

MO 37 to receive \$11 mil. improvement in 2020

Charlea Estes-Jones

MoDOT has multiple projects planned, aimed at making improvements to MO 37 from U.S. 60 to the Missouri/Arkansas state line south of Seligman. The \$11 million project will be done in 2020 and will include an intersection safety improvement for the Highway W intersection with 37 near George's.

The intersection improvement at Route W will only be one piece of the Highway 37 improvements, including resurfacing Route 37 between US Route 60 and the Missouri/Arkansas state line, increasing visibility for drivers at Route BB, adding a left-turn lane at Farm Road 2140, a passing lane north of Washburn, and improving drainage in various locations between Washburn and Seligman. The estimated project cost is \$11.5 million with construction in 2020.

The first option proposed by MoDOT's southwest office was a roundabout at the intersection by George's. The proposed cost was \$1 million, and statistics show comparable roundabouts have up to a 68 percent reduction in overall crashes at those intersection.

The second option presented by MoDOT was ultimately selected. Interactive flashers will be installed on Route 37 to warn drivers on the higher speed highway that there is upcoming traffic and will cost approximately \$50,000. Similar interactive flashers have been proven to reduce overall crashes by up to 47 percent.

Kristi Bachman, MoDOT transportation project manager, said, "We're going to move forward with the interactive flashers at that intersection. It was partially due to public commentary, because it's a good benefit to that intersection. We've seen it will reduce overall crashes by 47 percent. We're getting a good safety improvement but not spending as much money as the roundabout option."

She continued, "It'll give people that warning that there is traffic coming up. A number of people there are trying to get out on 37, but not accounting for the rate

of speed that the traffic is driving. It'll allow them to take measures to slow down."

Roundabouts in rural areas have been a fairly recent push by not only MoDOT but also federal organizations due to how they positively impact low-speed highways intersecting with high-speed highways, such as W and 37.

MoDOT distributed pamphlets by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) which has been proposing more rural area roundabouts for a variety of safety concerns.

FHWA names roundabouts as a proven safety countermeasure due to decreased crashes, injuries and fatalities at rural intersections where they have already been constructed. Thus far, similar roundabouts are already in use in Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Oregon, Wisconsin and Washington. Five year studies show dramatic differences in not only crashes at roundabout intersections, but injuries and fatalities from crashes.

However, the crashes at the intersection by George's don't necessarily call for such an invasive measure at the intersection. Bachman said, "In the past five years, which includes some preliminary numbers from 2018, we've seen 23 crashes at the intersection. Ten were minor injuries and 11 were property damage crashes. Two were more serious injury crashes, but there were no fatalities in the past five years."

MoDOT held a public meeting about the proposed improvements in early July with the comment period ending on July 24. Around 24 people attended the meeting, and Bachman said there were 60 comment cards filled out after the meeting took place.

Some argued for a four-way stop or traffic light due to concerns drivers wouldn't slow down enough for the flashers or roundabout. However, Bachman said that is not an option for that intersection. She said, "We had a lot of support for both options, and people want a traffic signal there, but that isn't something we are considering. That will cause more severe crashes at that

Fun had by all at annual Wheaton BBQ



Madisyn Jones, 3, of Stella, wrangled an arachnid on the spider ride at the Wheaton BBQ on Saturday, August 25. The BBQ featured food, music, rides and more for patrons.

Exeter School transitions to district-wide leadership positions

Charlea Estes-Jones

In a move to make Exeter Schools a more unified school, the district has opted to combine the elementary and high school principal positions with 13 year district veteran Tim Jordan filling that spot. They've also promoted Ashley Fly, who has been with Exeter for eight years, to the new assistant principal position.

Jordan said the board's decision hinged on the focus to individualize learning for each student as they move through grades in the school. He said, "We added a program that assesses all students where they are educationally. If we want to reach every student, we need to meet them on their level and personalize a plan to what they need. We want to reach kids where they are no matter where that is. We're all in this together, building children from kindergarten all the way up to graduation."

Jordan and Fly agreed that the changes have to be a culture shift that starts at the administration and filters down to teachers and students. Jordan said, "It's not about us at all; it's about our students. It's the teachers who are doing this because we have some amazing teachers here."

"We have a teacher leadership team that drives this and decides how to get kids to set goals and reach them. We're just here to give the teachers



Pictured above are Exeter's new district-wide leadership team, Tim Jordan, K-12 principal, and Ashley Fly, K-12 assistant principal.

what they need."

Jordan and Fly are splitting duties to ensure teachers and students are getting what they need for each student to be successful. Whether that is to be ready for college or a career when they graduate, Exeter is aiming to make sure they are ready for that transition.

Jordan's focus is more on curriculum and instruction, teacher growth, technology integration and state reports. Fly is focusing on athletics, discipline and day-to-day support of teachers and students.

Fly said she is excited to meet the challenges of the position, even if it was unexpected. She said, "It was an unexpected door that opened. Two or three times, [Exeter superintendent] Dr. Raney approached me about starting my masters classes. He really encouraged me to take that step. [Former high school principal] Mr. Taylor encouraged me to start the classes, as well, and eventually, everything fell into place."

She added, "We face challenges every day. It's just know-

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Early Deadline

Our offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day. Our ad deadlines will change to accommodate the holiday. Our display ad deadline will be Friday, August 31, at 4 p.m. Our classified ad deadline will be Friday, August 31, at 4 p.m. for bordered ads and will remain Tuesday, September 4, at noon for line ads.

Cassville FFA headed to Nationals

The Cassville FFA will represent the state of Missouri at the National Convention in October. **11A**

Wreck fatality on Hwy. 76

A 59 year old Hackett, Ark., woman was killed in a three-wheel motorcycle crash on Highway 76 on Wednesday of last week. **3A**

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Sheriff's vehicle collides with car at 37/76 intersection

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A Barry County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle struck another car in the intersection of Highways 37 and 76 in Cassville on Thursday afternoon. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, the SUV was running both lights and sirens when it struck a vehicle in the intersection on August 23.

Major Leonard Collins, chief deputy with the Barry County Sheriff's Department, said the Sheriff's office is not releasing any speculation about the crash until the formal report is completed by the Highway Patrol. Collins said, "From what I understand, it is pretty cut and dry. The sheriff's office will request the report when it is done. That will be at least a week."

The highway patrol initial report states that around 4:50 p.m., Casey L. Baker, 33, of Pierce City, was headed southbound through the Highway 37/76 intersection in a 2014 Ford Explorer. The vehicle, a Barry County Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle, was running with lights and sirens for an emergency incident response. Baker's SUV struck another vehicle, a 2016 Ford Fusion driven by Troy J. Brock, 28, of Jay, Okla., headed eastbound.

Collins confirmed that Baker is a deputy with the Barry County Sheriff's Department. Baker was not suspended or sus-

pected of any wrongdoing, as far as Collins knew. He said, "The Highway Patrol is investigating it. But he isn't suspended or anything like that."

Collins added, "Deputy Baker was on an emergency response to the Seligman area for a pursuit in progress when the accident occurred. He was running with emergency lights and siren activated."

"The other car had a green light to proceed east and our car slowed down through the intersection and they just didn't see each other."

Minor injuries were reported by the driver and two passengers in the Fusion. According to the initial crash report, Brock, Vera S. King, 67, of Jay, Okla., and Wesley J. King, 68, of Jay, Okla., were all taken to Mercy Hospital in Cassville for the treatment of minor injuries.

Brock had no reported injuries at the time of the crash. All parties in both vehicles were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

The Highway Patrol report indicated moderate damage to both vehicles. However, Collins said, "I'd say it was heavy damage to both vehicles is how I would list it. Heavy front end damage to the patrol car and driver's side door of the other vehicle."

The patrol vehicle was driven from the scene. The Fusion was towed from the scene by Brice's Towing in Cassville.

Shell Knob house fire extinguished quickly

Charlea Estes-Jones

A house fire last week damaged a three-story home south of the Shell Knob bridge. Central Crossing Fire Department responded to the call, receiving mutual aid from Southern Stone County Fire Protection District and Eagle Rock Golden Mano Fire Department.

According to Central Crossing Fire, Barry County E9-1-1 dispatched the department to the residence at 5:50 a.m. on Tuesday, August 21. People in the home reported smoke had filled the home and they could see flames.

Once on scene, firefighters saw large flames coming out of the home's roof and moved to fight the fire from inside. Firefighters got the fire under control quickly and they moved to attempt to salvage and protect the personal property in the home.

Central Crossing released a statement: "Many thanks to everyone who assisted in any way with getting this fire under control quickly

and the large job of moving and covering lots of personal belongings."

Mercy Emergency Medical Services was also automatically dispatched to the scene. However, there were no injuries.



When crew arrived, there were visible flames coming out of the three-story home south of the Shell Knob bridge. Firefighters worked quickly to extinguish the flames and save the residents' personal effects.

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County Land Tax Sale nets 62 parcels sold



Barry County collector Janice Varner held the Barry County Land Tax Sale on Monday, August 27. Each year, state statute mandates all properties with three years worth of delinquent taxes are sold to pay back taxes. This year, 159 parcels were offered at the sale and 62 sold. There were 55 people who registered for the sale, and 30 of those made purchases Monday.

The parcels offered were delinquent \$42,047.56 in taxes and those that sold netted \$31,816.89.

Pictured above, Barry County collector Janice Varner sells parcels in the old courthouse on the square in Cassville. From left to right are: Gary Youngblood, Darrell Ledenham and Varner.

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Arkansas woman killed in trike crash on Hwy. 76

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A three-wheeled motorcycle crash north of Shell Knob claimed the life of a 59 year old Arkansas woman last week. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, two people were riding a motorcycle on Highway 76 when they crashed Wednesday afternoon, August 22, around 1:38 p.m.

Edward W. Harkreader, 58, of Henderson, Ark., was driving the 2018 Harley Davidson Triglide westbound on Highway 76 about five miles north of Shell Knob with passenger Dawn E. Davis, 59, of Hackett, Ark. The trike slid off the roadway and struck a tree.

Hackett was pronounced deceased at the scene by Central Crossing Fire Chief Russel Rickard at 2 p.m. She was taken to Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Harkreader suffered serious injuries and was airlifted to Mercy Hospital in Springfield for treatment.

Both Harkreader and Hackett were wearing helmets at the time of the crash.

The Triglide sustained extensive damage and was towed from the scene by Table Rock Auto Clinic.

This is Troop D's 83rd fatality for 2018. The next of kin were notified.

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Notice:

Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will be closed September 3, 2018, for Labor Day.

Central Crossing Senior Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, for the Labor Day holiday.

Cassville Farmers’ Market will be on the square every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and, starting July 11, on the square every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (417) 652-7308.

Old Church Gallery Farmers’ Market, on FR 1240 in Old Shell Knob, will be every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call (417)858-2510 for more information.

Roaring River Bluegrass in the Park is free to the public every Friday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., May through September, in the Roaring River Ampitheatre or the Emory Melton Inn during inclement weather.

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 will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Phone numbers are posted on the door to set up an appointment to drop off donations at another time.

August 31st

Music will be at the Clio Community Bldg at 6:30 p.m.

A Dinner and Dance will be at the Stella Senior Center. The theme is “Bring Back the 70’s Night”. A pot luck dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. The dance will start at 7 p.m. with “Evelyn and the Outriders” band. Cover charge for dance is \$4. Attendees may bring a dish to share.

September 2nd

Allen Parrett Family Reunion will be at the Cassville Senior Center from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish and table service for their family. Call (870)423-2390 with any questions.

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1023, will be meeting at the Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett at 4 p.m. All veterans from all wars are welcome.

September 4th

Cassville Cruisers Monthly Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Sho-Me-Plaza, Cassville.

September 8th

Edwards Family Reunion will begin at noon at Butterfield Community Building.

Chatty Crafters will meet at the Mane Station in Cassville at 10 a.m. There is no charge. Please call (417)498-2202 for more information.

Laney Family Reunion will be held at First Baptist Church activity center, Washburn. Pot luck lunch will be at noon.

Purdy FFA Mum Sale will be from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. with the Fall Craft Festival at the Gathering Place.

Cassville Rotary Demolition Derby will be at the Cassville rodeo grounds at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids.

Fundraiser Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Eagle Rock Fire Department.

Cassville Cruisers Cruise In will be from 5 p.m. until dusk at Barry County Museum, Cassville.

September 9th

Cole-Still Reunion will be at Brattin Park, Thomas Hollow. Table service and drinks will be furnished. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m.

Emerson Electric’s Annual Picnic will be held at Lake Avalon Park Pavilion, Bella Vista, Ark., from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Call 479-640-1359 with any questions.

September 10th

The September Dance will be held at the Casino in Monett from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Evelyn Lock and the Outriders Band will perform. Attendees are welcome to bring a snack to share.

September 13th

The Habitat ReStore, Cassville, is offering 50% Off this day. Offer excludes paint, large appliances, bundled wood, and furniture.

September 16th

Swaffar Family Reunion will be at the Purdy Community Center. Lunch will be at noon.

September 28th

Cassville High School Class of 1978 will hold 40th Reunion September 28 and 29, 2018. More details will follow in future Community Calendars.

School Menus: September 4 - September 7

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

Southwest: Tues: B: hot ham & hashbrown sandwich, apple slices or cereal, juice. L: tacos, lettuce, cheese, salsa, mexican corn, pineapple or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: french toast sticks, syrup cup, fresh strawberries or cereal, juice. L: pepperoni pizza, romaine salad, rosy applesauce, ice cream cup or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: oatmeal, apple cinnamon muffin, apple slices or cereal, juice. L: peanut butter & jelly sandwich, apple slices, celery sticks, chocolate ice cream cup or salad/fruit bar. Fri: B: “Grandparents Day” biscuits & gravy, sausage links, cantalope or cereal, juice. L: turkey and cheese sandwich, leaf lettuce, dill pickles, potato chips, tropical fruit or salad/fruit bar.

Exeter: Tues: B: biscuit & gravy, sausage link, fruit, juice or cereal, biscuit, fruit, juice. L: chicken alfredo, green beans, breadstick, fruit. Wed: B: oatmeal, toast, fruit, juice or cereal, Pop Tart, fruit, juice. L: BBQ rib patty, bun, smiley fries, monaco veggies, fruit. Thurs: mini pancakes, fruit, juice or cereal, toast, fruit, juice. L: burrito with cheese, pinto beans, corn, fruit. Fri: B: sausage/egg biscuit, banana, juice or cereal, Vertical Bar, banana, juice. L: pulled pork, bun, sweet potato fries, cucumbers, fruit.

Cassville Int.-Prim.-Middle: Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or cherry frudel, sausage patty, applesauce or cereal, blueberry muffin, orange. L: corn dog or chicken strips, mac & cheese, green beans, juice. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, sausage patty, toast, orange or cereal, cinnamon toast, peaches. L: spaghetti or popcorn chicken, salad,

broccoli & cheese, breadsticks, Sidekicks. Thurs: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, Rice Krispy Treat, mandarin oranges or cereal, graham crackers, apple slices, caramel. L: hamburger or hot dog, tater tots, green beans, peaches. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, hashbrown, pineapple chunks or cereal, toast, peaches. L: pizza or chicken crisrito, corn, carrots, fruit cocktail.

Cassville High School: Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, tropical fruit or cereal, banana muffin, peaches. L: chicken sandwich, Sun Chips, baked beans, vegetable mix, fruit cocktail or pizza meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, apple slices, caramel cup. L: country steak, potatoes, gravy, green beans, breadstick, pineapple chunks or nugget meal or sala

d meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, sausage patty, peaches or cereal, Pop Tart, grapes. L: beef burrito, nachos, refried beans, glazed carrots, juice or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, pears or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: chili, cheese, crackers, green beans, pecan spins, juice or pizza meal or salad meal.

Purdy: Tues: B: french toast sticks, syrup, cereal, yogurt, fresh fruit. L: vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, salad, fruit, chocolate chip cookie. Wed: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal, fruit. L: teriyaki chicken, brown rice, broccoli, fruit, Rice Krispy Treat. Thurs: B: eggstravaganza, ww toast, cereal, fruit. L: nacho bell grande, pinto beans, corn, fruit. Fri: B: breakfast pizza, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: chicken patty sandwich, potato chips, baby carrots, ranch, fresh fruit.



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2018 drought differs from 2012 in varied impact

Scattered rains brought slight improvements this past week in a drought affecting most of the state.

In his weekly “Drought Picture,” University of Missouri economist Scott Brown tracks dry weather severity for farmers.

“This drought is more varied than the last drought,” Brown said. “Within the state, drought remains heaviest in northern counties.”

For Missouri farms affected this year, it’s bad. But overall it’s not like 2012, a drought that changed the farm economy.

Now, 72 percent of Missouri faces a D1 or moderate drought. But 17 percent of the state is D3, or extreme drought. That compares to 2012 when 90 percent of the state was D3 and D4, or exceptional drought, for five weeks.

This year, the drought moderates locally with scattered showers, but widespread rains normally brought by cold fronts are lacking.

Corn maturing early showed slight improvement in yield outlook this past week. But 79 percent of the corn crop passed dent stage. No more yield increase there. That compares with denting at 53 percent on average by this time for the past five years.

Soybean yield projections remain flat. But soybean fields still hold promise. Beans keep blooming if dry weather withers early attempts. In the fourth week of August, 76 percent were still setting pods. Only 2 percent showed color, marking maturity.

Livestock don’t fare well with 72 percent of pastures rating poor or very poor. Haymaking was cut short.

Brown says hay prices shot up \$60 per ton since first of the year. USDA reports average hay prices run \$150 per ton. That’s higher than record prices set in 2012.

Missouri projects hay production at 5.2 million tons. That’s less than in 2012 and lowest since the 1988 drought.

Making cattle care worse is lack of hay in the barn. May first hay stocks were only 580,000 tons, lowest since 1984.

A real mark of drought for cattle farmers occurs when they start hauling water. Ponds and creeks have dried up. Now 59 percent of Missouri’s stock water is short to very short.

With short forage and water, rural rumors say cattle are going to the sale barn. Brown says market reports don’t show a dramatic increase in cattle sales.

Some feeder calves are weaned early, boosting calf movement. But that isn’t a drastic change from recent years. Southwestern Missouri cattle have moved more in the last nine weeks, Brown said. The drought hit that area later than northern Missouri. Southwest cow culling went up in the last six weeks.

Missouri had just returned to No. 2 in cow herd size in the nation. State rankings shifted after the drought of 2012. After rebuilding, Missouri herd owners remain slow to downsize.

A major difference from the 2012 drought has been differences across the state. Northern Missouri counties suffered early and heaviest.

Most counties declared for emergency assistance have been north of the Missouri River. There’s little lap over into southern Iowa or eastern Kansas. The remainder of the Corn Belt stays in better shape.

Within the state, an area of the east-central Ozarks south of St. Louis and north of Sikeston shows near-normal rainfalls.

Engagement announced



Faith Fletcher and Nathan Young wish to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Faith is the daughter of David and Delois Fletcher, of Pea Ridge, Ark., and Sheila Carlton, of Lowell, Ark. Nathan is the son of Scott and Sheryl Young, of Washburn,. Faith is employed with Ozark Guidance in Bentonville, Ark. Nathan is employed with Bear State HandyPro Solutions in Bentonville, Ark.

Grandparents include: the late Aldon Carlton, of Shiloh, Ark.; the late Vestal Carlton, of Lowell, Ark.; AJ and Franny Fletcher, of Pea Ridge, Ark.; Johnnie and JoAnn Hilery, of Washburn; and Jim and Gayle Young, of Washburn.

The wedding ceremony will be held in Stella on September 8, 2018.

The couple plan to make their home in Washburn.

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RONALD LEE "RON" SISNEY
Ronald Lee "Ron" Sisney, age 65, of Monett, passed away Saturday, August 25, 2018, at Missouri University Hospital in Columbia.
He was born September 6, 1952, in Cassville, the son of Kenneth and Georgia Katherine (Brock) Sisney. On February 19, 2005, he was united in marriage to Jane (Terry) Schmidt, who survives. Also surviving are children, Dustin

Lee Sisney, of Moorpark, California, Amanda Jane Skelton and her husband, Toby, of Springfield, Brittany Lea Bailey and her husband, Zach, of Monett, and Jeffrey James Weaver, of Springfield; one brother, Robert L. Sisney and his wife, Mary, Lee of Sedalia; one sister, Kathy Flockhart and her husband, Gary, of Cole Camp; six grandchildren, Calvin and Henry Bailey, Carson Ledgerwood and Nick, Courtney and Cody Skelton.
He was preceded in death by his parents.
Ron received his education in Cassville, where he graduated from high school in 1970. He was self-employed in the construction and excavating business. He was an avid fisherman and a loving Papaw.
Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 30, 2018, at Arnhart Baptist

OBITUARIES
Church in Purdy under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Robert Sisney will officiate, assisted by Pastors Jason Mackey and Lawrence Shuey. Burial will be at Arnhart Cemetery in Purdy.
The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
Contributions may be made to Arnhart Cemetery in memory of Ron.
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he was employed at Boeing Aircraft. Most of his life, he was an inspector for Frisco Railroad and he also farmed. Some of his favorite pastimes were coon hunting with his dog, Red, deer hunting and fishing.
Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 30, 2018, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Cassville under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Doyle Russell will conduct the services.
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LEO J. PATTON
Leo J. Patton, age 101, of Jenkins, passed away Monday, August 27, 2018, at Oak Pointe of Monett in Monett.
He was born October 13, 1916, in Lawrence County, the son of Roy and Harriett (Cochran) Patton. On May 29, 1939, he was united in marriage to Noveta Doty, who preceded him in death on October 31, 1997. Also preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, J.W. Patton; and two sisters, Evelyn Reed and Olive Hatfield.
Surviving are one son, David Patton, of Greensboro, North Carolina; one brother, Kenneth Patton, of Monett; two grandchildren, Doug and Diane; and one great-granddaughter, Grayson Saunders.
Leo received his education at Cross Hollows one room school. For a few years,

twenty years, she was employed at Tyson's and worked seventeen years at Fasco. She was a foster grandmother at Cassville School until the age of 90. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church for fifty years.
Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 24, 2018, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Cassville under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.
Contributions may be made to Bible Baptist Church in memory of Margaret.
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MARY FRANCES "FRANCY" GRAHAM
Mary Frances "Francy" Graham, age 88, of Shell Knob, passed away Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at Granby House in Granby.
Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 1, 2018, at Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Burial will be at Painter Cemetery in Shell Knob.
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JOY (GREEN) JOHNSON
Joy (Green) Johnson, 87, of Monett, went to be with her Lord in Heaven on Monday August 27, 2018, while at her home in Monett.
Visitation for Joy is being held on Thursday, August 30, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett. Funeral services are being held on Friday, August 31, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Chapel in Monett. Burial will follow services at the Calton Cemetery in Pleasant Ridge.
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rangements have been entrusted to the care of the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett.
PETER ALLEN STOVALL
Peter Allen Stovall, age 69, of Shell Knob, passed away Thursday, August 23, 2018, at his home.
No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob.
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ABIGAIL LANE ROBERTS
Abigail Lane Roberts, sweet baby girl of Emily Gail Costlow and Joseph Glen Roberts, was born onto the arms of Angels on Saturday, August 25, 2018, at Cox Hospital in Monett. Abigail was a beautiful baby girl who touched so many in her short time and was loved by so many family and friends.
In addition to her parents, Abigail is survived by her maternal grandmother, Carla Costlow, of Cassville; paternal grandparents, Justin Roberts, of Golden, and Michelle Kling, of Colorado; maternal great-grandparents, Gale Vanzandt, of Cassville, and Ray Costlow, of Haley Hollow; and paternal great-grandmother, Debbie Blake, of Golden.
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ing the right approach for that student.”

The two agreed that, so far, the district is up and running with a good start with the new changes in place. Jordan said, “The year has started out amazing. Ms. Fly and I have worked well together in shifting school culture to be more positively-focused from the top down. Dr. Raney is a great example and leader for all of us. Then, it is our goal to foster a positive climate with our teachers and students.

“The teachers have jumped right on board with the changes in putting student success first and foremost with a positive team approach. We kicked off the school year with teachers and administrators greeting students at the doors to celebrate the start of another great year. We have tried to continue to keep that spirit rolling every day. It is our goal for students to be excited about coming to school and improving their school.

“We want them to take ownership of their learning and their future.”

One change that students will experience is a new assessment that evaluates each student’s level of mastery in different areas. Jordan explained by all teachers understanding each student’s strengths and areas for improvement, they will be able to connect, even if it’s not something directly related to their subject.

He said, “We want this to flow through the whole faculty. We want to see connections between teachers across curricular boundaries. In other words, the district is hoping by personalizing each student’s learning plan, teachers will be able to aid the student on their path, even if it is not directly about their subject.”

With a smaller district and teachers on board, Jordan said changes have been obvious even in the first weeks of the new school year. He said, “It all goes back to saying ‘how do we reach every child that comes in from kindergarten to high school level?’. We want to support each student and reach every kid in the most effective way possible to make sure they are successful. This starts with culture. It starts with the administration and goes to the teachers and down to the students.”

Jordan said having a smaller district helps with the effect reaching students more quickly than in larger districts. The staff is seeing fairly immediate changes to the new approach to education within the school. He said, “Even our kids already see the changes and are asking about starting up new clubs that focus on academics. It’s been really incredible.”

Fly said she is glad to be a part of the administrative team. She said, “I get to work with kids every day. Even though it’s in a different way, I can still talk to them and see what is going on with them every day by talking to my coworkers and building relationships with those students.”

Jordan said the partnership with Fly is just part of what will help the district to make changes over time. He said, “It wouldn’t work with any two people. Knowing we have support all the way from the superintendent, the board of education and Ms. Fly already had those relationships with the students and teachers, that made it much easier.”

He added, “We are fortunate to have a supportive community that partners with school to improve every year. As a small rural school we have the ability to individualize instruction so that we meet the specific needs of each student to promote growth.”

Fly earned a bachelor of science in physical education from Missouri Southern State University in 2010 and a masters of arts in school administration from Lindenwood University in 2018.

Prior to taking the assistant principal position, Fly worked at Exeter Schools for eight years, holding positions of paraprofessional, K-8 physical education, volleyball coach, softball coach and athletic director.

Fly said she went into education because she is from a big family and spent a lot of time with her nieces and nephews. She said she comes from a family of teachers.

Jordan earned an undergraduate degree from Evangel University in 2004, a masters of educational administration from Lindenwood University in 2007, a masters in school counseling from Evangel University in 2012 and is currently earning a specialist degree in educational leadership from Arkansas State. He anticipates graduating in 2019.

Prior to taking the principal position, Jordan held positions of fourth grade teacher, instructional coach, counselor and elementary principal.

Jordan said he went into education after doing a missions trip to a Mexican orphanage. He said, “I love kids and working with kids and shifted my career focus after that. Then here at Exeter, we have a community that is so supportive and we have such a family feel with our staff and community, I just love to be here.”

He is married to Shannon. They have three children together: Noah, 8; Kai-den, 5; and Alyia, 3.

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Correction:

In last week’s issue, the article about the fatal crash in McDonald County had the names of the passenger and driver in the Silverado transposed. Randall E. Hensley, the driver, was pronounced deceased following the crash, not passenger Robin J. Hensley, who suffered moderate injuries and was treated at an area hospital.

We sincerely apologize to the community and family for such a serious error. A policy change has been instituted to avoid similar mistakes in the future.

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Bachman said, “Everyone agreed there is a safety issue and an improvement would be a welcome thing there. The options were at

extremes in terms of a cost level. That second option is where we landed after hearing all of the comments.”

While the official comment period has ended, Bachman said the site is still open for comments through MoDOT’s website. She stated, “The official comment period ended, but I’m happy to talk to anyone in the public who would like to talk about it. It’s just not part of the official project report from the comment period.”

For more detailed information about the project, go

to: http://www.modot.org/southwest/major_projects/BarryCoRt37Pavementand-IntersectionImprovements.htm

To submit a public comment regarding the proposal, go to : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GLDXRW9/>

Bachman concluded, “There are several other good projects that will include safety and capacity on 37. We’re excited about the project.”

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Shon Bishop, small farms specialist with Lincoln University, works closely with the Barry County Extension in

Cassville. He was a presenter at our spring workshop in March and his information about getting a garden started was very well received. This time, Shon will address what gardeners should do in the fall to prepare the garden for winter and next year's growing season.

Oscar Cross, his wife, Amy, and their children are the owners of Hilltop Farm in Ash Grove. Hilltop is known for beautiful and sometimes unusual plants, many of which are grown from seeds

or cuttings at their green-houses. They also love to share the knowledge they have accumulated during their 35 years in the business. Oscar will speak on perennials to grow in the shade. He is always up on the very latest, so be prepared to learn about some new plants!

Because space is limited, we are asking folks to preregister for this workshop. The library has an excellent space on the lower level which accommodates 60 people. We want to make sure that we have space for all who come, and therefore, ask that you call or email the extension office to "hold your spot". We suggest that you bring paper and pencil to take notes so that you can get the most from the presentations.

Please contact Molly at the Extension Office by phone at 417-847-3161 or by email at durosettem@missouri.edu by Sept. 7. You can also obtain information about the Missouri Master Gardener program which is facilitated through the University of Missouri Extension.

Exeter Fire receives almost \$3K in MDC grant

During July and August, matching funds grant checks for rural fire depart-

ments are being distributed by the Missouri Department of Conservation, Forestry

Division staff. The Exeter Fire Department received a check for \$2,990.37.

One hundred seventy-four fire departments received checks for up to \$4,000 to help with the purchase of personal protective gear, communications equipment and wildfire suppression equipment to help increase the fire departments funding awarded to Missouri fire departments through the matching funds grant program this year is \$389,603.56.

Fire departments are required to match 50 percent of the funds which are provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the US Forest Service, Volunteer Fire Assistance Program. Throughout the last 30 years, over \$8 million has been distributed to rural fire departments to help them increase the safety of their firefighters and provide them with better firefighting equipment.



The Exeter Fire Department received a check for \$2,990.37 in matching grant funds from Missouri Department of Conservation and the US Forest Service. Pictured above, from left to right: Jim Mathews, chief; and Jerry Craig, Missouri Department of Conservation.

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Cassville FFA to represent Missouri at National Convention

The Cassville FFA Chapter was chosen to represent the Missouri FFA Association in the Hall of States this October during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Only one chapter from each state earns this honor.

Cassville FFA earned the nomination through members working over the summer to design and build an educational booth for the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia. The students' booth titled "Just one piece of the puzzle; Come home to Missouri FFA," won first place and a trip to the Hall of States. The display highlights the different types of agriculture found in Barry County. CHS FFA ranked first in poultry production, third in beef cattle production, and has thousands of agritourism visitors every year enjoying the natural resources at Roaring River State Park.

The FFA members also interviewed several agricultural leaders in the area and produced a video to educate the public about the different pieces of agriculture that make up the Barry County puzzle. The video was incorporated into the educational display and viewed by thousands of visitors at the 2018 Missouri State Fair. FFA members interviewed Terrell Varner who explained the day-to-day process in his eight-house turkey operation; Drew Henbest described buying, selling, and feeding cattle at his feedlot; and Brad Farwell with Roaring River State Park hatchery said, "Agritourism is essentially the reason this hatchery is here." The fish hatchery releases approximately 260,000 fish each year into Roaring River and annually draws 400,000 visitors to fish, hike and camp in the park.

Cassville FFA is hoping to set up the students' educational booth in local businesses to allow Barry County citizens the opportunity to enjoy the display. If your business is interested in hosting the booth for a one to two week period in September, contact Jimmy Hinson or John Littlefield at (417) 847-4610 or email jlittlefield@cassville.k12.mo.us.



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Cassville adds second Kinder Academy class after successful pilot year



Ms. Brewer

After a successful inaugural year during the 2017-18 school year, Eunice Thomas Elementary has added a second Kinder Academy class that will be able to serve an additional 15 students.

Kinder Academy is a transitional kindergarten class that serves as the first year of a two-year kindergarten experience for some of Cassville's youngest wildcats. The Board of Education made the decision to offer Kinder Academy last year and after a proven successful year, the board voted to expand the program to serve more kids during the 2018-19 school year.

"The Kinder Academy program is an outstanding program designed to give our early childhood students additional support to achieve success," stated Dr. Richard Asbill, Cassville R-IV Schools Superintendent. "Our Board of Education understands the importance of our early childhood emphasis and is excited to expand a program to serve our students."

Kinder Academy's curriculum is aligned with the Missouri Learning Standards between pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. Students will also expand their education outside of the traditional classroom by participating in daily special class curriculum such as music, art, library, technology and physical education.

"The Primary School is thrilled with the addition of a second Kinder Academy class," said Mrs. Catherine Weaver, Cassville Primary Principal. "Our data shows that last year's participants made an average gain of 16 percentile points from the beginning of Kinder Academy until the end. It also showed that last spring when our Kinder Academy students were screened with incoming kindergartners, they scored 20 percentile points ahead of others."

With over 20 years of experience as an educator, Mrs. Julie Brewer was selected to serve as the second Kinder Academy teacher. Mrs. Michelle Ramaeker will continue to teach Kinder Academy as well.

"Mrs. Brewer brings a wealth of experience with her having taught not only first grade, but preschool

for many years as well," stated Weaver. "She and Mrs. Ramaeker have already spent long hours planning and working together for another successful school year!"

In addition, Brewer has taught in a Missouri Pre-school Project classroom which incorporates many instructional activities that have been successful in Kinder Academy.

"The one aspect of Kinder Academy that excites me the most is that I will get to witness as the students experience the foundations of learning for the first time," said Brewer. "It is amazing to watch this process as the world of learning opens up to them in a whole new way. Mrs. Ramaeker has done an excellent job launching Kinder Academy this past year. It is exciting to join her in this new adventure."

Both 15-student Kinder Academy classes are full for the 2018-19 school year.

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Charlea Estes-Jones

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Wade A. Essary, 43, of Aurora, was driving a 2012 Chevrolet Cruze southbound on Farm Road 1200 about two miles south of Aurora. The vehicle ran off the roadway and struck a house.

Essary suffered minor injuries and was transported to Mercy Hospital in Springfield by EMS. He was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

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Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Wildcats claimed a 42-12 road victory over Aurora to open the 2018 football season on Friday night. The victory was marred by multiple Wildcat turnovers and a plethora of penalties, but Cassville's physical dominance overwhelmed Aurora in the end.

Bowen Preddy, the Cassville speed freak, ripped the Aurora defense for four touchdowns, three on the ground and a 74-yard sprint on the receiving end of a Shannon Haney bomb to end the first half.

For Aurora, it was déjà vu. The Houn Dawgs lost to Cassville 34-13 in the final regular season game of 2017 at Wildcat Stadium.

The state of Missouri had its collective eyes on the Big 8 Conference on Friday night. After absorbing small COC schools to grow from an elite eight to the fearsome fourteen, the Big 8 has cemented

its claim to the best Class 3 conference in the state. The new Big 8 is led by Class 2 dynasty Lamar, which posted its nation-leading 50th consecutive win on Friday night.

In the new conference shakeup, Cassville is in the west division and Aurora moves to the east. At season's end, the Big 8 will crown two division champions, east and west. Unlike college, there is no room on the schedule for a conference championship game due to district playoffs.

Cassville entered this game and this season with a sense of urgency. A talented group of seniors, a group that dazzled all the way through Mighty Mite and middle school, has its last chance to make a mark in the Wildcat history book. There's a fine line between hype and hope, but this team certainly has the instruments to make some serious noise.

However, after an impressive exhibition at the Spring-

field jamboree, Cassville regressed in critical areas. The Wildcats collected flag after flag, 13 in all, surrendering 105 yards in penalties. Add the turnovers and Lance Parnell has plenty to address in the coming week of practice.

But make no mistake, Cassville was superior to Aurora. Obviously bigger in the line and faster at the skilled positions, the Wildcats were impressive even with all the opening night miscues.

Aurora dodged a bullet on the very first snap of the game when the officials waved off an apparent fumble recovery by the Wildcats. After a Houn Dawg punt, Preddy shredded the line for a 31-yard run on Cassville's first offensive play but fumbled the ball away.

The Wildcat defense forced a second punt, and then Haney directed a 15-play, 83-yard scoring



Photo by Priscilla Craig

Cassville junior running back Bowen Preddy is pictured above as he breaks through Aurora's defense Friday evening. Preddy scored four touchdowns for the Wildcats.

drive. Blake Gordon scored on third-and-goal from the Aurora 12-yard line, collecting a Haney pass and spinning loose in the secondary to give Cassville a 7-0 lead.

Aurora's third posses-

sion died in the hands of Ethan Hoppes when he intercepted a Jay Lee throw early in the second quarter. The Cats then scored in just seven plays with Preddy capping the 53-yard drive with a

Cassville led 14-0 with 8:15 left in the half.

A huge turnover paved the way for Aurora's first score of the night. Anthony Tolbert fumbled at the Cass-

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ville 36-yard line, and Dylan Clayton's return set up the Aurora offense inside the Cassville red zone. Three plays later, Lee rifled a scoring pass to Casey Weatherman to cut the Cassville lead to 14-6.

Then, Preddy mishandled the kickoff and Aurora recovered at the Cassville 31-yard line.

By this time, the Houns had completely abandoned any semblance of a running game and pinned their hopes on Lee's passing arm. Following a first-down incompleton, Tolbert blitzed the left side and planted Lee for a nine-yard loss. Another incompleton led to an Aurora punt that Hoppes downed at the Cassville 12-yard line with 2:09 left in the half.

Two Preddy runs and a screen to DJ White gave the Wildcats a first down at the 26-yard line as the final min-

ute ticked away. Instead of running the clock out, Clay Weldy rolled the dice from the sideline. Preddy raced out of the backfield on a fly pattern and Haney hit him in full stride with a 74-yard bomb to give Cassville a 21-6 halftime lead.

The first half saw Cassville rack up 287 yards of total offense, much of it wasted by the penalties and turnovers.

The frustration continued when Haney threw a pick to open the third quarter. Lee suddenly got hot for Aurora, scrambling and throwing effectively as the Houns reached the Cassville one-yard line. Lee's scoring sneak cut the lead to 21-12 with 7:49 on the third-quarter clock. Aurora's two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving Cassville with a two-score advantage.

But from that point on, Cassville wore Aurora out. Tolbert finished a 63-yard

scoring drive with a two-yard plunge to push the lead to 28-12. Then Gordon intercepted Lee to set up a one-play scoring drive, with Predy knifing through the line for a 14-yard touchdown and a 34-12 lead.

The Wildcats finished the scoring with a 12-play, 80-yard drive that ate up most of the final quarter. Haney found Gordon with a 17-yard strike on a fourth down play to keep the drive alive, and then, Preddy bulled into the end zone from the wishbone from four yards out.

This was an uneven performance by the Wildcats, certainly not Masterpiece Theater material. But there were many positives to take away from this game. Both Preddy and Tolbert rushed for over 100 yards, and Haney's passing game was impressive. The Wildcats posted 500 yards of total



Photo by Priscilla Craig

Senior wide receiver, Wildcat Blake Gordon is pictured above after catching a 17-yard pass on fourth down. Gordon had three catches for the Wildcats for a total of 49 yards. Gordon also scored a touchdown for Cassville.

offense and displayed the physicality necessary to succeed in the always tough Big 8 Conference.

"It was a good win," Lance Parnell said after the game but acknowledged there were areas that need improvement. "To win tight ball games, we cannot turn the ball over," he emphasized.

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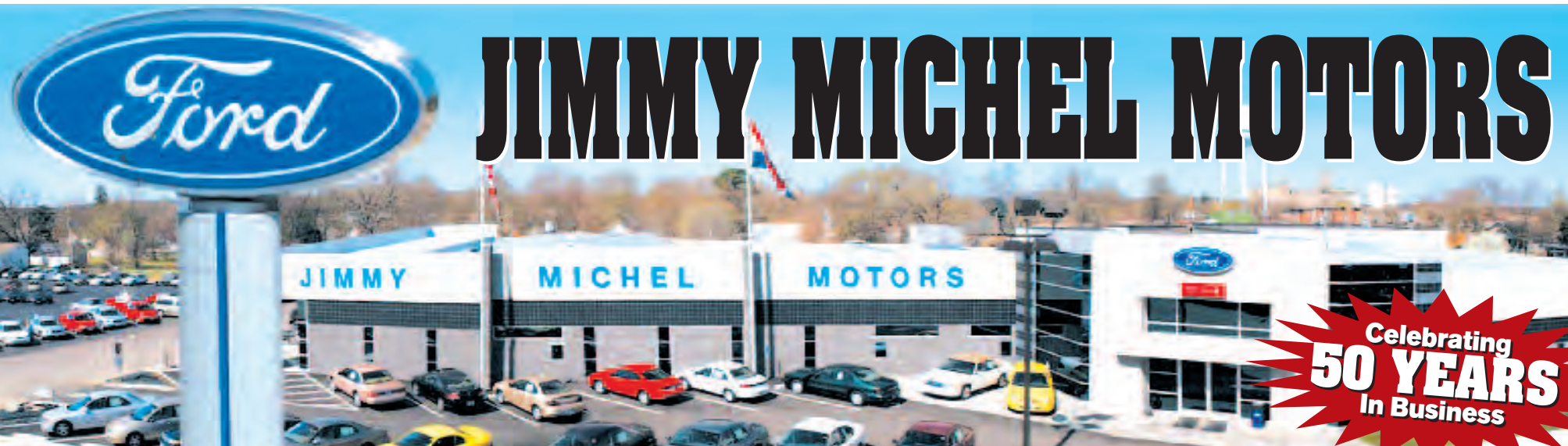
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Cassville FCCLA members attend Atlanta National Leadership Conference



Cassville FCCLA members attended the Leadership Conference to both compete in events and learn innovative skills they brought back to the club. Members who attended are pictured above, from left to right: Josie Guevara, Britney Nowak, Olivia Holman, Zac Acheson, Jordyn Stafford and Savannah Lawrence.

Cassville FCCLA members joined more than 7,500 FCCLA student leaders, members, and advisers at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta June 28 through July 2 to participate in the annual FCCLA National Leadership Conference (NLC). The conference provided FCCLA members opportunities to come together for energizing learning while listening to inspiring speakers, expanding leadership skills, sharpening talents and exploring career pathways. The theme of this year's conference was "Inspired by FCCLA", which inspired attendees to make the right choices and commit themselves to making a positive impact within their families, schools, FCCLA and communities. Five Cassville members participated in one of 30 Family and Consumer Sciences related competitive events offered at NLC, including STAR (Students

Taking Action with Recognition) Events. These events support foundational, leadership and workplace skills in areas such as advocacy, culinary arts and entrepreneurship. Competing with over 4,500 STAR Event participants in Atlanta, Jordyn Stafford and Josie Guevara achieved silver in Chapter Service Project Display, Olivia Holman achieved gold and second in the nation in Nutrition and Wellness, and Savannah Lawrence and Britney Nowak earned silver in Digital Stories for change. In addition, Zac Acheson completed state officer training and will be serving as the Missouri FCCLA vice-president of STAR Events this year.

About FCCLA
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address impor-

tant personal, family, work and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has more than 160,000 members and more than 5,300 chapters from 49 state associations, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members, and it's the only career and technical in-school student organization with a central focus on family. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in families, careers, and communities. The Cassville FCCLA advisers are Mrs. Samantha Cosper, Cassville High School, and Mrs. Ann Ellis, Cassville Middle School.

For more information on FCCLA, contact Samantha Cosper at Cassville High School.

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Central Crossing Senior Center celebrates 15 years

Over 120 people show up to the Central Crossing Senior Center's celebration of 15 years in its permanent location in Shell Knob on August 4, 2018.

Honored guests were two of the original founders, Glenn Phillips and Dick Nierman. Glenn and Kathy Phillips moved away from the area and locals were happy to have them attend.

Volunteers were on hand to give tours of the building and explain what activities and services are offered at the center Monday through Friday. Additionally, the Table

Rock-etts were on hand for a line dancing demonstration as were the local wood carvers demonstrating their craft.

Cake and punch were served over the course of the two-hour open house, and everyone enjoyed visiting with old friends and making some new friends. If you are a senior who is new to the area, visit the Central Crossing Senior Center Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. It is located at 20801 YY-15 in Shell Knob. For more information, call (417) 858-6952.



Added entertainment to the anniversary celebration included woodcarvers showing off their craft.



A huge crowd gathered at Shell Knob's Central Crossing Senior Center for the 15th anniversary celebration on August 4. Over 120 visitors attended the event.

Cassville Library events

- All branches of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library will be closed on Monday, September 3, for the Labor Day holiday.
- Preschool story times begin on September 5 and 6 at 10 a.m. each session. Stop by the library to register for the Wednesday or Thursday times. Call (417) 847-2121 for more information.
- The after-school program, 3:30 Thursdays, begins on September 6 with the showing of the film *The Giver*, based on the Lois Lowry book of the same name.
- This is part of the Great American Film Festival celebrating some of America's best-loved books. All ages are invited to attend. Bring your own snacks.
- September's Trivia Night will be held on Thursday, September 6, starting at 6 p.m. Come join the fun with snacks and prizes included.
- The Great American Film Festival continues on Monday, September 10, at 1:30 p.m. with the viewing of *The Help*, rated PG-13. This is the film adaptation of the best-selling book by Kathryn Stockett.
- Sewing is offered each Wednesday at 9 a.m. and quilting on that day at 12:30 p.m. Crochet classes are on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
- Don't miss Game Night on Wednesday, September 12, at 5:30 p.m. Games are provided or you may bring your own. Parents must accompany their children.

CBC of the Ozarks hosting blood drive

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) is the sole local provider of blood for patients at 41 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.

Supplies of type O positive, O negative and A positive blood are at less than normal levels

CBCO strives for area blood reserves to be at around a three-day supply for all blood types. At the time of this release, the

blood center reserves show a less than two-day supply of type O positive, O negative and A positive blood. Since it takes around 200 donations per day to meet area needs, the public, especially type O positive and A positive donors, are urged to continue to help by donating at a CBCO blood drive or donor center near them

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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, visit www.cbco.org or call toll-free 1 (800) 280-5337.

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Federal disaster loans available through SBA

Small nonfarm businesses in 33 Missouri counties and neighboring counties in Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma are now eligible to apply for low-interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration, announced Director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought in the following primary counties that began June 19, 2018.

Primary Missouri counties: Audrain, Barry, Barton, Boone, Callaway, Cooper, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, Moniteau, Monroe and Newton;

Neighboring Missouri counties: Cedar, Christian, Cole, Greene, Howard, Macon, Marion, McDonald, Miller, Montgomery, Morgan, Osage, Pettis, Pike, Polk, Ralls, Randolph, Saline, Shelby, Stone and Vernon;

Neighboring Arkansas counties: Benton and Carroll;

Neighboring Kansas counties: Cherokee and Crawford;

Neighboring Oklahoma county: Ottawa.

"SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster," Garfield said.

Small nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aqua-

culture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 3.61 percent for businesses and 2.5 percent for private nonprofit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years and are available to small businesses and most private nonprofits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Garfield said.

By law, SBA makes Economic Injury Disaster Loans available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. The Secretary declared this disaster on Aug. 20, 2018.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency about the U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance in drought disasters.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may

also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for economic injury is April 22, 2019.

About the U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration makes the American dream of business ownership a reality. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

Exeter FFA Executive Committee attends LEAD



On Tuesday, May 29, the Exeter FFA Executive Committee attended the LEAD Conference hosted by Crowder College. Those in attendance learned teamwork skills that would improve their ability to work with each other as an officer team. Students participated in leadership activities to help gather knowledge on effectively planning activities throughout the year.

Pictured above, from left to right: Mykah Estes, Vanessa Ward, Savannah Jones, Wyatt Hoppes and Lane Willis. Submitted by S. Riley Still.



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Improve low-quality forages with ammonia treatment

Livestock producers can stretch short supplies of hay this year by using a simple ammonia treatment on bales, says University of Missouri Extension agronomist Rusty Lee.

Lee says ammoniation boosts the nutritive value of poor-quality hay and makes it more digestible for cows and horses. MU Extension state forage specialist Craig Roberts calls ammoniation a “secret weapon” in drought-stressed areas. With proper ammoniation, the nutritional value of hay, cornstalks and straw can improve significantly, even double, at a reasonable cost.

Lee says it is important to ammoniate only poor-quality hay. Higher-quality grass hay can become toxic with nitrates after ammonia treatment and cause “crazy cow” syndrome when fed. A maximum rate of 50 pounds of anhydrous ammonia per ton of straw should be observed to avoid nitrate issues.

Producers should not worry if their tall fescue is endophyte-infected before ammonia treatment, Roberts says. MU research shows that ammoniated tall fescue is about five times less toxic than pasture, as the toxins break down during ammoniation.

The process takes one

week to a month, depending on temperature, says Lee. If the temperature is 85 degrees or higher, one week is recommended. Treat two to three weeks in milder temperatures and up to four weeks when temperatures fall. Lee says three weeks is a good average.

Follow these steps:

- Stack round bales in a pyramid so the covering will shed rainfall. Stack height is limited by width of plastic used to cover.
- Cover with 6 mil thick black plastic, the kind used to cover silage pits.
- Plastic sheeting should completely cover the stack with sufficient length to cover edges with soil or lime. Tamp soil down to create an airtight seal.
- Fill the ammonia tank with only the amount required for the stack being treated. This will avoid the risk of over-treating.
- Add ammonia slowly by cracking the valve on the tank. Let ammonia trickle into the middle of the hay bales overnight. Wear proper safety equipment when working around ammonia.
- Air out bales three days before feeding to allow the ammonia to clear. Do not uncover in windy weather. Air out before testing forage to check improvement.

Cost to ammoniate is \$20-\$30 per ton, depending on cost of plastic sheeting and ammonia in your area, Lee says.

For more information, contact Lee at 573-564-3733 or leerw@missouri.edu. You may also contact the agronomist at your county MU Extension center.

Haven of the Ozarks’ Pet of the Week: Rianna



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Troopers: Have a safe Labor Day weekend

Class of '61 donates \$550 to Bright Futures

Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, urges Missouri's travelers to drive and boat responsibly during the 2018 Labor Day weekend. Whether you are driving or boating, safety must be at the forefront of your plans.

In Missouri, 11 people died and 265 were injured in 941 traffic crashes over the 2017 Labor Day holiday. That means one person was killed or injured every 12.4 minutes. Of that total, troopers worked 313 traffic crashes, which included 130 injuries and eight of the fatalities over the 2017 Labor Day holiday. Troopers arrested 142 people for driving while intoxicated during last year's holiday weekend.

The 2018 counting period for the Labor Day holiday will be from 6 p.m., Friday, August 31, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, September 3, 2018.

The Highway Patrol will be participating in Operation C.A.R.E. (Crash Awareness & Reduction Effort) over the Labor Day holiday weekend. Speed, inattention, and impaired driving are leading causes of traffic crashes. Thus, all available troopers will be patrolling Missouri's roadways enforcing Missouri's speed limit, seat belt, and impaired driving laws, in addition to being available to assist motorists.

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

Col. Karsten reminds the public that the Labor Day holiday is a busy boating weekend. In 2016, there were 10 boating crashes which included zero fatalities and 10 injuries. There were no drownings over last year's Labor Day holiday. Troopers arrested 12 people for boating while intoxicated during last year's counting period. In an effort to increase safety on our state's waters, all available officers will be working over the holiday weekend. Missouri's boaters are asked to do their part by remaining alert for other boats and swimmers, and being courteous on the water. With more boats on the water, it is even more important to pay attention when operating a vessel.

Remember: Never operate a vessel while you are impaired. Alcohol consumption slows reaction time. Avoid overloading your boat with too many passengers and pay close attention to the boats around you. Check your vessel's navigation lights before heading out at night,

be sure to have spare bulbs on board, and observe Missouri's nighttime speed limit of 30 mph on the water. Causing harm to another person or their property with an excessive boat wake may subject you to enforcement action or civil liability. Treat other boaters and property owners as you want to be treated.

Watercraft operators must consider the effect their actions have on others: Share the waterway and use common sense, good judgment, and courtesy to ensure the safety of all. Life jackets save lives. Wear It!!

"I urge everyone to plan a safe 2018 Labor Day holiday," said Colonel Karsten. "Use a seat belt in a vehicle or a life jacket when you're on or near the water. No matter what you are operating--a vehicle or a vessel--be a courteous driver and obey all applicable laws."

The public is encouraged to call the Patrol's Emergency Report Line (800) 525-5555 or *55 on your cellular phone if they witness criminal activity or experience an emergency. These emergency numbers are operational for both highway and water emergencies. If your celebration includes alcohol, designate someone else to drive whether you are in your boat or your car. Please don't become a statistic.



The Cassville High School class of 1961 has made a \$550 contribution to the Cassville Bright Futures program and challenged other CHS classes to do the same.

In the photo, left to right: Class of 1961 member Bill Lee, Cassville R-IV directors of learning and Bright Future coordinators Eric White and Traci Mitchell and class of '61 members Ann (Baker) and Jim Lassiter.

The Class of 1961 organizing committee includes: Lea (Hutchens) Cox, Bill Lee, Lonnie Yarnall, Jim and Ann (Baker) Lassiter, Jan (Jackson) Truman, Larry McEdens, Lanny Hopkins and Leonard Preddy.

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Jenkins Fire Department receives \$3,000 MDC grant

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One hundred seventy-four fire departments received checks for up to \$4,000 to help with the purchase of personal protective gear, communications equipment and wildfire suppression equipment to help increase the fire departments funding awarded to Missouri fire departments through the matching funds grant program this year is \$389,603.56.

Fire departments are required to match 50 percent of the funds which are provided by the Missouri

Department of Conservation and the US Forest Service, Volunteer Fire Assistance Program. Throughout the last 30 years, over \$8 million has been distributed to rural fire departments to help them increase the safety of their firefighters and provide them with better firefighting equipment.



The Jenkins Fire Department received a check for \$3,000 in matching grant funds from Missouri Department of Conservation and the US Forest Service. Pictured above, from left to right: Trey Phillips, chief; Doug Fare, president of the board; and Jerry Craig, Missouri Department of Conservation.



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SOUTHWEST SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Southwest Board of Education held a regular meeting on August 16.

Tax Rate Hearing:

- The Tax Rate Hearing was called to order by Board President Danny Dalton at 6:30 p.m.
- Ms. Tilford presented the assessed valuation for Barry County as \$34,711,034 and McDonald County as \$6,215,911 for a total of \$40,926,945 for the 2018-2019 school year.
- The current tax rate for the incidental fund is \$2.75 and \$0.85 cents for the debt service fund.
- The suggested tax rate was \$0.9562 with the option to roll back to \$0.85.
- To maintain proper balances in the debt service fund and to accommodate the bond payment, the recommendation is the debt service levy remain at \$0.85 cents for the 2018-2019 school year.
- There was no public comment.
- The Board of Education voted to approve the \$2.75 Operation Levy per \$100 assessed valuation for the 2018-2019 school year.
- The Board of Education voted to approve the \$0.85 Debt Service Levy per \$100 assessed valuation for the 2018-2019 school year.
- The tax rate hearing adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Regarding employment and resignations:

- The resignation of Kimberly Brightwell as custodian was accepted.
- The employment of Crystal Moseley as custodian; Lori Ewbank as full time bus driver; Lisa Peak as paraprofessional; Vivian Barber and Mackenzie Mulkey as substitute custodians; Terri Jo Myers, Jessica Reeves and Shirley Corn as substitute Cooks; and Chelsey Keeney and Shannon Duncan as substitute teachers pending

DESE approval were all approved by the Board of Education.

- Carl Norton was not approved as a substitute teacher by the Board of Education.

Old Business:
None.

New Business:
The Southwest R-5 Board of Education approved the following:

- The resolution authorizing the redemption of \$50,000 principal amount of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2016 and authorizing the publication of notice of redemption
- The MSBA 2018B Policies, Procedures, and Forms
- Kandie Eads as the 504 Compliance Coordinator, Foster Care Liaison, and Homeless Coordinator for the Southwest R-5 School District for the 2018-19 school year
- The 2018-2019 contract agreement with Lydia Regier, MA for professional services for orientation and mobility services
- The 2018-2019 contract agreement for therapy services with Mercy Hospital in Cassville for physical and occupational therapy
- The Contract for Early Childhood Special Education Services with the Barry-Lawrence County Developmental Center
- The Proportionate Share Plan

Administrative Reports and Program Evaluations

- The Board reviewed the maintenance report submitted by Justin Speer, Maintenance Director.
- Ms. Tilford reported on the following items: annual secretary of the board report, middle school entry, custodial supplies, report on summer maintenance to high school gym and multi-purpose room.

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