

Wheaton Christmas Parade Brings Out The Town



The Wheaton Southern Baptist Church's float (above) lit up the night with the reminder of God's promise at the Wheaton Christmas Parade Saturday night. Submitted photo.



Above, the Wheaton Parent Teacher Community Organization's float featured Lil' Mister & Miss Merry Christmas. Submitted photo. See Seligman Parade photos, Page 9A.

Exeter Sinkhole inadvertently becomes subject of dye-tracing tests



In a recent photo (above) Bill Berg stands in front the large sinkhole on his property that opened up in his pasture in February of 2005. The sinkhole is now the subject of dye-tracing tests being conducted by volunteers with the Cave Research Foundation. Red non-toxic dye, buried by hydrologists alongside the public roadway northeast of the sinkhole in October, made its way downhill through groundwater to color the ever-present water in the sink a brilliant shade of red-dish magenta two weeks ago. The volunteers are anxious to learn whether the dye will show up in Roaring River Spring when lab tests are returned in October. Photo by Sheila Harris.

Sheila Harris

Bill Berg and his wife Barbara own, arguably, the most notorious parcel of land in Barry County: the site of what's become known as the "Exeter Sinkhole." The erosion of soluble limestone and (or) dolomite bedrock created a dramatic opening in the earth – and a conduit to an underground aquifer - that began swallowing huge chunks of their prime pastureland in February of 2005. What began as a water-

filled hole approximately ten yards wide expanded to a pit about ten times that large within a one-month period. As a result of shifting soil and erosion, its footprint has increased over the ensuing years, although it appears, now, to be relatively stable. However, the sinkhole is again gaining attention.

Two weeks ago, Bill Berg, a truck driver and rancher, reported that the water, a constant in the sinkhole, was bright red, unnaturally

so. He invited me to come out and take a look, an offer I wouldn't think of refusing since the sinkhole is now cordoned off from the public.

Although I had a general idea of where the sinkhole was located, I was surprised by the sharp descent along a narrow gravel road required to reach it. The sinkhole, I had always supposed, had opened on higher ground.

"The man from the DNR

See SINKHOLE 6A

Fletcher opts to retire after 50-year banking career



Landon Fletcher (above) is scheduled to retire December 30 after 50-year banking career. Photo by Sheila Harris.

Sheila Harris

After wavering on the decision for more than a year, a year during which he transi-

tioned from a full-time to a part-time schedule, Landon Fletcher has announced his official retirement from First

State Bank (FSB) of Purdy, where he has worked primarily from its Cassville location. His last day is scheduled for December 30.

"I truly love my work," said Fletcher, possibly one of the only people in Cassville who can lay claim to working at three of the town's five major banks in a financial career that has spanned five decades.

A native of the Washburn area from down along Greasy Creek, Fletcher attended his first years of school at Cornus Grove, known colloquially as "Measle Prairie" for reasons left to be surmised.

"By the time I started third grade," Fletcher said, "Measle Prairie had consolidated with the Seligman school."

Fletcher, who worked for Cassville grocery stores - including Piggly Wiggly and Paul's Consumers - during

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Pierson named Crowder College president



Dr. Katricia Pierson

The Board of Trustees of Crowder College has asked Dr. Katricia Pierson to assume the position of President of Crowder College.

She is expected to transition into the office beginning January 13, 2022. Current president, Dr. Coltharp, will continue in an advisory role to Dr. Pierson until his retirement effective June 30, 2022.

“We welcome Dr. Pierson’s leadership as we enter the next chapter of Crowder College’s history,” said Board of Trustees President, Andy Wood.

Katricia Pierson, Ph.D., is President of East Central University in Ada, OK. She previously served as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs of East Central University in Ada, OK. Dr. Pierson earned a Doctor of Philosophy in English, and a Master of Arts in English from the University of Ar-

kansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas; and a Bachelor of Arts in English and Journalism Secondary Education from the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming.

“The Crowder College Search Committee chose four fabulous candidates as finalists to be the next president of Crowder College,” Wood said. “All four were highly qualified and dedicated individuals.

“After meeting the candidates, reviewing the extensive feedback from Crowder stakeholders, and much discussion among board members, Dr. Katricia Pierson quickly rose to the top,” Wood continued. “Dr. Pierson has the experience, proven leadership skills, compassion and commitment to servant-leadership which will make her a great President of Crowder College for the next several years.

Wood extends his appreciation to the entire college community for its participation at the recent presidential forums.

“Everyone’s input was reviewed and greatly valued by the Board,” Wood said. “The collaborative and concerted work truly enriched the search process.”

Wood also expresses appreciation to the Presidential Search Committee for their time, dedication, and thoughtful work on behalf of Crowder College.



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CHS Grad/MSHP Trooper injured in line of duty

Sheila Harris

A Go Fund Me account has been established for Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper, Colton Beck - a Cassville High School graduate - who was injured in Springfield in the line of duty Friday night at www.gofundme.com/f/colton-beck-mshp-146.

According to court documents, Beck, of Cassville, who has been with the highway patrol for over six years, attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation on Republic Road on the south edge of Springfield at 11 p.m. Friday. The driver failed to yield and a pursuit occurred. When the fleeing driver’s vehicle left the

Bald Eagle Viewing Open Houses Scheduled at Roaring River State Park

Join us Saturday, December 18, and Saturday, January 8, at the Ozark Chinquapin Nature Center to watch for bald eagles along Roaring River.

When water sources freeze in the north, bald eagles migrate south to find food and water. With its constant flowing water and abundance of fish, what better place for an eagle to visit than Roaring River State Park?

Join us anytime between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., either day, or both days, to participate in eagle-themed activities. Bring your binoculars and spotting scopes to get a closer look at these magnificent birds.

This program is free and open to the public. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks.

For more information, call the nature center at 417-847-3742.

The Ozark Chinquapin Nature Center is located at 12716 Farm Road 2239, Cassville.

One year of COVID-19 vaccines given in Mo., says DHSS

According to a press release from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, December 14 marked one full year of COVID-19 vaccines being administered in Missouri. Since then, nearly 7.8 million doses have been administered in the state with more than 61 percent of all Missourians receiving at least their first dose of an authorized COVID-19 vaccine series based on CDC data, while 52 percent of Missourians have completed their vaccinations.

The state of Missouri is still making progress, says the press release, in vaccine initiation, with the most recent 7-day total showing 163,417

doses administered based on Missouri data. By population group, people ages 75-84 are leading the way with nearly 95 percent initiating vaccination and more than 86 percent completing their series. Youth in the 5-11 age group have recently been the most active group initiating their vaccinations.

Breakdown by age group (based on Missouri data):

- 65+ years: Initiating, 92.7 percent; completing, 84.4 percent.
- 18+ years: Initiating, 70.6 percent; completing, 63.1 percent.
- 5+ years: Initiating, 63.3 percent; completing, 56.0 percent.

Cassville water, sewer rates to increase

Sheila Harris

A public hearing for the setting of water and sewer rates in Cassville was opened at City Council’s November 9 meeting. Public Works director, David Brock, explained that staff recommendation was to approve a raise of three percent for sewer rates and a raise of two percent for water rates.

After no further com-

ments, the public hearing was closed and council unanimously approved the raises in rates.

David Brock advised that the new fees would generate approximately \$45,000 in revenue in 2022.

Customers should expect to see the increase on their January bill, says city clerk Jennifer Privett.

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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.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on the following dates: Friday, December 24, 2021, in observance of Christmas; Friday, December 31, 2021, in observance of New Year's Day.

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.

Discovery Quilters meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 A.M. at the Shell Knob Central Community United Methodist Church. New members are welcome.

The Wheaton Depot Museum in Wheaton will be open on Sundays from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. Visitors are encouraged to check out the history of Wheaton and the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad (M&NA).

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 17

A Christmas Lunch will be served at the Cassville Senior Center, 1111 Fair St., Cassville, from 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. with a gift drawing at noon. The menu will be roast beef with gravy, sweet potato casserole, loaded cauliflower and assorted desserts. The suggested donation for those 60+ is \$3.50 and for those under 60 the price is \$6.

A Dinner and Dance will be held at the Stella Senior Center with doors opening at 6 P.M. for a "Bring a Dish to Share" meal with good food and fellowship. The dance will start at 7 P.M. with The Moccasin Bend Band performing. Cover charge is \$5. Refreshments are available all evening. Call (417) 628-3314 or (617) 640-6742 for information.

There will be Music at the Clio Community Building at 6 P.M. Please call (417) 574-6417 for more information.



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.

Shell Knob hires new chamber director

Ezra DeVore
Originally from Kansas City, Shell Knob's new Chamber Director Kellie Davis grew up lakeside, but came to Barry County after thirty years in San Diego. Now residing in Shell Knob, it's "familiar, yet totally different, and exactly what we wanted," said Davis.

"My friend Kerry Smith said that [Shell Knob] was looking for a new director at the chamber," began Davis, "and that I should go sign up. I organized carnivals and events for my daughter's school, all through her school years, so organizing events, and boosting morale, and bringing everybody together is something that I've done for many years. I also tend to be the one in my group of friends who gets us all together. I like to involve everyone. Because sometimes you need help and sometimes you have to give help."

Davis is working on plans to enrich the local community, but even outside of Shell Knob. "I'd like to see Cassville and Shell Knob do more things together," Davis began, "and also have our schedules of events united, so that when Cassville is having an event, the people of Shell Knob are free to go to it, and then when Shell Knob has an event, people of Cassville are free to come to us."

Oats Transit announces holiday closing

OATS Transit is open for regular transportation service. OATS Transit follows Federal Transit Administration requirements, which means face masks must be worn on public transit due to COVID-19 through March 18, 2022. Please call the OATS Transit office at 417-887-9272 or 800-770-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about service in your area. You can also visit our website at www.oatstransit.org and click on your county under the tab "Bus Schedules" to view your local schedule. OATS Transit is available to the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. We also contract with a number of agencies to serve their clients. Please note: OATS Transit offices will be closed and regular routes will not be running on January 17, 2022 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please keep this in mind as you schedule trips near this holiday.

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Declaration of Candidacy may be file with the City Clerk, 101 Front Street, Purdy, Missouri between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Hours will be extended to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing.
Please note that City Hall will be closed Dec. 20 through Dec. 26, 2021.
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The name, “Steered Straight,” was inspired by DeLeon realizing “you can’t scare kids straight anymore, you have to steer them.”

For more information about Steered Straight, call 615-896-5718, or visit www.steeredstraight.org.

Photo by Ezra DeVore.

Airplane skids off Cassville runway

On December 1, a single engine aircraft skidded off the runway while trying to land at Cassville Airport, reports Public Works director, Roger Brock.

“There were no injuries and initial indications were that the incident was caused by pilot error,” Brock said.

“There was extensive damage to the landing gear and the nose/engine frame,” he continued.

Brock said he expected the aircraft to be partially dis-

sembled and trucked from the airport during the second week of December.

“The plane was based in

Vaught Wins “Tis The Season To Be Giving,” Week Two



Above left, Jon Horner and Chelsi Arnold, of Security Bank, drew the name of entrant Gaylene Vaught as the lucky winner of Week Two of The Barry County Advertiser’s “Tis The Season To Be Giving” holiday ornament contest. Ms. Vaught located the 12 hidden gingerbread men ornaments in the December 1 edition of The Advertiser. Her name was drawn from among the names of the 36 people who were able to locate the ornaments.

In this edition, look for Week 4’s 12 hidden Christmas stocking ornaments. Make a list of the page numbers and locations of the ornaments and submit it to The Advertiser by 5 p.m., December 21, for your chance to receive a gift basket from Arvest Bank in Cassville. Entries may be emailed to editor@4bca.com, dropped off in person at 201 9th Street, Cassville, or mailed to P.O. Box 488, Cassville, MO 65625. Please include your name and telephone number on entries.

This will be our final week for the contest. Don’t miss your opportunity to enter and win!

The ornament shown at right is hidden in this week’s issue. It’s shown for example only, and does not count toward the 12.

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SINKHOLE from FRONT



Shown above, a February 2005 photo taken - facing north/northwest from the bucket of a Barry Electric truck - shows the initial phases of the Exeter sinkhole, including two small pools and the crack in the earth portending the collapse of the ground within its outline, which created one large pool. The county road, then open to through traffic, is visible at the north edge of the outline. Submitted photo.



A February 2005 photo of the Exeter sinkhole, facing south/southwest, shows the initial phases of the opening of the sinkhole. "It started with the smaller pool shown in the top right corner," said property owner Bill Berg. Submitted photo.

told me back in 2005 that it was really unusual to have a sinkhole of this size open up in a hollow," Berg said. "It's large by any standards, though," he added. The gravel road ended abruptly at a piled-high berm with multiple strands of barbed wire stretching tightly across it. A game camera keeps a constant lens on both the fence and the steel gate which Berg opened to allow me passage to his property. From the gate, access to the sinkhole was by foot across some challenging Ozarks terrain: through a blackberry thicket, downward into a dry creek bed - which provided ankle-twisting opportunities for several yards, until

we again ascended the side of the creek bed by grabbing tree roots and saplings. The walking became easier after a few more yards of undergrowth gave way to what I supposed was an old, grass-covered wagon trail. Nope, said Berg. "It's the remains of the old county road which used to run through here," he explained. Alongside that roadbed, on the south, the ground had crumbled away and formed a gradual descent into a vast crater, whose east and south surrounds could by no stretch of the imagination be called "sloping." The sheer vertical walls, comprised mostly of fertile bottomland

soil, were exposed by a low water level which lay approximately 30 feet below ground level. The water was, indeed, red. Red, with shades of magenta. While the dimensions of the sinkhole were longer (from the north to the south) than they were wide, their measurements stretched many hundred feet in both directions. It was my first sight of the sinkhole which had caused a public stir, even some panic, when it first made its appearance in 2005. I haven't been able to get out of my mind what I saw that day. The Biblical reference to the earth opening up to swallow Korah, Dathan and Abiram came easily to mind. While one can't live in fear of a repeat performance, a sinkhole is an awe-inspiring natural phenomenon - and a relatively common one - in the karst topography underfoot

in the Ozarks, a type of topography that Roaring River State Park employee, Kelly Koch, likens to Swiss cheese. The Bergs had read that hydrologists were conducting ongoing dye-tracing tests in the area to determine the size of Roaring River Spring's recharge basin, and had plans to give the hydrologists permission to inject dye into the sinkhole on their next visit, scheduled for January. "When we saw the red water, we thought they'd jumped the gun," Bob Berg said. "Our first thought," said Barbara Berg, "was that someone had come onto our property without our knowledge and poured dye into the sinkhole." A phone call to hydrologist Bob Lerch, a volunteer with the Cave Research Foundation, revealed that the dye was indeed his and

co-volunteer Ben Miller's. "We didn't place it into the sinkhole, though," Lerch said. "Our positive dye-tracing tests (to determine Roaring River Spring's recharge area) have led us as far northwest of Roaring River Spring as Wayne," Lerch said, "so the Exeter sink would be a natural next step in our progression outward from Wayne. "When we were in the area in October," Lerch said, "we didn't have the names of the property owners, so we couldn't ask them for permission to inject dye. We already knew from past observation, though, that water from the public roadway northeast of the sinkhole flowed downward toward it, so we buried about three pounds of non-toxic rhodamine red dye in the ditch." Lerch says he's a little chagrined that their dye showed

up in such a spectacular fashion and that the Bergs suspected he and his co-laborer, Ben Miller, might have trespassed. "We'll be happy to visit with them about our testing," he said. Although news of the sinkhole has tapered off since it first broke ground in February of 2005, Bob Berg remembers well the day a neighbor called to ask him what was going on his field. "He told me, 'You've got a hole out there with water churning up out of it,'" Berg recalled. "I decided I'd better go have a look." What Berg found was merely the beginning of a spectacle that drew throngs of curious area residents and news crews throughout the days and weeks to follow.

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Harris wins JAG essay contest



Above, Cassville High School Jobs for American Graduates (JAG) program essay winner, Kelsey Harris, poses with Missouri Governor Mike Parson, during a special event held in Jefferson City for winners of the essay contest.

Students enrolled in the Jobs for American Graduates Program (JAG) at Cassville High were asked to complete an essay answering the following question: "What has made Missouri great over the past 200 years?"

Cassville JAG member and CHS senior, Kelsey Harris, was selected as the local essay winner. Essay winners across the state were invited to an event on November 9 in Jefferson City. They were

honored by Governor Mike Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson during a reception at the Capitol Rotunda.

JAG compiled all winning essays and created a book for the winners as a keepsake.

Harris is the daughter of Casey and Lance Parsons.

Four Seasons, American Dream collect coats for kids

The Newton McDonald Counties Association of Realtors and local affiliates are working together to keep kids warm this winter!

During the month of November, two local real estate offices, Four Seasons Real Estate and American Dream Realty, collected new coats for students at Cassville R-IV. Together, both agencies donated nearly 50 new coats to the district's Bright Futures program.

Bright Futures, established at Cassville Schools in 2011, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bringing community members together to focus on the success of children.



Shown above, left to right, are: Cassville R-IV Superintendent, Dr. Merlyn Johnson; Bill DuParri, Justin Barnes and Leigh Ann DuParri, with American Dream Realty. Submitted photo.

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Hillside Poultry and Consignment Auction presented “Kids’ Choice” Award



The Kids Choice Award, sponsored by Hutchens Construction, was given to Hillside Poultry and Consignment Auction for their entry in the 2021 Cassville Christmas Parade. The company was presented a check for \$1,000 at the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce on December 9. Photo by Ezra DeVore.

Littlefield breaks state record

Cassville High School soccer player, Peter Littlefield, has broken the Missouri state record for career saves by a goalkeeper. After the fall 2021 season, he has registered 785 saves, breaking the previous record by 100.

The previous record was 685 saves and was held by Wade Brown from Waynesville. Brown played soccer from 1989-1991.

Peter is currently second in state history with 11.89 average saves per game.

"Pete is a hard-working kid, a vocal leader, and a captain for our team," said Jake Forste, CHS Head Soccer Coach. "He has made countless big saves for us, even stopping half of the penalty kicks he faced this year. He was our Defensive Player of the Year in 2021."

Littlefield is a junior at CHS and is the son of John and Sheila Littlefield of Exeter.

"As good as Peter has been

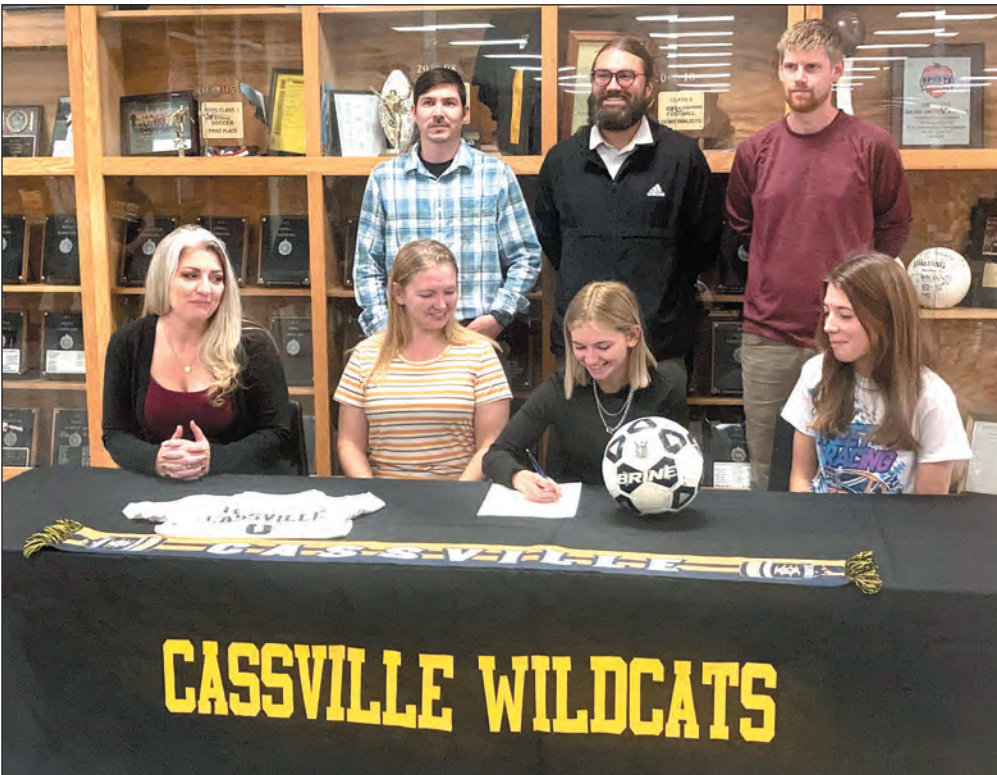


Shown above, CHS Head Soccer Coach, Jake Forste (left), and Peter Littlefield (right).

these last three years, I still think his best soccer is ahead of him--as hard as that is to believe. He has improved each year, especially with his leadership and foot skill. I'm

excited to see what the future holds for him. If he wants to play soccer at the next level, I am confident there will be opportunities for him to do so," said Forste.

Shears signs to continue playing soccer



Jhandi Shears, of Cassville, (with necklace, center) signed with Neosho County Community College on December 8, where she will major in Marketing and continue her athletic career as a Soccer player in the fall of 2022. Shears is shown above with her mother (left of Shears), Tracy Glaver.

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Seligman Christmas Parade Drew 30 Entries



Sunshine brought out parade-goers in Seligman Saturday afternoon. Photos by Ezra DeVore. Winning entries in the Seligman and Wheaton Parades will be announced in next week's paper.

October Students of The Month at Southwest High School



October Students of The Month from Southwest High School, shown above, left to right, are: Gavin Barton, Kaleb Outhouse, Saige Miller, Lyric Bernard, Olivia Ayer, Cally Bowyer, Caleb Ayer and Ryan Lawrence.



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RONALD DWAYNE BRIDGES

Ronald Dwayne Bridges, of Cassville, was born August 13, 1961, in El Paso, Texas, to Jimmy Dale and Louie Ann (Reynolds) Bridges. Ron passed away December 5, 2021, in Joplin, at the age of 60.

Ron enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, farming and taking care of his farm animals. He also enjoyed making submersible fishing lights. Ron loved the outdoors, camping, barbecuing, and spending time with his family.

On November 21, 1986, Ron was united in marriage to Salina Jo Standley, who survives him, of the home. He is also survived by his children, Dylan Bridges, Jesse Bridges, Erika Schmidt and her husband, Sean, and Rachel Bridges; mother, Louie Ann Bridges; brothers, Gerald Bridges and wife, Geniece, Lonnie Bridges and wife, Victoria, and Donnie Bridges and wife, Cindy; nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Ron is preceded by his father, Jimmy Dale Bridges, and in-laws, Edna Turner and James Standley.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Pastor Wilson Gauntt officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.



CONNIE "RAY" DICK

Connie "Ray" Dick, age 77, of Golden, passed away Thursday, December 9, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was born January 24, 1944, in Delaware County, Oklahoma, the son of Charley Everett and Alma Jane "Dickson" Dick. On February 11, 1965, in Reno, Nevada, he was united in marriage to Margaret Nice, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Raymond Dick and his wife, Midge Dick, of Siletz, Oregon; one daughter, Melina James, of Golden; a twin sister, Bonnie Fay

OBITUARIES

Blankenship, of Noel; four grandchildren, Tiffani Cuyler, Courtney Shepard, Natasha Kay and Marissa Rhoads; eight great-grandchildren, Alex, Aiden, Audric, Gabriel, Payton, Xander, Johnathon and Valerie; and one nephew, Kenneth Dick; of Jay, Oklahoma.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one daughter, Danette Kay Stillwell; one brother; one sister; and a great-grandson, Lucas Briggs.

Ray was raised and received his education in Oklahoma, graduating from Jay High School in Jay, Oklahoma. After moving to Gold Beach, Oregon, he was employed by Gold Beach Plywood as a forklift operator in the plywood mill. Ray and Margaret later moved to Kenwood, Oklahoma, staying there until 1985 when they returned to Oregon. In 1992, they moved to the Golden area from Lincoln, Oregon. He enjoyed hunting, gardening and being outdoors. Papa loved to take Xander to the woods to look for deer. He was a member of the volunteer fire department in Golden and a member of First Baptist Church of Carr Lane.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at Viney Creek Cemetery in Golden, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Johnny Lee will conduct the service.

Contributions may be made to Pre-Born!, P.O. Box 78221, Indianapolis, Indiana 46728 in memory of Ray.

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LEROY JOHNSON

Leroy Johnson, 85, of Seligman, passed away December 9, 2021, in Cassville. He was born September 1, 1936, in Garfield, Ark., the son of Wesley Harold and Stella Guyll Johnson. He is preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Timothy and Harold Johnson; and siblings, Charles "CM", Floyd, Larry Johnson and Josephine Hamby.

Survived by his wife Goldie; sons, Ricky, Eddie, and Roy Johnson; daughters, Debria Reed, Teresa Williams, Diana Elders and Kathy Hedden; siblings, Don and David Johnson and Linda Dorey; 23 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and over 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at Benton County Funeral Home, 306 N. 4th, Rogers, Ark. Interment as in the Walnut Hill Cemetery, Garfield, Ark. Online condolences to www.bentoncountyfuneralhome.com.



RONALD "RONNIE" CLIFTON HENDRIX

Ronald "Ronnie" Clifton Hendrix, age 64, of Washburn, went to be with his Lord and Savior surrounded by his family on Saturday, December 11, 2021. Ronnie, son of Clifton and Elizabeth (Powers) Hendrix, was born on March 3, 1957, at home in Washburn. Ronnie had a huge heart, never met a stranger, and would always welcome you with a big smile and a warm hug. He loved football, especially his Dallas Cowboys, and could tell you anything you wanted to know about his favorite team. Some of Ronnie's favorite pastimes were riding his Welsh Pony, Bill, when his was younger, reading sports magazines of all sorts, and spending time with family and friends. He was a member of Mission Baptist Church in Washburn. Ron-

nie touched so many hearts, left a lasting impression on so many lives and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his mom, Elizabeth Hendrix, of Washburn; one brother, Robert Hendrix and his wife, Liana, of Washburn; three sisters, Glenda Brattin and her husband, Greg, of Exeter, Frankie Stewart and her husband, Dale, of Washburn, and Lisa Sickles and her husband, Billy, all of Washburn; seven nieces and nephews, T.J. Marney, Justin Brattin and his wife, Jessika, Christina Escobedo and her husband, Adan, Hannah Hendrix and her fiancé, Justin Ingram, Allen Hendrix, Tommy Sickles and his fiancé, Macky McNabb, and Travis Sickles; eight great-nieces and nephews; a host of aunts and uncles; and other extended family members that all loved him dearly.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his father, Clifton Hendrix, on December 6, 2006; and his niece, Chelsey Brattin-Davis on July 30, 2015.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory in Cassville with Pastor Rick Hendrix officiating. Burial followed at King Cemetery in Seligman.

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

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JAMES “JIM” LEE LUCAS

James “Jim” Lee Lucas went to be with the Lord December 9, 2021, at the age of 77.

He was born September 16, 1944, at home in the Oak Ridge community, the son of William Harvey Lucas and Edna (Whinery) Lucas.

Jim grew up attending Merl’s Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. At the age of 12 attending church camp, he received Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Jim graduated from Cassville High School with the class of 1963. He served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran.

Jim married the love of his life, Jerri Jean Burdette Lucas, on June 1, 1969, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, James William Lucas and his wife, Cindy, of Shell Knob, and Timothy Lee Lucas, of Cassville; two sisters, Louise Horner and her husband, Mike, of Claremore, Oklahoma, and Lois Ulrich, of Springfield; two grandsons, who were the joy of his old age, Scotland William Lucas and Sawyer Luke Lucas.

He retired from the Missouri Highway Department in 2001 and built and operated hen houses for George’s until his death.

He was a member and Deacon of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Cassville.

Watching his cows and calves grow was his favorite pastime. He loved his home with so many wonderful memories.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, William Harvey Lucas, Jr. and Harold Lucas and his wife, Carol.

Graveside services with military honors were held Monday, December 13, 2021, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Cassville. Pastor Kevin Hilton and Pastor John Henry conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to Mt. Olive Baptist Church in memory of Jim.

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KENNETH EUGENE SHERMAN

Kenneth Eugene Sherman, age 86, of Eagle Rock, passed away on Friday, December 10, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born on November 3, 1935, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, the son of William “Bill” and Mary (Beck) Sherman. On May 14, 1960, in San Bernadino, California, he was united in marriage to Darlene Robbins.

After school, he joined the United States Navy in 1957, where he was part of Operation “Hardtack” in Bikini Atoll. After leaving the Navy in 1961, he owned his own welding shop in Exeter. He also worked for Reeds Spring Rock Quarry, EFCO, and Wells Aluminum, where he retired after twenty plus years. After retiring, Kenneth enjoyed spending his time in his boat on the lake fishing as much as he could.

Kenneth is survived by his wife of 61 years, Darlene Sherman, of Eagle Rock, and daughter, Lynn Howerton, of Wheaton. Pa is also survived by his three grandchildren, Joshua Sherman and his wife, Amanda, of Owasso, Oklahoma, Jennifer Gouldsmith and her husband, Matthew, of Rose Hill, Kansas, and Caitlin Lowe and her husband, Dillon, of Purdy. He is also survived by his eight great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, and three brothers.

No services are scheduled at this time. A private family gathering will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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WALTER DONALD FINCH

Walter Donald Finch, age 88, of Cassville, passed away Sunday, December 12, 2021, at Cassville Health Care and Rehabilitation in Cassville.

He was born February 24, 1933, in Butler, the son of Warren and Nellie (Kerns) Finch. On September 15, 1956, in St. Louis, he was united in marriage to Vida Johnson, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Warren Finch and his wife, Nina, of Garfield, Arkansas; one daughter, Carmen Finch, of Cassville; three grandchildren, Ronnie, Christy and Joe; and six great-grandchildren, Jared, Nathan, Xavier, Wriley, Cailyn and AnnLynn.

Preceding him in death were his parents; all of his siblings; and one son, Steve Finch.

Walter grew up in Utah and California. After school, he joined the United States Navy Seabees and served during the Korean Conflict. He was a master carpenter and worked in many forms of construction. In 2004, they moved to Cassville from central Arkansas and Cassville immediately became their home. He and Vida were happily married for sixty-five years. Wood working was a favorite pastime and he was an early American History buff.

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held today, Wednesday, December, 15, 2021, at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Garfield, Arkansas, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Lowell Sartin conducted the services.

Contributions may be made to The Arc of the Ozarks in memory of Walter.

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LUELLA JANE SEEKAMP

Luella Jane Seekamp, age 57, of Cassville, passed away Friday, December 10, 2021, at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

She was born February 26, 1964, in Columbia, the daughter of Thomas Elvin and Patricia Jean (Resz) Ray. She was united in marriage to Ron Seekamp, who preceded her in death on June 13, 2019.

Also preceding her in death were her father, Thomas; one daughter, Amanda Jean Seekamp; and one brother, Robert Alvin Ray.

Surviving are her mother, Pat Kreeger and stepfather, David, of Exeter; one son, Robert Seekamp and his fiancée, Amber Roth, of Cassville; one brother, Thomas Ray and his wife, Sharon, of Exeter; and six

grandchildren, Eli, Landon, Johnathan, Jewels, ShyAnn and Madalynn.

Luella attended Cassville High School. After school, she married and started her family. She worked at several area restaurants including Dave’s Café and The Rib. Some of her pastimes were crocheting, playing scrabble and bingo. Spending time with her family was what she enjoyed most of all.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, December 16, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Bob Gaddis will conduct the services.

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JOHN LAVERN “JACK” SLYE

John LaVern “Jack” Slye, age 82, of Washburn, passed away Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was born December

13, 1938, in Willows, California, the son of Jack and Edna (Peterson) Slye. On October 10, 1956, in Reno, Nevada, he was united in marriage to Belva DeWitt, who preceded him in death on March 6, 1996. Also preceding him in death were his parents; one brother; one son, James “Jimmy” Slye; and one daughter, Patricia “Trish” Slye.

Surviving are one son, John Slye, Jr. and his wife, Veturia, of Washburn; nine grandchildren, Levi, Amy, April, Chris, Sherry, Mary, Timothy, Christopher and Robert; four sisters, Pat, Bobbie, Cheryl and Sandi; and many nieces and nephews.

Jack grew up and attended school in California. Moving to this area in 1975, he worked several jobs before becoming a truck driver for Walmart from where he retired in 1994. He enjoyed watching sports, farming and spending time outdoors. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids. He was a member of Believers Full Gospel Fellowship in Washburn.

Services were held Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Carroll Williamson conducted the services. Burial as at Antioch Cemetery in Cassville.

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MDC to offer free virtual fly-tying classes

Flying fishing has two arts. One is the fishing, the other is hand tying flies and lures to catch fish. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will offer a free virtual fly-tying class between 6 and 8 p.m. every Monday and Thursday evening from Jan. 3 to Jan. 31. These online classes will help newcomers learn how to twine a hook with thread, hackles, feathers, and fur for fly fishing lures that catch fish.

Using a flyrod to cast very small lures is a sport that's been around a very long time. But flyrods and flies are proving just as effective in modern times for trout, bass, and panfish. A fly tied in winter can be tested on rainbow trout at one of MDC's urban winter trout lakes.

Students will learn a variety of techniques for the art of fly tying. Participants will need to have a variety of tools and materials to complete the on-line course. That includes: a common vice, thread bobbin, black tying thread 140 (2/0), and 210 Denier (6/0), bobbin threader, Dr. Slick Rotary whip finisher, or Cabela's brand (the kind that freely spins in the handle), hair packer, hair stacker, dubbing brush, fly tying scissors, tying wax, hackle pliers, and bodkin.

Some optional items that would be useful includes head cement, multiple bobbins, other colors of thread (red, white, olive, and tan), a wine cork for displaying tied flies, small block of wood with 1/8 to 1/4-inch holes drilled in it for tool storage, cheap magnet for organizing hooks, extra scissors, small wire cutters, and small tackle box for storage.

MDC will also send some materials ahead of the class times to registered participants. Anyone having difficulties obtaining tools or materials, or who has questions about what to purchase, is asked to contact TJ Peacher, MDC education district supervisor, at Thomas.peacher@mdc.mo.gov.

Students will be encouraged to take note and practice fly tying between classes. Classes are progressive, sessions will use techniques learned in earlier classes. The virtual classroom will be open a half-hour early before each session for anyone needing extra help.

These classes are open to participants ages 15 and older. Registration is required. To register, visit <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZtK>.

his high school years, graduated from Cassville High School in 1968.

"By then," he recalled, "I couldn't wait to leave Barry County."

"Crowder College in Neosho had just started up," Fletcher said, "so I enrolled and moved on campus into dorm rooms set up in the old army barracks."

"I thought I wanted to become a wildlife conservationist, but discovered I did much better with the business classes," he said.

Landon Fletcher and Brenda Vanzandt were married in 1969, during Fletcher's second year at Crowder. As newlyweds, they moved to Springfield, where Brenda worked as a beautician after attending cosmetology school in Neosho, and Landon completed his education at then-Southwest Missouri State (SMS).

While in Springfield, Fletcher worked for a Safeway grocery store, a unionized company, which offered him a head clerk position in Ottawa, Kansas, after his college graduation.

FLETCHER from FRONT

"We went," Fletcher said, "but, while there, I got out of the grocery business and began a position with Anchor Savings and Loan in 1971. It was the beginning of my financial career."

During the ensuing years, the Fletchers became the parents of two daughters: Leslie (Smith) and Stacy (Runnels). In 1979, after the savings and loan industry took a nosedive - and deciding that Kansas was not where they wanted to raise their children - the Fletchers returned to their Barry County roots.

"I stopped in at Barry County Bank in Cassville and talked to bank president, Bill Easley, about a position. Six months later I was called in for a job. Shortly afterward, the bank was purchased by Commerce. That was in 1981.

"A lot of things happened in the 1980s," Fletcher recalled. "There was a period of time when 5-year CDs were paying 16.55 percent interest, which might sound like a lot, but the prime mortgage rate was 21 percent. It brought about what was called the 'farm crisis.'

"In 1985," he continued, "the FDIC shut down the Farmers' State Bank in Exeter and sold it at auction. It was bought at auction the same day by Gary Acker, who changed the name to Security Bank and hired me away from Commerce."

According to Fletcher, in the late 1980s, he was approached by fellow CHS graduate, Gary Fields, who told him, "I just bought the bank," referring to the former Rainbow Dinner House, which later became Security Bank's main location in Cassville. Fletcher went to work for him there.

Fletcher capped his 50-year banking career as vice president of First State Bank of Purdy, where he has spent the past 20 years working from its Cassville location.

"Glen Garrett bought First State Bank of Purdy in 1974, then opened the Cassville branch in 1994," Fletcher explained. "I went to work for him - actually, Ann Hall, then Larry Moennig, and, now, Randy Henderson - in 2001."

Fletcher said he's seen a lot of changes in Barry County over the years.

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Purdy City Council Met December 13

The Purdy City Council discussed the possibility of upcoming city ordinances to place on the April ballot of 2022, including one that is scheduled to be on the ballot; the 2% tax on online purchases made from out of state sources. If voted for and implemented, this would provide funding to the City of Purdy for local infrastructure.

Purdy Police Report for November

- November 3: An officer responded to a complaint of possible child abuse that was reported by a local church. A hotline call was placed to the division of Child Services and a call was made to the juvenile office.
- November 6: An officer responded to the Dollar General Store for a reported theft. A customer had accidentally left their phone in a shopping cart, and when they returned, the phone was missing. A suspect was observed on security video taking the phone from the cart and leaving with it. The suspect was identified and the aforementioned officer went to the suspect's residence and recovered the phone. No charges were filed.
- November 10: An officer responded to the intersection of Highway 37 and Farm Road 2070 for a two vehicle accident with injuries. A 2005 Chevy Trailblazer driven by Danny Potter, of Monett, was eastbound on Farm Road 2070 and failed to yield, pulling into the path of a northbound 2020 Ford F-150 Pickup driven by Henry Seevers Jr., of Clever, MO. Seevers (82), of Battlefield, suffered moderate injuries and was transported to the hospital by an ambulance. Potter was issued a citation for a failure to yield right of way.
- An officer responded to the high school after a student was caught vaping marijuana from a vape pipe in class. The vape pipe was seized and a report was sent to the juvenile office seeking charges of possession of a controlled substance. The student was suspended from school and

was released into the custody of his father.

- An officer received a call reporting that a bicycle valued at \$300 had been stolen from 305 Third Street. The bicycle was later found at 403 High Street and was returned to the owner. Investigation is still ongoing.
- November 16: An officer investigated the theft of a 1998 Yamaha Timberwolf ATV from a shed at 503 Edina Street. It was taken sometime between November 6 and November 13. Investigation is ongoing.
- An officer contacted several juveniles in the city park who were throwing rocks at each other near City Hall. One large rock actually struck the building and another almost struck a car. The juveniles were told to stop throwing rocks, and go home.
- An officer went to a property on State Highway C after observing their dog chasing a child on a bicycle on Fifth Street. The owner, who had also observed the incident, was told to get the dog chained up, or find it another home, or he would be issued a citation.
- November 18: An officer responded to Autumn Woods Apartments for a parking complaint. The caller was very irate because someone had parked in a spot that had been specifically designed for her vehicle and she demanded it be towed. The parking space had been marked with a sign stating that violators would be towed at owner's expense. The vehicle had out-of-state license plates, and no one on scene knew who it belonged to. Thomas Towing, of Monett, was contacted to tow the vehicle. Just as the tow truck arrived, so did the

vehicle's owner. Because of policy, once a tow truck arrives on scene, it has to either tow the vehicle, or be paid the tow fee, which led to another dispute. The owner of the vehicle finally paid the tow bill and left the scene. Because this was not a signed handicap parking space, just a signed no parking space placed by management, no citation was issued.

- An officer received several calls from the manager of the Dollar General in reference to an abandoned car that had been left in the parking lot for over a month. The car was checked and was found not to be a stolen vehicle. The manager was informed several times that they would need to have the vehicle towed because it was on their property. The officer then went to 11198 Farm Road 1112 to try to contact the owner of the vehicle. However, no one was home.
- November 29: An officer responded to the high school after a student was caught sipping from a bottle that contained kool aid mixed with an alcoholic beverage. The subject was suspended and released to their parents. No charges have been filed at this time.
- November 30: An officer responded to Maple Street in Butterfield to assist the Sheriff's Department with a disturbance involving a gun.



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Crowder College offers Associate of Art, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science and Certificate programs for students to transfer to a university or enter the

workforce.

Fellow graduate Emily Emert, General Studies major, will provide the commencement speech.

The number of graduates continues to increase as programs have been crafted to allow stackable credentials in workforce programs and Missouri Core 42 which allows seamless transfer to in-state universities. Dual credit students also earn certificates and degrees while attending high school to jump

start their college programs. This year there were 37 dual credit students who applied to graduate with a degree or certificate.

Crowder College provides location in its nine-county service region at the main campus in Neosho with instructional centers at: Cassville, McDonald County, Nevada, Webb City and the Joplin Advanced Training and Technology Center.

Dates set for turkey, deer hunting seasons

At its Dec. 10 open meeting in Jefferson City, the Missouri Conservation Commission approved the following recommendations by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) for upcoming turkey-hunting and deer-hunting season dates.

2022 SPRING AND FALL TURKEY HUNTING DATES:

- Spring Youth Portion: April 9 and 10
- Regular Spring Turkey Season: April 18 through May 8
- Fall Firearms Turkey Season: Oct. 1 - 31

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2022 - 2023 FIREARMS DEER HUNTING DATES

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- Firearms Deer November Portion: Nov. 12 - 22
- Firearms Deer Late Youth Portion: Nov. 25 - 27
- Firearms Deer Antlerless Portion: Dec. 3 - 11
- Firearms Deer Alternative Methods Portion: Dec. 24 - Jan. 3, 2023

Details on hunting regulations, harvest limits, allowed methods, required permits, and other related information will be available online and in MDC's 2022 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet and MDC's 2022 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet prior to the related seasons.

Learn more about turkey hunting in Missouri at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey.

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