarnall; second place - Lynn Blanke, Susie Jacobs and Sue King; and third place - Doris Connor, Ann Loepkke, and Connie Figgins.

Cassville Middle School basketball hosts summer league



Over the summer, Cassville Middle School basketball players are working hard to keep their skills sharp during the 2019 summer basketball league. The program is sponsored by Johnson Chiropractic Sports and Wellness Clinic, who also provided the team with shirts. Pictured above, from left to right, first row: Joseph Burton, Nicholas Fierro, Cayden Smith, Garrett Ewing, Bodee Rose, Miller Reid and Evan Butler. Back row: Joshua Schmitt, CMS boys basketball coach; Joseph Reuter; Eli Stokes; Ethan Bohmke; Johnathan Dunbar; Cosmo Rhoads; Bryson Jacobson; Simon Gates; Austin Meltabarger; and Chris Shore, CMS boys basketball coach.

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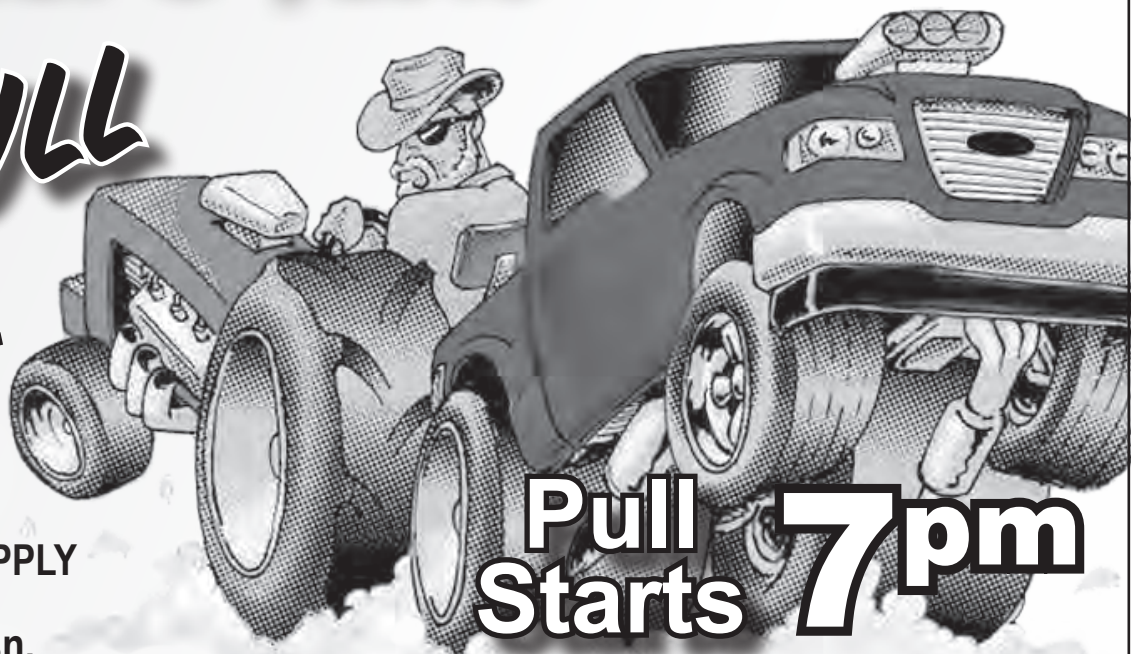
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and how the community receives the initial performances.

Olipphant is optimistic that people in the area will see the value in what the board hopes to grow into. He said, "Arts are an important part of a society. To me, the arts are the heart and soul of the society. Specifically, community level artistic endeavors can help bring a community together. I love participating in community theatre, especially in this digital age where we are connected more electronically but less connected from a human perspective. The arts are one of the best ways for us to connect as humans. When we can do this on the community level, I think it'll bring it together. Sports are fantastic, but I feel like arts can bring us together as a community with more empathy and understanding of each others conditions."

He added that his own children were a driving

force for taking the initiative to start the council, and Cassville School was a big source of actors and singers for the first performance. The council recruited auditions through Facebook, advertising in the newspaper and word of mouth.

With Pirates of Penzance performances running for four days, the group is hoping once people see the performance, more volunteers will offer to lend their talents to future endeavors. He said, "Until we see what kind of volunteers we can get, we'll only be able to do one performance a year. We want to do a musical every summer."

"I suspect through at least the next two to three years is that performance each summer. If we can get additional people on the board and volunteers who want to help put on other types of events, I'd like to see some kind of event that is sponsored every month. I suspect that may be a few

years away, but that's my vision."

Olipphant hopes those include workshops, visual and communication arts and anything that falls under the fine arts umbrella.

Olipphant said, "We have a deep-seated need to express and communicate, and I think the arts are the best way to do that."

The Pirates of Penzance will be the Cassville Arts Council's first performance. The show is billed as: "a comic operetta set in Victorian England on the Southwestern Coast of England in a region called Penzance. It tells the story of Fredrick, a young man of 21 that is finally out of his indentures to a Pirate King. He meets Mabel, a young ward of a Major-General, and they fall in love. If life were that simple. However, love isn't ever easy. Complications arise that get in the way of their plans. However, as in any good story, love wins out in the end and all is



The cast of The Pirates of Penzance held their first rehearsal in the Cassville Event Center in preparation of the opening night of their performance on June 27. Pictured above, from left to right: Cole Stringer starring as the Pirate King, Travis Morris, Peter Atwater and David Oliphant.

well."

The Pirates of Penzance performances will be at the Cassville Schools Event Center (FEMA building) on June 27, 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, June 30, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are

available at the door for \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

The show is directed by Trent Oliphant with choreography by Cole Stringer and Trent Oliphant. It features Joseph Maxfield as Frederick, Jennifer Oliphant as Mabel, Cole Stringer as the Pirate King, Brian Oliphant as the Major-General, Parker Skinner as The Police Sergeant and Drake Thomas as Ruth.

The purpose of the Cassville Arts Council is to promote the visual and performing arts in Cassville and the surrounding area. For information about the Cassville Arts Council, to make a donation, offer to volunteer or the upcoming performance of The Pirates of Penzance, contact board president Trent Oliphant at (417) 665-8635 or cassvillearts@gmail.com.

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CMS names May Students of the Month



Cassville Middle School recently announced the Students of the Month for May 2019. Students are nominated by CMS teachers and coaches based upon academic excellence, perseverance or improvement, displaying exemplary citizenship and are a positive influence on school culture.

The March Cassville Middle School Students of the Month, sponsored by Willis Insurance, are pictured, from left to right: 6th grader Abraham Cortez-Garcia, son of Martha Garcia, of Cassville, 7th grader Taylor Glidewell, daughter of Ben and Joni Glidewell, of Cassville, and 8th grader Pray Meh, daughter of Nae and Ya Meh, of Cassville; with Willis Insurance representatives Annette Henderson and Jeremy Marple and CMS principal Jimmie Barton.

Students of the Month receive a candy bar, Cassville Cash, a Sonic gift-card and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant with Mr. Barton.

MSU releases spring 2019 graduates

Missouri State University conferred 2,941 degrees to students at its spring 2019 commencement May 17 at JQH Arena.

Students earned a total of 2,285 bachelor's degrees, 551 master's degrees, 96 doctorate degrees and nine specialist degrees.

Beyond the standard expectations, the university recognized 116 students for their work with a more rigorous curriculum in Missouri State's Honors College.

A number of students also received scholastic honors:

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Students from Barry County who graduated were:

- Alex Elizabeth Bahl, of Monett, Bachelor of Science in communication sciences and disorders, summa cum laude
- Cathryn Elayne Bingham, Exeter, Bachelor of Science in animal science, cum laude
- Alex Ian Giunta, of Shell Knob, Bachelor of Science in computer science
- Jesse Caroline Jastal, of Monett, Bachelor of Science in environmental plant science
- Marsha Ann Lawson, Cassville, Bachelor of Science in General Business, cum laude
- Robert Luke Moody, of Purdy, Bachelor of Science in natural resources
- Kristeen B. Reidlinger, of Golden, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, cum laude
- Anthony K. Robertson, Cassville, Specialist in Education in educational administration
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A committee of local high school officials and community leaders selected the local recipient. The committee considered each applicant's scholastic achievements, educational goals, citizenship, moral character and participation and leadership in school and community activities. The scholarship is given without regard to race, disability, religion, national origin or gender of applicants.

The scholarship is paid directly to the school the recipient selects. Nichols received a certificate from DeGraffenreid-Brattin on behalf of the Shelter Insurance Foundation.

The Shelter Insurance Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation for charitable and educational purposes. It is sponsored by the Shelter Insurance Companies - offering auto, home, life, farm and business insurance services to customers in 20 states via a network of local insurance agents and headquartered in Columbia.



The winner of the Shelter Insurance Scholarship award for Cassville was Reilly Nichols. Nichols is pictured above at left, presented the award by Jordi Miller.

Blood drive coming to Monett June 26

All negative blood types are currently in short supply.

Currently, Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) reports less than a three day supply of all negative blood types. Donors are strongly urged to get to a CBCO Donor Center or blood drive near them and give this week.

Get a free summer t-shirt for all participants at mobile blood drives this summer

Participants at this CBCO blood drive will receive a green "Adventure" t-shirt. It's a colorful reminder of the summer season and the gift that means so much for local patients.

CBCO is the sole local provider of blood for patients at more than 40 area hospitals in southwest Missouri, northwest Arkansas and southeast Kansas. Sick and injured hospital patients depend on CBCO donors to provide the life-saving blood they need.

You can help by giving blood at this upcoming blood drive:

Monett on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cox Monett Hospital, 801 N. Lincoln

Each donation will be awarded LifePoints as a part of CBCO's donor rewards program. LifePoints may be redeemed online for a variety of gift cards, or points may be assigned to other meaningful causes or charities. More information on the LifePoints donor rewards program may be found at www.cbco.org.

To be eligible to give blood, you must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and present a valid photo ID. For more information about sharing your good health with others, please visit our website at www.cbco.org, or call toll-free 1-800-280-5337. Thank you for giving life to your community.

★ REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION ★

Saturday, June 22, 2019 • 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Shell Knob, MO. From the plaza, go south on Hwy. 39, 6.4 miles. Turn left on H Hwy. Go 4.2 miles to auction. (62 Edwards Dr). REAL ESTATE SELLS PROMPTLY AT 10:00 AM (Table Rock Lake Front, Gentle Walk Down)



TABLE ROCK LAKE FRONT REAL ESTATE – ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES FURNITURE & APPLIANCES – TOOLS – SPIDER CAR – MOWERS – MISC

Spider Car: Produced by Honda in the 1970's (Go cart style). **Scooter:** Tomberlin RX 150 R Scooter, only 530 miles (no title) – **Mowers:** Craftsman LT 2000 riding mower (needs work) – Misc push mowers. **Tools:** Jack stands – Coleman 10 hp. 5000 watt generator – 15" scroll saw – step stools – misc sm hand tools – misc long handle tools – misc shelving – yard seeder – commercial mop bucket – gas cans – 10" table saw – as we unpack a fully loaded 3 bay garage sure to be many more tools & lots of surprises. **Antiques & Collectibles:** MFA oil pump – old pulleys – ant hairdryer – Ray Childress signed football – old comic books – misc collector cards – old Ball & Prier Texaco thermometer – old metal Tonka motor grader – wood ironing board – Coca Cola bottles – anniversary clock – mantle clock – Wolf Foam Co mannequin – ant Farm Master Cream galvanized trash can – several old ash trays – several old tobacco stands – fish creels – ant Superior cream separator – lots of figurines – misc collectible glassware – several dream catchers – old Memory Lane milk bottle – aluminum tea pot – old rod & reels – some old lures – old radio – round galvanized wash tub – old luggage – ant nail keg – decorative sled – shadow box – old picnic basket – misc old oil cans – old football helmet Coors light NFL BBQ – old American Reel push mower – old metal tractor seat – sm old metal wheel – old metal wheel, wheel barrow – ant printers cutter – Elk antler mount – sm wood rocking horse - 3 vintage metal bar stools. **Antique Furniture:** old Victorian sofa – old rain lamp – butchers block – old Saint Paul pump organ – upright piano – Vintage chrome leg dining table – old hall tree – old sq. top twist leg table – old wicker patio furniture – cedar lined chest – vintage step stool – old ant mirror – wood rocking chairs – misc sm old nesting tables – misc old chairs – misc sewing machines – Cartwright pictures & misc pictures – Auctions Unlimited wood sign from Kansas City. **Furniture & Appliances:** Sofa w/recliners on both ends – misc end tables, coffee tables, night stands, sm tables, desk – misc dining tables – several book shelves – old head boards – lighted hutch – old wood wardrobe cabinet – rocking/recliner – sm sofa table – misc chest of drawers & dressers – queen bed – King size bed w/brass head & foot boards – love seats – glider w/ ottoman – night stands – queen bed – floor lamps & table lamps – wall hangings wood gun rack – glass door gun cabinet – SS table – metal 4 drawer file cabinet – drop leaf table – card table – foosball table – Roper clothes dryer – Kenmore washer – mini refrigerator – Refrigerator – old gas stove – Warm Morning gas heating stove. **Misc:** mason jars – Inversion back table – old sm aluminum camper shell – misc yard ornaments – bicycles – high wheel yard wagon – misc yarn & craft items – elect cooler – picnic table – old golf clubs – plastic display cabinet – Daisy BB gun – misc stereo equipment – furniture dolly – water skis – misc kids toys – kitchen wares – steer horns. This is only a very small listing of items. Years of collecting here and stored in boxes. We only viewed a small amount to get an auction list so come prepared for lots of surprises.

TABLE ROCK LAKE FRONT, GENTLE WALK DOWN REAL ESTATE: Large 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on 1.17 acres, gentle walk down to Table Rock Lake. Enter this home under a covered front porch into a nice foyer w/coat closet. To the left is a sunken formal family room open to the formal dining room & the nice size living room that features a gas fireplace. Then on into the kitchen or a very large sunroom w/sliding door that leads out to a raised back deck overlooking Table Rock Lake and a spiral stairway leading to a full finished basement. The kitchen features lots of cabinets and countertop space, double porcelain sink, ceiling fan, elect cook stove, built in dishwasher and a French door leading out to the very large sunroom. The sunroom would make a great game room, super large family room or could be used for anything. On the South end of the home is a hall leading to the master bedroom w/master bathroom w/walk in closet, (2) other bedrooms & a shared full bath, attic fan & a door leading to the full finished basement. Basement features large living room w/Fisher wood burning insert and open to the basement, kitchen & laundry area. The kitchen has Frigidaire double oven & dishwasher. (1) bedroom downstairs and a full bathroom. Also, just off the living room is a sliding door leading to an enclosed in ground pool area. (needs work). **Outside Features:** Big detached garage, chain link fence around property w/front entry gates and a gentle walk down to Table Rock Lake on 1.17 acres. **Note:** Attention Buyers: Here's a fantastic opportunity to purchase a Diamond in the Rough. This property has a very nice lakefront, gentle walk down w/lake front on 2 sides, like your own private cove on the south side. This property has not been maintained for quite some time and needs to be renovated and cleaned up. Several years ago, this was a beautiful property mowed to the water and could be a beautiful property again with some TLC. Boat launch just to the South of the property, very easy to put you boat, jet skis, etc in and out of the water. This property will be offered at Public Auction at a great price. Someone will get a great deal so get prequalified and come prepared to buy. To preview the property before auction date call 417-847-2507. Be sure to read RE Terms. **Terms:** Cash or good check w/2 forms of current ID. Must have current drivers license to obtain bidders number. All terms on bidder card apply. 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 accepted. Real Estate Terms:** Qualified buyers only w/pre-approved bank letter of confirmation. 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. 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. **No debit or credit cards.**

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CMS FBLA members encourage buckling up



Cassville Middle Level FBLA promoted seatbelt awareness on March 21 by holding up signs and handing out knapsacks that remind people to "click it." Pictured are members Faith James and Madison Halterman reminding intermediate parents the importance of buckling up.

MSU releases spring 2019 dean's list

Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain academic excellence are named to the dean's list. For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the spring semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale). Local students who made the dean's list were:

- **Cassville:** Yesenia Aguinaga, Leigh Cox, Veronica Gemmecke, Anthony Harris, Hannah Kelley, Garret Knight, Brett Nickle, Abby Rose, Laura Stringer, Carlos Suarez, Sonya Swope and Eric Thieman
 - **Golden:** Anne Sommers
 - **Jenkins:** Riley Lekarczyk
 - **Monett:** Devon Blevins, Jonathan Hawkins, Jesse Jastal, Kacie Lawrence-Cantwell, Ryan Mareth, Katherine Still, Katie Tinklepaugh, Emily Webb and Camryn Wolf.
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Friday, July 5 • 10 am

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REAL ESTATE: approx 100' x 150' 90% cleared lake Lot looking over beautiful Table Rock Lake in Needles Eye subdivision. Sells with Owner Confirmation.

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ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, June 22 • 10 am

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OWNER: Living Estate of Tom & Linda Prince

TOOLS TOOLS TOOLS: Hi-lift bumper jack; asst. yard & garden tools; 2 plus Pairs of shop roller stands; Master Air hush super quiet contractors compressor; 1 gal Stanley air compressor; collapsible alun. tube saw stand w/ guides; plumbers oxy & acetylene torch set; Eurotech 200 amp battery charger; Crew line 2 ton floor jack; 5 dwr Craftsman roll a way tool chest & 9 dwr top box; 5 dwr & 2 dwr Cadet roll a way tool chests; pr. blk heavy polymer car ramps; 44" Huskey 9 dwr mechanics roll a way tool chest w/wood work top; 40" Superior shop fan; DeWalt folding saw stand; Ryobi 10" compound miter saw; Paslodeimpulse nailer; DeWalt #DW-705 10" miter saw; Milwaukee 18 vlt hammer drill; Ridgid 10" table saw w/folding contractors stand; Nikon AX-1 transit & tripod; Remington concrete nailer; Bosch 18 vlt hammer drill; Bosch GOL-28 transit & tri-pod; Ryobi orbital jig saw; 2-Kobalt 3/8" socket sets in the case; Delco 2 ton floor jack; Paslode 2000 battery power finish nailer; Bosch 1581 jig saw; Porter Cable 7-1/4" circ saw; B & D and DeWalt 4" angle grinders; numerous extension cords heavy & light duty; Werner 10' step ladder; Ryobi 18 vlt drill saw & light kit in bag; Milwaukee 18 vlt saws all; Pittsburg low-pro 3 ton floor jack; Milwaukee 18 vlt 1/4" impact driver; Huskey 1.5 gal air compressor; 3 ft painter step ladder; 2 - 2ft step ladders; Milwaukee 18 vlt mini saws all & drill kit; Karcher 2000 psi gas power washer; Ridgid X2 18 vlt hammer drill w/case; Power Nail flooring nailer; Bostich flooring nailer; DeWalt 5-1/4" 18 vlt circ saw; pipe wrenches, sockets, screwdrivers, wrenches, hammers & asst hand tools; 3- 12 vlt battery chargers; Stihl MS-170 chain saw; 24" & 48" levels; 2 heavy wood top work or sewing benches; **SUV-TRAILER-MOUNTAIN BIKE-GUN SAFE:** 6'x10' H & H utility trailer steel sides & full ramp gate used a couple times like new; Specialized fat tire mountain bike alloy alum frame disc brake & suspension; Winchester "Big Daddy" 64 gun safe; 2008 GMC Acadia sport SUV 4 door w/full power & leather interior, new crate motor very nice vehicle; mans Beach Comber cruiser bike; vintage Yamaha CR-1020 stero receiver; ceiling & outdoor patio light fixtures, asst. construction items nails screws lumber & such; **FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD:** pictures prints & wall décor; 2 Pheasant mounts 1 white bird & a hen: oval lodge vintage look mirror animal motive; floor pole lamp w/ leaded Coke lamp shade; wrought iron coat tree; candles candle stands wooden décor bowls; pr. matching white camel back twin beds w/mattress sets; Life Fitness treadmill; modern print reclining chair; antique immigrants wooden trunk w/steel bands & hammered nail heads; tan leather sectional very comfy soft leather w/matching oversize chair & ottoman; 4 ft x 6 ft wood framed wall mirror ornate styling; 6 dwr oak lingerie chest of drawers; rustic white wash what-not shelf; 4 iron patio chairs; rectangle patio table & 4 chairs; antique solid oak 4ft x 7 ft double sided bookcase; antique Gold Nugget 25 cent slot machine w/ matching oak stand; asst other furniture & house items as they downsize to move. Concessions & restroom available, cash good check & all 4 major credit cards accepted, announcements day of auction supercede printed material, not responsible form lost or stolen items, everything sold as-is unless stated otherwise.

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Cassville Primary's April Character Kids



Cassville Primary counseling staff and teachers team up to present a different character trait every month. Classroom teachers then nominate students for awards in recognition of exemplifying that trait. Students were selected during the month of April for courage.

Kindergarten and kinder academy award winners are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Madilee Whitt, Carla Garcia-Cecenas, Trystin Tanner, Gemma Johnson and Emma Etienne. Back row: Arabella Elmore, Johnny Coatney, Vann Babb, Kole Flynn, Paxton Miller, Jace Hayworth, Liam Johnson and Eli Long. Not pictured: Zachariah Coolidge.



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First grade award winners are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Lane Cope, Samantha Hensley, Briella Workman, Rozalynn Wingo and Zenna Stirewalt. Back row: Vinny Griffanti, Tate Joeckel, Austin Batsche, Kelby Lee, Alex Chase, Bentley Pinnell and Mason Royalty.



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Second grade award winners are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row: Tyler Hodge, Garrett Mitchell, Nevaeh Hall, Jocelyn Roark, Hope Thompson and Sostenes Flores. Back row: Bodie Hodge, Andrew Hardesty, Jack Chappell, Jayden Barker-Ritchie, Seann Lee and Cope Buckner.

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The seven-day tour provides an action-filled week for high school students, offering them opportunities to learn firsthand what it is like to be involved in politics, leadership positions, community service and today's pressing issues.

"The Youth Tour is the highlight of the summer for many students and we're proud to send our best and brightest to Washington, D.C. this year to participate," said Chris Massman, vice president of Member Services for the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives in Jefferson City.

Highlights included the young people visiting with representatives from their congressional districts and touring famous monuments, the Smithsonian Institution's museums and Arlington National Cemetery. After a 30 year hiatus, the group also went on a tour of the White House. The youth group also took a sightseeing and dance cruise on the Potomac River one evening with delegates from other states.

Other events of the week

included participation in the Electric Youth Day, during which a special program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association brought together with nearly 2,000 Youth Tour delegates from across the United States. The delegates enjoyed featured speeches by government leaders and motivational speakers, such as Mike Schlappi, an inspiring four-time Paralympic medalist and two-time world wheelchair basketball champion.

Since 1964, the nation's cooperative electric utilities have sponsored more than 50,000 high school juniors and seniors for visits to their U.S. congressional delegations, energy and grassroots government education sessions and sightseeing in Washington. For more information about the AMEC Youth Tour program, go to www.amec.org/content/youth-programs.

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Riley Mills, Cassville FFA chapter reporter

The Cassville FFA held its annual chapter banquet Sunday, May 5. The banquet was a time to reflect on the past year and install the future officers of the Casville FFA. Awards earned were:

A total of 44 first-year members met the minimum requirements to receive their Greenhand Degree. Landry Mills and Dalton Anderson were awarded the Star Greenhand Award for their outstanding participation in the year's activities.

Twenty-two members qualified to receive their Chapter FFA Degrees. The Star Chapter Farmer award was presented to Lindee Mitchell. Star Chapter Placement was awarded to Roper Stone

Cassville FFA had five members receive their State FFA Degrees: Alexis Coursey, Cole Jackson, Kory Harvey, Nathan Dick and Trevor Morgan.

The following members received the highest degree a member can earn last October and were recognized for their hard work and achievements throughout their FFA Careers: Mattie Stephenson, Kyle Cheek, Jace Mason and Austin McClintock.

Alexis Coursey - Ag Sales



The banquet also celebrated those who participated in Career Development Events

The Cassville FFA Chapter

The new Cassville FFA Chapter officer team for the 2019-2020 year will be: Lindee Mitchell, president; Grady Stephenson, vice president; Hailey Bowen, secretary; Lindsay Russell, treasurer; Riley Mills, reporter; Landry Mills, sentinel; and Angelina Liggett, historian.



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