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Vaccines bring hope, snow brings cheer

CHS Merry Christmas candidates play integral role in "Share Your Christmas"



Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas candidates from each class were announced today at Cassville High School. Candidates volunteer for their roles and play an integral part in raising funds for Cassville's annual "Share Your Christmas" project. Candidates, shown above, left to right, are: Freshmen, Brandon Maher and Kyah Saffold; Sophomores, Frank Osborn and Lauren Stockton; Juniors, Jesse Taylor and Eden Morris; and Seniors, Carson Whittemire and Hannah Hackler.

Sheila Harris

With a tradition that nobody can quite put a date of inception on, nor a name connected with its origination, a beloved community project continues to spread cheer to Barry County chil-

With the help of some 50

volunteers Cassville's annual "Share Your Christmas" fills the wish lists and needs of an average of 375 children and 150 Barry County families annually.

According to volunteer Bobbie Tucker, the program has been going on for over 40 years. Tucker, who's been part of Share Your Christmas since she and her husband moved to Cassville in 1971, said the project is for the

Gail Reed, director of Ozark Area Community Action (OACAC) in Cassville, says OACAC partners with the Share Your Christmas



Above, Share Your Christmas volunteers pause for a photo amid toys they are sorting for distribution. Shown, left to right, are Roxie Tucker, Bobbie Tucker, Symbra Boone, Mindi Artherton, Trish McCracken, Marolyn Wood, and Patti Daniels.

event every year.

"Families who would like our Cassville OACAC of-

committee to kick off the to be a beneficiary of Share Your Christmas come into

See SHARE YOUR **CHRISTMAS 13A**

Cassville Schools provide drive-through family fun





Above, left, Santa and Mrs. Clause provided goodies from San's Club to waiting families with eager primary and intermediate school children. Each family received a goodie bag, a meal, and an oversized krispie treat.

Above, right, the CHS choir contributed to the seasonal theme by singing Christmas carols.

"For unto us a chila is born...

- The prophet Isaiah

LeCompte tenders resignation

Sheila Harris

Citing her husband's recent death and family priorities as the reason, Barry County Clerk Jill LeCompte who was elected after running unopposed in the 2018 election - submitted her letter of resignation to Governor Mike Parson on December 14.

"I am grateful for the office holders, their staff and all the citizens of Barry County," LeCompte wrote in her letter of resignation.

LeCompte, whose hus-

band Michael LeCompte died from COVID-19 on November 4, says her family is

her right now. "They need me, and I need them," she said.

the most important thing to

LeCompte's first granddaugher, Bonnie Zane Henbest, was born December 5, a month after her husband's passing.

"I hope to spend time with the new baby, of course, but also with my parents," she

See LECOMPTE 9A

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Herrin Toy Drive pronounced a success



The staff at Herrin Animal Hospital in Cassville is pleased with the community's response to their 21st annual toy drive. The hospital partners with OACAC to provide toys for area children.

Shown, left to right, are Sara Crass, Animal Technician; Athena Nurton, Receptionist; Rylie Hill, Assistant; and Dr. Brent Herrin, DVM

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COVID vaccines coming to county

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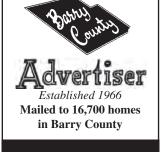
In the fight against the spread of COVID-19, maskwearing has been the only prospective prophylactic measure southwest Missouri residents have had at their disposal, up-to-date, other than attempts to beef up their immune systems with the use of supplements and plenty of rest. That's soon to change.

December 11, the FDA approved Pfizer's BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, initiating the shipment of the first round of 3 million doses of the vaccine across the nation, just as the nation surpassed a death toll of 300,000 due to complications of the virus.

In southwest Missouri, the first Pfizer vaccination was given to a healthcare worker at Mercy Hospital in Spring-

Barry County Health Department administrator, Roger Brock, says, due to the ultra-cold storage requirements for the Pfizer vaccine (between -112°F and -76° Farenheit), which are unavailable at the health department, his office will wait for the pending FDA approval of the Moderna vaccine. That approval is expected to be granted by December 18, although Brock said, realistically, he doesn't expect to receive any vaccines until next week, at the earliest.

"We have an order placed for 100 vaccines," Brock said, "It's the maximum amount we're allowed to order at one time. Until further notice, these vaccines will only be



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available for use by frontline healthcare workers and extended care facilities."

According to Brock, many residential care facilities are contracting with CVS and Walgreen Pharmacies, who will send a healthcare team out to vaccinate residents on-

"There are some extended care facilities who are not contracting with the pharmacies, though," Brock said, "so we are working with them in order to provide vaccines."

Brock emphasized that vaccines will not be available to the general public through the health department for an unspecified period of time.

While county health departments are under the auspices of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, local hospitals have their own plans for vaccine distribution.

According to statement by CoxHealth, they expect to receive a shipment of 7,000 doses of the Moderna COV-ID-19 vaccine in the coming days. In preparation for its arrival, they have surveyed employees to learn who is interested in receiving the vaccine so they can determine a schedule for distribution, which is planned in line with guidance from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Pending FDA approval, which is expected on Dec. 17, it will begin being administered to frontline staff members the week of Dec. 21. This will take place across CoxHealth's campuses, including Monett and Lamar. They are very excited for this vaccine

and what it means for their Litho Printers

staff, their patients and their communities.

After vaccinating two bedside nurses Monday, Mercy Hospital Springfield began its first full day of vaccine distribution to co-workers on

Mercy's infectious disease doctors were among the first to roll up their sleeves, emphasizing their confidence in the vaccine's safety and effec-

"I've looked at the studies, and I trust the FDA and the CDC's review," said Dr. Will Sistrunk. "I had family members who were part of the trials. They reported the mild symptoms you'd expect to see with a vaccine - low fever, body aches and headache. Those are actually good to see, because it means the vaccine is working."

To keep everyone socially distanced and focused on patient care, co-workers are scheduling appointments for their shots. The process has been moving quickly, but more nurses will be added to distribute the vaccine if a line develops.

Plans are in the works to get vaccine to frontline workers at Mercy Hospital Aurora, Mercy Hospital Cassville, and Mercy St. Francis Hospital in Mountain View. Co-workers in those facilities and at area clinics also have the option of coming to Mercy Hospital Springfield to get their shots.

Freedom Bank warns of cyber attack

Banking Vendor Targeted

Freedom Bank of Southern Missouri has confirmed that one of our data vendors, American Bank Systems (ABS), was victimized by a cybercriminal where certain systems of ABS were infected with malware, resulting in a data breach. Although Freedom Bank of Southern Missouri has no evidence of identity theft or fraud as a result of this incident, we have proactively increased security on all existing accounts through heightened monitoring and extra verification steps for our valued custom-

Immediately after receiving notice on October 30 from ABS, we began our process of working around the clock to get customer notices out through ABS as quickly and completely as possible. ABS has attempted to send the notice letter to all customers affected by the breach.

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each day and will continue to focus on safeguarding customer information.

Freedom Bank is appreciative of our customers and will provide updates on our website as more information becomes available about the ABS data breach. For updates, visit https://www. freedombk.com/about-us/ security-updates.

CORRECTION:

The correct dates for the Christmas events at Lives Under Construction (LUC) Boys Ranch in Lampe are December 18, 19, and 20 not 8, 9, and 10, as stated in the December 9 issue.

COVID-19 Situational Update

tion with active cases, and

more than 300 people were

According to the Barry County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management, as of December 9, the total number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Barry County has reached 2,089. The majority of those people (1,920) have recovered, ten were hospitalized at that time, 133 were in isola-

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quarantined due to direct contact with a positive case. Thirty-six people have

died, a number up from 31 the week prior.

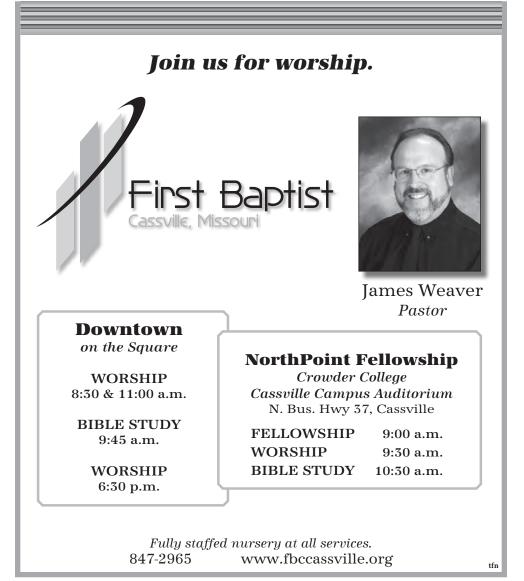
The positivity rate for the county was at 13.2 percent as of December 9.











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 Friday at 4 p.m. The contact person is Elaine Phaneuf, class@4bca. com or (417) 847-4475. Thank you for keeping us informed of all updates/changes to local events.



Notice:

Barry County House and Judicial Center will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, December 25, 2020, for the Christmas Holiday.

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: Thursday, December 24, 2020; Friday, December 25, 2020; and Friday, January 2, 2020.

Christmas Train Rides are being planned for December 20. The Seligman Chamber of Commerce and A & M Railroad, along with For The Kids Parent Organization, are planning a Christmas train ride again this year. Sunday, December 20, from Monett Soccer fields for approximately 1 hour trip, 9 A.M., 11 A.M., 1 P.M. and 3 P.M. Santa will be present to hand out a bag of treats to children 12 and under. Free hot chocolate and cookies. Cost is for riding. Adults \$20, ages 4 to 12 \$15, ages 2 to 3 \$5, and 1 and under are free. Extra charge for upper dome. Call (479) 725-4017 to make all reservations. If you would like to be a sponsor for The Kids Foster Parent Organization, call (417) 489-7903. The December 19 train ride from Seligman to Avoca has been cancelled.

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Cassville Branch Library's Virtual Story Time began in September. Participants can access the live sessions on a tablet, computer, or smart phone. Families of preschool children ages five and under will receive registration information via email. Please send child's name, caregiver's name (the person watching the story time with the child) and email address to verna@blrli-

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).

Habitat for Humanity is looking for families to apply for a home in Wheaton. For more information or to apply, stop by the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 900 10th St. in Cassville. They are open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dec. 16th - 19th

Two Sisters Flea Market, Cassville, is hosting a Customer Appreciation Week December 12 through December 19. See page 9A of the December 9, 2020, Barry County Advertiser for a money saving coupon.

Dec. 19th

Purdy Christmas Parade featuring the Marching Eagles will begin at 10 A.M.



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Goodman nominated for Court of Appeals



Jack Goodman, Presiding Circuit Judge, 39th District.

Sheila Harris

According to a December 3 announcement by the Missouri Court System, Judge Jack Goodman, presiding judge of the 39th Judicial Circuit, which encompasses Barry, Lawrence and Stone Counties, was selected as a nominee to fill a pending judicial vacancy on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District.

Goodman, who resides in Monett, has presided as judge on the 39th Circuit since 2013.

He is one of three nominees recently selected for a pending vacant position on the Missouri Court of Appeals, which will be left open by Judge Daniel E. Scott's retirement on December 31.

To be considered as a nominee, Goodman went through an application process and more than four hours of public interviews. After approximately two hours of deliberations and seven rounds of balloting by members of the Appellate Judicial Commission, Goodman was selected as a nominee, along with Judge David A. Dolan, of Sikeston, and Judge Laura A. Johnson, of Ozark.

The commission submitted the panel of nominees to Governor Mike Parson, who has 60 days to make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

Goodman, a 1995 graduate of the University of Missouri, and a 1998 graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law, credits his grandmother's early influence with his choice to practice law.

"As a widowed young mother, my grandmother earned her law degree through correspondence courses while waiting tables at a local diner," Goodman said in his application for the nomination. "She didn't plan

to practice law, but empowered herself to find her own answers to important questions in her life.

"As a grandmother, she impressed upon me the essential value of fair laws that are also *applied* fairly.

"Although my grandmother passed away while I was in law school, her example left a lasting impression on my career, including an abiding awareness that to violate that trust placed in me by a client, constituent or one seeking justice in the court could devastate lives and undermine the system of justice upon which we all depend."

Since becoming a member of the bar in 1998, Goodman has served the citizens of Missouri in various capacities, including private legal practice and three years in the Missouri House of Representatives, followed by seven years on the Missouri Senate.

Because Goodman believes the Constitution must be protected for *all* if it is to have any effect for *any*, he has worked to ensure that all Missourians stand on equal ground in Missouri courts of law

Goodman believes his early employment experiences, where he worked with the

public from the age of 12 and served people across the so-cioeconomic spectrum, gave him an appreciation for the vast diversity of circumstances that exist across the state.

"While the American opportunity to succeed exists for all of us, some are provided more tools through education, upbringing, personal role models and relationships," Goodman said. "Consequently, they have more access and wherewithal to recognize and maximize the opportunity, while others face greater hurdles in the path to opportunity. Understanding this has affected every aspect of my legal career."

If chosen for the position on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, Goodman will join six other justices, all who have been appointed under the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan. Each judge serves a 12-year term and sits on a threemember panel, with membership rotating annually.

The Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, has its offices in Springfield and maintains jurisdiction over 44 counties in southern Missouri.

Purdy Eagles continue winning streak, prep basketball roundup

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Wildcats saw their season record dip to 1-4 following a 69-21 loss at Galena on Friday night. The Wildcats head up the road on Friday night for a date with Purdy. The Eagles improved to 7-0 with an 82-64 victory over Exeter. Powerful Purdy performances have taken down opponents by an average winning margin of 23.5 points. Only Verona has played within single digits of the high flying Eagles.

The Southwest Trojans dropped their Tipoff game to Marionville on Friday night, 78-61. The Trojans only trailed by a point after one quarter, 14-13, led by 8 points from Cruz Marquez. But the Comets pushed to a 32-27 halftime lead, then broke the game open with a 22-11 third quarter.

The Wheaton Bulldogs fell to Galena at home on Tuesday night, 79-46. The Bulldogs held a brief early lead before Zane Gayle drained a long trey from the left wing for a 5-3 Bears lead.

Wheaton trailed by just 10-9 midway through the opening quarter, but Galena spurted to a 25-16 lead at the buzzer. The Bulldogs played a strong second quarter, cutting the lead to just 6 in the final minute But Galena beat the buzzer for a 43-35 halftime lead. The Bears controlled the third quarter, 25-6, enroute to the victory. The Bulldogs fell to 3-4 with

the loss, and will play at Diamond on Thursday.

VARSITY GIRLS ROUND-

UP
It was a tough week for

area girls basketball teams.

The Cassville Lady Wildcats fell to 3-3 on the season with a 68-40 road loss to undefeated Hollister last Thursday. The Ladycats will continue a long road trip when they play at Wheaton on Thursday and at Sarcoxie on Monday.

After opening with a 2-2 mark, the Wheaton Lady Bulldogs defeated Galena, 33-19, and East Newton, 46-37, before a 73-31 stumble to a powerful Sparta team on Friday.

The Southwest Lady Trojans dipped to 2-3 with a 49-19 defeat at Marionville on Thursday.

The Purdy Lady Eagles pinned a 50-26 loss on the

Exeter Lady Tigers on Friday night. Purdy improved to 2-3 while Exeter remained winless at 0-4. Purdy plays at Verona on Thursday night, and Exeter has a break until the Southwest Holiday Tourna-



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BARRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The Barry County Health Department will hold election on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, for the purpose of electing 3 Board of Trustee members to 4 year terms.

The opening date for filing is December, 15, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. and will close on January 19, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Candidates may file for this office with Jill LeCompte, Barry County Clerk, at the courthouse in Cassville between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This office may be closed should inclement weather occur.

Candidates will be listed on the ballot in the order in which they file.

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Friday}. Filing will begin December 15, 2020 at 8:00

a.m. and end on January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The

office will be closed for the holidays on the following

dates: December 18 {12:30 pm} December 21, 22, 23,

24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, January 1 and if district is closed

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Washburn Fire Protection District

Dear Editor & Community, I'm hoping humanity has

happy, healthy holidays. My apology is about 50 years late. I apologize to everyone whom I harmed in various ways. In a recent decade, one of you pointed out that I am/was generally "oblivious to what was going on around me." That lack of awareness includes the emotions/feelings of other people. This is an explanation, not an excuse, for my bad

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behavior during decades.

This current mass apology focuses on high school years, because, yesterday, a local student radio station played Roberta Flack's #1 hit and "Song Of The Year," "Killing Me Softly With His Song." I recalled hearing that song while we drove to or from the Missouri Student Council Convention in Joplin in 1973. I figured nearly 300 different students shared the little, old {WPA 1939}Wheaton High

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School building during the four school years that I was there. I offended many of you during those years in various ways. I'm sorry, though this admission is very late.

Letter to The Editor

Back then, I did read my speeches to 100 - 200 people - students, parents, faculty in the gym. But trying to talk or chat with any one young lady, I'd get tongue-tied, unable to think of anything appropriate to say out loud: total romantic incompetence.

Disclaimer:

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Surely I earned my nomination and election as "Most Bashful" boy by senior class-

Last month the Canadian radio show "Q" interviewed Anne Murray and played her cover of a seasonal Elvis hit. For decades, I imagined that song was about two teens who quit dating during high school. Suddenly (now) those lyrics are about elderly people; the personal meaning of "I'll Have A Blue Christmas Without You" is quite different during widowhood. Peace and Love,

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• "Killing Me Softly With His Song" Wins Song Of The Year ...

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Shell Knob Masons Donate to **Local Food Pantry**



Shown above, left to right, are: WM Walter Hargett, Central Crossing Lodge # 674; David Atkinson, Alliance of Churches Food Pantry President; RWB Larry Neukirch, Central Crossing Lodge # 674.

Central Crossing Lodge # 674 of Shell Knob recently donated \$1000 to Shell Knob Alliance of Churches Food Pantry. Our Masons raised \$500 which was then matched. The Missouri Masonic Home's Partnership Program provided a grant which doubled the amount of the donation. This was facilitated by our Lodge's Masonic Home representative, WB Subbe Bemis. Missouri Masonic Home has several programs to aid Masons,

their widows & children. This particular program helps local lodges aid their communities.

Mr. Atkinson expressed his appreciation for the donation. He stated the money will be used in their Share Your Christmas annual program. Various church members volunteer to sponsor a family and provide Christmas gifts to needy families as the Food Pantry provides food for them.

Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture scholarship applications available

The Missouri State Fair and the Youth in Agriculture Committee are accepting applications for Youth in

Agriculture scholarships for Missouri high school seniors graduating in 2021. The application form can be found on the Fair's website. Applications should be submitted to the Missouri State Fair and must be postmarked by February 1, 2021. Applicants must submit an original copy of their application and three additional copies.

These scholarships are possible thanks to the gracious contributions of many individuals and companies supporting Youth in Agriculture. A total of 40 scholarships amounting to \$68,500, the largest amount offered, will be awarded:

- One \$5,000 platinum scholarship sponsored by Youth in Agriculture supporters,
- One \$2,500 supreme scholarship sponsored by Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners/ Sydenstricker Genetics,
- Four \$2,500 supreme scholarships sponsored by the Missouri State Fair Foundation,
- Thirty-four 1,500 scholarships sponsored by Youth in Agriculture supporters.

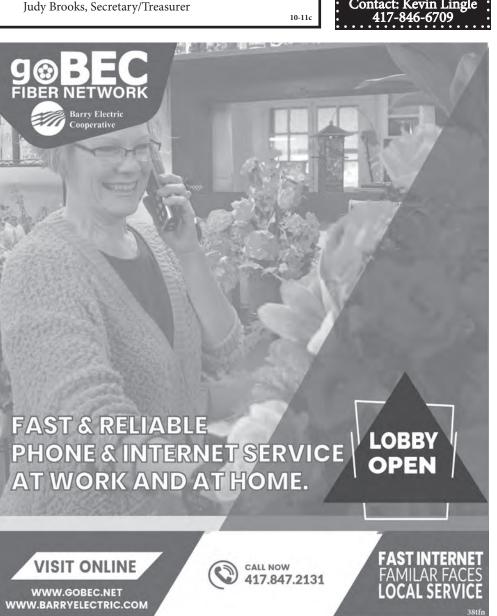
Applicants must be high school seniors and active members of Missouri 4-H or FFA, and have participated at least once as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair. Selected students must enroll (fall and/or spring semester immediately following graduation from high school) in an accredited community college, college or university in the state of Missouri.

For more information and to download the scholarship application, click here!





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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Purdy Candidate Filing for April 6, 2021 Election

Pursuant to Section 115.127 of the Revised Missouri Statutes, notice is hereby given that the following offices are to be filled at the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021:

MAYOR - At Large (TWO YEAR TERM) ALDERMAN – East Ward (TWO YEAR TERM) ALDERMAN - West Ward (TWO YEAR TERM) Opening Date for Filing: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Closing Date for Filing: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Declaration of Candidacy may be filed 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. No person shall be certified as a candidate for a municipal office, nor shall such person's name appear on the ballot as a candidate for such office, who shall be in arrears for any unpaid city taxes or municipal user fees on the last day to file a declaration of candidacy for the office (Section 115.346 RSMo).

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN Debbie Redshaw City Clerk Purdy, Missouri

Washburn Resident Earns Degre from WGU

Tara Lang-Jackson, a resident of Washburn, recently graduated from WGU Missouri with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Lang-Jackson participated in the nonprofit, fully online university's commencement ceremony in November, where she and hundreds of other graduates were recognized and celebrated for their achieve-

Lang-Jackson spent over a decade homeschooling her four children before she decided to go back to school and finish her degree. She originally was interested in becoming a wildlife biologist or zoologist, but she soon realized she was meant to be a teacher. She completed her associate degree in psychology-autism in May 2019 and enrolled in WGU Missouri's teacher college that August. "I set a goal to finish my entire bachelor's degree in one year," she said. "I worked very hard and made it happen."

Thanks, in part, to WGU Missouri's competencybased model - which allows students to go through coursework at their own pace and on their own schedule, moving quickly through material they already know so they can focus on what they still need to learn - Lang-Jackson graduated in just one year with her bachelor's degree in elementary education (K-6). Her goal is to become a middle school English Language Arts teacher, and she also plans on going back to school to earn her graduate degree.

"I want to slow down for a bit to enjoy my family and get used to the routine of being a classroom teacher, but I intend to enroll in school again in the near future to obtain a master's degree in English and writing," Lang-Jackson added.

Since March 1, 2020, 32,377 individuals have earned degrees from WGU, most of them while working full-time jobs and raising families. In its 23-year history, WGU has awarded more than 206,000 degrees and has celebrated with ceremonies held multiple times per year, usually in cities across the country. The November commencement ceremony was held virtually in place of a previously planned inperson celebration.

For more information about the university or its programs, visit missouri.wgu.

About WGU Missouri

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Filing dates for candidacy for the Southwest R-V Board of Education election have been set for December 15, 2020 thru January 19, 2021 during regular office hours {8 am - 4 pm/Monday thru Friday}. Filing will begin December 15, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and end on January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The office will be closed for the holidays on the following dates: December 18 {12:30 pm} December 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, January 1 and if district is closed due to inclement weather.

Qualified applicants for the Board may file for candidacy with Board Secretary Judy Brooks in the office of the Superintendent. In accordance with Policy BBB, placement of candidate names on ballot will be in the order of filing. Two vacancies for 3-year terms will be filled at the April 6, 2021 election.

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Community Spirit on Display at Wheaton Christmas Parade



Shown above, Hillside Poultry Consignment Auction's float took first place in the Non-Religious category.

Wheaton's annual Christmas Parade drew a huge crowd of participants and onlookers Saturday night in spite of the chilly temperatures. The cold weather prompted one group of parade-goers to start a campfire in their personal fire-pit,

an idea many people nearby wished they had considered.

The spirit of community, Christmas and undiluted Americana were on full display at the Saturday night

Parade-winners in various categories were:

Band/Marching Units

- Southwest Band- 1st
- Exeter Cheer- 2nd
- Southwest Color guard- 3rd **Cars and Trucks**
- Danny England- 1st
- Cassville Cruisers- 2nd
- Wheaton Cruisers- 3rd Tractors
- Randel Cook- 1st
- Ben Miller- 2nd
- Jerry Harper- 3rd
- Miscellaneous
- International Attractions and Reptile Show- 1st **Horses and Buggies**
- Monark Percherons- 1st
- Sarah Catron- 2rd place
- Stacey White-3rd place Non-Religious Float
- · Hillside Poultry Consignment Auction-1st
- Barry Electric- 2nd
- Diva Bling- 3rd
- **Religious Float**



Shown above, Wheaton's Body of Christ Church took first place in the Religious category.

Above, the Southwest High School Trojan Marching Band delighted parade-goers with eyecatching uniforms and an outstanding musical performance.

- Body of Christ- 1st
- Emmanuel Baptist Church-
- Bethlehem Freewill Baptist Church-3rd
- Winners of the Wheaton Christmas Light Contest were also announced. They
- Josh and Kinsey Kinnaman
- Ryan Henderson- 2nd

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•Julie Burns- 3rd

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Wildcats receive **All State** awards

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ball players received All State ing a Rotary Club meeting on honors from the Missouri Wednesday, December 9. Football Coaches Association. Senior Jaiden Reibert led for this award by a CCTA the Cassville roster, earning a second 1st Team award after being similarly honored following the 2019 season.

Class 3, 1st Team

- Jericho Farris RB
- Jaiden Reibert OL
- Patrick Dunker DL
- Zach Coenen LB
- Drake Reese, K
- Class 3, 3rd Team
- Zach Carney OL

Only four other big 8 players received All State honors: Colton Cramblett of Reeds Spring, Nick Arrasmith of Seneca, and Mason Ballay of Mt. Vernon all received 2nd lights, sirens and other prod-Team recognition. Caden ucts to show the students Wiest, of Reeds Spring, was named to the 3rd Team.

Buntin chosen as 2020 Friend of Education

The Cassville Community Teachers Association (CCTA) is proud to announce Mr. Caleb Buntin, with Able 2 Products, has been named the 2020 Friend of Education.

Superintendent of Cassville R-IV School District, Dr. Richard Asbill, presented Six Cassville Wildcat foot- Buntin with the award dur-

> Buntin was nominated member in the spring of 2020, prior to the pandemic.

"Caleb Buntin and Able 2 Products are business partners in the Primary school and have been for many years," said the teacher who nominated him. "They are amazing business partners! They go *above* and *beyond* for the students and staff in Cassville Primary.

"They donated the megaphones to our school for recess. They come in every month to read to the class they are assigned. They have done many community-helper days where they bring in what their business does in the community.

"Able 2 has also allowed my class (since they have been my business part-



Caleb Buntin of Able 2 Products (above left) was presented with the 2020 Friends of Education Award by Cassville R-IV Superintendent, Dr. Richard Asbill (above right).

ner many times) to come to the facility to take tours. They have provided countless snacks, and supplies like headphones, pencils, school items, etc. to the students in our school. One year, Caleb came into my classroom with a brand new rolling desk chair as a donation to me. It was so gracious and definitely unexpected.

"They have such big hearts and love our students and school! Each year

at Christmas, they give every student in their class a Christmas card with a \$2 bill inside, which many students would never see otherwise. They also provide the teacher of the classes they sponsor a significant amount of money to buy books at each book fair for their students and classroom. They are remarkable and deserve to win this award."

Merry Christmas candidates announced at Purdy High School



The Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas Coronation at Purdy High School will take place between JV and Varsity . Basketball Games on Friday, December 18th.

The JV game is currently

scheduled to begin at 5 PM in the high school gym.

The names and photos of candidates for Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas are shown above.







LECOMPTE from FRONT

said. "I also want to put some time in working in the store.

The referenced store, Michael's Hardware, was started by Michael LeCompte several years ago and quickly became a staple in the community.

LeCompte's resignation becomes effective January 31, 2021.

"I expect Governor Parson will appoint someone to fill my position based on recommendations made by the Republican Central Committee," she said.

LeCompte says she has every confidence that the staff in the clerk's office, Kimi Deal and Deputy Clerk Joyce Ennis, will be able to take care of business just fine without her.

"If I want to help out as an election volunteer, they might even let me," LeCompte said.



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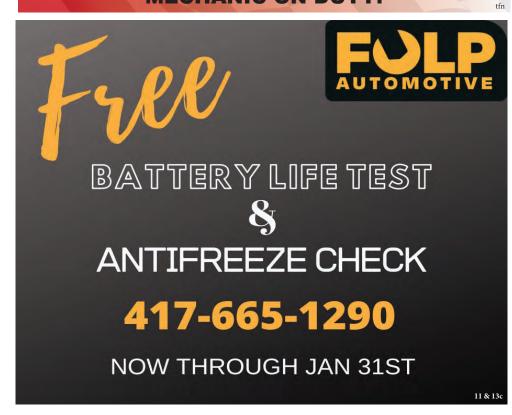
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CHARLES HAMILTON **SICKLES**

Charles Hamilton Sickles, age 89, of Seligman, passed away on Thursday, December 10, 2020. Mr. Sickles, son of Charles and Goldie Sickles, was born on August 13, 1931, in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. On September 7, 1952, he was united in marriage to Norma Barnett in Canton, Ohio; she preceded him in death on July 24, 2013.

Mr. Sickles worked several jobs throughout his life, including a journeyman meat cutter, an employee at Union Rock in Phoenix, Arizona, a bus driver for the Rogers, Arkansas, School District, and housekeeping supervisor at St. Mary's Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas. Charles was a God fearing man who loved the Lord and was always praying for his family, friends, and for the needs of others; he attended Corinth Baptist Church in Cassville. He had a huge heart, was very

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generous, and would always put others before himself. Charles enjoyed gardening, watching the Atlanta Braves and Diamondback baseball and loved spending time with his family. He played an important part in so many lives and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include one son, Bill Sickles and his wife, Lisa, of Washburn; three daughters, Susan Pifer and her husband, Steve, of Garfield, Arkansas, and Shelly Wallace and her husband, Marty, and Kathy Still and her husband, Paul, all of Seligman; twelve grandchildren, Bryan Ennes, Derrick Ennes, Austin Ennes, Tommy Sickles, Travis Sickles, Tyler Wallace, Johnathon Wolf, Emily Wolf, Jacob Wolf, Lilly Wolf, Eithan Still, and Evan Still; great-grandchildren, Evan Ennes, Brayden Ennes, Whitney Schumacker, and Harper Wallace; two brothers, Cliff Sickles and his wife, Donna, of Vancouver, Washington, and Karl Sickles and his significant other, Tina, of Phoenix, Arizona; two sisters, Lajean Simington, of Glendale, Arizona, and AnnaMae Cummins, of Hilliard, Ohio; his sister in-law, Anita Barnett, of Economy, Pennsylvania; several nieces and nephew; and special family friend and caregiver, Nancy Skinkis.

In addition to his par-

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ents and wife, Charles was preceded in death by an one infant daughter; a brother, Howard Sickles; two sisters, Hazel Kent and Betty Grossenbacher; and brother inlaw, Dave Barnett.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at the Corinth Baptist Church in Cassville with Pastor Donnie Spears and Pastor Glen Erwin officiating.

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





PEGGY DEAN EDIE

Peggy Dean Edie, age 76, of Exeter, passed away Friday, December 11, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Cassville.

She was born March 11, 1944, in Washburn, the daughter of Leon and Mary Ruth (Prewitt) Stephens. On September 1, 1962, in Exeter, she was united in marriage to Doyle Edie; they shared 58 wonderful years. Doyle survives. Also surviving are one son, Robert Edie and his wife, Angie, of Cassville; one daughter, Melissa Garrison and her husband, Shawn, of Exeter; one brother, Eddie Stephens and his wife, Debbie, of Carthage; one sister, Nita Bradford, of Cassville; five grandchildren, Veronica Hutchens and her husband, Ryan, of Cassville, Nathaniel Stepp of Exeter, Gail Herrick and her husband, Kyle, of Blue Springs, Sara Stepp, of Exeter, and Payton Horner, of Cassville; and five greatgrandchildren, Carson, Sky-Lynn, Scarlett, Cameron and Milo and on the way is Baby

Preceding her in death were her parents and three brothers, Leon in infancy, Donnie and James.

Peggy grew up and received her education at Washburn and graduated from Southwest High School. After she and Doyle married, they made their home in Exeter. She began working at Jumping Jacks and was still working there when it changed to U.S. Shoe and later Justin Boot, retiring as lead lady in the packing department. She was a longstanding member of First Baptist Church in Exeter. While she and Doyle worked for First Baptist Church in Cassville, she received the title as "The Cookie Maker".

Peggy was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She will be remembered as compassionate, hard-working and kind.

Services were held Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at Exeter First Baptist Church under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Jerry Yarnall conducted the services. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter.

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RONDA KAY PIPPIN

Ronda Kay Pippin, age 62, of Seligman, passed away Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at Freeman Hospital in Neosho.

She was born June 26, 1958, in Cassville, the daughter of Bobby and Sarah Catherine "Cathy" (DeWitt) Bruton, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death was one brother, Carl Bruton.

Surviving are one son, Travis Bruton and his wife, Ashley, of Rogersville; one daughter, Sarah Greenstreet and her husband, Jason, of Neosho; five sisters, Brenda Williams and her husband, Steve, of Oronogo, Glenda Barger and her husband, Gerald, of Monett, Vonda Bruton ,of Seligman, Lora Bruton and Donnie Shelley, of Butterfield, and Bobbie Perpich and her husband, Duane, of Athens, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Ryan and Jordan Greenstreet and Devin and Makayla Senteno.

Ronda grew up and received her education in Washburn and graduated from Southwest High School. Most of her life was spent in southwest Missouri. For several years, she was employed at George's. She was a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church. Some of her favorite pastimes were cross stitching, doing word searches

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm

and working puzzles. Ronda loved dogs.

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. today, Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Randy Harris will conduct the services. Burial will be at Antioch Cemetery in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Haven Of The Ozarks in memory of Ronda. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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RALPH LEGALE WOFFORD

Ralph LeGale Wofford, age 92, of Cassville, passed away Sunday, December 6, 2020, at his home.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, December 20, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Graveside services will be held at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

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KEITH BROWN

Keith Brown, age 64, of Wheaton, passed away Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 5:30 a.m. at Mercy Hospital in Joplin after a short illness with COVID. He was born July 8, 1956, in Orlando, Florida, to Ray and Edna (Hazelwood) Brown; she survives. On April 15, 1977, he was united in marriage to Debbie (Robbins) Brown. She also survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Christy Bray and her husband, Randall, of Diamond; one grandson, Michael Bray, of Diamond; two granddaughters, Teagan Obannon and her husband, Blane, of Springdale, Arkansas, and Morgan Bray, of Goodman; and one great-grandson, Tate Obannon, with another great grandchild on the way. He is survived by his brother, Gary Brown and his wife, Karen, of Monett, and one sister, Evelyn Brattin, of Exeter.

Keith was employed by Regal Beloit of Cassville where he had been for fortyfour years and was still there at this time. Keith loved hunting, fishing, stock car races and going to the cafe in Wheaton every weekend for coffee. He enjoyed visiting with all the "old timers". His most favorite pastime was going to watch his daughter and grandson play sports. Keith and Debbie were very fortunate. They were able to watch every game that Christy and Michael participated in and never missed a one. Keith and an old friend, Larry Butler, were able to coach their daughters for thirteen years of summer softball. They both enjoyed every minute of it and were praised from many schools for winning twelve out of thirteen years. He enjoyed watching the races in the summer, where his nephew raced a lot of weekends.

Keith was loved by many friends and family and will be sadly missed.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; his dad, Ray; and his sister, Sharon.

Services were held at 2:00

p.m. Monday, December 14, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Danny Heupel conducted the services. Burial was at Corinth Cemetery in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to the family in memory of Keith.

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DAVID B. MCGEE

David B. McGee, age 71, of Springfield, passed away Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Graveside services with military honors were held Monday, December 14, 2020, at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter. Pastor Christopher Dixon with West Finley Baptist Church conducted the services.

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ROBERT D. MILLS

Robert D. Mills, 88, of Monett, died on December 13, 2020.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday,

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December 18, 2020, at Maplewood Cemetery, Exeter. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



ROBERTA ANN "BOBBI" (YOUNG) COSSEY

"Bobbi" Roberta Ann (Young) Cossey, age 76, of Purdy, passed away on Thursday, December 9, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield after a short illness. Bobbi, daughter of Leslie Harrold and Mabel Irene (McDonald) Young, was born on July 6, 1944, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On February 14, 1981, she was united in marriage to Doyle A. Cossey in New Buffalo, Michigan; he preceded her in death on August 23, 2009. She attended the Church of the Nazarene in Monett, where she taught children's Sunday school for

many years. Bobbi was an avid student and researcher of the Bible and participated in numerous Bible studies over the years, sometimes attending two studies a week. She was a passionate book lover, reader, and enjoyed all types of literature. Bobbi was active in the community including volunteering to read to children at the public library. She absolutely loved animals, having several dogs and cats over the years and spent time training a horse for a friend. Bobbi was a talented artist and enjoyed painting, ceramics, and pencil drawing. She was gifted in many ways and she loved to share her passions with others, including her friendship. Bobbi will be greatly missed by those who got to know her

Bobbi had a deep faith in God, and she was continually seeking to know her Savior more. "We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1Thessalonians 1:3)

Bobbi is survived by her closest friend and faithful

companion, Boo, a Corgi-Poodle mix; three special friends, Becky Zahradka, of Purdy, and Tim Douglas and his wife, Annette, of Pierce City; her nieces and nephews, Nancy (Steve) Ringen and their daughter Brianna, of Butterfield, Minnesota, Melissa (Jack) Standish, of Hermiston, Oregon, Jason (Lisa) Young and their children Ally, Jamie, and Daniel, Justin Young, of Dallas, Texas, Lloyd Moore, Jr., of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Robert Moore, of Buffalo, Minnesota, Earl (Sue) Moore, of Howard Lake, Minnesota, Linda (Terry) White, of Auburn, Washington, Dawn (Rod) Friese, of Spokane, Washington; and Doyle's family, Nona (Clarence) Merrell, of Lacota, Michigan; Patsy (Randal) Isom, of Atkins, Arkansas, Betty (Marty) Hambright, also of Atkins, Arkansas, Doris (Larry) Chase, of Paw Paw, Michigan, Arnold Cossey, of Fennville, Michigan, Billy (Glenda) Cossey, of Lacota, Michigan, and Alton Cossey, of Gobles, Michigan, and several nieces and neph-

In addition to her parents and husband, Bobbi was preceded in death by her brother, Leslie A. Young; her sister, Louise Moore; and her four precious dogs, Toby, Tucker,

Abby, and Sadie.

"For as in Adam all die, so Christ all will be made alive." (1Corinthians 15:22 NIV) It doesn't indemnify us against grief...it does however take faith to depths where hope begins to poke through the heartache.

Memorial services will be held at 3:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, with Pastor Bob Shipp officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at the funeral

A private gathering for family and friends will be held at a later date in Atkins, Arkansas and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International or to the Haven of the Ozarks and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

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







The Family of James J.D. Rose

would like to thank everyone who sent cards, provided food, flowers, prayers and donated to our church's building fund. Your thoughts and prayers have given us the strength to get through this difficult time. We are so grateful for the folks at Fohn's for their compassion and care of our loved one and for being there for us in every way. A special thanks to the VFW post #4207 and the Airman from Whiteman AFB for the military honors for J.D. Our heartfelt gratitude also to the Integrity Hospice staff and the nurses who took such great care of J.D. during his illness. A big thank you to the folks at Mission Baptist church for providing our dinner on Saturday and for the many acts of love and for Pastor Dayton who comforted us with his message of hope. Special thanks to Mandy Henry and our awesome praise team for blessing us with J.D.'s favorite song. We are so blessed to live in a wonderful and caring community.

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90th birthday



Donna Sipes will celebrate her 90th birthday on December 24, 2020. If you would like to help her celebrate, please send her a card at 100 Lori Lane, Purdy, MO 65734.



JOHN BYRON

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JAMES CALVIN "JIM" **RATHBURN**

James Calvin "Jim" Rathburn, 82, of Springdale, Ark., died Tuesday, December 8,

Visitation will begin at 9

a.m. followed by a funeral at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 17, 2020, at Salem Lutheran Church, Springdale, Ark. Burial with military honors will be 1 p.m. at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery near Purdy.

Arrangements with Heritage Funeral Home, Springdale, Ark.



MARY "BETTY" **MILLER**

Mary "Betty" Miller, age 96, of Cassville, passed away Sunday, December 13, 2020.

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, December 18, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Donnie Spears will conduct the services. Burial will be at Corinth Cemetery in Cass-

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TUTTI VOGEL-HOWARD

Vogel-Howard passed away Dec. 10, 2020.

A private ceremony will be held with immediate family. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

OPAL CAROLINE WILSON

Opal Caroline Wilson, age 90, of Shell Knob, passed away Friday, December 11, 2020, in Eagle Rock.

Services will be held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, December 19, 2020, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. The family will receive

friends from 12:00 until 1:00 P.M. Saturday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for

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Warm up with a rich, chocolate beverage

Nothing beats sipping a hot, soothing beverage after a day of choosing the perfect Christmas tree or lobbing snowballs in the backyard. Teas, hot toddies, coffees, and mulled ciders certainly can fit the bill, but a mug of rich hot chocolate is a holiday season staple.

Hot chocolate can be whipped up quickly from premade packets, but many such packets are loaded with sugar. Chocolate lovers should have a reliable hot chocolate recipe to lean on when the moment is right. This recipe for "Real Hot Chocolate" from "Chocolate" (Parragon) by the editors of Love Food is sure to please.

Real Hot Chocolate

Serves 1 to 2

1-1/2 ounces semisweet chocolate, broken into pieces 1-1/4 cups milk

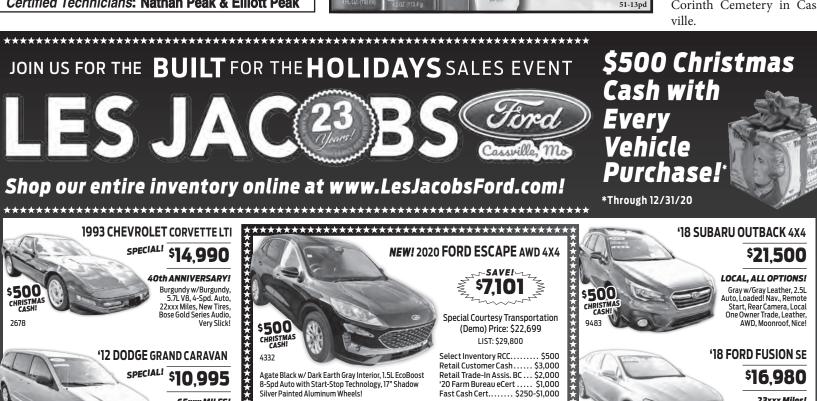
Chocolate curls to deco-

Place the chocolate in a large, heatproof pitcher. Place the milk in a heavy-bottom saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour about one-quarter of the milk onto the chocolate and leave until the chocolate has softened.

Whisk the milk and chocolate mixture until smooth. Return the remaining milk to the heat and return to a boil, then pour onto the chocolate, whisking constantly.

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fice and fill out a registration form, along with a wish list for each of their children," she said. "We then create an ornament for each child with each of their wishes. The ornaments are then hung on trees in area businesses and organizations who would like to be a sponsor of the project.

"Individuals or businesses can then take as few or as many of the ornaments from the trees as they'd like to and purchase the items wished for on the ornaments. Gifts are picked up and delivered to a central location by some of our volunteers, then sorted and prepared for distribution by other volunteers.

"The whole Share Your Christmas project is like a gigantic jigsaw puzzle, with every participant representing a piece of the puzzle," Reed continued.

Roxie Tucker, another volunteer, explained a fundamental part of the community project.

'The Mister and Miss Merry Christmas candidates at Cassville High School," she said, "actively fund-raise for Share Your Christmas on a voluntary basis. This was the school's idea of a way to participate in Share Your Christmas many years ago. Yes, businesses donate aside from the candidates, but the Merry Christmas candidates solicit donations as part of their role. The candidates who raise the most money become Mister and Miss Merry Christmas.

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different due to COVID-19, so we are extending the deadline for fundraising into January this year, with much of it being done virtually," she

Roxie Tucker, a Miss Merry Christmas candidate herself 27 years ago, was the top fundraiser that year.

According to Gail Reed, younger kids who are beneficiaries typically ask for toys which are easily purchased, but older kids are more difficult to buy for, so families are issued vouchers with which to purchase desired Christmas gifts for older children. Cash raised through fundraising and by donations from organizations go toward these vouchers.

Toys are not the only de-

sires filled by Share Your Christmas. According to Gail Reed, First Baptist Church in Cassville provides baskets containing hygiene and household sanitation prod-

Families who have registered for Share Your Christmas will first pick up hygiene baskets from First Baptist Church, then make a second stop at Cassville's First United Methodist Church where toys have been sorted and bundled - to pick up those gifts from their children's wish lists.

"This year," Bobbie Tucker said, "since we didn't know for sure how the project would work in light of COV-ID-19 restrictions, we mailed out a flyer to members of the Cassville Chamber and businesses who have participated in the past. The response has been overwhelming. We've even had one new partici-

pant send gifts without being solicited."

For those interested in being a part of Share Your Christmas, please contact

Gail Reed at the Cassville OACAC office, at 417-847-

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