

Parades usher in holiday cheer



The Southwest Marching Trojans grandstanded for enthusiastic crowds at the Washburn, Exeter and Cassville Christmas parades Saturday. Shown above are the Trojans at the Exeter Parade. Photo by Sheila Harris.



Above, the Polar Express bore throngs of excited Cassville School children down Main Street, in front of a well-decked courthouse, during the Cassville Parade Saturday night. Photo by Sheila Harris. See more parade photos on Pages 8&9A

CORRECTION:
The Purdy Christmas Parade will take place Saturday, December 18, at 11 a.m.

Conditions at jail prompt exposé from ex-corrections officer

Sheila Harris
A corrections officer with the Barry County Jail terminated his employment last week, citing numerous safety issues with the jail facility and lack of respect from the sheriff.

“The jail is a health hazard both to employees and to inmates,” the individual stated in a telephone call to

The Barry County Advertiser Wednesday afternoon.
The caller, who moved to this area three years ago to be nearer to family, says conditions in the jail have become so intolerable that he plans to move back to Kansas where he previously held positions with federal prisons after serving in the military.
“There’s black mold growing everywhere in this jail,” he said, “even in the heating vents; the mattresses are old, blankets are in short supply and many prisoners aren’t getting the medical help they need.”
The caller’s particular concern was for prisoners who had mental health issues whose problems weren’t being addressed.
“None of the staff have any training in how to treat

See JAIL 3A

First State Bank of Purdy donates to For The Kids



First State Bank of Purdy’s Board of Directors donated a check for \$1,000 to For the Kids Friday, on behalf of bank employees who asked that the money be donated to the organization in lieu of the Christmas gifts they would have otherwise received.
Shown, left to right, are: Amanda Lee, Chief Operating Officer, First State Bank (FSB); Andy Goodson, Chief Lending Officer, FSB; Randy Henderson, President, FSB; Glen Garrett, Chairman of the Board; Virginia Gaston, President of For the Kids; Glen Garrett’s wife, Jeanne; Linda Swadley, Vice President of For the Kids; Lynette Bailey, Treasurer of For the Kids; Angi Vanderbol, loan processor, FSB; Christi Randles, head teller, FSB. Photo by Sheila Harris.

This year, First State Bank’s Board of Directors has chosen to donate a Christmas gift to For the Kids, a non-profit organization based in Aurora that serves area children. Representatives of the bank donated a check for \$1,000 to For the Kids on Friday.
For the Kids provides clothing and other essential personal items to foster and adopted children, or those who are placed with relatives. President Virginia Gaston said many times children arrive at foster homes with only the clothes they are wearing and are in need of all the basics.
“Those kids have nothing, no coat, no clothing, nothing.”
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The Barry County Jail at 505 East Street, Cassville, was originally built as a 20-bed facility in 1970, says county presiding commissioner, Gary Youngblood. It’s since been built onto at least twice, he says. Photo by Sheila Harris.

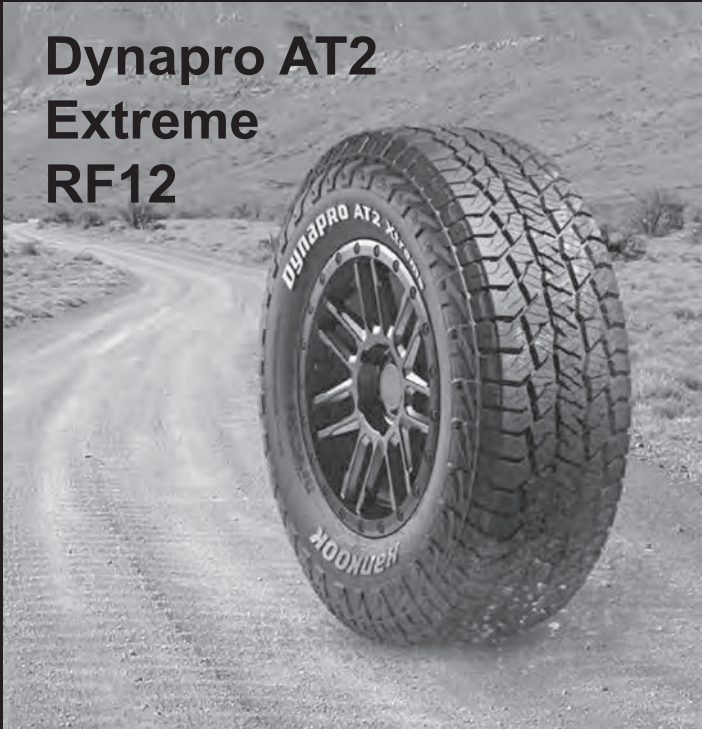
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Ezra DeVore Washburn: For Washburn’s Christmas Parade, the **Southwest Tumble Team** won Most Innovative; the **Southwest Marching Trojans Band** won Most Meaningful; and the **People’s Community Bank** tied with **Phoenix Custom Baits** for Most Decorative.

Exeter: In Exeter, the **Southwest Marching Trojans Band** won first place for musical bands, and the **Exeter Cheerleaders** won first for non-musical. In Horses, **Mountain Creek Ranch** stole first place for Best of Show and Best Presentation. **Mountain Creek Ranch** also won the City’s

Choice Award. In Vehicles, **Ray Horner** won Best of Parade. **Lindell Mitchell** won first place for best Antique tractor, and **Scott Knoll** won first place for best Classic tractor. **Cub Scouts #76** won Best Float of Parade. **Cassville:** In Cassville, the **Southwest Marching Trojans Band** won

best Marching Band. **Richard Akins** won Best Decorated Single Unit Vehicle; the **Wheaton Fire Department** won Oldest Single Unit Vehicle; and **Benny’s Automotive** won Most Unusual Single Unit Vehicle. **White Farms** won for best Horse Drawn, and the **Corinth Baptist Church** was this year’s Hon-

orable Mention. The Judge’s Choice Award went to the **Exeter Cheerleaders**. First Place Traveling Awards were given to **Hill Creek Church** for best Religious entry, **Cub Scout Troop 76 & Pack 76** for best Non-Religious entry, and **Hillside Poultry and Consignment Auction** for best

Commercial entry. The annual Kids’ Choice Award, sponsored by Hutchens Construction, went to **Hillside Poultry and Consignment Auction**. They will be presented with a \$1,000 check donated by Hutchens.

JAIL from FRONT

any training in how to treat those with mental health disorders,” he alleged. “We get passed over for training when it’s available. We keep hearing (better conditions) are coming, but we never see them.” One of the most egregious things he’s seen, the caller says, is the lack of working fire suppression equipment.

“I’ve tried my best to improve conditions for the prisoners in the three years I’ve worked here,” said the caller, who handled medical assessments and determined cell placement for inmates, “but I’m not getting any support. In fact, I’ve been blamed for some of the problems. I was told when I was hired that ‘we’re all family here,’ but it

hasn’t worked out that way.” He tendered his written notice to Barry County sheriff Danny Boyd, then took his complaints to the county commission meeting, where he alleges he was told by commissioners that the problems at the jail weren’t their business. When asked, commissioners responded to The Adver-

tiser that they told the caller that *personnel* matters at the jail weren’t their business. Sheriff Danny Boyd has no argument with the caller’s accusations of poor conditions at the jail. “We have let it be known for years that we need a new jail,” he said. “There’s just not much that can be done with this one. We try to bleach

down the walls every three weeks or so to kill the black mold, but it keeps coming back. That’s the nature of black mold. “We’re also short-staffed and our deputies are underpaid compared to surrounding counties and municipalities. That’s been a well-known fact for a while, too,” Boyd added. In response to the allegation of non-working fire suppression equipment, Boyd says, as of two weeks ago, it’s up and running.

Even with the additions, the current bed-capacity of 72 does not always provide adequate space, Sheriff Boyd says. A half-cent sales tax proposal will appear on the April ballot to support law enforcement, says Barry County Presiding Commissioner, Gary Youngblood. Part of that support would be in the form of higher wages, he says.

FOR THE KIDS from FRONT

ing,” Gaston explained. For the past 25 years, Gaston and the group of ladies who operate For the Kids have worked to fill that void for children and foster parents, alike. “We provide a new pillow, a blanket, socks, underwear, hygiene items and whatever else children are in need of,” she said.

Kids operates an “Angel Tree Project,” which begins in early October. Children are allowed to write down three wish-list items on a paper angel, in hopes they will be fulfilled. “This year,” Virginia Gaston said, “we have 400 children who have each given us three items they’d like for Christmas. That’s up from 100 children in years past.”

project every year. Individuals are welcome to donate, too. “Donors can either provide toys or other items on the kids’ wish lists, or donate money and let us do the shopping,” she said. “Not all kids want toys. Once, we had a child ask for chicken feed for their chicken, another asked for a pet turtle.”

employees at First State Bank of Purdy are also each donating a toy to the For the Kids Angel Tree Project. “Our retired vice president, Ron Smith, got us involved in supporting For the Kids years ago,” said Amanda Lee. “He retired seven years ago, but we like the project and what the organization is doing.

The original portion of the current Barry County Jail was built in 1970 and had a bed-capacity of about 20, Barry County Presiding Commissioner Gary Youngblood said. “It’s been added on to at least twice since then,” he added.

“It looks as though we’ll be able to build the new jail without placing a bond issue for its construction on the ballot in April,” Youngblood said. “If we can get the 1/2 sales tax for law enforcement, it will free up enough general operating revenue that we won’t need to ask voters to pass a bond issue for a new jail.”

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Notice:

Important message from the Barry County Collector's office: **Barry County Courthouse** will be closed Friday, December 31, 2021. The Barry County Collector office will remain open for TAX PAYMENTS ONLY. The Collector's Office is unable to make any changes or corrections, therefore, please plan to contact the Assessor's office in order to request any changes or corrections prior to December 31. Penalties will begin January 1, 2022. Payments can also be made by mail and online at barrycountrycollector.com. Please call Collector's office at (417) 847-2113 if you have any questions.

Seligman Chamber Event Center is having a country dance with live bands every Saturday night from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. No alcohol allowed. Admission is \$10 per person. 18 and under are free. There is pot luck, 50/50 and door prizes. For more information, call (417) 662-3612.

Cassville Pantry is currently well stocked and offering free food assistance via a curbside method. The agency is a Feeding America Pantry located at 800 W. 10th Street, Cassville. It provides fresh produce, meat, bakery, dry goods, and personal care products. Pantry is open every Monday through Thursday morning from 9 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. and every Thursday afternoon from 3:15 to 5:30 P.M.

The Helping Hands Food Pantry services the citizens of Eagle Rock, Golden and Mano and is open from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. every Saturday and Tuesday, and also 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. Questions for the pantry can be answered by calling 417-271-1301 or visiting at 32685 State Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock. (Just 1/4 mile east of the Hwy. P intersection). The pantry is supported by area churches, business associations and private donations.

Southwest Missouri Coalition of Charities provides a network where non profits can belong, share knowledge and support one another. The organization hosts meetings via Zoom. More information can be found on their Facebook page.

Donations of new and gently used clothing are being collected by the Wheaton Church of Christ. They are looking for all types of clothing for all ages. Please call (417) 652-3873 to set up an appointment to drop off donations.

Garden Sass Farmers Market will be held every Saturday, rain or shine, 8 A.M. to noon on the south side of the square in Cassville.

OATS Transit is open for regular transportation service. To schedule a ride or find out about service, call the OATS Transit office at (417) 887-9272 or (800) 770-6287.

Dec 10

A Dinner and Dance will be held at the Stella Senior Center with doors opening at 6 P.M. Spaghetti is on the menu. The dance will start at 7 P.M. with live music performed by The Timberline Country Band. Cover charge is \$5.

Dec 12

A Night of Christmas Joy, with music by the chancel choir, bell choir, soloists, instrumentalists, and scripture, will be hosted by Cassville Methodist Church, 7th & Gravel, at 6 P.M. Refreshments will be served after the performance.

Dec 14

The Southwest Missouri Waste Management District N will hold its Annual Council Meeting at 11:30 A.M. The monthly Executive Board Meeting will be immediately following the Council Meeting at approximately 12 P.M. Both meetings are open to the public and will be held at Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett. A teleconference number will

be available for these meetings, please contact the district office at (417) 236-9012 or (417) 342-6306 prior to the day of the meeting for the call-in number and passcode.

Dec 16

After the Frost is the title of the gardening program being presented by Kathryn Kufal, Missouri University Master Gardener, at 1:30 P.M. at the Monett Branch Library.

The Barry County Republican Club will hold its montly meeting at the Barry County Museum at 6:30 P.M.

Dec 18

CORRECTION: In the December 1, 2021, edition of the **BCA** the date of the **Purdy Christmas Parade** was wrongly listed as December 5, 2021. The correct date is December 18, 2021. The **Purdy Christmas Parade** will begin at 11 A.M. Lineup will be from 10 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. in the Purdy High School parking lot. The parade route will run from the high school, turn west along Hwy. C and continue to Country Corner. There is no charge to enter the parade and young spectators are encouraged to bring a sack to collect candy. For more information about the parade, call Julie Terry (417) 236-4139.



Pictured above, Jayden Griffis got his first buck Monday, November 22, 2021, down in Hailey Hollow. He harvested this nice 7 point while hunting with his brother, Max.

Purdy Community Food Pantry, 104 South Bus. 37, Purdy, was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from Corteva Agriscience. Pictured below with the grant check from left to right are Charles Stults, JoEllen Stults, Noah Cullers and Laura Wartick.



School Menus: Dec 13 - Dec 17

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Cassville R-IV High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or blueberry muffin, blueberries or cereal, graham crackers, strawberries. L: country steak or grilled ham & cheese, Baked Lays, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or cinnamon bun, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop-Tart, applesauce. L: cheeseburger or hot dog, Doritos, carrots, tropical fruit or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, pears or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: general chicken or chicken nuggets, rice, glazed carrots, egg roll, pineapple or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, peaches or cereal, graham crackers, apple. L: turkey & gravy or popcorn chicken, potatoes, green beans, cookie, hot roll, juice or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, pineapple or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: chicken alfredo or pizza, salad, corn, breadstick, peaches or salad meal.

Cassville R-IV PR-IN-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or mini cini, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: hamburger or hot dog, Sun Chips, vegetable mix, fruit cocktail. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, tropical fruit or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: pork patty on bun or ham sandwich, Sun Chips, carrots, pears. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, graham crackers, applesauce or cereal, chocolate muffin, pears. L: burrito or chicken sandwich, nachos, pinto beans, Sidekicks. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, pears or cereal, blueberry muffin, applesauce. L: turkey & gravy, potatoes, green beans, hot roll, sugar cookie, juice. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, pineapple or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple slices. L: chili or little smokies, mozz. cheese, crackers, broccoli, peaches.

Purdy R-II Schools: Mon: B: breakfast pizza, fruit. L: sweet & sour chicken, brown rice, vegetables, fruit. Tues: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: beef vegetable soup, 3-cheese grilled cheese, vegetables, fruit. Wed: B: mini maple pancakes, fruit. L: popcorn chicken, tater tots, fruit. Thurs: B: strawberry mini bagel, fruit. L: ham, macaroni & cheese, green beans, fruit. Fri: B: apple cinnamon oatmeal rounds, Go-Gurt, fruit. L: bologna & cheese sandwich, baby carrots, Sun Chips, fruit.

Southwest Schools: Mon: B: scrambled eggs, bacon, blueberry muffin, mixed fruit. L: chicken & noodles, hot roll, mixed vegetables, peaches. Tues: B: biscuits & gravy, applesauce. L: chicken fajita tacos, lettuce, tomato, cheese, refried beans, fruit salad. Wed: B: french toast sticks, pineapple, syrup, juice. L: fish sticks, green beans, hot roll, mandarin oranges. Thurs: B: mini waffles, pears, juice, syrup. L: cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pork n beans, chips, pineapple. Fri: B: ham & hashbrown sandwich, tropical fruit, juice. L: PB&J, carrots, grape tomatoes, apple slices, chips.

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"The items are easy to purchase and include things like a soft blanket, coloring books and craft materials," CS Designs owner, Caden Swearingen, said.

Stop by The Barry County Advertiser, select an angel from the tree and become a sponsor for an elderly resident at Roaring River Health & Rehab. Extra gift items and supplies will also be accepted for donation.

Wrapped (or unwrapped) gifts, along with the paper angel for the intended recipient, are due at The Advertiser by 11 a.m., Friday, December 17.

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I love a parade!

Thoughts from The Editor



Sheila Harris

It's confession time. I love a parade. I love them almost as much as the wide-eyed kids I see admiring the floats, waving at Santa Claus and scrambling for the candy thrown by the equally happy parade participants. There's just something about the spirit of camaraderie exhibited by both those who participate and those who attend that brings out the best in communities.

In particular, I love marching bands. (Caution: here's where I'll get a little bit sap-py.) I can't quite figure out why, unless it's because they trigger buried memories of scrambling for candy myself during parades in the downtown streets of Des Moines - or being held in my dad's arms to better see the passing floats - but when I hear a marching band coming down

the street, it's like someone turns a faucet on and my tears come flooding from nowhere.

I haven't been to a parade outside of Barry County in many a year, but I suspect people would be hard put to find a marching band that could outshine the performance of the Southwest Marching Trojans, the band that took top honors in the Washburn, Exeter and Cassville Parades on Saturday.

If you missed those performances, you'll get more opportunities this weekend. The Monett Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 11 at 11 a.m., followed by the Seligman Parade at 2 p.m., then followed again by the Wheaton Christmas Parade at 6 p.m., a city-wide extravaganza that's unforgettable.

And if that's not enough, the Purdy Christmas Parade will roll down C Highway at 11 a.m., Saturday, December 18.

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Christmas royalty candidates chosen at PHS



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Exeter High School to crown Miss Merry Christmas



Shown above, left to right, are the 2021 Miss Merry Christmas candidates at Exeter High School: Daisy Carter, senior; Izabella Logan, junior; Breanna Stogdill, freshman; Abby Cossey, sophomore.

Miss Merry Christmas will be crowned after the Tuesday, December 14 basketball game. Game time is 5:30; coronation will immediately follow.

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Mr. & Miss Merry Christmas candidates chosen at CHS



Shown above are Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas candidates at Cassville High School. In the front row, left to right, are: Andi Oliphant, Gracie Harmon, Elektra (Ellie) Arndt and Alyzea Myers; back row: Miller Reid, Joseph Burton, Jake Anthonysz and Josh Case. Candidates are expected to raise funds to donate to Cassville’s annual Share Your Christmas project. The male and female candidates who solicit the most donations will be crowned Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas at a special ceremony at the school at 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, December 21. Photo by Sheila Harris.

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Freshman candidate Andi Oliphant is the child of Trent and Michelle Oliphant, of Cassville. Andi is involved in SADD, FCCLA, Show Choir, Color Guard, Band and Jazz Band. Freshman candidate Miller Reid is the son of Lisa and Dusty Reid, of Cassville. Miller is involved in Baseball and Student Council.

Sophomore candidate Gracie Harmon is the daughter of Andy and Nikki Harmon, of Springfield, and Roxie and Scott Tucker, of Cassville. Gracie is involved in Girls' Golf, TSA, FBLA and FCA. Sophomore candidate Joseph Burton is the son of Terrill and Nicole Craft, of Cassville. Joseph is involved in football, basketball, track, FBLA, student council and Interact Club.

Junior candidate Elektra (Ellie) Arndt is the daughter of Brad Arndt and Khristian Arndt, of Cassville. Ellie is involved in FBLA. Junior candidate Jake Anthonysz is the son of Janna Anthonysz and Noel Anthonysz, of Cassville. Jake is involved in wrestling, football and student council.

Senior candidate Alyzea Myers is the daughter of Chaise and Stephanie Myers, of Cassville. Alyzea is involved in student council, FCCLA, NHS and golf. Senior candidate Josh Case is the son of Shanda and John Downey, of Cassville. Josh is involved in Show Choir, band, speech & debate, Mask & Gavel and SADD.



Share Your Christmas accepting donations for kids

Ezra DeVore
 The OACAC (Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation) Barry County Neighborhood Center is collecting toys and monetary donations until December 14 for their annual “Share Your Christmas” event. According to Neighbor Center Supervisor Gail Reed, people may donate unwrapped toys or board games to the Neighborhood Center at 10826 FR 2172, Cassville, or at any Cassville bank.
 The toys will be opened on December 15 at 10 a.m.

in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. According to Reed, approximately 80 Barry County families and 234 children rely on the program.
 “I’m always amazed at the sense of community that this has,” Reed began, “it’s all like a puzzle that comes together. Like the men that pick up the toys, and the women that pack the toys, and it all just comes together like a puzzle. It’s a great community feeling.”
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PARADE PHOTOS continued from FRONT



Above and at right, church and Cub Scout floats were a hit with crowds at the Exeter Parade Saturday. Photos by Sheila Harris.



Above, the Cassville Wildcats Marching Band played to an enthusiastic audience during Cassville's Saturday night Christmas parade. Photo by Sheila Harris.

Cassville Food Pantry accepting donations

Ezra DeVore

In light of the holiday season, the Cassville Food Pantry is collecting donations for local families.

"People are struggling, particularly those on fixed incomes," began Cassville Food Pantry Director Janet Mills, overseer of the Bless Your Neighbor's Table project, "and a great number of who we serve are the elderly." Every ten dollars donated earns one entry into a raffle to win a handmade quilt, as well as two prizes of premium kitchenware.

"Hard times are all around us," Mills said. "Dollars are stretched thin and prices on everything have gone up, so

families can buy less food. So, more and more people are coming to the pantry to put food on the table."



Donate to the Cassville Food Pantry and receive a chance to win the above hand-made quilt.

According to Mills, demands on the Cassville Food Pantry's resources have gone up by approximately 40 percent "and I don't know if that's going to end soon," said Mills. "We're hoping people can create new family traditions by giving to another family in need."

Donations can be made online at www.cassvillepantry.com, or in person at 800 W. 10th Street. The winners of the raffle will be announced December 22. For more information, people may call 417-847-7871.

At left, the quilt, hand-made and donated by local Charlie Fratus, is offered as a prize in the Cassville Food Pantry's raffle.



Above, two-year-old Addilyn Scott drives a custom-built car created by her grandfather, Mike Clifton - owner of Mike's Auto Care - in Cassville's Saturday night Christmas Parade. Photo by Adriana Keeton.

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Above, horseback riders in the Washburn Parade waved to excited kids. Washburn photos by Lindsay Harris.



“The annual Washburn Christmas Parade featured 20-some entries,” said city clerk, Emily Arnett.

MORE EXETER PARADE PHOTOS



Above, the Mountain Creek Ranch team took top honors in three categories, while Trix Long’s ‘56 Olds (below) also provided eye candy to Exeter parade-goers. Photos by Sheila Harris.



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JACK ALLEN SNOOK

Jack Allen Snook, age 69, of Ozark, passed away Friday, December 3, 2021, at Cox South Medical Center in Springfield.

Jack was born August 22, 1952, in Wichita, Kansas, to Richard and Gladys (Alexander) McClafflin. As a young boy, after the passing of his father, he was adopted by Charles “Bone” Snook.

Jack went to school at Exeter and lived in the local community for most of his life before retiring and moving to be closer to his Grandbabies. Once in Ozark, Jack was blessed to find his true calling and extended family at Walgreens where he worked various roles but was known by all for his infectious smile and “how you doin kid”.

Jack is survived by his wife of 46 years, Karen Snook, of Ozark, and two sons, Toby Snook, of Ozark, and Landon Snook and wife, Jennifer, of Scammon, Kansas. Papa Jack is also survived by his pride and joy of life, his four grandbabies, Wyatt,

Madi, Zach and Jenna. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dickie McClafflin and Forest McClafflin; and two sisters, Gwenyth Butler and Donna Kinzey.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in memory of Jack.

Services were held Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jerry Yarnall conducted the services. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter.

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ELIZABETH SUSAN “BETH” WILLIAMS

Elizabeth Susan “Beth” Williams, age 68, of Stella, passed away Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at Freeman Hospital West in Joplin.

Services were held Friday, December 3, 2021, at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Brother Tony Ball

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and Pastor Joel Dorris conducted the service. Burial was at Union Cemetery south of Stella.

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GARY ALAN MANWARREN

Gary Alan Manwarren, age 65, of Purdy, passed away Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

He was born February 25, 1956, in Sterling, Kansas, the son of Clarence and Mildred (Clayton) Manwarren, Sr., who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death was one brother, Clarence Manwarren, Jr.

Surviving him are one son, Nick Manwarren and his wife, Autumn, of Purdy; one daughter, Heather Cumpton and her husband, Allan, of Cassville; one brother, Roger Manwarren, of Fayetteville, Arkansas; two sisters, Linda Prewitt and her husband, Danny, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Bonnie Kearney and her husband, Jack, of Fayetteville, Arkansas; best friend, Cliff Heiney, of Cass-

ville; and four grandchildren, Mikayla, Teagan, Logan and Nakoma.

Gary attended school in Fayetteville, Arkansas. After school, he began working at Kentucky Fried Chicken Corporation as a manager. It was at this time he started his family. Moving to this area in 1982, he began working for Morton Buildings, Incorporated in construction as a framer. Some of his favorite pastimes were fishing, hunting and muscle cars. He liked farming and taking care of his cattle but most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, December 11, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Ed Lassley will conduct the services.

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JIMMIE L. MATTHEW

Jimmie L. Matthew, 82, of Exeter, completed his earthly journey on Saturday evening, December 4, 2021.

Jim was born on November 11, 1939, in Colorado City, Texas, son of the late Otis L. Matthew and Dessie (Cooper) Matthew. As a young boy, Jim’s family moved from Texas to southwest Missouri to make their home. Jim was raised in the Baptist faith and saved at a young age. He attended Purdy Schools until his senior

year when the family moved to Exeter. He graduated from Exeter High School with the Class of 1958. During his school years, Jim enjoyed playing basketball. Following his graduation, Jim enlisted in the United States Navy, serving his country honorably until 1963. Once returning home, he began a fifteen-year career at Jumping Jack Shoes. He was later one of the first employees at Justin Boot in Cassville, working there until 1989. Following his retirement, Jim enjoyed working on his farm.

Throughout his life, Jim had a passion for helping others. He showed this through his many years as a Firefighter. In 1967, Jim Matthew, James Hargis and Dave Smith were able to re-organize the Exeter Fire Department, after it had been closed for several years. During his time with the Department, Jim was Fire Chief for over fifteen years.

Jim was an avid collector of knives and in his younger years, enjoyed quail hunting. That which brought the most joy to him, however, was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved watching them compete in all of their sporting events and was always their biggest fan. He loved family get-togethers, especially Thanksgiving.

On May 14, 1960, Jim married Marlene Packwood. To this union, they were blessed with two children. Marlene preceded Jim in death on November 12, 1992. On November 9, 2002, Jim was united in marriage to Pattie Riester at St. Edward’s Catholic Church in Cassville. They have enjoyed many wonderful memories made together.

Jim is survived by his wife, Pattie, of the home; one daughter, Tammy Ennis and husband, Jerry, of Exeter; one son, Greg Matthew and wife, Kristi, of Cassville; five grandchildren, Chase Ennis, Kaleigh Johnson and husband T.J. Hailey Matthew, Tyler Matthew and Garrett Matthew; one great-granddaughter, Leighton Johnson; two stepdaughters, Becky

Nye and Teresa Sanders; two stepsons, Ed Riester and Phil Riester; as well as a host of extended family and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Marlene; and one brother, Eugene Matthew.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at First Baptist Church in Cassville. Pastor Jerry Yarnall and Father Bill Hodgson will be officiating. Interment and military honors will follow at Maplewood Cemetery, Exeter. The family will receive friends at the church on Sunday from 1:30 p.m. until service time. Friends may pay their respects from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions have been suggested to Haven of the Ozarks or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in care of the funeral. Online condolences can be made at www.buchanan-funeralhomemonett.com Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

GLENN A. MOLENAAR

Glenn A. Molenaar, 80, of Pierce City, passed away on Thursday, December 2, 2021. The family will hold private services at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

MICHAEL ANDREW STEELE

Michael Andrew Steele, age 53, of Washburn, passed away on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Cassville.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the White Funeral Home and Crematory in Cassville. Service and cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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DANIEL ALLEN ROSE
Daniel Allen Rose, age 91, of Washburn, passed away Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He was born October 29, 1930, in Warrens, Wisconsin, the son of Leland and Gertrude (Paddock) Rose. On February 24, 1951, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, he was united in marriage to Billie Martonne, who preceded him in death on March 27, 2019. Also preceding him in death were his parents, three brothers, and one sister.

Surviving is one sister, Lucille Rose Roof and her husband, Harley, of Tomah, Wisconsin, and one sister-in-law, Shirley Thomas, of Washburn.

Daniel grew up in Wisconsin and graduated from high school in Tomah. During the Korean War, he served in the United States Army as a Corporal, serving from October 12, 1948, until July 14, 1952. He served his apprenticeship as a plant mechanic and certified welder for G.E. Atomic Energy Commission for ten years. For twenty-two years, he worked as a mechanical engineer for G.E. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In 1986, he moved to Washburn to make his home. One of his favorite pastimes was operating

his Ham Radio (amateur) for over sixty years. He was a life member of VFW Post 4207.

Services with military honors were held Monday, December 6, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Tony Ball conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to VFW Post 4207 in memory of Daniel.

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MARY ANN RENFROW

Mary Ann Renfrow, age 84, of Shell Knob, passed away on Friday, December 3, 2021, at Lacoba Villa in Monett. Mrs. Renfrow, daughter of Claude and Zelma (Blythe) James, was born on October 31, 1937, in Shell Knob. Upon graduating from high school, Mary Ann received her teaching degree and taught in several rural schools. Subsequently she went on to work and retired from Fasco Industries in Cassville. Mary Ann enjoyed farming, reading, going to the Senior Center for activities, and family gatherings with her cousins. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church in Shell Knob.

Survivors include one son, Mike Renfrow and his

wife, Donna, of Freistatt; one daughter, Darlisa Walker and her husband, Jim, of Riverton, Kansas; two granddaughters, Samantha Conklin and her husband, Dan, of Aurora, and Alexia Walker, of Riverton, Kansas; three great-grandsons, Mason, Montana, and Sawyer; one great-granddaughter, Hayden; and one sister, Sue Wilson, of Herndon, Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by one sister, Janice Alderson.

No services are scheduled at this time. A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

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

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Share Your Christmas toy drive underway



Most community members are probably familiar with the annual Barry County OACAC Neighborhood Center Share Your Christmas toy drive. Around town, you may notice Christmas trees decorated with paper ornaments with Christmas wishes written on them from local children. All those ornaments (over 400 of them!) were cut out by students at Cassville R-IV.

Shown above, left to right, in the front row, are Rebecca Gomez and Shannon Aplin; back row: David Turner, Emilio Perez and Timothy Groth.

Jasmine Reeder, Jesus Rodriguez, Eric Sanders, Isaiah Stanley and Jonah Thao are absent from the photo.

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By Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick

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