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Spotlight

Advertiser Closed

The Barry County Advertiser will be closed Thursday, November 26, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Our deadlines for next week's paper will be as follows. Classified ad deadlines will be Friday, November 20, at 4 p.m. for bordered ads and Monday, November 23, at noon for line ads. Display ads deadline will be Friday, November 20, at 4 p.m.

Southwest Spirit Night

Southwest will have a spirit night on Friday, November 20, at 6 p.m. For more information, see page 4A.

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South Barry County ambulance service to switch from Cox to Mercy in 2016

Charlea Mills

In a controversial decision last Tuesday night, the South Barry County Ambulance District (SBCAD) opted to change the Ambulance Service Provider (ASP) contract for southern Barry County from CoxHealth to Mercy after 27 years. The switch, which will happen March 1, 2016, was a hard one to make, according to the Board, and it's left 17 employees currently working the district through CoxHealth with a sense of unease about their futures.

Board President Ken Cielinski said, "Our largest concern through all of this has been the employees. We wanted to make sure that they weren't thrown to the curb." He added that the decision to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to both CoxHealth and Mercy for the service was made after receiving input from the

community.

Cielinski said, "The voters asked for this, and that's what we're doing. The constituents of the county asked for us to put the contract out for bid when we asked for our sales tax, and we were doing what they asked for." The SBCAD Board put a property tax levy rollback and institution of a 1/2-cent sales tax measure on the April ballot, which voters passed.

In light of new funds available, Cielinski said their constituents requested that the district's ASP contract be put up for bid to better utilize county funds. CoxHealth's contract was for a \$94,500 annual stipend to aid the health service in funding the ambulance service. When Mercy and CoxHealth put in their proposals, both offered to run the service for \$0.

Cielinski said, "We were happy with the service that we got from Cox. As far as



The South Barry County Ambulance District, which has had ambulance services provided by CoxHealth for the past 27 years, will be operated by Mercy as of March 1, 2016.

the service goes, we've never had a problem. We know what we have with Cox, but we needed to see what the other options were."

When the RFP was sent

to both CoxHealth and Mercy by the Board, both bid the contract without a stipend, saving the district that large chunk of their annual budget. Both Mercy and

CoxHealth claimed that no stipend was necessary due to federal funds being made available to help subsidize

See AMBULANCE on 16A

Southwest superintendent Walker resigns, principal Watson to replace him

Charlea Mills

After seven years with the Southwest District, superintendent Dr. Bob Walker announced at the November school board meeting is stepping down from his position and current high school principal Toshia Watson will be taking his place as of July 1, 2016.

Walker said the decision to leave was just feeling that it was time. He said, "My stepping down as superintendent is simply a matter of my feeling that it is time. I think one of the responsibilities of a superintendent is to be able to look down the road and make decisions that are in the best interest of a district's future, and that includes examining your own situation. And having someone with the skill set of Mrs. Watson available really makes my decision much easier, because I know how much she cares about Southwest." He said he is unsure if he will be pursuing employment elsewhere.

Watson, a 1990 Southwest High School graduate, has been employed with the district as the high school principal for five years. She said, "It has been my professional goal to be a superintendent since I finished by specialist of education degree. I am looking for-



Dr. Walker

ward to continuing with the district initiatives with Mr. Walker and the board of education have set plus guiding the district toward new and exciting endeavors."

Watson said that she plans to continue taking the school in the same direction laid out by the board and Walker. However, she said leaving the high school will be a change.

"I will miss most about leading the high school principal position is the staff and the students. We have a strong, caring environment. I have always said that the best job in the district is being the high school principal. I will miss this honor tremendously, but look forward to the new challenges of being the superintendent and giving

See SUPERINTENDENT on 8A



Watson

Seligman man killed in MO-37 crash

Charlea Mills

Joseph M. Ferrell, 59, of Seligman, was killed in a crash near Washburn on Monday morning. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, Ferrell was traveling at a high rate of speed when he lost control.

Ferrell was traveling northbound on MO-37 one mile north of Washburn in a 1996 Toyota Tacoma

on Monday, November 16, around 11:20 a.m. He lost control, went off the right side of the roadway and overturned. Ferrell, who was not wearing a safety belt, was ejected from the truck.

Barry County Deputy Coroner Charlie McManus pronounced Ferrell deceased at the scene at 11:20 a.m.

This was Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop D's 113th fatality crash for 2015.

Cassville Schools honor veterans



Cassville Schools honored veterans at a special annual assembly on Wednesday, November 11. The band and choir performed, as well a presentation of colors by the JROTC. This year's flag presentation to Troy Lowe in honor of 30 years of service in the Air Force. Lowe is pictured above after receiving his flag.

Aurora man arrested for firing shots at other man

Charlea Mills

An Aurora man, Chad, Daniel Maggard, 35, was arrested this week after a shooting-related incident from October.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, Maggard fired shots at another man, Roland Adams, at a home on Private Road 1197 in Aurora. The victim told

Sergeant Kerry Headrick, of the Barry County Sheriff's Department, that Maggard had fired a bullet from a rifle at him, and that the bullet had passed by his head.

After the victim ran, Maggard then allegedly fired a second shot while Adams tried to get back in his home.

Barry County Judge

Robert Foulke signed a warrant for Maggard on November 3 related to the incident.

Maggard has since been arrested and is currently being held in the Barry County Jail in lieu of a \$30,000 cash-only bond. He is charged with unlawful use of a weapon, a class B felony.



Maggard

Two arrested for stolen property, bomb

Charlea Mills

Two people were arrested after the Barry County Sheriff's Department executed a search warrant at a property on Longview outside of Seligman. Cody Foster Lowe, 25, of Seligman, and Terri Lynn Jones, 43, of Seligman, were each charged related to thefts and an IED found in a barn.

According to a press release by the sheriff's department, detectives were searching for both stolen property from multiple Seligman burglaries and illegal drugs. Once at the property they found multiple boxes of stolen military items that belonged to Spc. Christopher Stark, who was killed in action in Afghanistan. According to the press release, the items had been stolen from a storage unit in Monett in the last two months. Spc. Stark's dog tags were also found hanging in the home from a nail on the wall.

According to an affidavit or probable cause by Detective Doug Henry with the Barry County's Sheriff's Office, he conducted an interview on November 11 at the Benton County, Ark., Jail regarding a theft from a residence near Seligman. The man, Duell Walker, had said that Jones had shown him the residence where items were stolen from.

Once at Jones' property, items were found from recent burglaries, including power tools, a car and home decor. Det. Henry also found an IED in the barn on the property that was a pipe filled with gun powder, bullets and other pieces of metal. The bomb was made safe by the Bentonville Bomb Squad.

Lowe is also charged with a car theft on in early



Jones



Lowe

November. The owner of a 1998 Honda Accord reported that it had been stolen from her home in the Seligman area. When detectives executed the search warrant, they found the vehicle parked in the driveway with Lowe's driver's license in the console. When questioned, Lowe claimed that he had purchased the car from someone else.

Lowe is charged with tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree. He has not been charged in connection with the burglaries as of time of press.

Jones is charged with receiving stolen property and unlawful possession of an illegal weapon. Jones is being held in lieu of a \$30,000 cash-only bond and Lowe is being held in lieu of a \$15,000 cash-only bond.

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Letter to the Editor...

It's the season for "thanks" and I would like to encourage the residents of Shell Knob, Cassville and surrounding communities to say "thank you" when you are out and about and see the Cox Health EMTs and Paramedics who are providing care 24/7, 365 in South Barry County.

Cox Health has held the South Barry County Ambulance District Contract for well over 20 years. Currently there are 20 employees of Cox Health serving South Barry County. They and their families are and have been an integral part of our communities over the years. On Tuesday, Nov. 10th, 2015 the South Barry County Ambulance District Board voted to end their contract with Cox Health effective March 1st, 2016 and awarded the contract to Mercy Hospital.

Under the leadership of South Barry County Ambulance District President, Ken Cielinski, a decision was made to "open" the contract up for bid in recent weeks. However, there was no public notice ever released. As a former co-owner of Capital City Ambulance and then Metro Ambulance, we held the VA contract for ambulance service. It was an annual

contract and as a Government Contract the announcement of bid opening was made public every time. Based on personal experience it's my opinion that the South Barry County Ambulance District Board lacked "transparency" in their announcement of the bid opening and in their process of awarding.

Cox Health's bid equally matched Mercy's bid. After the "winning bid" announcement was made Tuesday, Nov. 10, an official statement was distributed by the board. In that statement, this is another factor for concern, this is a partial quote from that statement: "In this transition to Mercy Emergency Services, they have assured us that they will, "...recruit all existing staff who meet Mercy standards... Those employees who meet Mercy standards have a "reasonable" expectation of employment with Mercy". "Mercy also has expressed their desire to retain the incumbent EMS Supervisors. In addition, for all those offered employment, Mercy will honor the co-workers original hire date for the purposes of paid-time-off, extended-sick-bank, vesting and benefit service in Mercy's retirement plan". It did not say

anything about matching the pay scale. Sounds great, BUT, after being in the ambulance "biz" for several years, that translates/reads loud and clear to me that Mercy currently does not have the personnel to staff this area. Hopefully by March 1 they do.

In April 2016, there will be known vacancies on the South Barry County Ambulance District Board and, as noted at the start of this letter, this is the season for thanks, and I, for one, am especially thankful for the right to vote.

- Sue Swihart, Shell Knob

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Cassville Chamber elects new Board members



The Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce elected new Board members. The new members are, from left to right: Jeff Swadley, of Cassville Schools; Rachael Freeman, of the Barry County Advertiser and Litho Printers; Dr. Chad Johnson, of Johnson Chiropractic Sports and Wellness Clinic; and Skyler Beebe, of Commerce Bank.

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Sales tax dips for the second month

Charlea Mills

For the second month in a row, the sales tax revenue for both Barry County and the City of Cassville dropped below last year's numbers. However, even with two months of less revenue, both are in the green for the year comparatively.

For sales tax collected in October and received by the county in November, the month is down 4.07 percent when compared to 2014. The resulting loss of revenue was \$6,725.23 for Barry County's general 1/2-cent tax. For the 1/8-cent tax, the loss meant \$420.99

less than last year's month, but the total was down only 1.05 percent when compared to last year.

The City of Cassville's revenue was down 6.7 percent for the month when compared to last year. For the general one-cent sales tax, the city collected \$60,422.98 for the month. That total was \$4,315.97 than last year.

Cassville's 3/8-cent transportation sales tax came in at \$22,663.31, the least in any given month this year. To date, the city has collected \$298,861.85 for the 2015 year for the

transportation sales tax.

So far, for the year, Barry County has collected \$66,625.72 more than last year to date, bringing the total collected to \$1,832,191.96 for the 1/2-cent general revenue tax. The county is up 3.77 percent for the year over last year's revenue.

Cassville is still up 7.6 percent for the year. To date, the city has collected \$839,800.01 in revenue for the one-cent general sales tax. Thus far, Cassville is up \$58,969.56 over last year's general revenue received.

NOTICE OF BID CITY OF CASSVILLE

The City of Cassville will be accepting sealed bids for cleaning services at City Hall for 2016. Prospective bidders can pick up a list of cleaning duties between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm at 300 Main St. in Cassville or by contacting the number/email below. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **City Hall Cleaning Bid**. Bids must include references and proof of liability insurance with a minimum of \$300,000 in coverage and either a \$25,000 Janitorial Bond or adequate insurance coverage for employee theft as well as proof of workers compensation insurance. Bids can be mailed or hand delivered to: Cassville City Hall, Attn: City Clerk, 300 Main St. Cassville, MO 65625. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 pm Thursday, December 3, 2015. For more information, contact Jennifer Evans, City Clerk/Finance Officer, at 417-847-4441 or jevans@cityofcassville.com. The City of Cassville reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 19th

CASK will hold a Paint 'N Pour on Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Creative Arts of Shell Knob gallery. For information, call (471) 858-0423.

Central Crossing Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group is here to help throughout the holidays. The group will meet on Thursday, November 19, at 2:00 p.m. at the Central Crossing Senior Center in Shell Knob.

Central Crossing will have a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 19, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the senior center.

Seligman Chamber dance will be Thursday, November 19, at 7 p.m. featuring Classic Country. For information, call (417)662-3612.

November 20th

Southwest School is having their annual Spirit Night Friday, November 20, at 6 p.m. The event will be in the high school. They will be serving frito chili pie, desert and drink, with lots of entertainment. Please come and support our kids to kick off basketball season.

November 21st

Seligman Senior Center will have bingo Saturday, November 21, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Seligman Chamber will have a dance Saturday, November 21, at 7 p.m. featuring Cheyenne. For information call (417)662-3612.

November 22nd

Seligman Community Center will host a free meal on Sunday, November 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. There will also have free clothing and household items.

Southwest Project Graduation invites you to a Thanksgiving dinner on November 22 at the Southwest High School. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The cost is \$5 for adults and children 12 and under \$3.

November 23rd

Pierce City Senior Center will host a dance with The Fun Timers Band on Monday, November 23, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The center is located at 104 Locust Street in Pierce City. For information, call (417) 476-5800 or (417) 737-4900.

Central Crossing Senior Center will host Nell's Nails on Monday, November 23, from 8 a.m. to 12:00. Please call for appointment at (417) 858-6952.

Purdy High School Student Council will hosts its first American Red Cross Blood Drive of the year on Monday, November 23, from 12-5 p.m. The blood drive will be held in the elementary gym. Each 1-pint donation saves up to three lives and also earns scholarship money for Purdy High School seniors. Please visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule a donation appointment.

November 27th

Seligman Senior Center will not be having a potluck lunch on Friday, November 27. For information, call (417) 662-3749.

Notice:


Cassville Farmers Market will be on the south side of the square every Saturday from 7 to 11 a.m. all winter. New vendors welcome. For information, call (417)652-7308.

Cosper recognized for teaching presentation




Samantha Cosper, Cassville High School Family and Consumer Science teacher (FACS), received a letter of recognition from the Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Science (MOEFACS) after presenting a class titled “Innovative Teaching: Relationships, Parenting and Child Development” during the MOEFACS conference in Springfield. According to Kristi Hodson, MOEFACS Awards and Recognition Committee, Cosper’s presentation provided detailed examples of how to integrate student learning objectives with real life relevance and received excellent reviews on the conference evaluation form.

Cosper attends the annual conference along with other FACS educators across Missouri to become updated on by-law changes as well as discuss curriculum updates and developments. Pictured above, left to right, is Cassville High School Principal Jeff Swadley and Cosper.



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FRED GUTHRIE COOPER

Fred Guthrie Cooper, 96, of Golden, passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2015, in his home.

He was born January 18, 1919, in Etowah, Tenn., the son of Lee Taylor and Mary Elzie (Shelton) Cooper. On March 30, 1940, in Colorado Springs, Colo., he was united in marriage to Agnes E. Higgins, who preceded him in death on December 17, 2010. Also preceding him in death were his parents, four brothers and three sisters.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews, including a very special niece, Sheila Allen, and his dog, Chester, whom he loved very much.

Fred's family moved

to Golden, when he was a child. At the age of eighteen, he moved to Colorado and worked for the railroad. He then joined the United States Army, serving during World War II. After the war he returned to Colorado and, in 1947, moved back to Golden, where he farmed and later worked for the federal government as a meat and poultry inspector. In 1982, he retired and enjoyed traveling and living on the lake. He was one of the people who helped build Holy Family Catholic Church in Shell Knob, where he was a member and a council member. He was a charter member of VFW in Shell Knob and a life-time member of the DAV.

A special thanks to Kelly Davis, Bobbie Dowling and Monica Rigg for their help in caring for and loving Fred.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 13, 2015, in Holy Family Catholic Church, Shell Knob, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Shell Knob. Burial with military honors was in Viney Creek Cemetery, Golden.

Rosary was held at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the church.

Contributions may be made to VFW Post 2203, Wounded Warriors or DAV in memory of Fred.

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Obituaries



VICKIE LYNN ROBERTS

Vickie Lynn Roberts, 61, passed away Friday, November 13, 2015, at her home. Vickie, daughter of Leon and Ruth (Thompson) Millikin, was born on October 15, 1954, in Chelse, Okla. Her family moved to Stella and later to Neosho, and Vickie graduated from Neosho High School in 1972. She married Steve Roberts on August 1, 1973, in Neosho; he survives. Vickie was the office manager of her family's business, Le-Ru Telephone Company, which has been in existence since the early 1960s. Vickie became addicted to the love of horses when she was a teenager and it continued throughout her life. She enjoyed cattle pinning, was a member of a cattle pin team, and went to many events throughout Southwest Missouri. Vickie and her husband owned Clear Water Ranch in Rocky Comfort where they raised cattle and horses, including world championship quarter horses. She was the former owner of a halter quarter horse mare which won five world championships and was purchased by Terry Bradshaw. In addition to their ranch in Rocky Comfort, they also own a small acreage in South Dakota where Vickie was the hap-

piest when she and Steve were riding their horses through their land.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Justin Roberts and his wife, Ashley, and Jeff Lauderdale and his wife, Brittany, all of Powell; five grandchildren, Ella, Lacey, Nicole, Bodie, and Mesa; three brothers, Rick Millikin and Bob Hart, both of Stella, and Jim Hart, of Chicago, Ill.; and one niece and three nephews.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, 2015, with Pastor Donnie Spears officiating, at the White Funeral Home & Crematory, Cassville, Missouri, with internment at Fox Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Haven of the Ozarks in Cassville, and may be entrusted to the White Funeral Home & Crematory in Cassville.

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

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GARY LEE RICHMEIER

Gary Lee Richmeier, age 62, of Shell Knob, passed away Friday, November 13, 2015, in his home.

Services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Shell Knob.

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SHYLA D. WALSH

Shyla D. Walsh, 93, passed away at Mercy Hospital with assistance from Compassus Hospice in Cassville November 16, 2015, after suffering a stroke. She was born on June 22, 1922, in Lake Wilson, Minn., the daughter of Ben and Ruby (Beers) Burke. She was preceded in death by her husband, John (Jack); parents; and four brothers, Wayne, Don, Orville and Darrell.

She is survived by one son, Brian and wife, Nancy (Storms) Walsh, and their two sons, Ryan and Kelly; her daughter, Jackie Walsh Black, of McCord Bend, and her sons, James and John; in addition to sister-in-laws, Lorna Burke, of South Dakota, Anna Jean Burke, of Minnesota; and several nieces and nephews.

Shyla attended Mankato State Teachers College, Mankato, Minn. and taught middle school English in Brookings, S.D., most of her teaching career until her retirement in 1985.

She relocated to Missouri in 1985 and stayed busy with her flower garden, McCord Bend community activities and helping others. Prior to her first stroke in 2001, she was a member of St. Edwards Catholic Church in Cassville.

Private celebration of life services have been arranged for the immediate family. No cards, flowers or donations requested. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home & Crematory, Cassville, Missouri.

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TERRY JOE KORACH

Terry Joe Korach, 65, of Shell Knob, passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2015, in Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation, Cassville.

He was born November 28, 1949, in Wichita, Kan., the son of Joseph "Joe" and Clara (Osana) Korach. On July 4, 1986, in Shell Knob, he was united in marriage to Janice Copeland, who survives. Also surviving are two step daughters, Kari Bowling and her husband, Kevin, of Branson West, and Dana McCullough, of Green Forest, Ark.; and five step-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Terry grew up and received his education in Kansas, graduating from high school in Wichita and then attended Wichita State University. For several years, he was a certified real estate appraiser and opened a tax office in Shell Knob, where he was a personal tax accountant. He had been a resident of Shell Knob since 1984, when he moved from Wichita. He loved his cats, the Yankees baseball team and watching sports. He was a former member of the Eagles Lodge.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 21, 2015, in Fohn Funeral Home, Shell Knob.

Contributions may be made to Hospice Compassus in memory of Terry.

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Purdy Schools holds talent show



Propps

Purdy High School junior Kaden Propps and Purdy fourth grader Audra Mahurin earned Sweepstakes medals in their respective divisions at the annual Purdy's Got Talent fundraiser talent showcase.

Propps, who took the honor in the 6-12 division, accompanied himself on piano as he sang "To Make You Feel My Love." Mahurin came out on top in the K-5 division with her dance solo performed to "Just Dance."

Propps is the son of Kevin and Mica Propps, of Purdy. Mahurin is the daughter of Tim and Jan Mahurin, of Purdy.

The evening's medal-

ists also included: Marley Jackson, first place in K-2; Jackson Lee, second place in K-2; Rose Wilson, third place in K-2; Carson and Amarie Burt, first place in 3-5; Trevor Schronk, second place in 3-5; Karmen and Kori Morgan and Haylea Cookson, third place in 3-5; M'Kena Propps, first place in 6-8; Grace Gardner, second place in 6-8; Reese and Shana Whisman, third place in 6-8; Randy Lomeli, first place in 9-12; Gannon Clevenger, second place in 9-12 and Thaddaeus Harris, third place in 9-12.



Mahurin

Cassville Marching Band completes successful season



The Cassville High School Wildcat Pride Marching Band completed their 2015 competitive season on October 24. The band had an outstanding showing at this year's festivals with the following results: OZARKO (MSU) - outstanding percussion, third place in class, fourth place in finals; OMMF (Reeds Spring) - outstanding drum majors, fourth out of 17 bands; and POTO (Ozark) - outstanding music, outstanding visual and first place in class.

The Marching Band seniors are pictured above, from right to left. In the front row: Shannon Reidlinger, Sydney Olbertz, Jessica Roberts, Annie Dodson, Dalton Tolbert and Curtis Williamson. Back row: Xamuyee Thao, Trever Supulver, David Russell, Will Edmondson, Triston Taylor, Dakota Townsend and Zack Boley. Not pictured: Hanna Williams, Dustin Sims and Zach Thomas.

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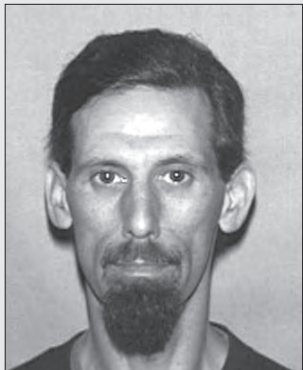


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Shannon Lee Barlow



Erica D. Westfall

Shannon Lee Barlow, 41, of Monett, is wanted for burglary in the second degree and theft/stealing. He is 6'3" and 160 pounds.

Erica D. Westfall, 32, of Mt. Vernon, is wanted for stealing a motor vehicle. She is 5'4" and 180 pounds.



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someone else the privilege of working with such great students and staff at the high school, "Watson said.

She added, "I really enjoy the administrative team at Souwehst. We have continuity between the buildings and the same goals for the students. I am proud of academic improves that have been made at the high school and excited to work with all the staff across the district."

When asked what Walker was most proud of in his time at the school, he said, "There is no one thing that I'm most proud of, but rather our overall condition. In the time I've been here, I've witnessed an improvement in our instruction, our facilities and our overall staff. I believe Southwest is at a good place and that's a credit to our kids, teachers and support folks, our administrators and school board. It's been very fulfilling observing our progress."

Walker continued, "Although a superintendent is typically somewhat removed from the students, kids are what make education worthwhile. They really provide the purpose for being in this business. I will miss that aspect for sure. And I'll definitely miss our staff members, especially those that I have worked most closely with. We really have some quality people at Southwest."

Walker came to Southwest after 30 years in Oklahoma schools. He and his wife, Sally, have been married for 37 years. Sally currently works as a reading specialist at Southwest and will continue in that position. They have three children who live in the Dallas, Texas, area with their two grandchildren.

Watson is the daughter of two Southwest educators, Darrel and Sandra Tilford. Watson's husband, Brian, works at the school as a paraprofessional, and her son, Hayden Fox, is a senior at Southwest this year. Watson has worked for Seneca, Webb City, Galena, Kan., and East Newton. She has a Bachelor's of Science in Education from Missouri Southern State University in 1994, a Master of Education from William Woods University in 2003 and a specialist of education in district administration in William Woods University in 2005.

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 - 7th grade: Dusty Hendrix, Hannah Hougland, Tanner Joyner, Laney Moore, Bonnie Robbins, Travis Sickles and Isaac Starr.
 - 8 grade: Leland Colf, Timothy Deshields, Jesse Foster, Rylie Hill and Rachel Jimenez.
- A Honor Roll**
- 5th grade: Gavin Barton, Brandon Brooks, Ana Church, Jack Durgan, Shaylea Eggleston, Olivia Erwin, Alli Fosse, Kaydence Gabbard, Bryce Hammers, Allen Hendrix, Hayley Hignite, Nathaniel Salsbury, Alexanderia Shrum, Coy Shrum, Zakary Starr, Signe Suchowski, Traven Walkingstick, Rachel Willer and Hailey Yanez.
 - 6th grade: Molly Atkinson, Stacy Barber, Mason Bernard, Cloe Brattin, Haily Erwin, Jared Hayworth, Danielle Martinez, Jessica Munday, Tristan Nelson, Shelby Pendergraft, Lateshia Perkins, Austin Peterson, Amelia Pierce, Aiden Rhodes, May-sie Soole, Teresa Tobey, Sawyer Varner and Jasmine Williams.
 - 7th grade: Audrey Burt, Thomas Corn, Zachary Crawford, Robert Embrey, Austin Gideon, Colton Hignite, Alexis Isbell, Mackinlee Kellogg, Emma Larson, Danielle Reed and Shyla Richardson.
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- B Honor Roll**
- 5th grade: Katie Catron, Benjamin Cron, Mason Harling, Jordan La-Mastus, Braden Moreton, Kaizer Slinkard and Brit-tany Trotter.
 - 6th grade: Michaela Coke, Macy Colf, Zander Deshields, Eva Doody, Michelle Foster, Wyatt Hendrix, Emily Hill, Hailey Lakey, Elizabeth Long, Eden Morris, Katelyn Musick, Abbie Saunders, Max Terry and Jacklynn Williams.
 - 7th grade: Braden Ash, Savannah Burgess, Roberto Cabrillo, Antonio Carnes, Harley Carter, Lindsey Curry, Jamie Dunton, Sarah Hedden, Khloe Holder, Harleigh Jester, Taylor Lawrence, Justin Munday, Sheyenne Parker, Ryan Peachee, Skyler Momtaz, Ivy Tilford and Matthan Wheeler.
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Wheaton R-III saves \$86K in bond refunding

At a regular meeting of the Wheaton R-III School District Board of Education on October 20, a refunding bond resolution was approved. It authorized the sale of \$935,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds at an average rate of 2.33 percent, compared to Series 2007 bonds which carry an average interest rate of 4.2 percent.

The district reduces the future interest expense by \$86,423. This \$86,423 plus the approximate savings of \$100,070 from the Series 2012 refunding and \$5625 prepayment of the Series 2012 bonds means that the District has saved \$192,118 during the past three years.

The Superintendent of School Dr. Lance Massey expressed enthusiasm and support for the refunding option selected by the Board of Education. "This plan achieves good savings, and provides an opportunity for the District to take advantage of low interest rates while maintaining flexibility for future no tax increase proposals" Dr. Massey remarked.

According to Brad M. Wegman, Assistant Vice President of L. J. Hart and Company the Security Bank of Southwest Missouri purchased \$290,000 of the bonds, which was helpful to the success if the financing.

The Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lance Massey, mentioned that he was pleased efforts were made to accommodate the local banks. "It is nice that our marketing procedures facilitated this local involvement while still receiving attractive interest rates," Dr. Massey commented.

The Board President Lewis Royer pointed out that the \$86,423 of interest savings for the Series 2015 refunding, which is an improvement of \$8,478 from the September 29, 2015 projections, is not all the District may realize due to the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds having a call feature on March 1, 2018 at no penalty.

"If interest rates are lower in 2018 or later, we can take advantage of that. Meanwhile we are locking in these levels that are nearly one and eighty seven hundredths percent (1.87 percent) lower than they were in 2007," stated Mr. Royer.

L.J. Hart and Company of St. Louis prepared the refunding proposal and Brad M. Wegman, Assistant Vice President of the firm, explained how it can fit into the long range plans of the District. Mr. Wegman mentioned that the three significant factors making the Series 2015 refunding possible were lower interest rates in 2007, the fact that the Series 2007 bonds are subject to prepayment on March 1, 2017 at no penalty,

and the District's ability to participate in the State of Missouri's Direct Deposit Program. This program makes it possible for the district to receive an "AA+" rating from Standard and Poor's Corporation on the refunding bonds.

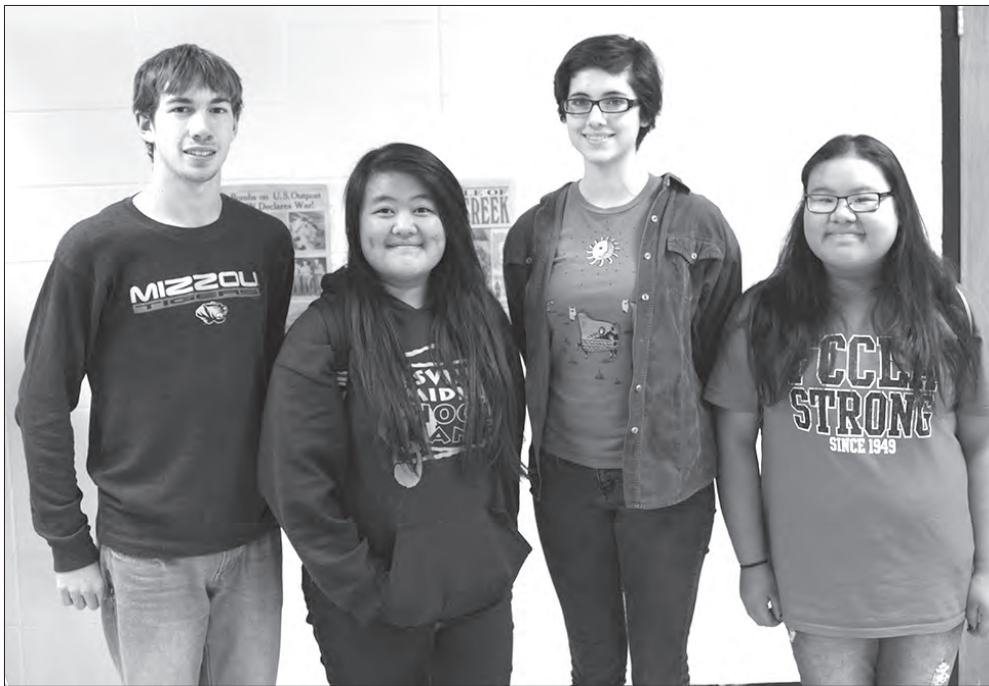
L.J. Hart and Company complimented Dr. Massey for his prompt and thorough preparations to supply the data necessary for the rating application and official statement, as well as the Board of Education for their foresight in making the Series 2007 bonds callable in ten years.

The proceeds from the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds will be placed in an escrow account with UMB Bank, N.A. and reinvested in U.S. Treasury Securities. The earnings from this escrow account meet the interest payments on the callable Series 2015 Bonds through March 1, 2017 and

then produce the \$935,000 necessary to prepay (call) the Series 2007 bonds on that date. The Series 2015 refunding Bonds were underwritten by L.J. Hart and Company. The closing for the Series 2015 Refunding Bond issue is to occur in November 19, 2015.

Several board members commended Dr. Massey and L.J. Hart and Company for developing the attractive refunding plan. "It is nice to be able to save \$86,423 of our taxpayers' money, while receiving strong support from the Security Bank of Southwest Missouri," commented Dan Goostree, Vice President of the Board of Education. The legal documents to complete the issuance of the bonds were prepared by John W. Brickler, Esq. of Spencer Fane LLP in its role as bond counsel for the District.

Cassville All-District Honor Band members



Band students from 25 area high schools gathered at Mt. Vernon High School on November 3 to audition of the SWMMEA All-District Honor Band. Around 400 students go through a blind audition process to be selected to the 100-member band. CHS band members who were selected to the band are pictured above, from left to right: Triston Taylor, euphonium; Jaia Thao, bass clarinet; Olivia Padilla, flute; and Miranda Hang, trumpet.

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Purdy NHS members prepare 500 appreciation letters for shipment to Operation Gratitude. Top row, from left: Sami House, Ashton Young, Desi Ennes and Hannah White. Bottom row, from left: Mikala Fletcher, Andrea Humphrey, Breanna Keeler and Morgan Schilly.

Members of the Purdy or Society hosted the annual Veterans' Appreciation

Assembly and Reception on Wednesday, November 11. Veterans and their families and friends gathered with the Purdy administration, staff and students in the high school gym to enjoy a time of patriotic music, readings and presentations and to reflect on the sacrifices and contributions of our men and women in uniform to our great Nation.

Keynote speaker Ken Dodson reminded attendees of the high cost paid for our freedom by soldiers throughout the years. Dodson spoke eloquently of Monett hero Tom Wolfe, whose plane was shot down during the Vietnam War and who remains listed as Missing in Action. Dodson's closing admonition to remember and, "Stand up! Stand up!" brought the audience to its feet.

National Honor Society members served cake and punch to veterans, active duty military personnel and their families following the assembly's conclusion. In the days following the assembly, NHS members boxed up 500 letters and cards of support and appreciation from school staff and students and Purdy community members to be sent to Operation Gratitude for disbursement to active duty military personnel. The Purdy High School National Honor Society operates under the advisement of Lisa Reid.

Cassville names October Character Kids



Cassville Intermediate School named their October Character Kids. Students were selected for their dedication to perseverance.

The third grade students are pictured above, from left to right. In the back row: Jake Anthony, Peter Teague, Drew Dickinson and Andrew Stephens. Front row: Annie Moore, Kristal Deans, Cordelia Powell-Walker, Chloe Thomas, Mason Gautney, Lucky Periman and Trestyn Periman. Not pictured: Dallas Ellison and Travis Morris.



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The fourth grade students are pictured above, from left to right. In the back row: Fernando Alonso, Dakota Hood, Jacob Freeman, Sawyer Asbill and Richard Fohn. Front row: Elizabeth Woods, Breanna Gordan, Nataly Perez, Abbi McClung, Jasmine Sports, Makiah Shirley and Hailey Roark.



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The fifth grade students are pictured above, from left to right. In the back row: Brody Osborne, Conner Annecharico, Nathan Todd, Carlos Barrientos, Xavier Cole, Traighton Burnette and Johnathan Wood. Front row: Melody Stephens, Kaylyn Weiser, Kyler Hayward, Adelee Hendricks, Jacklyn Weldon, Langston Mitchell and Anjolina Luper.

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Fare bags 8-point buck



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This was his first kill. The buck scored 134 and 3/8.

Stephens shoots 5-point



Bailey Stephens, 8, of Washburn, shot a 5-point buck on October 31 with her dad.

Bailey is the daughter of Scott and Stacy Stephens, of Washburn.

Cassville 5th grade Mighty Mites win Superbowl



The 5th grade Cassville Mighty Mite football team, coached by G.W. Fare, received the number one seed going into the football playoffs. The team faced Willard in the playoffs and won 20-8, securing a game in the Mighty Mite Superbowl. Cassville faced Reeds Springs in the Superbowl and held them scoreless in a 22-0 victory. The team will hold a pizza party at the Family Life Center at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 20.

James brothers get bucks



Frank and Jesse James, of Cassville, killed their first bucks on opening day of youth deer season. Frank and Jesse are the sons of Lucas James.

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Couey gets first deer



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local health services. The district will evaluate how the new sales tax money, which is estimated to bring in over \$6000,000 annually, will be spent once regular collections occur. The first payment to the district was for \$4,198.26 on November 10. In the next few months, the Board should have a better idea what their new revenue will be to make a budget plan.

A three-man sub-committee of the SBCAD Board comprised of Ken Cielinski, Tom Rees and Rod Gilreath heard proposals from both CoxHealth and Mercy before making a recommendation to the Board to choose Mercy. The complete six-person board chose Mercy unanimously during a closed session vote on Tuesday night. The Board then voted again during open session, also accepting Mercy's proposal unanimously.

In a press release from the Board, they stated, "As the District moves forward in an increasingly complex future, they believe that through the competitive bid process, the District will receive from Mercy EMS excellent service, additional resources at

a better value for its citizens, along with improved cooperation and interface with all levels of emergency personnel."

When asked what the driving factors were that encouraged the sub-committee to opt for Mercy instead of continuing CoxHealth's contract, the Board mentioned a few items, including their "excellent" performance in other ambulance districts, the proximity of other Mercy ambulance districts in Branson West, Joplin and Rogers, Ark., three helicopters in the area, and Instrument Flight Rules, which allows the helicopters to fly during times of low visibility.

Cielinski also noted, "Transparency was a driving issue." When in conversation with both CoxHealth and Mercy, both stated that Missouri had released additional Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA), making it possible to operate the ambulance service without any additional stipend from the district.

CoxHealth said in their presentation that the FRA funds were available for the past 18-months, however, CoxHealth had not of-

fered to remove the current \$95,400 stipend until the RFP was sent out. The Board was concerned why Cox was charging over \$95,000 and then was able to drop that to no stipend during the bidding process.

CoxHealth media relations coordinator Kaitlyn Connell said, "CoxHealth's expense reductions over the last two years, as well as market and volume changes, made it possible to eliminate the \$94,500 stipend."

McConnell added, "Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) is something that hospitals providing ambulance services receive, and is largely dependent on government appropriates. It is also an amount that varies year to year, making it impossible to rely on a specific amount for funding."

"CoxHealth supported the sales tax levy because of the need for equipment in Barry County. It was believed that the increase would help provide things like ambulances, costing more than \$120,000 each, as well as other equipment necessary in the Cassville and Shell Knob ambulance services. The stipend could've helped

with such expenses, but additional funding would've been a necessity regardless of provider."

Mercy's executive director of emergency services Bob Patterson said, "When making its proposal, Mercy took a number of factors into consideration. Based on the data provided to us, we believe that sufficient revenue opportunities exist to support operations without a subsidy."

Cielinski said, "I don't want any hard feelings. We are here for our constituents and for the county. We are not here for Mercy. We are not here for Cox. We think this will genuinely be better for the county." Mercy will hold the contract for five-years, and the contract will be renewed annually.

Following the Board's decision, McConnell released the following statement on behalf of Cox:

"Throughout its operations in the Barry County Ambulance District, CoxHealth has diligently served residents by offering high-quality EMS clinical services and employment opportunities. These relationships make it greatly disappoint-

ing that its most recent bid to continue these services wasn't accepted. However, in line with the current contract, CoxHealth will continue its EMS operations in Barry County through Feb. 29, 2016."

Patterson also said, "We've very excited to be able to serve the people of this community, and with resources like Mercy Hospital Cassville, as well as three Life Line helicopters and three other ground ambulance services in close proximity, we'll be able to get patients the help they need quickly."

Now that the decision has been made, the question remains about what the District's 17 employees are going to choose. With a combined 125 years of experience in the SBCAD, many of the employees feel a loyalty to their present employer and do not plan to leave Cox.

Ricky Savage, western regional manager for prehospital service for CoxHealth, stated, "CoxHealth in South Barry County has provided ambulance service for 27 years. Some of our employees have been with us since the very first day in 1988; they have helped CoxHealth

EMS grow into the only high performance system in the area that we operate today."

"Many of our current employees chose to work for CoxHealth for many reasons other than pay. CoxHealth provides the most advanced simulation based training in the region for our EMS providers. We have led the way in many cutting-edge advances in EMS throughout the nation in our 27 years in South Barry County, thus ensuring we provide the best possible care to anyone who uses a CoxHealth ambulance. CoxHealth has some of the best family practice physicians in southwest Missouri whom care for many of our employees and their families. CoxHealth is the only locally governed health system in the Springfield area, which allows the company as a whole to focus on the community and its employees."

CoxHealth also stated that all employees who wish to remain with Cox will be reassigned to new positions after February 29, 2016, if they choose to stay on.

Some called into question to the pay scale matching by Mercy. With years of service ranging from a few months all the way up to 27 years, the board asked for a direct answer from Mercy about matching their current benefits and pay. Cielinski said, "My point of contact Bob Patterson assured me that he cannot anticipate that anyone would be taking a pay cut, and its possible that they may even get an increase."

Patterson stated, "Mercy will honor the seniority, paid time off, pay and benefits for the current EMS co-workers who join Mercy."

"We hope current Barry County EMS co-workers will consider working for Mercy. if we can't fill all the open positions with co-workers who are currently in place, we will begin recruiting. If needed, many of our almost 400 emergency medical personnel would be willing to travel to provide care in Barry County."

Speaking for Cox employees, Savage said, "Changing your employer is much more than salaries and benefits; it is a life-changing event that will not only impact our employees, but their families as well. CoxHealth understands the importance of this decision, and we are prepared to continue employment with all of our South Barry County Paramedics and EMTs if they choose to accept it."

During Tuesday night's meeting, Cielinski addressed employees' concerns. He said, "At the Board meeting, I said if they believe in the culture at Cox, and they have a place for them, then don't go anywhere. But if you want to stay with South Barry County Paramedics and EMTs if they choose to accept it."

Cielinski stated, "It's been one of the toughest decisions I've ever had to make, but we really expect a smooth transition from Cox to Mercy."

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C. E. Weible, of Seligman, opened a mobile home on his property to three Vietnamese men who escaped the country. The three men, Le Van Thao, Nguyen Van Sy and Nguyen Thanh Lich, had served in the South Vietnamese armed forces and were looking for employment.

Mrs. and Mrs. Floyd Hemphill, of Purdy, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Matt Renkoski, of Purdy, won the Seedmen's Scholarship at the University of Missouri - Columbia.

30 Years Ago

David Dalton, of Washburn, won the National FFA Proficiency Award in Poultry Production.

Keats Quinalty, of Cassville, earned the Eagle Scout rank at 14 years old.

The winners of the annual Cassville Men's Bowling Tournament were Don Ellis, Tom Ellis, Dick Johnston, Bob Marshall and Gene Heldenbrand.

Wheaton's barnwarming queen was Cheryl Rosewicz.

20 Years Ago

The Cassville Wastewater Treatment Plant neared completion with a walk-through that week.

Tamie Vaught, of Monett, was awarded the Professional Women's Rodeo Association's World Champion in Team Roping.

The Cassville FFA received a conservation grant for \$500 to restore and develop a spring-fed pond at the school.

10 Years Ago

George's broke ground on a new feed mill near their plant in Butterfield.

The Cassville Rotary Club donated to the Malinda Daniel Fund. Representatives of Rotary included Herb Primrose, Mark Smith, Dennis Baker and Landon Fletcher.

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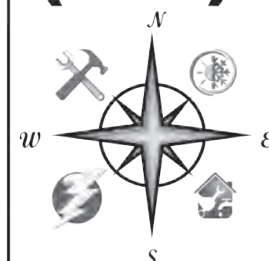
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Barry County Officials salary meeting

The Salary Commission of Barry County will hold a meeting on November 23 at 12:00 p.m. at the Barry County Courthouse. They will discuss the salaries of the office holders in the upcoming 2016 election, who take office on January 1, 2017.

The offices that will be up for re-election are: sheriff, assessor, county commissioners in the northern and southern districts, public administrator, and coroner.

Seligman Chamber honors veterans

Seligman Chamber of Commerce Saturday night dance on November 14 at the Seligman Chamber Event Center honored the Veterans. Eighteen Veterans were recognized and given a flag pin and a patriotic coffee cup. John Sanders (band member) made a banner in their honor, thanking them for helping keep America's freedom.

Veteran Joe Still from Shell Knob gave a speech and told how he was a POW in the war. He is proud of America and was proud to serve his country. There was a crowd of 90 present. The band Three Hits and A Miss dedicated the first two songs to the veterans.

Cassville Library events

- This month's edition of Trivia will be held Thursday, November 19, at 6 p.m. Test your knowledge in a fun format with snacks and prizes offered.
- There will be two movies presented on Friday, November 20. The Japanese animation film *When Marnie Was There* will be shown at 4 p.m. and is rated PG. At 6 p.m., *Paper Towns*, rated PG-13, will be featured. Bring your own snacks. Cassville Area Friends of the Library sponsors movie night.
- All branches of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library will be closed on Thursday, November 26, for Thanksgiving.
- A special holiday activity will be held on Saturday, December 5, at 4 p.m. for children second grade and younger. More information coming soon.
- There is a yoga practice at 8:30 a.m. each Friday morning in the library's lower level.
- Want to learn to crochet? Attend a free class Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Call (417) 847-2121 for more information.
- Don't miss the November art show featuring work by local artists. Stop by to view a variety of pieces

Exeter FFA holds annual Barnwarming Preliminary firearms deer harvest numbers in



The Exeter FFA held its annual barn warming on October 9. The Barnwarming Queen and King candidates were: seniors Macie Stalnaker and Austin Trip; juniors Lanna Burnette and Kamerin Newman; sophomores Lexee Johnson and Austin Rayburn; and freshmen Clairssia Brattin and Austin Cowherd. Each candidate had to compete in contests such as wood splitting, donut string contest, tug-of-war and nail driving in order to win.

At the end of the night seniors Macie Stalnaker and Austin Tripp were crowned Barnwarming King and Queen. The whole chapter had a great time. Donny Sorensen let the group use his shop for their celebration.

Barnwarming candidates are pictured above, from left to right: Austin Rayburn, Lexee Johnson, Clarrissa Brattin and Austin Cowherd. Back row: Lanna Burnette, Macie Stalnaker, Austin Tripp and Kamerin Newman.

Cassville Marching Band earns awards at MSU



The Cassville High School Wildcat Pride Marching Band competed in their final competition of the season at Missouri State University in Springfield. The band earned the awards for Outstanding Percussion, third place in Class Competition and fourth place in the finals competition. Cassville's drum majors are pictured above, from right to left: Triston Taylor and Savannah Williamson. Not pictured: Olivia Padilla.

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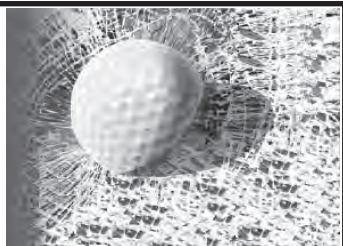
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Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that deer hunters in Missouri harvested 97,171 deer during the opening weekend of the November portion of fall firearms deer season, Nov. 14 and 15. Of the 97,171 deer harvested, 53,359 were antlered bucks, 10,320 were button bucks, and 33,492 were does.

Top harvest counties for opening weekend were Texas County with 2,184 deer checked, Howell County with 1,959 and Franklin County with 1,899.

Barry County hunters took 456 antlered bucks, 72 button bucks and 245 does, for a total of 773 altogether.

Last year, hunters checked 91,460 deer during the opening weekend of the 2014 November Portion of Firearms Deer Season.

The November portion of the fall firearms deer season continues through Nov. 24. Archery deer hunting opens again from Nov. 25 through Jan. 15, 2016. The firearms antlerless portion will run Nov. 25 through Dec. 6. The

firearms alternative methods portion will run Dec. 19-29 followed by the firearms late youth portion Jan. 2-3, 2016. Missouri's early youth weekend ran Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. The firearms deer urban zone portion ran Oct. 9 through 12.

Missouri offers some of the best deer hunting in the country and deer hunting is an important part of many Missourians' lives and family traditions. Deer hunting is also an important economic driver in Missouri and gives a \$1 billion annual boost to the state and local economies.

For current, ongoing preliminary harvest totals by season, county, and type of deer, visit the MDC website

at extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest_table/. For harvest summaries from past years, visit huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-harvest-reports/deer-harvest-summaries.

Eagle Rock LEGO Club meeting

The Eagle Rock LEGO Club will be meeting at the Eagle Rock Community Center Saturday, November 21, at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For questions, contact Kara at (417) 846-3059.

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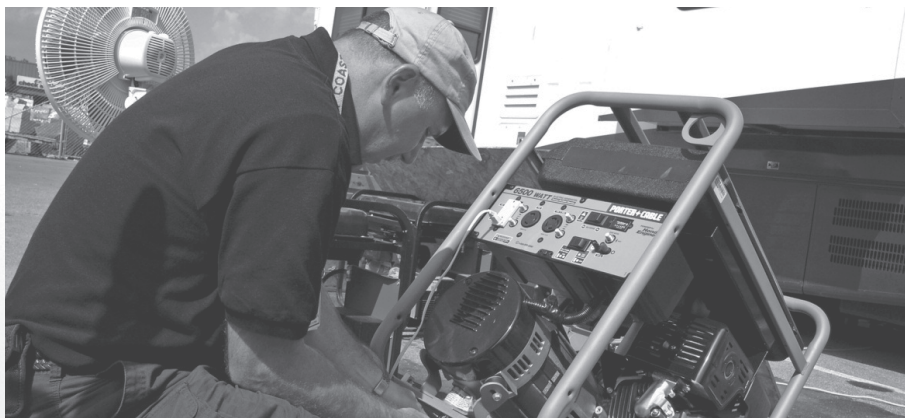
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As part of continued efforts in keeping patrons informed, the Southwest R-V School administration provides monthly information concerning Board meetings.

A recap of the November 12 regular meeting is as follows:

The Board convened at 7:00 p.m.

The Board approved the consent items, including the employment of Rodney Morgan as maintenance assistant. Mr. Morgan will be replacing Mike Taylor who will soon be retiring.

There were no old business items addressed at this meeting.

Under new business, the Board approved recent proposed Policy/Procedure updates as provided by the Missouri School Board Association. Also approved were various bids in respect to district surplus property.

Various reports were reviewed by the Board, including those pertaining to the district's Library Media Centers and Technology as submitted by Librarian Billie Sapp and Technology Director Dan Shelton. In addition, a Facilities/Grounds update was provided by Superintendent Bob Walker, which included his confirming that work has been completed on the district's running track and that it is now open for public use. Also mentioned was the reconstruction of the home baseball dugout, creating a larger space and a new storage area. Blocks for this project were donated by district resident Troy Wolf. Also reviewed were the regular monthly reports provided by the other district administrators and the Maintenance Director. Curriculum Director Kara Hendrix provided information concerning the district's most recent Annual Performance Report (APR), which indicated an excellent score of 92.5 percent. Mr. Walker praised the Southwest students, teachers and building level administrators for this achievement.

The Board entered executive session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss personnel items. They returned to open session at 8:51 p.m. and voted to accept the resignation of Superintendent Walker, effective June 30, 2016. The board also voted to reassign current high school principal Tosha Watson to the position of superintendent effective July 1.

The next Regular Meeting will be on December 17 in the high school library at 7:00 p.m.

SWMS 1st quarter perfect attendance

5th grade: Gavin Barton, Ayden Bass, Brandon Brooks, Logan Campbell, Katie Catron, Anna Church, Jacob Corter, Benjamin Cron, Shaylea Eggleston, Olivia Erwin, Alli Fosse, Bryce Hammers, Lucius Hill, Jacob Nelson, Colton Pendergraft, Hunter Peterson, Harley Setzer, Alexandria Shrum, Coy Shrum, Zakary Starr, Roper Varner and Hailey Yanez.

6th grade: Molly Atkinson, Macy Colf, Andrew Cornell, Eva Doody, Haily Erwin, Wyatt Hendrix, Samuel Jennings, Ryan Lawrence, Christian Long, Brandon Lowry, Jailee Mitchell, Eden Morris, Jessica Munday, Tristan Nelson, Shelby Pendergraft, Jesus Rodriquez, Elizabeth Ross, Abbie Saunders, Laken Spoonemore, Damien Taylor, Teresa Tobey and Jasmine Williams.

7th grade: Braden Ash, Roberto Cabrito, Angela Deshields, Madison Erwin, Austin Gideon, Dusty Hendrix, Alexis Isbell, Har-

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Pictured above, from left to right, are: Sherry Johnson, club president; Pat Chapman, club member; Charlene Berman, winner; and Verlee Roark, club member.

leigh Jester, Tanner Joyner, Taylor Lawrence, Ruebon Lowry, Tyler Miller, Laney Moore, Justin Munday, William Musick, Joe Patterson, Cheyenne Reeves, Bonnie Robbins, Bailie Saunders and Isaac Starr.

8th grade: Shelby Blevins, Aubrey Cornell, Lucas Cron, Tim Deshields, Destiney Dulin, Janaya

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