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Purdy Library to close permanently March 1

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For Purdy library card holders, March 2019 marks the end of local lending. The Barry-Lawrence Library system released an announcement that the Purdy Library branch will close as of March 1, 2019.

Library director Gina Milburn cited lower use and the vote to increase minimum wage as the primary reasons behind the decision. She said, "Overall library use is up throughout our two-county library district, but for many years the library in Purdy has been underutilized. We have tried a little bit of everything to increase the use of the facility, but in spite of all attempts, we continue to see numbers decline."

Milburn said efforts to increase use of the library included outreach to draw in people at different times or teens from the school since the library is so close. She said, "Over the years there have been many different things. We've changed hours trying to bring it earlier or later.

"We've tried book clubs for teens and outreach efforts to draw in teenagers, as well. The kids and teens just don't use the library very much even though it's right by the school. We've also in the last couple years went in and moved things around and tried to put in different furniture and moved things around to make it more welcoming. It's not huge things, but little things we've tried here and there over the years to increase circulation and use of the facility haven't worked."

The Purdy Library came under scrutiny following the failure of an increased tax levy in April 2016. The hours for Purdy, along with two other smaller branches, were cut to three days a week the following August. The branch was open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Those are what the hours remain today.

Milburn added, "Purdy's statistics have been the lowest for quite some time. They aren't improving at all.

"One of the things I looked at, which I started in 2016, how many card holders they had and how many of the card holders used the library in the last year in 2016. Of the people who used the library in the last year, how many actually used it the last time at Purdy. Over 50 percent used the library at Monett or Cassville. They weren't using it in Purdy. People who live in Purdy don't necessarily work in Purdy."

Milburn added the recent decision to raise the minimum wage by Missouri voters in the November General Election also added to the board's decision to close the Purdy branch. "The closing was further precipitated by the recent increase to minimum wage that was approved by the Missouri voters. This new reality will have a dramatic effect on our budget.

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Cassville Christmas parade brings cheer



Aurora's Faith Full Gospel Church took first in Cassville Christmas parade in the religious float division and also won the Hutchens Construction Kids Choice award that comes with a \$1,000 prize. For a complete list of winning floats and additional pictures from Cassville's parade on Saturday night, Dec. 1, see page 12A.

Haven of the Ozarks burglarized

Charlea Estes-Jones

A recent burglary left volunteers and staff reeling at local animal sanctuary Haven of the Ozarks. At least one person broke into the non-profit and stole cash, equipment, medications and over 2,000 pounds of dog food. According to director Sherah Farris, the theft was a low-blow for the donation-run shelter.

"We care about what our donors do for us. Everything stolen was a donation or paid for by a donation and we take pride in using those donations wisely. We just all feel violated that someone would do this. To steal dog food is really low."

Farris said the theft occurred between 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on November 28. She said, "I was here working until around 7:30 p.m. My husband drove by on his way to the store and when he came back by, he saw the gate was open."

Further inspection showed a laundry list of items stolen from Haven of the Ozarks. Over \$500 in cash taken from three different locations in the office and an iPad valued at \$399 was taken, as well. Damage to the premises included the gate (\$200), security system damage (\$125), stolen keys and destruction of a file cabinet.

Farris said she believes whoever broke in at the end of November had been stealing from the shelter since August. She said, "We noticed things had gone missing. We noticed cash for donations and adoptions was gone, so we moved the security cameras, hoping to catch who it was. Whoever came in knew where to go to cut the cameras."

Since August, around \$500 of flea medication, a \$400 chain saw and a 10" saw worth \$400 were stolen as well.

Farris said, "When I noted

inventory was going missing, we started locking everything up. It was all locked down, even from our staff once we saw cash and medications were missing."

Despite changes, further investigation showed someone also took the shelter for over 2,000 pounds of dog food over the last month and a half. Farris said, "We thought we had enough dog food to get us through the winter and now we are basically out and we have barely started the colder months"

The shelter reported the thefts to the Barry County Sheriff's Department, but no charges have been filed yet. Major Leonard Collins, of the Barry County Sheriff's Department, said, "No one has been charged. We had one suspect, but they have been cleared." Collins added that they are seeking tips and anyone with information can contact the Sheriff's Department.

She said, "Whoever came in here knew ways to sneak into the building and go past cameras. They knew where our blindsides were, and we're obviously going to be making changes to prevent something like this from happening again."

Farris assured the Haven is doing their part to thwart any

City filings open for April election

Vinnie Roberts

The next local general election may not be until April 2, 2019, but that hasn't stopped the wheels of democracy from spinning forward. Starting on Tuesday, December 11, city halls across the county will be opening their doors to any qualified candidates interested in entering a bid for election in their respective town. Filings close on January 15, county-wide

In the City of Cassville, filings will be open for the mayoral seat currently held by Bill Shiveley. The position carries a two year term. In addition, north ward alderman John Horner and south ward alderman Cindy Carr's seats will be open for filing. Prospective candidates seeking to file a bid for election can find all the necessary paperwork at Cassville City Hall. For additional information, call Cassville City Hall at (417) 847-4441.

In Butterfield, two twoyear alderman positions in both the west and east wards are coming open for filing. Incumbents are Darrell Mathis and Mark Thomas, respectively. Both positions carry two year terms. All filings can be done at Butterfield City Hall,

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Christmas ad deadline

The Barry County Advertiser Christmas issue will run on Wednesday, December 19. This year's deadline for Christmas ads will be Friday, December 14, for that issue.

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Santa Train coming next weekend

Vinnie Roberts

Seligman and Monett will once again play host to the Santa Train, a yearly event sponsored by the Seligman Chamber of Commerce and the Arkansas and Missouri Railroad.

Rides on the Seligman stop will be available on Saturday, December 15. The train will make two different trips, on starting at 9 a.m. and another starting at 11 a.m. The train will run from Seligman to Rogers, Ark., and then back again for both trips.

On Sunday, December 16, the Santa Train will be at the Monett Soccer Field. There will be three different ride times for this event: 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. This leg of the journey will run from Monett to Exeter and back again.

All patrons will be treated to cookies and hot cocoa during the trip. Children under the age of 12 will receive a gift bag of treats from Santa, who will be on board, as well.

Onboard entertainment will be provided by the Flyin' Buzzards bluegrass band. They will be putting their southern spin on Christmas classics

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for the duration of the trip.

Admission to the Santa Train costs \$20 for an adult seat, \$15 for children under the age of 12. Children under the age of 3 ride for free.

All sponsorship proceeds for the event will go to For The Kids Foster Parent Organization, an organization currently working to give aid to the over 800 children currently in the foster program in Barry, Stone and Lawrence counties. This will be the fourth year that the Seligman Chamber of Commerce and the Arkansas and Missouri Railroad has worked to raise money for this organization.

"Everyone at the Chamber feels good about working with the organization," said Cleta Stanley, secretary of the Seligman Chamber of Commerce. "It's a needed thing. They contacted us four years ago asking for help raising money, and we decided that putting the sponsorship money from the train to a good cause was good for everyone."

Stanley also urged people to donate in other ways, "Anyone who wants to can donate toys to

the organization. They can be dropped off at City Hall on Saturday evenings around 5 p.m. until December 15."

To make reservations for the Santa Train, call 1-800-687-8600. Tickets are also available in store at Monett Family Video or online at www.amrailroad. com. For additional information, call (417) 662-3612.

HAVEN from FRONT

future efforts by burglars. All of the locks have been changed and they are setting up a new security system, as well. However, Farris said there is only so much they can do. "We can change locks and put up new gates, but there is field access on some sides of the property."

Haven of the Ozarks board members and staff reached out to the community and requested donations of dog food and equipment that was stolen. Farris said the response has been really positive, which lifts staff and volunteer spirits while working with the animals. She said, "We are here every day of the year taking care of these animals. We were open on Thanksgiving and we will be here on Christmas. We care about these animals, and it's so sad that someone did this to us."

Haven of the Ozarks is accepting donations to help with the losses from the theft. Donations can be made in person or through their website havenoftheozarks.org. They also have an Amazon wish list and



Tammi, a Boston Terrier and Fox Terrier mix available for adoption at Haven, was one of the dogs affected by the theft over 2,000 pounds of dog food.

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If you have information about the suspect(s) who stole from the Haven of the Ozarks,

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At our current level of funding, the only way to make room in our budget is to cut our costs significantly. Unfortunately, the Purdy Branch Library was the first casualty."

While the Purdy Library position does not pay minimum wage, Milburn said wage increases across the board for staff will have a big impact on the budget for the library system.

She said, "In all honesty, the library doesn't have to pay minimum wage because we are exempt because we are a public entity. But if we don't pay the current minimum wage, we won't have anyone work for us, they'll go somewhere else for more. If you raise the lowest level to minimum wage, you'll have to raise everyone's pay by seven and a half percent starting January 1. For us, that will be 7 and a half percent across the board. Everyone will have to get that increase. "

While the board has not made a decision for certain to increase staff salaries by seven and a half percent, Milburn said she believes that is the direction they are heading in. Overall she said increases of seven and a half percent each year for staff will result in a 50 percent increase to the wages budget.

She added, "I'm pretty sure that's what the board will decide each year. You can't have that type of increase every year and what amounts to a 50 percent increase to our salaries across the board by 2023 without making some tough decisions: what are we going to be able to afford and what do we have to do to make that happen without hurting the service we're providing already."

The Purdy Library is located at 403 State Highway C in half of the community building. Milburn said the decision was impacted by the fact that the library system does not own the building.

The Purdy Library will remain open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. until March 1, 2019.

Warren to be honored

Cherry Warren, the outgoing Presiding Commissioner of Barry County, will be honored at a retirement ceremony and reception on Thursday, Dec. 13, at the historic courthouse in Cassville.

Warren, who served six terms as Presiding Commissioner, will be honored with resolutions from both the Missouri House and Senate and by other elected officials. Official presentations will begin at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be provided. The public is encouraged to attend.

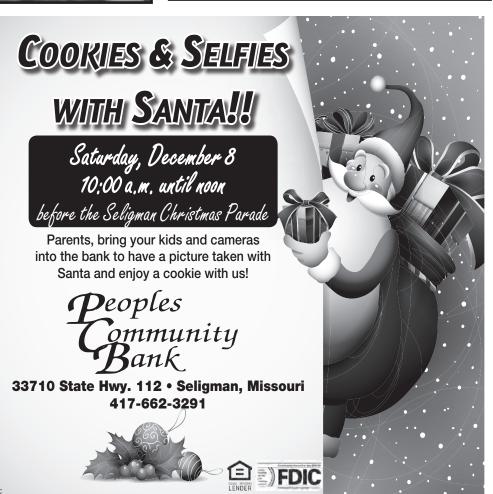
located in the community building across the street from the Butterfield City Park. For more information, call city hall at (417) 442-7975.

Purdy has the most positions coming open during the general election with the mayoral seat, one west ward alderman and two east ward positions on the ballot next year. The incumbent mayor is Bo Prock, who is at the end of his two year term. The current west ward alderman is Austin Hammond and the current east ward alderman is Scott Redshaw. Both positions carry a two year term. The second east ward alderman position open in Purdy is currently vacant due to the moving of former alderman Bobby Baker. The position holds a one year term. All filings for the general election can be done at Purdy City Hall. For more information on filings, contact Purdy City Hall at (417) 442-3273.

The City of Exeter also has a mayoral position on the ballot this cycle due to the passing of late Mayor James "Rusty" Reed in late November. The position will be held by the winner for a two year term. North ward alderman Keith Johnson resigned this week

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leaving his seat on the council open during this election cycle. Additionally, South Alderman Rhonda Scott's position will be open for filers. Both positions will be held by the winning candidate for two years. All filings can be done at Exeter City Hall. For additional information, call Exeter City Hall at (417) 835-2823.

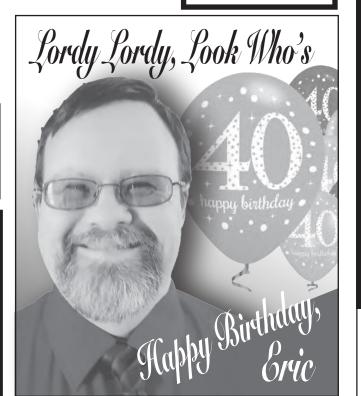
In Wheaton, West Ward Alderman Kevin Schlessman as well as East Ward Alderman Gary Bates' seats are both up for filing. Joining them on the ballot is incumbent mayor David Shockley. All positions carry two year terms. All applications and necessary filings can be found and turned in at Wheaton City Hall. For additional information, contact Wheaton City Hall at (417) 652-3314.

To the south, Washburn will open filings for two Alderman at Large positions, both currently held by Mary Roller and Jeremy Johnston, respectively. Both positions have two year terms. The mayoral seat will be open for filing in Washburn as well, with incumbent mayor John Tiedeman nearing the end of his two year term. All filings can be done at Washburn city hall during normal business hours. For questions and additional information, contact Washburn City Hall at (417) 826-5242.

Finally, the City of Seligman will be opening filings for the east and west alderman positions held by Ron Corn and Robert Hughes, respectively. Both positions carry two year terms. The city will also be opening filings for their mayoral seat, currently occupied by Carol Frost. All filings can be done at Seligman City Hall. For additional information,



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contact Seligman City hall at (417) 662-3600.

Seligman City Hall would like to remind candidates that because the city's operational budget is under \$1 million, candidates are not required to file the 5120 IRS affidavit of tax payments and bonding requirements.



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EVERET JAMES"JIM" EDENS

Everet James "Jim" Edens, age 87, of Washburn, passed away Saturday, December 1, 2018, at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He was born October 23, 1931, in Washburn, the son of Manford L. and Freida B. (Campbell) Edens.

Jim was a Christian man, his faith guiding his life. On October 14, 1950, he married his true love, Betty Imogene "Jean" Henry. Throughout their 68 year marriage, Jim loved Jean passionately, carried her picture, always, in his wallet and signed any note with xoxo. He was a family man and loved his daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren unconditionally. He was the rock and strength of his family, leading with love, strong

values and much laughter. He was always available to lend a hand to his family, his church, his community and to strangers.

Jim grew up and received his education in Washburn, graduating from Washburn High School in 1949. During his high school years, he worked summers in the wheat harvest with his uncle Harry Newell and continued after high school. In the summer of 1950, he moved to California. In January of 1951, he joined the Marine Corps and was deployed to Korea July 4, 1951. He was a survivor of the famous Korean War battle of Chosin Reservoir. He returned home June 7, 1952, and began his seven-year career at Kaiser Aluminum. Jim and Jean decided to move back to the Midwest, living at Vaughn, Arkansas, Powell, and finally returning to the Edens homestead in Washburn where he continued his life-long love of horses, raising cattle and farming. For twenty-four years, he was employed by Continental Forest Products / RockTenn in Rogers, Arkansas, retiring as a supervisor in 1994. He was a member of Washburn First Baptist Church, served on the Southwest school board at Wash-

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burn, was a member of the Washburn Road District and a member of VFW #4207 in Monett.

Jim is survived by his wife, Imogene "Jean", of the home. Also surviving are three daughters, Patricia Kay (Edens) Fielding and her husband, Rick, of Springfield, Gail Jean (Edens) Woodruff and her husband, Tim, of Gainesville, Florida, and Pamela Joyce (Edens) Tibbs and her husband, Bill, of Wylie, Texas; one brother, Bob Edens, of Slidell, Louisiana; two half-sisters, Lela Kolb, of Ontario, California, and Marsha Solano, of Pomona, California; seven grandchildren, Erin Marie (Fielding) Parrigon, Jared James Fielding, Darby Lynn (Fielding) Brownfield, Mandy Leigh (Rose) Petree, Billy Wayne Tibbs II, James Matthew Tibbs and Jennifer Ryan (Tibbs) Koester; and eleven great-grandchildren, Michael, Olivia, Aiden, Carly, Jackson, Ethan, Brady, Aysha, Nathaniel, Nalani and Dmitri. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family mem-

Preceding him in death were his parents; one sister, Jeannie Whitney; two halfbrothers, Manford Edens and Marty Edens; and a greatgranddaughter, Sofia Koester.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 6, 2018, at First Baptist

Church in Washburn under the direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Glenn Erwin will conduct the services. Burial with military honors will be at Roller Cemetery in Washburn.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church in Washburn. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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PATRICK LEE RICHARD HONN

Patrick Lee Richard Honn, age 63, of Shell Knob, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Thursday, November 29, 2018. Mr. Honn, son of Murel and Charlotte (Wolff) Honn, was born on March 22, 1955, in Kansas City. He was united in marriage to Gana Stebbins on May 7, 1977, in Paola, Kansas; she survives. Mr. Honn was a truck driver for most of his life and has been all over the

country on his motorcycle.

Survivors include three daughters, Crystal Antrim, of Berryville, Arkansas, Gana (Freddie) Herron and husband, Brian, of Bolivar, Laurie Holmes and husband, Robert, of Pomona Lake, Kansas; one son, Troy Antrim and his wife, Tammy, of Springfield; ten grandchildren; several greatgrandchildren; one sister, Ann Reynolds, of Billings, Montana; and one brother, George Honn, of Paola, Kan-

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, David Honn.

Memorials contributions may be made to Hospice Compassus and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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

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JANIE ANN MARTIN

Janie Ann Martin, age 79, of Cassville, passed away Friday, November 30, 2018, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield

She was born September 28, 1939, in Spring, Texas, the daughter of William F. Hoffman, Sr. and Annie Frieda (Geodecke) Hoffman. On June 4, 1965, she was united in marriage to Curtis Martin, who survives. Also surviving are one son, William Martin, of Cassville; one daughter, Gina Beeson and her husband, Stan, of Jacket; five grandchildren, Anna Beeson, Ashley Beeson Hart and her husband, Cody, Tammy Martin, Tyler Martin and Ethan Taylor; and two greatgrandchildren, Laney Hart and Jadalen Beeson.

Preceding her in death were her parents, one brother and two sisters.

Janie grew up and received her education in Spring, Texas, where she graduated from high school in 1957. For several years, she was a self-employed accountant in Batson, Texas. After her retirement, she moved to Cassville to make her home.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 7, 2018, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Carroll Williamson will conduct the services.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Thursday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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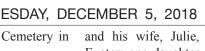
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DONALD O. BATES

Donald O. Bates, age 66, of Purdy, passed away Monday, November 26, 2018, at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas.

He was born in Osceola, Arkansas, on May 28, 1952, the son of John A. and Eiffie (Smith) Bates. On December 25, 1980, he was united in marriage to Victoria Elaine Boxley, who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Tim Bates, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Jason Pelc, of Kansas City, and Nathan Bates, of Purdy; three daughters, Vici Pelc, of Exeter, Michelle Longley, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Crystal Mathews, of Purdy; four brothers. Ronald Bates, of Greenland, Arkansas, Kenneth Bates and Jeff Bates, both of West Fork, Arkansas, and Glen Bates, of Houston, Texas; four sisters, Carolyn Boone, of West Fork, Arkansas, Margaret Fancher, of Berryville, Arkansas, Christine Neuendorf, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Mildred Peel, of Greenland, Arkansas; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, William and May-

Donald was raised in Arkansas and received his education in Kaiser. He was a mechanic at Barry County Ready Mix in Cassville for several years and had resided in Purdy the last thirty-three

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. A private memorial will be held at later date in West Fork, Arkansas.

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ROBERT GRANT **BENNETT**

Robert Grant Bennett, age 76, of Cape Fair, passed away Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation Center in Cassville.

He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on September 1, 1942, the son of Harold Doss and Peggy Joyce (Abshire) Bennett. On September 29, 1962, he was united in marriage to Evelyn Foote Mitchell and to this union two children were born.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Robert Dale Bennett, of Cape Fair; one daughter, Stephanie Lynn Bennett Cook, of Cape Fair; and one sister, Shirley Mad-

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dox, of Pasedena, California. Preceding him in death

were his parents. During the Vietnam War, he served for the United States Navy and then in the National Guard. He moved to Missouri from Tujunga, California, forty years ago and was a finish carpenter for Killian Construction. He was also a member of the Church of Nazarene.

The family received friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, December 2. 2018, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Burial was at Clio Cemetery in Jenkins.

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WALTER LESLIE **CORNMAN**

Walter Leslie Cornman, age 76, of Jenkins, passed away Sunday, December 2, 2018, at his home.

He was born in Jenkins

on April 20, 1942, the son of Horatio and Mildred (Tunnell) Cornman. On December 29, 1964, he was united in marriage to Vicki Jones. She survives. Also surviving are two sons, David Cornman, of Jenkins, and Brian Cornman and his wife, Tiffany, of Wheaton; two daughters, Sheri Young and her husband, Chris, of Nixa, and Traci Craig and her husband, Scott, of Metamora, Illinois; two brothers, Doyle Cornman and his wife, Anna Sue, of Dallas, Oregon, and Richard Cornman and Judy, of Boonville; two sisters, Nancy and her husband, Roger Hilburn, of Branson, and Patricia Tucker, of Nixa; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Walter was a life-long resident of Jenkins, where he attended elementary school and then graduated from Aurora High School. He attended SMS and Drury Universities in Springfield. For thirty-eight years, he was employed at EFCO and was a window testing coordinator. He was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Jenkins.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 7, 2018, at Clio Community Center in Jenkins under the direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Burial

will be at Clio Cemetery in Jenkins.

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VERLEA LOUISE THOMAS

Verlea Louise Thomas, age 77, of Exeter, passed away at her home on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Mrs. Thomas, daughter of Edward "Cotton" and Elnora (Alice) Nicodemus, was born on April 5, 1941, in Elkhart, Kansas. On June 4, 1958, she was united in marriage to Carl "Nub" Thomas in Cross Hollows, Cassville. Mrs. Thomas enjoyed quilting, crocheting, fishing, camping, attending her grandchildren's ballgames, and traveling. Her family meant the world to her and they all were her pride and

Survivors include her husband, Carl "Nub" Thomas, of Exeter; two sons, Mike Thomas and his wife, Michelle, and Mark Thomas and his wife, Julie, all of Exeter; one daughter, Cindy Burrows and her husband, Buddy, of Washburn; fourteen grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; brother, Victor Nicodemus and his wife, B.J., of Pinedale, Wyoming; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Debbie Noble; one grandson, Trevor Carl Coons-Thomas; one greatgrandson, Lane Rickson-Thomas; one brother, Larry Nicodemus; and one sister, Diana Burnette.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, with Pastor Tony Ball officiating. Burial followed at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Cassville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ridgeley Southern Baptist Church and entrusted to the White Funeral Home P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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











WEDNESDAT, DECEMBER 5, 2016

Exeter Christmas parade winners: Community Choice Award:
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Schools:

First: Southwest FFA
Second: Exeter PTO

Religious:

First: Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church

Non-Religious:

First: Barry Electric

Second: Cub Scouts Troop #76

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Second: Mark Moller

Vehicles: *Oldest*

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Bands

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Non-Musical

First: Exeter High Cheerleaders

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Antique Vehicle:
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Marching Band:

Washburn Christmas parade winners:

Washburn, Exeter parades full of Christmas spirit

Southwest Marching Band

Right after the parade Jill LeCompte drew names for two different rifles in a raffle presented by the Washburn Area Chamber of Commerce.

The winner for the Henry H001 22LR is Lenna Knight, of Washburn, and for the Remington 783 .243 caliber with scope went to Rita Springer, of Eagle Rock.



Washburn Girl Scout Troop 71611 won first in the non-commercial division for their Whoville-themed float.

Two from Cassville charged with possession

Charlea Estes-Jones

Two people were arrested in a drug investigation at a residence on Farm Road 2180 outside of Cassville. According to affidavits of probable cause, Lonnie Dunbar, 25, and Sheila Willoughby, 49, both of Cassville, were in possession of drugs when officers investigated the claim.

On November 28, officers with the Barry

County Sheriff's Department went to the residence after receiving information about possible drug activity. Officers reported Dunbar had a glass bulb used to smoke methamphetamine as well as a baggie of methamphetamine and a syringe with methamphetamine residue inside.

Willoughby, who was also in the residence, was allegedly found to have a sandwich baggie with two blue pills that were later identified as

Alprazolam (generic Xanax). Willoughby told officers she does not have a prescription for the pills and purchased them from a friend.

Willoughby is charged with possession of controlled substance. She posted a \$10,000 bond on November 30. Dunbar is charged with possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on a \$15,000 bond on November 30, as well.





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Knights of Columbus hand out 405 coats to area kids



The St. Edward's Knights of Columbus handed out 405 coats on Saturday to area kids in need. Volunteers are pictured above, from left to right. In the front row (in front of the table): Emily Johnson and Evelyn Hitchcock. Second row (behind the table): Kendra Brasel, Anthony Dispenza, Russell Dispenza, Greg Elsey and John Gambom. Third row: Michael Laughlin, Steven Alcocer, Diane Alcocer, Chris Brasel and Jerry Bauer. Back row: Lyla Casey, Jade Covey, Nick Colf, Greg Bowman, Roger King, Bill Gracy and Daved Paulie.

Purdy man charged with burglary

Charlea Estes-Jones

A Purdy resident, Justin Todd Taylor, 45, was apprehended last week under suspicion of the crime of burglary and stealing.

On November 30, the Barry County Sheriff's Department conducted a follow up on a separate burglary at a building on State Highway 76 in Wheaton. Taylor was reportedly inside the building when officers went to investi-

The officer reported a pile of electrical wires and copper tubing sitting in a chair in the building. There were also sev-

eral machines in the building that appeared to have the electrical wires and copper tubing cut and removed.

Taylor allegedly admitted to making the pile of tubing and wires.

Officers reported Taylor

entered the building unlawfully with the intent to steal the electrical wires and copper tubing from the machines. Taylor had previous burglary and theft convictions.

Taylor is charged with burglary in the second degree. He



is currently held in the Barry County Jail in lieu of a \$50,000 cash-only bond.



Pictured above, Louie the Cardinal helps Mercedes Nickol put a coat on her son, Hunter Nickol, 7.





Community Calendar

Community Calendar page is free as a courtesy to local events. If your event is relying on advertising for attendance, then it is vital for you to place a paid ad. There is no guarantee that your event will be placed in community calendar. The deadline for community calendar is Monday at 5 p.m. If Monday is a holiday, then deadline is 4 p.m. the preceding Friday.

December 6th

Purdy School Elementary Christmas Program will be at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, featuring students in grades 3 through 6 and Eagle Echoes. In conjunction with the Christmas Program, the Music, Art and Drama Club will have a holiday giftwrapping booth. Paper and ribbons are included. Boxes must be provided. Donations will be given to the Nicole Knatcal family to help with medical expenses. There will also be a Scholastic Book Fair from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

<u>Southwest Band Booster Meeting</u> will be at 6:30 in the band room. Everyone is welcome.

December 7th

<u>Central Crossing Senior Center Star and Tree Lighting</u> will start at 5 p.m. There will be Santa, Singing and Supper.

December 8th

The City of Wheaton's Christmas Parade will be lining up at the Body of Christ Ministries at 5 p.m. The parade will start at 6 p.m. Please call the Wheaton City Hall at (417)652-3314 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. or (417)350-7522 any other time for parade entry information. Pictures with Santa will be in the Wheaton Community Building starting at 4:30 p.m., ending at 5:30 p.m., and then starting again after the parade. Photos with Santa include a free picture and candy bag. There will be free hot dogs, cookies, and hot chocolate in the park during the parade.

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

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

<u>Pictures with Santa</u> will be hosted at Security Bank, Cassville, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Along with free photos, there will be cookies and goodies.

December 10th

Southwest Band and Color Guard Christmas Concert for grades six through twelve will be at 6:30 pm. in the high school gym.

December 11th

<u>Barry County Republican Club</u> will be meeting at the Barry County Museum at 6:30 p.m.

Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management Dsitrict N will hold its Annual Council meeting at 11 a.m. The Executive Board Meeting will be immediately following the Council Meeting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Both meeting are open to the public and will be held at Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett.

December 13th

A Retirement Ceremony to honor the outgoing Presiding Commissioner of Barry County, Cherry Warren, will be held at the historic Courthouse in Cassville at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be provided. The public is encouraged to attend

<u>Herrin Animal Hospital</u> will be hosting their Annual Toy Drive and Open House from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy. R.S.V.P. (417)847-5888.

The Habitat ReStore is offering 50% off all day. Exclusions are: paint and bundled wood.

<u>Purdy Preschool Christmas Program</u> will be in the school cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open before and after the program.

December 14th

A Spaghetti Dinner will be hosted by Purdy School District in conjunction with the evening's basketball games and Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas Coronation. Donations will be accepted and given to the Nicole Knatcal family to help with medical expenses.

December 15th

<u>McDowell Gold Jubilee</u> features free stage performances open to the public and open jams for acoustic music. Show starts at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. All proceeds go to support the Jubilee and the Historic McDowell School House Foundations.

<u>Christmas Town</u>, a fun-filled holiday event for kids of all ages, will be hosted by the Purdy High School Choir at the Gathering Place in Purdy in conjunction with the annual Purdy Christmas Parade. There will be a Santa Train, reindeer games, photos with Santa, crafts and more. Tickets will be available at the door. Christmas Town opens at 9 a.m. All proceeds benefit the choir New York City/Carnegie Hall Trip Fund.

Notice:

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

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

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

<u>Washburn First Baptist Church Clothes Closet/Free</u> <u>Store</u> will be open Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

School Menus: December 10 - December 14

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

Southwest: Mon: B: breakfast sausage pizza, mandarin organges or cereal, juice. L: vegetable beef stew, corn muffin, fruit cocktail, mozz. cheese stick or salad/fruit bar. Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, sausage links, fresh fruit, grape jelly or cereal, juice. L: cheese pizza, romaine salad, peaches, chocolate chip cookie or salad/fruit bar. Wed: B: scrambled eggs with bacon, strawberries or cereal, juice. L: chicken chunks, mashed potatoes, corn, rosy applesauce or salad/fruit bar. Thurs: B: strawberry mini bagels, sausage links, fresh fruit or cereal, juice. L: beef & bean burrito, nacho cheese and chips, salsa, Mexican corn, tropical fruit or salad/fruit bar. Fri: B: hot ham & hashbrown sandwich, apple slices or cereal, juice. L: chicken sandwich, leaf lettuce, dill pickles, baked beans, apple slices or salad/fruit bar.

Exeter: Mon: B: whole grain biscuit, gravy, sausage link, peaches, fruit juice, cereal. L: chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit. Tues: B: breakfast burrito, fresh fruit, fruit juice, cereal, graham crackers. L: BBQ rib sandwich, Tater Tots, Monaco blend, fruit. Wed: B: eggstravaganza, toast, fresh fruit, fruit juice, cereal, cinnamon graham cracker. L: cashew chicken, brown rice, Oriental blend, fortune cookie, fruit. Thurs: B: jumbo waffles, syrup, fruit, fruit juice, cereal, toast. L: breaded beef patty, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, carrots, fruit, bread. Fri: B: banana muffin, yogurt, fresh fruit, fruit juice, cereal, Vertical Bar. L: corn dog, baked beans, broccoli, strawberry cup.

<u>Cassville Int.-Prim.-Middle:</u> Mon: B: biscuits & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, mandarin oranges or cereal, blueberry muffin, applesauce. L: turkey sandwich or BBQ pirk rib, Baked Lays, baked beans, juice. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, hashbrown/toast, pears or ce-

real, granola bar, peaches. L: grilled cheese or hamburger, Sun Chips, vegetable mix, fruit cocktail. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, applesauce or cereal, Pop-Tart, apple. L: chicken strips or country steak, gravy, salad, baked beans, applesauce. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, hashbrown, mandarin oranges or cereal, cinnamon toast, pineapple. L: popcorn chicken or tangerine chicken, rice, glazed carrots, egg roll, pears. Fri: B: biscuits & gravy or mini cini, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: turkey & gravy, potatoes, green beans, hot roll, apple crisp, juice.

Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or mini cini, yogurt cups, fruit cocktail or cereal, banana muffin, fruit & nut mix. L: cheeseburger, baked beans, Sun Chips, juice or pizza meal or salad meal. Tues: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, peaches or cereal, animal crackers, apple. L: beef burrito, nachos, refried beans, carrots, apple or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, gravy, peaches or cereal, Nutri Grain Bar, apple. L: pizza wedge, carrots, salad, Sun Chips, fruit cocktail or nugget meal or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, cinnamon toast, peaches. L: chicken strips, mac & cheese, broccoli, breadstick, juice or cheeseburger meal or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or cinnamon bun, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop-Tart, applesauce. L: turkey, gravy, potatoes, roll, green beans, cherry crisp, juice or pizza meal or salad meal.

Purdy: Mon: B: oatmeal, ww toast, cereal, fruit. L: spaghetti, meat sauce, ww breadstick, California blend veggies, fruit. Tues: B: blueberry muffin, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: wg chicken nuggets, potatoes au gratin, green beans, bread, fruit. Wed: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, cereal. L: vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, celery sticks, ranch, fruit, sugar cookie. Thurs: B: wg pancake wrap, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: Frito pie, Tater Tots, mixed veggies, fruit. Fri: B: breakfast pizza, cereal, yogurt, fruit. L: chicken patty sandwich, Sun Chips, baby carrots, ranch, fresh fruit.

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BC deputies organize charity basketball event

Vinnie Roberts

Saturday, December 15, Southwest High School will be home to a charity 3-on-3 basketball tournament. The event

Rose bags first deer



Jordan Rose, 8, of Pea Ridge, Ark., (front) shot his first deer during the Missouri Youth hunt with his father, Josh Rose, and twin brother, Dylan, on land west of Washburn. Jordan is the grandson of Brian and Laura Rose, of Washburn.

begins at 9 a.m. The tournament was organized by Deputies Kayla Strahley and Wesley Kissinger.

"We came to the idea of a charity basketball game because our friend and fellow deputy Casey Baker and his wife were hit with unfortunate medical issues regarding Jennifer and we knew they needed help," said Deputy Strahley. "Wesley loves basketball and has hosted tournaments before which were successful. Wesley once hosted a basketball tournament to fund "Shop with a Cop" for the city of Seligman and it had a pretty great turnout, so I thought it would be a good way to raise money for our friends in need. I got with Wesley and proposed the idea and so we went with it and decided to host a basketball tournament."

"We know it's a little short notice but, we wanted to make sure we got it done before Christmas," said Deputy Kissinger.

"I wanted to get involved because Casey Baker is not only a fellow deputy but he and his wife Jennifer are great friends of mine as well," continued Strahley.

The event is open to any who can assemble a three person team in time to participate. There will be a \$25 entry fee per team.

"I will not be participating in the basketball games. I'd rather not publicly embarrass myself," added Strahley. "I will be helping with getting everything together and making sure things run smoothly."

"We're going to have four baskets we can use, so we can have up to 4 games going at once, if we need to," said Kissinger.

"We've gotten a pretty good response but still are hoping to get more. We have at least ten teams playing right now but are hoping to have more," said Strahley.

All proceeds from the tournament will go to the families of the affected deputies. For more information, contact Wesley Kissinger or Kayla Strahley at the Barry County Sheriff's office at (417) 847-6556.





Wheaton Lady Bulldogs down Pierce City, 69-36

Lee Stubblefield

Wheaton's Jessica Lombard defied convention and skipped the post-Thanksgiving tournament scene, opting for a week of practice instead. In Monday night's home opener, all that work translated into a resounding 69-36 win over Pierce City.

Hallie Mitchell led Wheaton with 24 points, including six bombs. Four Lady Bulldogs scored in double figures.

Wheaton jumped in front 24-7 in the first quarter and never looked back. Lombard's team

doubled up the Lady Eagles at halftime, 36-18. Wheaton's dominating defense held Pierce City to single digits in both the first and lost quarters.

to single digits in both the first and last quarters.
Wheaton improved to 1-1 with the victory,

and will host Sparta on Friday.

Wheaton scorers: Hallie Mitchell, 24; Alyia Prewitt, 18; Rachel Lacey, 11; Zoie Simpson, 10; Tori Goostree, 6.

Pierce City scorers: Leslie Jones, 14; Sydney Prater, 6; Kendyl Hayward, 6; Katie Tindell, 4; Chelsey Puckett, 4; and Haley Portilla, 2.

Southwest Academic All-State Volleyball players



Eight Southwest High School volleyball players earned Academic All-State honors this season. Pictured above are Seniors Heather Windes, Maggie Robbins, Lacey Reeves, Jacey Ball and Mariah Monday, and Sophomores Khloe Holder, Bonnie Robbins and Karma Romine.

The girls combined for 51 As and 4 Bs and a combined grade-point average of 3.92, according to Coach Steve Voyak. "This is amazing and speaks for itself," Voyak said. "I had three other players who did not letter, but played on the varsity, and all three of them would have made it as well, so we would have been 11 for 11 with our players, and that's incredible focus on academics."



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Cassville Wildcats win Marionville tournament

Lee Stubblefield

It is an annual rite of passage for area basketball teams: the post-Thanksgiving basketball tournament. It is a week-long flurry of action, giving coaches, players, and fans an eyeful of what to expect from the long season. Most teams have two or fewer games in the books at that point, and some early-season predictions and expectations get "re-thunk" as results are digested.

The Cassville Wildcats took a big step forward, winning the Marionville tournament in convincing fashion. The Wildcats downed Greenfield, Marionville, and Buffalo enroute to claiming the tournament title.

The Lady Wildcats did

not enjoy the same level of success in their annual trip to Blue Eye. The Cassville girls fell to Reeds Spring and Hollister on their way to a quick

The Southwest, Wheaton, and Purdy boys also struggled. The Trojans ended the week losing the seventhplace game at Marionville, Purdy dropped the seventhplace game at Pierce City, and Wheaton bowed out in the fifth-place game at Diamond.

The Southwest and Purdy girls both lost in the consolation semifinals at Diamond.

> **Tournaments summary** *Marionville* (boys)

Quarterfinals: • Cassville 56, Greenfield

• Buffalo 57, Miller 48

• Spokane 80, Southwest

• Marionville 80, Hurley

Semifinals:

• Cassville 52, Marionville

• Buffalo 81, Spokane 73 7th place game: Hurley 71, Southwest 41 Championship: Cassville 66, Buffalo 55 Pierce City (boys)

Quarterfinals: Greenwood 77, Purdy 71 East Newton 61, Walnut Grove 49

Verona 59, Sarcoxie 57

Billings 68, Pierce City 49 **Semifinals**

Greenwood 77, East New-

Billings 72, Verona 69 **Consolation Semifinals** Sarcoxie 53, Pierce City 52 Walnut Grove 52, Purdy

7th place game Pierce City 52, Purdy 34 Championship:

Greenwood 79, Billings

Diamond (boys) Pool play:

Diamond 67, McAuley 38 Crane 59, Thomas Jeffer-

Thomas Jefferson 48, Wheaton 49

> Diamond 50, Galena 4 McAuley 50, Galena 40 Crane 63, Wheaton 42 5th place game: Galena 51, Wheaton 43 Championship: Crane 64, Diamond 33

Blue Eye (Girls) Quarterfinals:

Reeds Spring 61, Cassville

Berryville 67, Hurley 30 Forsyth 63, Spokane 61 Blue Eye 70, Hollister 22 **Consolation semifinals:**

Hollister 42, Cassville 28 Spokane 47, Hurley 40

Championship:

Berryville 69, Blue Eye 56 Diamond (girls)

Quarterfinals: Lockwood 56, Diamond

McAuley 57, Purdy 22 Sarcoxie 56, Southwest 26 College Heights 49, Ve-

Consolation semis:

Verona 71, Southwest 36 Diamond 42, Purdy 39

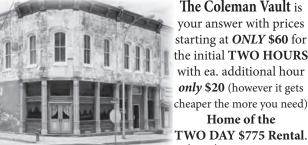
Championship: Sarcoxie 59, Lockwood

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Stubblefield, Denton team wins at Ark. Senior Olympics



Pictured above, from left to right: Kevin Campbell and Josie Stubblefield.

Lee Stubblefield

Josie Stubblefield, the longtime health and PE teacher at Southwest Middle School, brought home two medals from the Arkansas Senior Olympics pickleball competition at the Bishop Park courts in Bryant, Arkansas. Stubblefield teamed with Marilyn Denton to win gold in the Women's 50-54 Doubles, and earned silver in the 50-54 Mixed Doubles with Kevin Campbell.

All three players are members of the Adult Wellness Center in Rogers, Ark., where they play and practice several times a week.





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Andrew Berndt Named to join 2018 Academic All-State Team

Cassville High School se- voted to the Missouri State es Association (MSHSSCA) nior, Andrew Berndt, was High School Soccer Coach-



Pictured above, from left to right, CHS head coach Jake Forste, Andrew Berndt and father Kurt Berndt as Andrew accepts his



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NOTICE OF ELECTION AND FILING DEADLINES 9-1-1 EMERGENCY SERVICES **BOARD MEMBERS**

The Barry County Emergency Services E9-1-1 Board hereby notifies the public that the opening filing date for election of four (4) Board Members will be December 11, 2018 and the closing date for filing is January 15, 2019. The election is to be held April 2, 2019.

Candidates may file at the 9-1-1 administration office, located at 4011 Main Street, Cassville during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed holidays).

Positions open are: At Large (Chairman) – 1 four year term Northern Commission District - 1 four year team Northern Commission District – 1 two year term

Southern Commission District - 1 four year term

2018 Academic All-State team.

This award is the highest academic honor for soccer players in the state of Missouri, with only 33 players selected each year. Andrew will be honored at the 2018 MSHSSCA Honors Banquet and Hall of Fame Induction on December 15th in Columbia.

"I am extremely proud of Andrew and all of our seniors this year," stated CHS head soccer coach Jake Forste. "I nominated five seniors for this award, which illustrates what an accomplished group we have in the classroom overall. For Andrew to be selected for this honor shows what I have seen for three years; this young man puts his absolute best into everything he does. From National Honor Society, to vetting for the US Service Academies, to being a two-year captain of our team, Andrew is a leader among his peers and a role model for youth soccer players in our community.

Andrew is the son of Kurt Berndt and Lacy Berndt, both of Cassville.









Christmas cheer fills parade on Cassville's Main Street

Cassville's Christmas parade winners were:

Marching Bands:

First - Southwest

Second - Exeter

Religious Float:

First - Faith Full Gospel (Bethlehem Inn)

Second - UMC Praise struction Band

Non-Religious Float:

First: Travis Broadbooks' (Christmas Vacation)

Second: Lives Under field Fire Department Construction Boys Ranch (Peanuts Christmas)

Third: Barry County E9-1-1 (The Grinch Who Stole Kids' Choice Award Christmas)

Honorable Mentions: Barry County 4H Club and **Boy Scouts**

Commercial Float:

First: Hungry Hollow Brewery (Christmas Vacation)

Second: Hutchens Con-

Third: First State Bank (Peanuts Christmas)

Single Unit Vehicle:

Best Decorated: Butter-

Most Unusual: Benny's Automotive

Hutchens Construction

Faith Full Gospel (Bethlehem Inn).



Hungry Hollow Brewery's Christmas Vacation-themed float took first place in the commercial division at Cassville's Christmas parade on Saturday night.

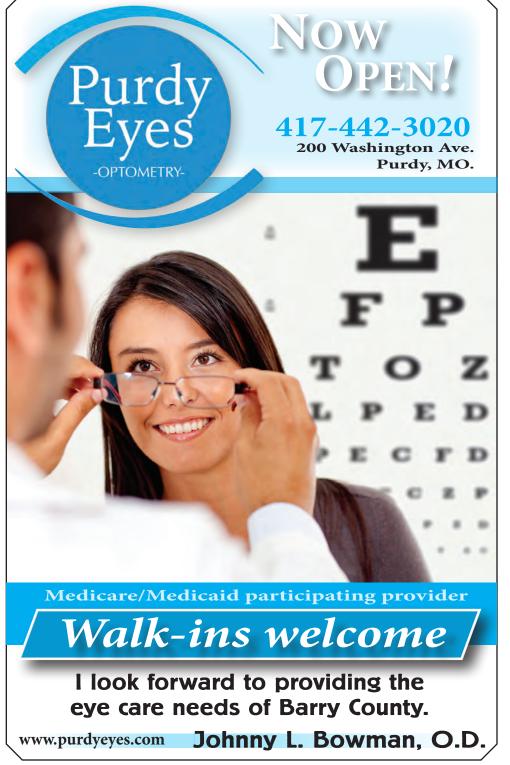


Butterfield's firefighters stood in for Santa's reindeer to pull their fire truck during Cassville's parade.



Exeter's marching band took second in Saturday's Christmas parade for their pep and Christmas





Purdy Christmas parade, events this weekend SLT to present plays Dec. 14, 15

The Southwest Little Theatre will present "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas." The first showing will be Friday, December 14, 2018 at 6 p.m. There will be two performances, one at 3 p.m. and the other at 6:30 p.m.

The night will begin with "Christmas Tea," presented by Ms. Leroy's junior high students. After that, there will be three short skits before the main play, with Isaac Starr playing the role of the Grinch.

The line up for the Saturday 3 p.m. show will be the same as the Friday night show. However, the second performance will consist of a performance of "A Christmas Carol," with Jesse Foster performing the part of Scrooge. This will be followed by the final performance of "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas."

Each show will be approximately two hours. Southwest Little Theatre looks forward to sharing Christmas fun with

Tickets are \$10 each. Call (417) 347-0178 to make res-

High school cast members performing "A Christmas Carol" are: Jesse Foster: Ebeneezer Scrooge; Rachell Hedden: Ghost of Christmas past; Sheyenne Parker:



Ghost of Christmas present; Shyla Richardson: Ghost of Christmas future; Keith Davis: Cratchit; Andrew Parker: Marley; Charlie Pippin: Tiny Tim; and unnamed characters Amelia Pierce, Lyndsey Holt and Bailey Saunders.

The high school cast for "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" is: Isaac Starr: Grinch; Brianna Cook: Martha May; Austin Moreton: Mayor May-Who Shelby Vinnie Roberts

Parade season will come to an end in Barry County this year with the Purdy parade. The event will take place on December 15 at 11 a.m.

"For as small of a town as we are, we get a great response," said Julie Terry, organizer of the Purdy parade. "We have upwards of 60 en-

Line up for the parade will be at 10 a.m. at the Purdy High School parking lot. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. and will march a route from the high school to the Country Corner Market.

"This is something my husband, Ken, and I wanted to do for the community," said Terry. "The community has been so good to support our fireworks stands every

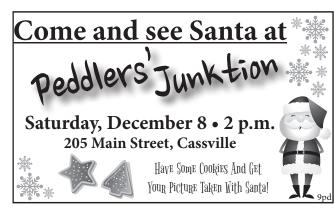
Starting from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on December 15 the Terrys will also be hosting a Christmas Village event at their community event venue, The Gathering Place. The event will feature refreshments, pictures with Santa, rides on the Santa Express, games, a station for writing letters to Santa, and trips to Santa's workshop.

Tickets for the event will be available at the door of the Gathering Place on the day of the event. They will be \$10 for children and \$15 for adults.

Proceeds from the Christmas village event will go to the Purdy High School choir in order to help fund their trip to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City, New York, where they will perform as part of a mass choir with schools from all across the country.

"We went to school here kindergarten through 12th grade and so did our kids. We love everything about our little community and we just wanted to give back."

For additional information on parade activities. contact Purdy City Hall at (417) 442-3273 or Julie or Ken Terry at (417) 236-4139.



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Filing dates for these positions shall open beginning on December 11, 2018, and close on January 15, 2019.

Candidates may file with City Clerk Brian Nichols at City Hall, 29144 Main Street, Seligman, MO. 2018: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; 2019: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Candidates names will be placed on the official ballot in the order in which they were filed at Seligman City Hall.

Done by order of the Seligman Board of Alderman.



Eagle viewing at Roaring River Dec. 15

When water sources freeze in the north, bald eagles migrate south to find food and water. Join Roaring River State Park to watch for bald eagles along Roaring River at 3 p.m. Sat., Dec. 15. Watch a movie about our national symbol and participate in eagle-themed activities.

Bring your binoculars and spotting scopes to get a closer look at these magnificent birds. This event is free and open to the public. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks.

Roaring River State Park is located seven miles south of Cassville on Highway 112 in Barry County, southwest Missouri. For more information about the event, contact the Ozark Chinquapin Nature Center at (417) 847-3742 or the park office at (417) 847-2539.

For more information about Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites, visit the web at mostateparks.com. Missouri State Parks is a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Re-

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Filing dates for these positions shall open at 8:00 a.m., December 11, 2018, and close at 4:00 p.m. on January 15, 2019.

Candidates may file with Mary Scannell, secretary. Please call 479-644-8772 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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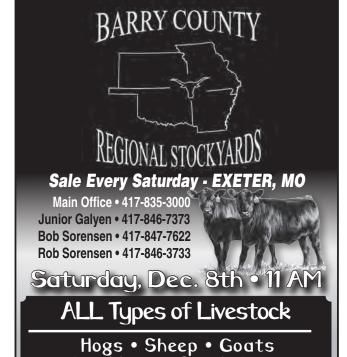
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Cassville FBLA attends Fall Leadership Conference



Members of the Cassville High School and Middle School FBLA Chapters attended the Fall Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois, on November 1 and 2. High school officers Madry McCrackin, Clara Hermansen, Alexa Perez and Callie Beagle, as well as middle school member Emerson Grossman, spent two days going to leadership workshops and listening to keynote speakers that motivated

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them for the upcoming school year. Members, along with their adviser Melanie Grossman, also enjoyed the sites and scenery of the big city with trips to Navy Pier, Magnificent Mile and the 360 Observation Deck.

Cassville FBLA officers are pictured above, from left to right: Madry McCrackin, Clara Hermansen, Alexa Perez and Callie Beagle.

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- · Good with facts and enjoy a challenge? Trivia Night is for you on December 6 starting at 6 p.m. Prizes, snacks, and fun in-
- A special children's holiday program will be offered on Friday, December 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the library's main space. Mrs. Santa's Story Time will feature a craft, snacks, stories, and more. All children are welcome.
- The Monday Movie Matinee for December 10 will feature Dog Days, rated PG. This comedy/drama is a must for all dog lovers. Bring your own snacks.
- There will be three sessions of the December adult canvas painting project "Snowglobe." A \$5 registration fee is required when signing up for one of these classes: Monday, December 10, at 6 p.m., Tuesday, December 11, at 12:30 p.m and again at 6 p.m. Space is limited and supplies and instruction are furnished. Stop by the branch to reserve your spot.
- "Jingle Trees" will be the tween canvas painting activity on Thursday, December 13, at 4 p.m. Sign up at the library or call (417) 847-2121 to reserve your spot. Registrations will close at 5 p.m. on December 12. The event is free, but space is limited to twelve participants ages 9-12.
- Get involved in these crafty programs each week: sewing on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and quilting at 12:30 p.m., and crochet on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Beginners are welcome and instruction if available.

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Area school board filings open Dec. 11

Vinnie Roberts

As the first half of the school year draws to a close, the time has once again come for the local school boards to begin electing officials. Elec-

tion season for most area school boards doesn't begin officially until April but, the process of filing for candidacy is right around the corner. All area public schools

open for candidate filings on December 11 and will be open for filings until January 15. The school board general elections will be held April 2. Southwest School Board

sitions coming open this cycle. Current incumbents are Bobby Stephens and Brian Robbins. Filings can be made at the Southwest Central office on any weekday within the filing window, excluding holidays, between 8 a.m. and

4 p.m. For more information,

call Southwest Central Office

will have two three-year po-

at (417) 826-5410. Purdy will also have two positions on the board coming open for candidacy submissions during this cycle. Incumbents are Todd Schallert and Ed Mareth. Filing for candidacy can be done at the Central office between 8 p.m. and 4 p.m. Candidates

will be on the Purdy ballot in

the order in which they filed

for candidacy. For more in-

formation, contact the Purdy

Schools at (417) 442-3216 Exeter's school board will have two 3-year openings as well. Incumbents include Eric O'Neil and Bryce Stephens. Candidates can file their paperwork at Exeter Public School. For more information, contact the superintendent's office at (417) 835-2922.

Wheaton school board will have two three-year positions coming up as well. Incumbents for these roles are Dan Gosstree and Chris Park. All paperwork for candidates can be found and filed at the Wheaton superintendent's office. For more information, call the Wheaton Central Office at (417) 652-3914.

The Cassville School Board will have two threeyear positions open during the general election as well. The incumbents for the Cassville Board are Chad Yarnall and Jeremy Marple. Interested candidates can file at the Cassville Public Schools Central office. For more information on filings and candidates, contact the Cassville Central Office at (417) 847-2221.

Blevins: Cindy Lou-Who; Dale Jermain: Lou Lou-Who; Savannah Burgess: Betty Lou-Who; Covan Davis: Drew Lou-Who; Wyatt Hendrix: Stu Lou-Who; and Elizabeth Ross: Sue Lou-Who.

PLAYS from 1B

Middle school performers for "Christmas Tea" are: Shaylea Eggleson, Caiden Crowe, Camberlynn Uthe Braden Moreton, Emilee Whetsten, Kaizer Slinkard, Brittany Trotter, Brooklyn Sears, Rachel Willer, Charlie Pippin, Ezra Sprowes, Kayleigh Harling, Harley Setzer, Axel Keener, Tehya Ross and Madison Snow.

Middle school performers for "Say NO to Santa" are Traven Walkingstick, Ben Morris, Natalie Sanko and Rachel Willer.

Middle school performers for "Run Santa, Run!" are Shelby Taylor, Tristan Fry and Steven Pierce.

Middle school performers for "Never Forget Where You Come From" are Gene Rainer and Charlie Pippin.

SW Scholar Bowl team has conference win



The Southwest Scholar Bowl team had their first SWCL Conference win last Tuesday. The Tro-

jans, Tristan Fry, Clark Brinkman, Braden Garcia, Charlie Pippin, Madison Snow, Natalie Sanko, and Rachel Willer (absent from picture Traven Walkingstick), defeated Billings 180-110. They also lost a close match to Crane (200-170). They are 1-3 in the SWCL.





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I'm still trying to live by summer time when it gets dark at 8:30-9:00 p.m. Throw in daylight savings time and the various time zones and I don't know what time it is in

The good news is: it really doesn't matter in the long run. The only time I need to worry about is eternity. And I can fix that by remembering one day.

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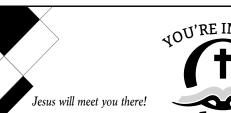
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Purdy announces Mr., Miss Merry Christmas candidates



Purdy High School Student Council has announced royalty candidates for the 2018 Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas. Pictured from left are Junior Candidates Zane Brown and Ashlie Johnson; Senior Candidates Carl Hughlett and Avery Hancock; Sophomore Candidates William Tate and Sydney Rea and Freshman Candidates Alan Rodriguez and Jaden Morgan. The 2018 Purdy High School Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas will be crowned during a coronation ceremony on Friday, December 14, in conjunction with the evening's basketball games, which begin at 6 p.m.

Arvest awards \$500 to Cassville Teacher

Arvest Bank announced Courtney Beagle as the winner of a \$500 award given to teachers throughout its fourstate footprint. A total of 116 awards, totaling \$58,000, are being given this year.

Beagle, who teaches first grade at Eunice Thomas Elementary in Cassville, plans to spend some time over Christmas break evaluating the best way to use the contribution.

"I am extremely grateful for the gift from ARVEST Bank," stated Beagle. "It is so nice to have businesses in the community invest in our students' learning by assisting teachers. Plus, my students were just as excited as I was!"

"It is a lot of money that can be used in so many ways. I plan to sit down and do some research as to what it can be used towards. I want it to be something that can be helpful to this year's students, as well as my students in years to come."

The Arvest initiative to honor educators was launched on Oct. 15. Nominations were accepted via the Arvest Bank Facebook page, and the awards come at a time when some school budgets have been cut.

"Arvest is thrilled to help support not just Ms. Beagle, but all of our award recipients," Arvest marketing manager Kyle Roberts said. "We know how hard teachers work to educate the children in our communities, and we



Cassville first grade teacher Ms. Beagle was awarded a check for \$500 by Arvest Bank.

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Missouri's hunter-education course is required for any hunter born on or after Jan. 1, 1967, who uses a firearm while hunting, unless exempt. Anyone 11 or older is eligible to take the course and exam. Hunters who have completed an approved hunter-education course in another state are not required to take Missouri's hunter-education course.

"MDC's hunter-education program provides a foundation in hunting safety and ethics," said MDC Outreach and Education Unit Chief Kyle Lairmore, who coordinates the program. "It instills responsibility, improves skills and knowledge, and encourages interaction between beginner and veteran hunters. In fact, hunter education has reduced hunting incidents and deaths in Missouri by more than 70 percent since it became mandatory in 1987."

Hunter education covers: hunter responsibility and ethics, how firearms work and firearm safety, wildlife identification, game care, survival, first-aid skills, firearm-handling skills and hunting techniques, awareness about wildlife conservation and management, and rules and information unique to Missouri.

"Nearly 24,000 new hunters have taken

hunter education so far in 2018, including about 11,400 taking the all-online course," Lairmore added. "We're also seeing a pretty even split among male and female participants with most participants being ages 16 to 35, who are the younger hunters we are trying to reach."

Hunter Education Options

MDC offers two options to complete hunter education. The "blended format" is for all ages and includes a knowledge session that must be completed online, in the classroom, or through a self-study guide followed by a skills session and final exam. MDC's "all-online" option is for Missouri residents 16 years of age and older. They can complete the entire program online through coursework and a final exam without having to take the skills session.

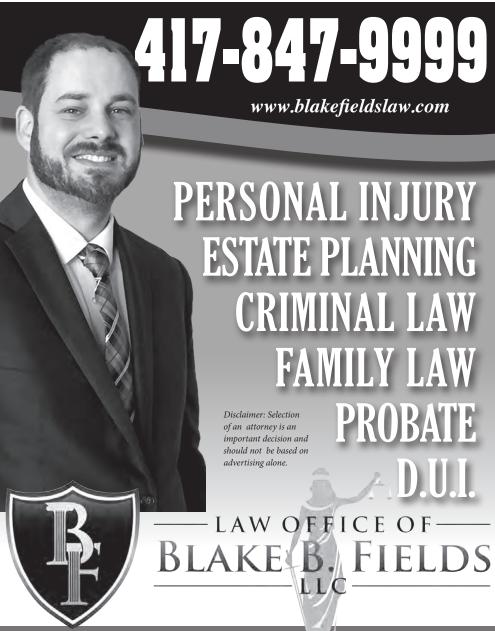
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MDC also offers voluntary bowhunter education in the classroom and online. While classroom offerings are limited, the online offering can be taken any time through a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer. It includes live-action, high-def videos complemented by a comprehensive instruction booklet. Participants must be at least 16 years old and a Missouri resident to take the online course. There

Learn more about the online course at bowhunter-ed.com/missouri/. Find classroom courses at mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/





Crash kills one near West Plains

Al D. Parsons, II, 48, of Laquey, was killed in a car crash outside of West Plains on Friday, Nov. 23. A passenger, Maxie A. Buescher, 57, of Strafford, was left in serious condition.

Parsons and Buscher were travelling northbound in a 2006 Ford Taurus on US 63 seven miles south of West Plains when the vehicle travelled off the right side of the roadway, down an embankment and came to rest in trees around 2:10 a.m.

Parsons was pronounced deceased by Howell County coroner Tim Cherry at 2:13 a.m. This is 2018's 36th fatality for Troop G of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Parsons was taken to Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Buescher was taken by air ambulance to Mercy Hospital in

Springfield for serious injuries sustained in the crash. Parsons was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash, Buscher was not.

The Ford Taurus was totalled in the crash and towed from the scene by Midway Towing, of Pomona.

Parsons and Busecher are the children of Al D. Parsons and the late Helen Hawk Parsons. They are the grandchildren of the late Don and Maxine Parsons and late Jeff and Grace Hawk.

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Shell Knob woman one of three found dead of apparent overdose

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Stone County Sheriff Doug Rader was unable to release more information on the suspected overdose deaths of three people in Stone County last weekend. At this time, it is unclear what exactly caused all three people to overdose and die from the drugs.

"While our investigation is ongoing, I can't really release anything more," Rader

On Saturday, November 17, Stone County Sheriff's Deputies found three individuals dead in a car parked in front of an abandoned trailer off of Norwood Road in southern Stone County.

After the Stone County Coroner took possession of the bodies, they were identified as Joseph Johnson, 35, of Green Forest, Ark., Daniel Calvert, 32, also of Green Forest, Ark., and Julie Orman, 26, of Shell Knob. Sheriff Rader said, of the three, "the female subject was known to us, but the two males were not."

According to a release from the Sheriff's Office, all three are suspected to have died from a drug overdose, based on items located in the

Rader was unable to speculate as to whether these

deaths were caused by a bad batch of an illegal substance, or whether the drugs had been tampered with or altered in some way. Across the nation, there have been reports of individuals dying after being exposed to opioid drugs that were "cut" with a much stronger opioid, such as fentanyl.

A recent report on drug deaths in the St. Louis area, from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, indicated that fentanyl is "now involved in nearly all the drug overdoses in the St. Louis area." Reports indicate that the synthetic opioid has been mixed with drugs ranging from other opioids to co-

Marietta Hagan, with the Stone and Taney County Substance Use Initiative, said, "It is concerning that three people overdosed at the same time. Because we don't know yet what specific drug was involved, it's hard to say what we could do to help prevent this tragic loss of life."

At the end of August and beginning of September, according to Hagan, there were several more overdose deaths in Taney County than normal. "They were in the double digits for the two or three month period," Hagan said.

Opioid use is a primary focus of the initiative, but at this point it is unclear whether opioids were involved in the November 17 deaths or

Regardless of the cause of the deaths, one of the harm reduction techniques the Initiative emphasizes is staggering usage if in a group. "We want people who are going to use to use safely. If they are in a group, they should stagger their use by at least 15 minutes to make sure that nobody is overdosing," Hagan

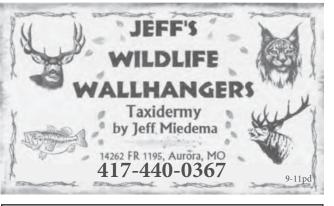
Another option is to have someone act like a designated driver. "With those three people that passed away, if someone is able to be there person that abstains or is able to be there for the other two, maybe all of those people wouldn't have died," Hagan

An interactive map of community resources is available at www.drugfreeozarks.org, along with other information about drug use and important stories from

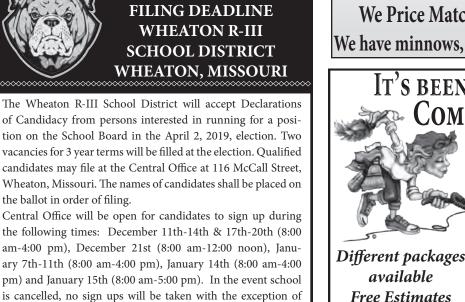
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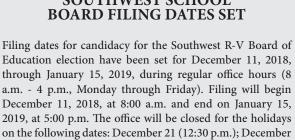


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