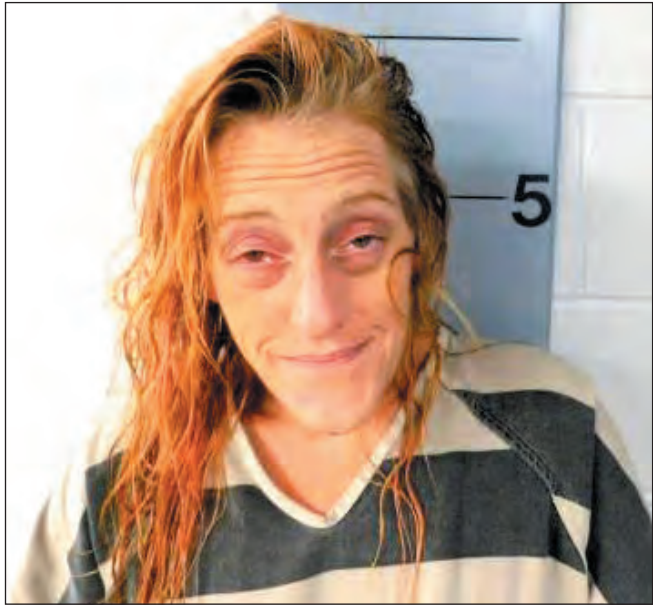


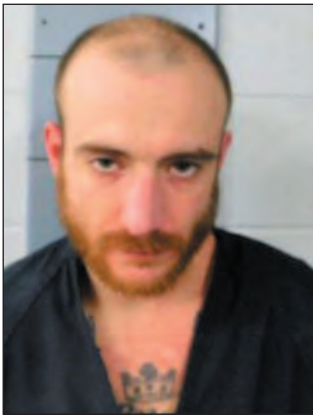
# Three people arrested in New Year's Day drug bust



Rebekah Penney, 44



Shown above, drugs and paraphernalia confiscated during a New Year's day arrest in Cassville.



Paul Miller, 32



Anthony Pagano, 52

Sheila Harris

According to a press release issued Monday by the Barry County Sheriff's Office, three people at 1645 Schell Street in Cassville were arrested January 1 for the alleged unlawful possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia and a firearm.

According to the press

release, on January 1, 2021, at approximately 9:18 p.m., Barry County Deputy Noah Whitehead, along with Cassville Officer Justin Dunivant, attempted to serve a felony warrant at 1645 Schell Street to Anthony Pagano after he failed to appear at an arraignment scheduled for December 22, 2020.

Officer Dunivant knocked on the door. Pagano allegedly answered officers, but would not open the door.

According to a probable cause statement filed by Deputy Whitehead - signed on January 2 and filed on January 4 - Officer Dunivant then made a call to Barry County Prosecuting Attorney Amy

Boxx to request a search warrant for the residence. According to the probable cause statement, Officer Dunivant told the prosecutor he was sure Pagano was inside the house, because his car was on the premises, and he recognized Pagano's voice from previous encounters.

Officer Dunivant was

then allegedly advised that they had enough probable cause to enter the residence without a search warrant.

According to his statement, Deputy Whitehead also put in a call to Sheriff Danny Boyd, who advised him that if he was 100 per-

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## Cox Monett announces First Baby of 2021



Above, Juan and Blanca Guadarrama hold their newborn son, Jonathan, Cox Monett's First Baby of 2021.

It's a boy!

Cox Monett's first baby of 2021 arrived on Jan. 2 to claim the official title of New Year's baby.

Juan and Blanca Guadarrama welcomed baby Jonathan into the world at 1:32 p.m.

At birth, the baby clocked in at a healthy seven pounds and 15 ounces, and measured 21 inches long.

Jonathan's mom said, "I'm excited to have the first baby of the New Year. I never expected this."

Little Jonathan will be welcomed home by his three big brothers, Juan (11), Brandon (7), and James (4).

This is the last New Year's baby to be born at Cox Monett's current location. The new hospital in Monett is set to open at 6 p.m. on Jan. 22 at 1000 E. Highway 60.

Cox Monett presented a gift basket to the Guadarrama family in honor of their new baby. It included a plush toy, rattle, diapers, and books.



Above, Jonathan Guadarrama, Cox Monett's First Baby of 2021, sleeps peacefully.

## "Flapper" dress display enlivens museum

At right, Abby Buntin prepares to hang over a new display featuring dresses from the Roaring Twenties at the Barry County Museum.

Sheila Harris

The "Roaring Twenties" were notorious for many changes in American culture, including a drastic reduction in the yardage used for women's dresses.

"Women's dresses got shorter in the 1920s," Schrediah Mahurin, of the Barry County Museum, said.

According to one source, hemlines gradually rose until they reached knee-height by 1925. Not only did dresses shorten, but they also nar-

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## Three retire from Security Bank and Security Insurance



Bert Cross retired from Security Bank of Exeter December 31, 2020.

Sheila Harris

Three employees of Security Bank and Security Insurance decided 2021 was a good year to make new beginnings.

Bert Cross, an employee of Security Bank in Exeter for 30 years, says it's been her longest-lasting place of employment.

"Before I went to work for the bank, my kids accused me of being a job-hopper," she said. "I've demonstrated vacuum cleaners, worked for a temp service, a bowling alley and a print shop."

After retirement, Cross hopes to spend more time with her granddaughter and get involved in some volunteer work.

"Right now, retirement feels sort of surreal," she said. "I'm going to miss my co-workers and customers, but maybe my house will finally get a deep-cleaning after 30



Jeanette Doty retired from Security Insurance in Cassville December 31, 2020.

years."

Jeanette Doty began working for Security Bank in Cassville as a teller in 1989.

"I was the first employee Gary Fields hired after Security Bank was formed the previous year," she said.

In 2001, Doty had the idea of opening an insurance company under Security's name.

"If insurance companies can operate banks, I didn't see why a bank couldn't also run an insurance company," she said.

Thus, Security Insurance was formed.

After retirement, Doty hopes to do a lot of traveling, beginning with a trip out west when COVID lightens up.

"Beaches are one of my favorite travel destinations," she said.

For her send-off event, her coworkers at Security Insurance arranged a beach scene, complete with simulated lighting, as a back-drop for the traditional refreshments served.

In addition to traveling,



Lindy Lombard retired from Security Bank in Cassville December 31, 2020.

Doty hopes to spend more time with her family, including her father, her children and grandkids.

"I'll miss my customers and the people I work with," Doty said, "but I'm excited about retiring."

Lindy Lombard, of Security Bank in Cassville, was hired as a loan officer by Gary Fields in 1992.

"After retirement, I hope to relax a little and enjoy my kids and grandkids," he said.

"I'll probably be helping my wife out at Angel Tree Floral, too," he added.

Lombard, who is the chief for the Wheaton Fire Protection District and also runs a mowing service, is sure he'll continue to stay busy.

"I'm thankful to Gary Fields for the opportunity to become a part of Security Bank," he said. "It's been a great 28-year journey. We have wonderful customers, and I really enjoy the relationships I've made through the years. I'm going to miss both the customers and the employees."

## COVID-19 active cases increase

Sheila Harris

The January 5 COVID-19 situational update from the Barry County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management reports 137 active cases of the virus in the county, nearly double the 73 reported last week.

One additional death was reported, a male age 61 or older, with underlying health conditions. His death brings the county's total to 45 due to complications of COVID-19 since testing and reporting began.

Death rates are continuing to rise in surrounding counties as well, with Lawrence County reporting ten additional deaths since last week. Stone County reported one additional death; McDonald County reported three additional deaths; and Newton County reported 12.

The current number of confirmed cases in Barry County is at 2,526 as of January 5, up 130 from last week. Of those cases, 2,344 people have recovered, six are hospitalized, 137 are in isolation with active cases, over 200 are in quarantine, and 45 have died.

The positivity rate in Barry County currently stands at 14.3 percent, up from last week's 14 percent.

## Access Family Care offers free COVID-19 testing

ACCESS Family Care is hosting a free community Covid testing event this Saturday in Cassville. The testing will be available in a drive-through setting Saturday, January 9, 2021, from 09 a.m. to 01 p.m.

Testing will be at their Cassville Clinic at 4016 Main Street.

You must pre-register. To register, please visit the following page: <https://mako.exchange/scheduler/registration/?location=2738>.

## CBCO offers incentive to convalescent plasma donors

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks, in Springfield, is asking area residents who have recovered from COVID-19 to consider donating their plasma to the center for use in the treatment of patients currently fighting the virus.

According to the post, convalescent plasma donated to CBCO from patients diagnosed with COVID-19 since July 1, 2020, will be used to treat COVID patients in local hospitals.

Donors must be consid-

## Commission awards CARES funds

Sheila Harris

Monday, December 28, the Barry County Commission awarded the following organizations CARES Act funds in the amounts shown:

- Cassville Chamber of Commerce: \$4,000
- Cox Monett Hospital: \$74,935.62
- Cassville YMCA: \$27,022.07
- Drury University, Monett campus: \$311.73
- Habitat for Humanity, Monett/Purdy: \$11,700
- Monett Area YMCA: \$65,853.92
- Shell Knob Chamber: \$12,335.13
- UMC Food Pantry: \$8,700.

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## MU Extension offers online hemp workshop

University of Missouri Extension offers a virtual workshop about industrial hemp 12:30-2:30 p.m. Jan., 11-15.

Topics include a legislative summary and regulatory update, agronomic practices and pests, uses for hemp, crop enterprise budgets, and processing and contracts.

Presenters include MU Extension specialists, CBD-hemp growers and processors, processors from the Tiger Fiber Hemp Co., and

speakers from the Missouri Department of Agriculture and Lincoln University.

For details and registration, go to [extension.missouri.edu/events/industrial-hemp-workshop-virtual](https://extension.missouri.edu/events/industrial-hemp-workshop-virtual) or contact MU Extension in Miller County at 573-369-2394.

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## Federal funds available for local food and shelter programs

OACAC Ozark Area Community Action Corp. has been awarded federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

OACAC has been chosen to receive \$12,034 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in this county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consist of re[representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; national Council of the Churches in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide. The local Board was changed to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local Board made up of (the Mayor, United Way, et al.) will determine how the funds awarded to OACAC are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local services in the area. The local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, Local agency chosen to recife funds must: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds 3) have an accounting system 4) practice nondiscrimination 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying are urged to apply.

OACAC has distributed Emergency food and Shelter funds previously with Cassville Pantry participating. These agencies were responsible for providing Central Community United Methodist Church and River of Faith participating. These agencies were responsible for providing food, utilities and rent.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Gail Reed 10826 Farm road 2172, Cassville, MO, 65625, (417) 847-2140, for an application. The deadline for receipt of applications is January 19, 2021.

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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 and email address to [verna@blrlibrary.org](mailto:verna@blrlibrary.org).

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.

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.

Jan. 8

Southwest Band and Color Guard Winter Program will meet at the high school gym at 6 P.M.

Jan. 28

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Cassville PR-IN-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or mini cini, sausage patty, pears or cereal, granola bar, pineapple. L: tangerine chicken or chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, egg roll, fortune cookie, mandarin oranges. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, Go-gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, blueberry muffin, mandarin oranges. L: burrito or chicken quesadilla, nachos, refried beans, pears. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, pears or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, peaches. L: spaghetti or popcorn chicken, salad, broccoli & cheese, bread stick, peaches. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, graham cracker, peaches or cereal, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail. L: turkey sandwich or BBQ pork rib, sour cream chips, baked beans, juice. Fri: b: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, tropical fruit or cereal, Pop-Tart, apple. L: pizza or chicken alfredo, salad, green beans, graham crackers, fruit cocktail.

Purdy: Mon: B: bacon, eggstravaganza, fruit. L: mandarin chicken, brown rice, California blend, fruit. Tues: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: chili, crackers, string cheese, baby carrots, fruit. Wed: B: pancakes, syrup, fruit. L: chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit. Thurs: B: strawberry mini bagel, fruit. L: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage links, hash brown potatoes, fruit. Fri: B: blueberry muffin, fruit. L: BBQ rib sandwich, Sun Chips, baked beans, fruit.

Southwest: Mon: B: chicken & biscuit, apple slices, juice. L: chicken strips, ketchup, corn, biscuit, strawberry cup. Tues: B: french toast sticks, cinnamon applesauce cup, juice. L: pizza crunchers, celery with peanut butter, fruit cocktail. Wed: B: biscuit, pepper gravy, grapes, juice. L: beef & bean burrito, Spanish rice, nacho cheese and chips, pineapple. Thurs: B: cereal, orange wedges, mozz. cheese stick, juice. L: chili, crackers, pb&j, baby carrots, cherry cobbler. Fri: B: ham & hashbrown sandwich, ketchup, grapes, juice. L: hot dog, ketchup, baked beans, cole slaw, tater wedges, grapes.

Is it safe to donate blood during the pandemic?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is safe for anyone who is well to donate blood.

Donating blood is a selfless act that saves lives. Blood donors may recognize the vital role they play in patient care, but many may wonder if it's safe to donate blood during the pandemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is safe for anyone who is well to donate blood. That even goes for people who are social distancing due to COVID-19. The CDC has recommended various safety measures to ensure the safety of donors and donation center volunteers and staff members. Such measures include spacing donor chairs at least six feet apart and encouraging donors to make donation appointments ahead of time. Appointments can ensure donors are not spending more time at the donation center than is absolutely necessary, reducing the likelihood that they have contact with someone who may have COVID-19 but not know it. In addition, the Red Cross notes it has instituted additional safety protocols, such as laundering blankets used by donors after each use and requiring all donors and donation center staff to wear face coverings or masks during the donation process.

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Dr. Mark Costley

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Dr. Mark Costley has been part of rural health care since before he was born – literally.

Dr. Costley, CoxHealth's Medical Director of Regional Services, was born at Cox Monett Hospital – back when it was St. Vincent's Hospital – in 1954. That day led to a childhood spent in the rural Missouri community, a career as a physician leader, and ultimately, helping other medical students follow similar paths as Associate Dean of the Springfield Clinical Campus of the University of Missouri School of Medicine.

In recognition of his work through the clinical campus, an endowed scholarship from CoxHealth was renamed in his honor as the CoxHealth and Dr. Mark Costley Legacy Scholarship Fund. The change was announced in November 2020 at CoxHealth's Joint Operations Committee meeting.

"I've only been speechless a couple of times, and that was one of them," he says of hearing the news. "I was so shocked and so honored."

Dr. Costley spent the first years of his life in Monett, where he lived on a farm with his parents.

"I learned a lot of values from that," he says.

In high school, he played football – where he was part of the state championship team in 1971 – and thought he wanted to become an engineer. After earning a scholarship to today's Missouri University of Science and Technology, he actually spent a year studying chemical engineering. However, it

was there that he came to a realization.

"I liked science, and I love math – but I also enjoy people," he says.

That awareness was cause for pause, and instead of continuing in his studies in Rolla, he transferred to the University of Missouri Columbia, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Biology and a master's in Physiology. He later graduated from medical school at MU and planned to focus on Family Medicine, which at the time was a new specialty.

"Family Medicine had become fairly organized," he says. "You did all of these rotations and did specialties. It was a concentrated effort to teach you generalities."

He later completed a residency at Duke University, and returned home to care for his friends and neighbors.

After a short stint in Aurora, he went to Monett and opened his own practice in 1985. That practice joined CoxHealth in 1991. There, he continued serving patients until 2015, when after 30 years, he became CoxHealth's Medical Director for Regional Services. It was not an easy decision, especially since he had long known many of his patients, and treated them for years.

"I always knew I was going to see patients every few months and hear what was going on," says Dr. Costley. "By far, losing that contact was the hardest part."

The care of his community is so evident that even today, his wife, Terre, knows she's going to spend far longer in Walmart than the time it takes to buy what she needs.

"She makes me take my own car to Walmart because she knows I'm going to see a lot of people and end up talking to everyone," jokes Dr. Costley.

However, the transition to administration still gave him opportunity to focus on the health of patients throughout the region. The role allowed him to lead big-picture medical decisions and direction for the health system's 80-plus Regional Services clinics -- such as implementation of eye-scanning technology that has likely saved the sight of many across the Ozarks.

It also gave him the chance to do something else: To serve the school which he loved, and help future doctors to learn about caring for patients, especially in rural areas. Because it was during this time that he was asked to be the interim Associate Dean of MU's Springfield Clinical Campus.

"I've always had a passion for the school," he says, noting in the past he served on its Board of Governors, and on the Admissions Committee for the School of Medicine.

In his new role, Dr. Costley was able to help promote the Springfield Clinical Campus, increasing the number of faculty members from local health systems, and sharing the campus's importance to the future of medicine, particularly in this area.

"The statistics show that 41% of medical students stay where they do medical school," he says. "I think it's so important for students to do their residencies and come back."

Dr. Costley wrapped up his

time with the campus in October 2020. It is a season of transition for the physician, who will also retire from CoxHealth in January 2021.

"The school sold itself. We came close to tripling the faculty in the time I was there," he says, and also notes that it went from 19 to 49 students, based on a tiered approach. "They are an incredible group of students."

In honor of his time and work with the campus, CoxHealth leaders moved to rename a scholarship in his name. The \$500,000 endowed fund was given when the campus began in 2016, and supports several students annually.

"Dr. Costley was the perfect person to advance the mission of the Springfield Clinical Campus, and take it to the next level," says Steve Edwards, president and CEO of CoxHealth. "At a time when the campus was at a make-or-break moment, his expertise, dedication, and love for the MU School of Medicine and healthcare, helped secure its future. These efforts, as well as his time in leadership at CoxHealth and as a physician, contribute to a lasting legacy that will impact the region for years to come."

"To this day, I choke up about what an honor it is," says Dr. Costley.

Crowder College Esports Wraps Up Fall Season

Crowder College Esports team wrapped up the fall season with several players placing in the top performers of their respective games. Esports kicked off last spring at Crowder College. Players earning recognition are as follows:

- Melissa Hurtado (Monett) Smash Bros | Eliminated in Round 1 of Playoffs | Top 32 Placement (out of 176)
- Ethan Merino (Joplin) FIFA | Eliminated in Quarter Finals of Playoffs | Top 8 Placement (Out of 25)
- Misael Baltazar (Milan) FIFA | Eliminated in Quarter Finals of Playoffs | Top 8 Placement (Out of 25)
- Giovanni Ramirez (Springdale, AR) Hearthstone | Eliminated in Finals of Playoffs | Top 2 placement (Out of 18)
- Lucas Carter (Carthage)

Fortnite | Placed 6th in final season match out of about 41 players (No tournament for Fortnite)

"I am extremely proud of the work that our athletes have put in this season, both in their respective sports and their studies. I am looking forward to sending even more students to playoffs this spring," said Jackson Lewis, ESports Manager for the Crowder Roughriders.

Esports is a National Junior College Athletic Association sport. Students participating in Esports must be full-time and maintain minimum grade point averages to participate. Crowder College is a member of NJCAA Division I sports offering Men's Baseball, Soccer; Women's Basketball, Softball; and co-ed Esports.

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## Inaugural Dignity Christmas Party in Monett drew community participation



Walk the Line Thrift Store at 3 Dairy Street in Monett hosted a Dignity Christmas Party for area residents in conjunction with Southwest Missouri Coalition of Charities.

The Dignity Christmas Party was a first-time event in Monett and drew much community support from both individuals and businesses.



The Kristek family, above, owners of Walk the Line Thrift Store in Monett, hosted a Dignity Christmas Party, in conjunction with Southwest Missouri Coalition of Charities.

Rachel Luebbering, of Purdy, is the resource coordinator for the Coalition of Charities, and Robyn Chrysler, of Monett, is the executive director.

Robyn Chrysler is shown below, at left, assisting one of the party's attendees.



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## MDC reports 14,555 deer taken by alternative-methods

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that deer hunters in Missouri harvested 14,555 deer during the alternative-methods portion of the firearms deer season, Dec. 26 - Jan. 5. Top harvest counties were Franklin with 318 deer harvested, Callaway with 317, and Osage with 298.

The harvest total for last year's alternative-methods portion was 12,024.

For current ongoing preliminary harvest totals by season, county, and type of deer, visit the MDC website at [extra.mdc.mo.gov/wid-](http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/wid-gets/harvest_table/)

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The archery deer and turkey season runs through Jan. 15.

Find more information on deer hunting from MDC's 2020 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where hunting permits are sold and online at [huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/sites/default/files/downloads/2020FDT.pdf](http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/sites/default/files/downloads/2020FDT.pdf).

### See BUST from FRONT

cent positive that Pagano was inside the house, to proceed with gaining entry.

According to Deputy Whitehead's probable cause statement, the two officers then advised the residents of the home that if they did not open the door, the officers would kick it in. When they received no response from within, Officer Dunivant kicked the door open and the two gained entry into the residence.

According to the statement from the sheriff's office, Deputy Whithead and Officer Dunivant then entered the residence, where they located 52-year-old Anthony Pagano in the bathroom. They also located two other individuals: 44-year-old Rebekah Penney and 32-year-old Paul Miller.

After allegedly seeing what appeared to be narcotics and drug paraphernalia in plain view, the officers applied for a search warrant for the residence.

All three subjects inside the residence were transported to the Barry County

Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold while a search warrant was obtained.

After it was received, the residence was searched. According to the statement from the sheriff's office, officers allegedly located drug paraphernalia (including spoons and smoking pipes), digital scales, a workbench area that had the precursors for making methamphetamine, several pills, three bags of suspected heroin, five small bags containing a white powdery substance suspected to be methamphetamine, several used clear bags with a white powdery residue, one bag containing a crystal-like substance and a shotgun.

The three subjects have each been charged with one count of felony Attempt to Manufacture A Controlled Substance, one count of felony Delivery of a Controlled Substance, six counts of felony Possession of A Controlled Substance, one count of felony Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, one count of misdemeanor Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and one count of misdemeanor Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Rebekah Penney has also been charged with one count of felony Delivering or Concealing Prohibited Articles in the jail.

All three defendants are being held in Barry County Jail, with bond set at \$50,000 each, cash only, for each of them. A bond appearance hearing is scheduled for January 7.

According to newly instated sheriff, Danny Boyd, the New Year's Day arrest just happened to occur on the first day of his new term.

Boyd said he hopes to issue press releases regarding county law enforcement activities in the future, as appropriate.

"I want the citizens of Barry County to know that my deputies are out there working on their behalf," he said.

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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).

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# MPA Legislative Report: 2021 Missouri Legislative Session Issues

The COVID-19 pandemic is still challenging for everyone including legislators and members of the general public. In anticipation of the legislative session, below is a list of probable issues that will face members of the Missouri Senate and the Missouri House of Representatives.

The following report was compiled by Lathrop GPM Consulting for the Missouri Press Association.

**State Budget:** Approving the annual state budget is the most important duty of the Missouri General Assembly, and building the FY 2021-2022 budget, which goes into effect July 1, will be closely watched. Gov. Mike Parson (R) signed the state's current \$35 billion budget in June. The Governor immediately restricted approximately \$480 million and has released about half of that amount so far this year. This year is a complicated budget cycle for several reasons. First, COVID-19 and CARES Act funding have been at the forefront. While the state has received about \$2 billion in CARES Act relief, little of it can be used to fund budget holes. Second, the consensus revenue estimate (CRE) that is used as the estimate for general revenue collections has been set at \$9.78 billion or a 4.1 percent decrease from FY 21. This is due to pushing the IRS tax deadline to July 15, 2020 (the number for FY 21 was \$10.2 billion and is artificially high). And third, new mandatory spending for Medicaid expansion is needed and the money will have to come from somewhere. We will monitor and keep you informed as the budget is developed.

**Medicaid Expansion Funding/Cost Containment:** Accessibility and affordability to healthcare are a top challenge in Missouri. Missouri joined 37 states, including Washington, DC, who have adopted Medicaid expansion. In August, Missourians passed the Medicaid expansion ballot initiative by a 53.25 percent to 46.75 percent margin.

Gov. Parson said he would expand Medicaid if that is what Missouri voters say they want. The ballot measure requires Missouri state government to provide Medicaid for persons less than 65 years old whose incomes are equal to or below 138 percent of the official poverty line as set forth in the Affordable Care Act. As many as 200,000 Missourians will get new coverage. The General Assembly will determine how and to what level it will be funded. The estimates are anywhere between \$200-300 million dollars. The General Assembly is also considering some reform measures including use of the Federal Reimbursement Allowance, move certain programs to managed care, cut back on out-of-state patient benefits, and/or reviewing reimbursement rates.

**Gaming, Video Lottery Terminals, Sports Betting:** After many bills were filed last session, the General Assembly has already filed legislation dealing with lottery terminals, illegal gaming, betting on sporting events and other related issues during pre-filing. Two bills have been filed regarding illegal video gaming machines and how to resolve the ongoing issue that has resulted in at least one guilty verdict in Missouri. The current bills provide an enforcement process that would give authority to the Gaming Commission and to the Alcohol Tobacco Control to remove these machines and take action against establishments' liquor and lottery licenses. Three bills have been filed regarding sports wagering, and while all three have different taxation rates, all three allow wagering on a casino riverboat or over the internet. The last couple of bills would allow for a pilot project to legalize video lottery terminals by number and the number of establishments they could be located in. With the revenue issues plaguing the state, this may be the year that a gaming compromise is made.

**Cable Franchise Fee Reduction:** The effort to address re-

lief for the cable industry by reducing franchise fees is entering its third session. Bills have been filed in the Senate and the House, along the lines of where the bills ended last session, that would provide relief for cable companies and the payment of franchise fees to municipalities. Legislation sets out what type of items are eligible to determine payment, reduces the video service provider fee from five percent to two and one-half percent over five years, and establishes the "Task Force on the Future of Right-Of-Way Management and Taxation." The task force is to consider best methods for right-of-way management, taxation of video services, and the future revenue needs of municipalities and political subdivisions as such revenue relates to video services.

**Education Issues:** Education reform and K-12 public school funding generally garner the most attention every year; add in COVID-19, virtual learning, and CARES Act funding and the 2021 legislative session may be the largest K-12 legislative year in recent history. We expect many of the same issues from the 2020 session to resurface in 2021, including:

**Funding the Foundation Formula:** In 2019, public school funding for K-12 education received a \$60 million increase. We fully expect the formula to receive full funding this session for the Fiscal Year 2021 state operating budget. There has been some discussion around property taxes and local funding of K-12 education and the need to start to consider revisions to the Foundation Formula.

**Public Charter School Expansion:** Missouri currently allows public charter schools in the metropolitan school districts of St. Louis City and Kansas City. Legislation has been filed for several years

that would expand the districts eligible and create additional safeguards to close poorly performing schools.

**Empowerment Scholarship Accounts:** Legislation was debated in 2019 and 2020 in the General Assembly that would allow students to attend a school of their choice through a \$50 million tax-credit-funded scholarship program.

**COVID-19/Virtual Learning and Learning Loss:** Bills have been introduced regarding what every school district is facing this year. This includes options for transfer if your district is doing virtual learning, attendance calculations for virtual learning, assessments, substitute teaching, and reading programs.

The ability for school districts to share superintendents and allow children to go to multiple districts for summer school. Child restraint legislation is filed again this session to address concerns regarding the use of restraints and seclusion rooms.

**Redistricting of Congressional and Legislative Districts:** Redistricting is the process by which new congressional and state legislative district boundaries are drawn. All U.S. Representatives and state legislators are elected from political divisions called districts. District lines are redrawn every 10 years following completion of the U.S. census. Missouri Constitutional Amendment 3, relating to redistricting and placed on the Nov. 3, 2020 ballot by legislators, became a highly controversial issue a few months ago leading up to the election. The amendment made changes in regulating the General Assembly and modified redistricting methods in Article III of the state's constitution. The approval by voters of Amendment 3 eliminated the position of "non-partisan state demog-

rapher" whose task would have been to draw state legislative districts. Removal of the post of "non-partisan state demographer" gives all redistricting responsibility to existing commissions, renamed as the House Independent Bipartisan Citizens Commission and the Senate Independent Bipartisan Citizens Commission. Redistricting process will soon begin and is necessary to end prior to the 2022 elections for U.S. Congress and elections for seats in the Missouri General Assembly.

**COVID-19 Liability Protections for Businesses:** A special session of the Missouri General Assembly called by Governor Parson was expanded in November 2020, and debate began in committee on proposed legislation to provide liability protection during a declared state of emergency for health care providers, manufacturers, businesses, schools, churches, and non-profit organizations, among others. Business protection legislation, expected to be a top priority in 2021, has been pre-filed. So far, Missouri has done nothing to help protect businesses. But that is not the case in dozens of other states. According to the Missouri Chamber

of Commerce and Industry, many business leaders are concerned they could be targeted in lawsuits that allege someone contracted the virus on their premises. Today, such lawsuits can move forward in Missouri regardless of whether businesses are taking proper precautions against virus transmission. While Missouri has waited, many states have acted. All but one of Missouri's neighboring states enacted some form of COVID-19 liability protections in 2020.

**Initiative Petition Reform:** A repeat is expected of the 2020 legislative session when several bills were introduced to reform Missouri's initiative petition laws. Already more than a dozen bills in the Senate and the House of Representatives have been pre-filed for consideration in 2021 in what is sure to be a controversial issue. Under current law, initiative petitions proposing constitutional amendments on the ballot shall be signed by 8 percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the state's eight Congressional districts. One pre-filed constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, requires such petitions to be signed by 15

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FLAPPERS from FRONT



Shown above, part of the Roaring Twenties dress collection on display at the Barry County Museum.

rowed. Corsets and crino-lines, staple undergarments of the Victorian fashion era, were ditched in favor of a natural, loose-fitting, yet body-hugging, look, with much the look and feel of a chemise, another Victorian undergarment: the one worn closest to the skin. The new dress fashions were adopted primarily by young women, many of whom also bobbed their hair, exercised their newly-won right to vote, took up smoking, driving and dancing the Charleston in clandestine urban speakeasies, where the sale of liquor was forbidden, but was sold to patrons nevertheless.

These women, who became known as “flappers,” created a cultural genre, an image of which can easily be called to mind 100 years later.

In commemoration of that era, the Barry County Museum is featuring a new display of 15 flapper dresses

from the 1920s, donated by a museum patron who has collected them over the years. Adorned with jewels, sequins, embroidery and pin-tucks, the dresses are classic examples of those worn by female movie stars and attendees of speakeasies of the Roaring Twenties.

Schrediah Mahurin pointed out the knee high (or higher) slits on many of the dresses.

“Those weren’t just to raise eyebrows,” she said. “They allowed the wearers of the dresses to dance the Charleston and the Fox Trot with ease. Both dances required lots of leg movement.”

Historians speculate that the women’s suffrage movement, culminating in the ratification of 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1919, which granted women the right to vote, contributed to their newfound sense of freedom.



Shown above, part of the dress collection from the Roaring Twenties on display at the Barry County Museum.

Purdy Students receive medals



Three Purdy High School Students received medals for their award-winning entries into the Southern Media Showcase, hosted by Missouri Southern State University and held before Christmas break. Purdy High School Business and Technology Teacher Emily Brewer noted, “The Media Showcase draws submissions from many schools in the area, including those much bigger than Purdy. I am so proud of my students!” Purdy Medalists are pictured from left: Alli Hayes, First Place in Feature Photography; Annabelle Bowman, First Place in Website Design; and Jordan Muntz, Second Place in Website Design.

November Kindergarten Students of The Month at Eunice Thomas Elementary



Shown above are Kindergarteners who displayed the November word of the month, “Respect,” at Eunice Thomas Elementary in Cassville. Front row, left to right: Camile Smith, Tristian Fields and Brooklyn Barber; second row: Zane Whittington and Kiptyn Johnson; third row: Ella Dutton, Jace Kennedy and Jessica Morgan; back row: Aceson Hobbs, Tessa Willis and Addi Hill. Absent from the photo: Justis Houston.

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## Cassville Lady Wildcats win Southwest Holiday Tournament



The Southwest Lady Wildcats are shown above at the Southwest Holiday Tournament.

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Lady Wildcats surged from behind in the final minutes of regulation, and then claimed a 38-33 double overtime victory over the Wheaton Lady Bulldogs in the championship game of the Southwest Holiday Tournament at Washburn on Wednesday. Wheaton led the entire game and appeared to have the victory in hand before last minute heroics by Sharayah Seymour and Kyren Postlewait sent the game into overtime.

Junior guard Lily Ray gave Cassville fits throughout the game. Her 8 points in the first quarter fueled a 12-8 Wheaton lead at the first break. Ray added a trey in a slow-paced second quarter to boost the lead, and then Allison Whitman's layup at the buzzer gave the Lady Bulldogs a 19-13 halftime lead.

The pace slowed even more as the teams battled through the third quarter, a quarter that saw Cassville creep closer at 23-19. A Riley Morris hook in the lane pulled the Ladycats within a point at 19-18, but Monica Hinojosa scored twice to give Wheaton a four-point edge to start the fourth quarter.

Cassville tied the game with two quick buckets to open the fourth. Lilly Harrison canned a 15-footer, and then Seymour scored with an offensive board to gain a 23-23 tie at the 5:49 mark. But Wheaton's Ray hit back to back treys to give the Lady Bulldogs a 29-23 lead with 4:58 remaining.

Seymour answered with a pair of scores, and Postlewait's basket in the low post

produced a 29-29 tie with 2:55 to play.

Tom Hubbard burned three timeouts as his Cassville team ran the clock down, but to no avail. Still tied at 29 each, the teams played on.

### OVERTIME

The Lady Bulldogs grabbed a 33-31 lead late in overtime, and the win probability meter swung heavily in their favor. But Morris rebounded a missed free throw in the waning seconds and banked in a shot to send the game to another OT period.

In that period, Wheaton came up empty. Cassville's defense rose up and shut out the Lady Bulldogs in a 5-0 run to claim the championship trophy.

**Cassville scorers:** Sharayah Seymour, 12; Riley Morris, 10; Madison Bowyer, 6; Lilly Harriosn, 4; Kyren Postlewait, 4; Marianne McCrackin, 2,

**Wheaton scorers:** Lily Ray, 18; Monica Hinojosa, 7; Allison Whitman, 4; Giovanna Hinojosa, 2; Lori McNeill, 2.

**THIRD PLACE GAME: MARIONVILLE 60, SOUTHWEST 29**

After losing a tough semifinal to Cassville, the Marionville Lady Comets lit up the host Lady Trojans in a 60-29

mismatch. Olivia Hopkins should be paying property taxes in Barry County after owning the lane in a 29-point performance.

Hopkins poured in 12 early points to lead the Lady Comets to a 16-4 first quarter lead.

The Southwest girls made a stand in the second quarter, scoring 13 to Marionville's 15. But a 21-6 third quarter laid any comeback hopes to rest. The clock ran for most of the fourth period as the Lady Comets picked up the third place hardware.

**Marionville scorers;** Olivia Hopkins, 29; Lucy Newberry, 12; Hannah Phillips, 8; Payden Blevins, 7; Breanna Schapeler, 2; Zailee Holder, 2. **Southwest scorers:** Brylee Wilson, 15; Emily Wilson, 6; Alexis Raucstadt, 4; Anna Church, 2; Laney Moore, 2.

### ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

- Madison Bowyer, Cassville
- Riley Morris, Cassville
- Shaw Coburn, East Newton
- Payden Blevins, Marionville
- Jade Watson, Reeds Spring
- Emily Wilson, Southwest
- Monica Hinojosa, Wheaton
- Lily Ray, Wheaton
- MVP: Sharayah Seymour, Cassville.

Lee Stubblefield

The Marionville Comets powered to a 65-45 win over Southwest to claim the boys championship trophy in the Southwest Holiday Tournament at Washburn on Wednesday. The Comets concluded their three game sweep in the four team round robin, leading wire to wire.

Marionville opened the game with an 8-0 run and never looked back. After posting a 17-12 lead to finish the first quarter, the Comets used a 13-2 run to take a double digit lead. Southwest's Caden Uthe scored with a fast break runout and added a free throw on the play to cut the lead to 30-21 at halftime.

But Marionville's Lake High opened the scoring in the third quarter, and the Comets inexorably pulled away in a 23-9 frame. The running clock never kicked in, but the lead reached 26 in the fourth quarter as Marionville cruised to the finish line

with a 65-45 victory.

**Marionville scorers:** Wil Carlton, 22; Lake High, 15; Jordan Williams, 15; Blane Young, 7; Koy Dittmar, 2; Kolby Ghan, 2; Adam Phillips, 2.

**Southwest scorers:** Zak Starr, 14; Zak Corwin, 9; Caden Uthe, 9; Cruz Marquez, 7; Lucas Paulsen, 3; Brendyn Paulsen, 2; Otis Rainer, 1.

### Wheaton 71, Exeter 53

The Wheaton Bulldogs rebounded from the Tuesday loss to Marionville, posting a 71-53 win over the Exeter Tigers.

Another cold start for Exeter put the Tigers in a 20-12 hole, and a 41-28 halftime deficit. Wheaton's Kelton Park scored three baskets in the first four minutes, and Jack Mitchell added a trey to build the foundation for the Wheaton lead.

In the third quarter, Exeter cut the lead to 45-37 when Corey Hilburn scored back-to-back buckets. But

Wheaton scored the last 12 points of the quarter to establish a 20-point lead at the final break.

Exeter did outscore Wheaton in the final quarter, 16-14, with three Tigers connecting from three-point range.

**Wheaton scorers:** Zac Leverich, 21; Jack Mitchell, 15; Kelton Park, 10; Chad Meyer, 9; Ty Hudson, 7; Brody Prewitt, 6; Wyatt Gorman, 3.

**Exeter scorers:** Corey Hilburn, 22; Kris Allen, 16; Hank Woods, 9; Zach Lee, 4; Levi Gautney, 2.

### ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

- Corey Hilburn, Exeter
- Blaine Young, Marionville
- Lake High, Marionville
- Wil Carlton, Marionville
- Cruz Marquez, Southwest
- Zak Corwin, Southwest
- Caden Uthe, Southwest
- Zac Leverich, Wheaton
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**NORMA JEAN GUNNELS**  
Norma Jean Gunnels, age 88, of Cassville, passed away on Friday, December 31, 2020, at Roaring River Health and Rehab in Cassville. Mrs. Gunnels, daughter of Olen and Minerva (Bradley) Edie, was born on July 5, 1932, in Cassville. On January 21, 1950, she was united in marriage to Billy Joe Gunnels; he preceded her in death on December 14, 2013. She worked at Johnston's Variety Store for several years, and also helped her brother Don in the Maytag store. Norma's children and grandchildren were her world; she

was a loving woman with a heart of gold who would do anything for anyone. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cassville.  
Survivors include one son, Joe Gunnels and his wife, Sue, of Cassville; one daughter, Linda Cline and her husband, Steve, of West Plains; three grandchildren, Scott Cline and his wife, Tasha, of West Plains, JoLynn Robinson and her husband, Josh, of Springfield, and Becky Trammell and her husband, Dakota, of Nixa; eight great-grandchildren, Zoe, Bella, Julianne, and Jaxon Robinson, Bentley and Jordyn Trammell, and Sutton and Silas Cline; and several nieces and nephews.  
In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Leon and Don Edie.  
Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, with Pastor James Weaver officiating; burial to follow

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at Oakhill Cemetery in Cassville.  
Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church in memory of Norma and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.  
Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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**LORENA FERN WELLS**  
Lorena Fern Wells, age 87, of Monett, formerly of Ridgley, passed away on January 4, 2021. Mrs. Wells, daughter of Charley and Charlotte (Hampton) Hand, was born on June 27, 1933, in Douthat, Oklahoma. On May 6, 1950, she was united in marriage

to Garland Thorestine (Teeny) Wells in Ridgley where they spent their honeymoon days in the strawberry patch. They were married for 52 years, 7 months, and 23 days until Teeny's passing on January 29, 2002. Lorena spent many years volunteering her time at the Monett Senior Center by helping out any way she could and by putting a smile on the residents faces. She loved to play cards such as Pitch and Pinochle and would never let anyone or anything get in the way of a good card game. Lorena also enjoyed watching Jeopardy and spending time with family and friends. She was a member of the Ridgley Baptist Church.  
Survivors include one son, Charles Lee Roy Wells and his wife, Shirley, of Ridgley; two daughters, Gail Denise Smith and her husband, Billy, of Miller, and Garla Anne Parsons and her husband, Mike, of Purdy; eleven grandchildren, Clinton Wells, Christopher Wells, Carla Peterson, Casey Ball, Clifton Wells, Denny Aldridge, Jr., Gail Groves, Lance Parsons, Derek Parsons, Kendra Salas, and Abby Parsons; seventeen great-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and

several nieces and nephews.  
In addition to her parents and husband, Lorena was preceded in death by one son, Terry Dale Wells, and one brother, Kenneth Hand.  
Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at the Rocky Comfort Cemetery, with Pastor Donnie Spears officiating.  
Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Research for the Ozarks and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.  
Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

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**ALMA EDNA (WICKLIFFE) HASKINS**  
Alma Edna (Wickliffe) Haskins, of Cassville, passed from this life on January 1, 2021. She was born October 23, 1920, in Lenapah, Oklahoma, to Jack and Lula Wickliffe. She graduated from Nowata, Oklahoma, High School in 1938 and married Almond Cecil Middlebush on May 29, 1938.

Alma is survived by one sister, Mary Lou Bradley (Ernie), of Harrison, Arkansas; son, Larry A. Middlebush (Marge), of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; daughter, Phyllis A. Cunningham (Bill Holman), of Cassville; seven grandchildren, Lorri J. Elpers (Gregg), of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Lisa A. Meyer (Steve), of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Leslie D. Middlebush, of Edmond, Oklahoma, Mark A. Middlebush (Shelle), of Laurel, Maryland, Julie A. Piper (Greg), of Orlando, Florida, Keli J. Whaling, of McKinney, Texas, and Matthew S. Eddings (Dani), of Springfield. Also surviving are eleven great and six great-great-grandchildren.  
Alma was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Lula Wickliffe; brothers, Raymond Wickliffe and Claude Wickliffe; and son, Jerry A. Middlebush, of Daphne, Alabama.  
A celebration honoring Alma's 100th birthday was held in October 2020.  
Graveside services at Nowata Cemetery in Nowata, Oklahoma will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.  
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**JACKIE LYNN HARRIS**  
Jackie Lynn Harris, 66, of Monett, passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2020.  
Funeral services were held Monday, January 4, 2021, at Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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## Deadline to Apply for Easements Set

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has set a February 12 deadline to apply for wetland and agricultural land easements in Missouri. NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to help private landowners, tribes, land trusts and other groups protect valuable lands through easements.

The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) focuses on restoring and protecting wetlands as well as conserving productive agricultural lands and grasslands. Landowners are compensated for enrolling their land in easements.

Through ACEP Wetland Reserve Easements, NRCS helps landowners restore and protect wetland ecosystems by compensating landowners for the easements. Wetlands provide many benefits, including critical habitat for a wide array of wildlife species. They also store floodwaters, clean and recharge groundwater, sequester carbon, trap sediment, and filter pollutants for clean water.

“The Agricultural Con-

servation Easement Program gives landowners a way to restore and preserve wetlands long-term while also easing the impact of the land not being available for agricultural production, said Scott Edwards, NRCS State Conservationist”

Wetland conservation easements are either permanent or for 30 years. Eligible lands include farmed or converted wetlands that can successfully be restored, croplands or grasslands subject to flooding, and riparian areas that link protected wetland areas. As part of the easement, NRCS and the landowner work together to develop a plan for the restoration and maintenance of the wetland.

Through ACEP Agricultural Land Easements, NRCS provides funds to conservation partners to purchase conservation easements on private working lands. This program helps keep working lands working, especially in areas experiencing development pressure.

Partners include state or local agencies, non-profits

and tribes. Landowners continue to own their property but voluntarily enter into a legal agreement with a co-operating entity to purchase an easement. The cooperating entity applies for matching funds from NRCS for the purchase of an easement from the landowner, permanently protecting its agricultural use and conservation values. Landowners do not apply directly to NRCS for funding under this program. Easements are permanent. Eligible lands include privately owned cropland, rangeland, grassland, pastureland and forestlands.

Landowners and tribes interested in ACEP Wetland Reserve Easements and partners interested in ACEP Agricultural Land Easements should contact their local USDA service center. Applications for ACEP are taken on a continuous basis, but only those Missouri applications received by February 12 will be ranked and considered for funding this year.

## MSHP Reports Four Traffic Fatalities Over New Year’s Holiday Weekend

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, provides the following preliminary statistics related to the New Year’s holiday weekend:

Four people died in traffic crashes during the 78-hour counting period, which began at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2020, and ended at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, January 3, 2021.

**2021 New Year’s Holiday Traffic Statistics**

Troopers investigated the following:

- Traffic Crashes — 458
- Traffic Crash Injuries — 97
- Traffic Crash Fatalities — 4
- DWI — 135

**Note:** Last year during the 30-hour New Year’s counting period, there were 323 traffic crashes statewide. In those crashes, one person was killed and another 140 were injured. During the 2020 New Year’s holiday, troopers arrested 58 people for driving while impaired.]

There were no boating crashes or drownings over the 2021 New Year’s holiday counting period.

Carthage, died when the vehicle in which she was a passenger traveled off the right side of the roadway and struck a traffic control support post. After the impact, the vehicle rotated, overturned, and came to rest in the roadway. The crash occurred in Jasper County on Missouri Highway 171 at Interstate 49 in Carthage. Deputy Coroner Richard Rector pronounced Pitcock dead at the scene. Pitcock was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The driver of the vehicle sustained serious injuries in the crash; he was wearing a seat belt.

negotiate a right-hand curve, ran off the left side of the roadway, and struck a tree. The crash occurred in Vernon County at Marmaduke Park in Nevada. He was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. EMT Dawn Best pronounced Gerster dead at the scene. A passenger in Gerster’s vehicle sustained serious injuries; he was not wearing a seat belt.

One person died in a traffic crash on January 2, 2021.

Two people died in traffic crashes on New Year’s Day, January 1, 2021.

Scott L. Ford, 48, of Kansas City, died after the vehicle he was driving traveled southbound onto northbound Interstate 35 from the exit ramp at the 40-mile marker and struck another vehicle head-on. Both vehicles then came to rest in the middle of the northbound lanes of I-35. The crash occurred in Clinton County south of Lathrop. Clinton County Coroner Lee Hanks pronounced Ford dead at the scene. Ford was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The driver of the vehicle Ford’s vehicle struck was wearing a seat belt; she did not sustain any injuries. Three juvenile passengers in the second vehicle sustained serious injuries; all of them were wearing seat belts. Clinton County Sheriff’s Department and Clay County Sheriff’s Department assisted at the scene.

Danny E. Evans, 50, of Cuba, died after losing control of the vehicle he was driving on an ice-covered bridge. The vehicle then traveled off the right side of the roadway and overturned. The crash occurred in Crawford County on Interstate 44 at the 213-mile marker. Evans was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash; he was ejected from the vehicle. Dr. Melissa Bradley pronounced Evans deceased at Missouri Baptist Hospital in Sullivan. A passenger in the vehicle sustained moderate injuries in the crash; she was wearing a seat belt.

Two traffic fatalities occurred in the Troop D, Springfield, area; one traffic fatality occurred in each of the Troop H, St. Joseph, and Troop I, Rolla, areas.

One person died in a traffic crash during the counting period on December 31, 2020.

Barbara J. Pitcock, 81, of

There were no traffic fatalities reported on Sunday, January 3, 2021.

**NOTE:** The fatality statistics in this news release could change if late deaths occur, or if other departments report fatal traffic crashes after this news release is sent out.

Too many people die in traffic crashes each year in Missouri. The choices you make when you’re behind the wheel matter. Make good choices, so you’ll never have to say, “If I could just go back.”

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COVID numbers force MDC to temporarily close Conservation Education Center

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will temporarily close its Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center in Joplin due to rising COVID-19 concerns. The Shoal Creek facility is located at 201 W. Riviera Drive.

This closure, which takes effect on Tuesday, Jan. 5, comes after the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) classified several counties under the “Extreme Risk” category due to their positivity rate and case rate. The latest county-level positivity rates can be found at: <https://showmestrong.mo.gov/public-health-county/>.

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said Shoal Creek Education Center Manager Kevin Badgley. “The area grounds will remain open for people to get out and discover nature along Shoal Creek, view wildlife, and hike the trails.” Though the Shoal Creek

Center will be closed to the public, staff will still be available to answer phone calls during regular office hours at 417-629-3434. Information about MDC virtual events that will be conducted by Shoal Creek staff and other MDC personnel around the state can be found at [mdc.mo.gov](http://mdc.mo.gov).

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Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes In Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended June 30, 2020

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Receipts</b>					
Local	\$ 6,579,191	\$ 1,865,857	\$ 896,476	\$ 433,911	\$ 9,775,435
County	231,196	31,663	49,045	-	311,904
State	850,900	6,350,378	-	12,696	7,213,974
Federal	822,207	1,080,075	-	262,557	2,164,839
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>8,483,494</b>	<b>9,327,973</b>	<b>945,521</b>	<b>709,164</b>	<b>19,466,152</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>					
Instruction	1,923,166	8,825,140	-	210,005	10,958,311
Student services	307,842	397,131	-	14,075	719,048
Instructional staff support	142,832	529,183	-	33,500	705,515
Building administration	167,779	883,707	-	-	1,051,486
General administration	537,696	706,802	-	32,427	1,276,925
Operation of plant	1,814,016	-	-	75,175	1,889,191
Transportation	759,302	-	-	168,088	927,390
Food service	896,618	-	-	22,090	918,708
Community services	46,832	163,778	-	-	210,610
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	-	1,995,853	1,995,853
Debt service	-	-	931,193	10,474	941,667
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>6,596,083</b>	<b>11,505,741</b>	<b>931,193</b>	<b>2,561,687</b>	<b>21,594,704</b>
<b>Excess (Deficit) of Receipts Over Disbursements</b>	<b>1,887,411</b>	<b>(2,177,768)</b>	<b>14,328</b>	<b>(1,852,523)</b>	<b>(2,128,552)</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Tuition from other districts	269,750	-	-	-	269,750
Sale of bonds	-	-	-	4,000,000	4,000,000
Operating transfers in	-	2,177,768	-	-	2,177,768
Operating transfers (out)	(2,177,768)	-	-	-	(2,177,768)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(1,908,018)</b>	<b>2,177,768</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>4,269,750</b>
<b>Excess (Deficit) of Receipts and Other Sources Over Disbursements and Other (Uses)</b>	<b>(20,607)</b>		<b>14,328</b>	<b>2,147,477</b>	<b>2,141,198</b>
Fund Balance, July 1, 2019	6,015,336	-	972,453	3,013,887	10,001,676
<b>Fund Balances, June 30, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 5,994,729</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 986,781</b>	<b>\$ 5,161,364</b>	<b>\$ 12,142,874</b>

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Hesston 566 w/Loader  
IHC 1066 2 Hyd  
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Ford 5600 Diesel, 3pt, 2 Hyd  
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Farmall C w/ Cultivators  
Ford 8N Gas, Restored  
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NH L5 180 Skidsteer  
Ford 2000 Gas, 3pt

**Hay Equipment**  
JD 467 RD Baler w/Net, Mega-wide Pickup, 4x6 Bales  
Sitrex DM7 3pt Disc Mower, 9ft  
2 - Hesston 530 RD Balers  
NH H7320 Disc Bine w/Flail Conditioner, Nice  
Kuhn FC 353GC Disc Bine, Hydroswing

**Hay Equipment Continued**  
NH 478 7ft Haybine  
JD 1209 Haybine  
IHC 1190 7ft Haybine  
Vermeer 60SJ RD Baler  
Hesston 540 RD Baler  
NH 258 Rake  
NI 5209 Disc Bine

**Miscellaneous**  
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JD 2950M Ztrak Mower, 60In Cut, 80.9hrs, 27HP, Like New  
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Kuhn 3115 Mixer Wagon w/Scales  
Adam Litter Decake Machine, Nice  
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Pasture Punch Aerator 8ft  
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Danuser Fast Hitch 7ft Blade  
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Titan 55 Rock Picker  
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Ford 38TM 3pt Plow  
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Wolverine 55 Tiller  
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Farmstar 500 Pullytype Ground Driven Seeder for UTV

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JD 2755 Cab/Air  
NH BR 7060 Rd Baler  
NH BR 7070 Rd Baler  
White 2-105 Cab/Air Tractor  
IHC 806 Diesel w/ Cab, 3pt  
IHC 966 Diesel w/ Cab, 3pt  
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THE CITY of EXETER

is seeking applications for an additional

Patrol Officer

This position will be part time, approximately 20 hours per week

Morning and afternoon school zone patrol will be a requirement

Please contact City Hall at 118 S. Front Street in person to obtain an application

Applications accepted until January 29, 2021

EXPERIENCED CARPENTERS NEEDED

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CITY OF WHEATON

Are you interested in making the world a better place? Bored with the same routine day in and day out?

The City of Wheaton, MO, is now accepting applications for the position of evening shift

Police Officer

This position is a full time, entry level position.

Duties of evening shift patrol officer include: response to emergency and non-emergency calls for service, proactive enforcement of state and local laws, general patrol and other duties as assigned by the Chief of Police.

The successful applicant will be already Missouri POST Class A or B certified, at least 21 years of age upon appointment, free of any felony or misdemeanor convictions, has no Brady/giglio background, and is a self-starter with an interest in serving the community and possessing a strong work ethic.

Applications can be picked up at the Wheaton City Hall, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

CASSVILLE R-IV School District

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Benefits include: Competitive Wage

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percent of the legal voters in each of the Congressional districts. Some pre-filed bills would require constitutional amendments to be approved by two-thirds of voters, not by just most voters as required now. On one hand, the initiative petition process is a way for citizens to hold their elected officials accountable. On the flip side, currently it only takes a simple majority vote of the people to change the Missouri Constitution. That means if voter turnout happens to be only 30 percent, then it would take only 15 percent of voters to change the state's constitution.

Gas Tax Increase/Highway Funding: Increased funding for Missouri highways and transportation infrastructure is needed, according to many state officials and the Missouri Department of Transportation. Consequently, a proposed fuel tax increase may be on the statewide ballot in 2022. Sen. Dave Schatz (R-Sullivan), the Senate's President Pro Tem, has pre-filed Senate Bill 262 and Senate Joint Resolution 21. Currently there is a statutory tax of 17 cents per gallon on motor fuel purchased in Missouri. SJR 21, the proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by voters, would establish a minimum motor fuel tax of 19 cents per gallon in 2022, and would increase this minimum tax by two cents per year over a period of four additional years. When the amendment is fully implemented after five years, the minimum motor fuel tax would be 27 cents per gallon. SB 262 proposes the same fuel tax increases and includes a referendum clause, calling for a statewide vote by Missouri citizens.

Sunshine Law/Public Records: Pre-filed bills in the Senate and the House of Representatives touch on many aspects of the Missouri Sunshine Law (pertaining to open and closed meetings and records of public governmental bodies). Sunshine issues anticipated include: expungement of some records of certain offenses; closing a police officer's personally identifiable information and making it a crime to post such information on social media; closing residential billing records for customers of a municipally-owned utility; closing names of winners of the Missouri State Lottery; modifying requirements for meeting notices and minutes of open meetings of a public

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governmental body requiring such notices to be posted on the public body's website or social media page; limiting access by the public to certain court records on CASENET; maintaining that social media pages of a public governmental body or its members, electronic mail, text messaging are open records; and, closing email addresses and telephone numbers submitted to a public governmental body by persons for the sole purpose of receiving electronic communications from the public body. The Sunshine Law topics are numerous with more expected during 2021.

Sales Tax on Internet Sales "Wayfair": Since the Wayfair decision, Missouri is one of only two states that has not enacted either a sales tax or a use tax for online purchases. The 2018 U.S. Supreme Court case, the Wayfair decision, affirmed South Dakota's application of its sales tax to internet retailers who sell into South Dakota but have no property or employees in the state. Taxing online purchases is expected to be a hot topic in 2021. Some of the possible legislative options include passing a "Wayfair-esque" use tax, managed by the Missouri Department of Revenue, where the use tax is approved by local voters; amending the use tax filing threshold from the current \$2,000 annual purchases to \$1; improving the use tax ballot language to help both state and local tax collections; and offsetting increases in use tax collections by reducing the state income tax rate with two-year adjustments for accuracy. The issue is sure to attract attention in the state capitol in 2021.

Criminal Justice/Police Reforms: Bills have been pre-filed that would affect law enforcement in Missouri, including legislation: prohibiting the use of chokeholds by police officers; modifying provisions relating to search warrants; creating the offense of sexual conduct in the court of public duty; and requiring law enforcement agencies to adopt written investigation policies for officer-involved deaths, among others. Bills filed in the Senate and the House of Representatives would make it a crime to post on social media a police officer's name, address, Social Security number or other personally identifiable information. Five bills affecting criminal justice reforms did not pass during a summer-time 2020 special session of the General Assembly. Those proposed bills contain topics that may return to the state capitol in 2021, including legislation: allowing an

LOST PUP



black and white

contact Skip 417-847-8400

REWARD No Questions Asked

otherwise inadmissible witness statement if a "preponderance" of evidence shows the defendant engaged in wrongdoing to cause the unavailability of the witness; criminalizing adults who knowingly encourage, aid, or cause a child under 17 years old to commit a crime with a weapon; letting judges decide whether juveniles 16 to 18 years old should be prosecuted as adults and possibly go to prison for certain crimes committed with weapons; toughening the penalty for selling or giving a firearm to someone under 18 years old to avoid or interfere with an arrest, detention, or investigation of a crime.

County Financial Statement/Public Notices: Annually in March, Missouri counties of the second, third and fourth classifications are required to publish a detailed statement in a local newspaper of revenues received and disbursements made during the previous calendar year. State law requires first-class counties without charter forms of government to publish a summary financial statement, rather than the more lengthy, detailed statement. Legislation has been filed by Rep. Peggy McGaugh (R-Carrollton) that would allow summary financial statements to be published in newspapers by individual counties of all classification sizes.

Tort Reform: The 2020 session was highlighted with major civil justice reforms passing related to punitive damage claims and the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act. Several tort reform measures are expected to be debated in 2021 including: statute of repose, arbitration awards, asbestos transparency, insurance reservation of rights and duty to defend modifications, and potential changes to Missouri's Non-Partisan Court Plan for the selection of judges.

Vaping/Tobacco 21: In 2020, Governor Parson signed an executive order regarding the use of vaping devices among youth in Missouri. Legislation has been pre-filed this year that would require the age of 21 to purchase tobacco products and to regulate vapor products just as tobacco products are regulated. In addition, it is likely that several bills will be filed to increase the state excise tax on cigarettes and tobacco products, although we do not see any of these mea-

sures advancing past a committee in 2021.

Eminent Domain and Condemnation: Last session, legislation was debated at length and passed several times by the Missouri House that prohibited the use of eminent domain for a green energy transmission line across several northern Missouri counties. The project, named "Grain Belt Express," has been proposed by Invergy and has faced strong opposition from several property rights groups. The wind-powered electric transmission line begins in Kansas and crosses the state of Missouri into Illinois then Indiana. We expect this legislation to return in 2021 as the opposition has not slowed. To gain momentum, the transmission line operators have offered to hang fiber along their route to provide a "middle mile" for the expansion of broadband to the rural areas along the route.

Rural Jobs Act: In past years, legislation has been introduced and heard in the Missouri House that would enable small businesses in rural areas to expand and create private-sector jobs by providing access to affordable, growth capital. This program, entitled the "Missouri Rural Jobs Act," would create access to capital for small businesses and provide a platform for rural communities to achieve long-term and sustainable growth. This program would utilize a federal tax credit with a state tax credit match and fill the financing void that so many businesses continue to face during these difficult times.

Biodiesel: Biodiesel is a renewable, biodegradable fuel manufactured domestically from vegetable oils, animal fats, or recycled restaurant grease. Biodiesel meets both the biomass-based diesel and overall advanced biofuel requirement of Renewable Fuel Standards. In 2020, legislation was passed in the Missouri House that would require that all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in Missouri for use in internal combustion engines shall contain at least 5 percent biodiesel fuel oil by volume beginning April 2, 2022; 10 percent biodiesel fuel by volume beginning April 1, 2023; and 20 percent biodiesel fuel by volume beginning April 1, 2024. Legislation has been pre-filed for the 2021 session and is likely to mandate a 5% blend mandate and provide retailers with incentives to blend about 11%.



# December Students of The Month at Eunice Thomas Elementary

## December word: Integrity



Shown above, First Grade, left to right: front row: Taven Alley, Olivya Campbell and Arianna Melchor; second row: Frankie Tucker, Max Fields, Rogan Mizer; third row: Zoe Tellez, Ryder Ellis, Adelynn Whittington  
Collin Saunders and Dezden McBride were absent from the photo.



Shown above, Second Grade, left to right: front row: Sylas Roark, Emma Smith and Jace Hayworth; second row: Alexa Fierro, Madisyn Phillips and Daleiza Lopez; third row: Joel Deleon-Reyes, Nevaeh Whittenburg and Luke Brust; back row: Zachariah Coolidge and Isabell Huffman. Sophia Ginther was absent from the photo.



Shown above, Kindergarten, left to right: front row: Connor Madsen, Stella Rose and Bentleigh Peak; second row: Willow Messbarger, Jeanelle Daniels and Rex Aschwanden; third row: Maverick Haney, Arlie Wedel and Braxton Decker; back row: Christian Hannam, Hazlee Gwinup and Brooklyn Vogt.



Shown at left, Kinder Academy, left to right: front row: Violet Love and Wyatt Nance; back row: David Lyons and Madison Lane.

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