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New CHS program offers hope



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Evan Stubblefield, a CHS graduate and resident of Exeter, is the instructor for the new Pathways program at Cassville High School. Pathways offers personalized academic support, mentorship and soft skill development.

Sheila Harris

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Early last year, Cassville Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Asbill sat down with a student who seemed to lack the initiative needed to

complete his schooling and graduate with his peers.

'What would it take," Asbill asked him, "for you to achieve success with your classes? What would it take for you to enjoy school

Asbill was pleased when the student answered can-

"He told me," Asbill said, "that he would like a classroom that he could go to at certain times where there were no distractions, a place where he was away from his friends and his regular classroom instructors and was better able to focus."

Asbill took that information to high school principals Keith Robertson and Nathan Carter, who liked the idea of creating the type of space the student described - not for one student alone, but also for others who seemed to lack interest in, or had given up hope in, classroom suc-

From this seed, the Pathways Program, a one-hour, on-campus class with a maximum of 15 students and its own instructor, was born last spring at Cassville High

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Sheila Harris

A single-vehicle accident claimed the life of Carl D. Harris, 47, of Purdy, Monday, January 11.

According to a Cassville Police Department report, Harris was traveling south on Highway 37 when his 2004 Dodge Dakota ran off the right side of the roadway north of Farm Road 2172, then struck a guardrail and a

The Cassville Police Department was dispatched to the scene of the accident at 5:10 p.m.

Accident claims life of Purdy resident

According to the report, personnel from the Cassville Fire Protection District and Mercy EMS performed CPR on Harris for approximately 30 minutes at the scene. Harris was pronounced deceased at 5:49 p.m. by Dr. Jones,

with Mercy Springfield Hospital Medical Control.

It is believed that Harris suffered a medical emergency which led to the accident.

The accident was investigated by Sergeant Donald Privett with the Cassville Police Department and members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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COVID patient thankful for community

Sheila Harris

Last spring, Chris Whittemire, of Cassville, admits she thought COVID-19 was a scare tactic manufactured for political reasons.

"I remember telling people it will all be over after November," she said.

However, a family birthday party for her mother-in-law on September 13 changed her perspective. It also changed her life, a realism she's still coming to grips with.

Of the eight people present at the September 13 birthday party, six of them became ill a few days later, including Chris, her husband Mark, and one of their sons.

"I thought I might be catching a cold," said 51-yearold Chris, who also struggles with Type 2 diabetes.

By Friday, there was no doubt she was ill. She left work early from George's where she's a production supervisor - with nausea and vomiting. The nausea persisted and increased in severity until, the next day, she was forced to ask Mark to take her to the emergency room at Mercy Cassville. There, they admitted her and gave her meds which alleviated the nausea. They also told her



Above, left to right, Chris, Carson and Mark Whittemire pose for a photo at Carson's Senior Basketball Night at CHS a couple of weeks after Chris's release from the hospital.

she had tested positive for COVID-19.

Based on Chris's positive diagnosis, Mark Whittemire assumed that he, too, had the virus, so after deep-cleaning the Cassville Westco store where he's the manager, he went home to isolate himself.

Chris spent the night in the hospital.

"The next day I woke up and thought I was better since my nausea and vomiting were gone," Chris said,

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Soroptimists gift LeCompte

Jill LeCompte has served as a member of the Soroptimist International Club of Barry County for nearly 15 years. While those years have been filled with community service projects, fundraising efforts and awarding scholarship money to young women in our county, they have also been filled with lots of love, laughter and friendship.

When club members learned the news that LeCompte's husband, Michael, had passed away unexpectedly they were heartbroken for their friend and fellow club member.

"We knew we could not take away Jill's sadness and grief," said Mindi Artherton, Soroptimist President, "but we wanted her to know she was loved. Our club members were heartbroken for our friend."

Honoring the history of Michael and Jill's love for Christmas, the ladies of Soroptimist have purchased 18

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Shown above, Soroptimist members present a banner to Lecompte. Left to right are: Judy Hayes, Allison Angel, Jill LeCompte, Rachael Selby, Mindi Artherton, Kasey Hall and Cheryl Williams.

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School. A retired educator, Duane Haggard - who sometimes subbed for the school - accepted the position of instructor.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 happened.

"After we switched to virual learning in the spring, the program was put on hiatus and Mr. Haggard opted not to instruct the class in the fall," Asbill said.

Enter Evan Stubblefield, a 2011 Cassville High School Graduate with a bachelor's degree in Youth Ministry from Ozark Christian College, and who has worked at the local YMCA.

"He was a good fit as the Pathways instructor with his educational background and roots in the community," Asbill said.

Stubblefield accepted the position and the Pathways Program was reinstituted in November.

Evan Stubblefield quickly developed a good feel for what's at the heart of the matter for many of the students in his class.

"Some of these kids don't have a view of what the future looks like," he said. "Some of them can't see clearly how they want tomorrow to look, let alone next year, or the years after that."

According to Stubblefield, the Pathways program is meant to open up options for individualized pathways for students. He talks to them individually about what their future options might be and how practical and achiev-

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able different pathways might be. Then he talks with them about what steps they can take toward attaining those

"I try to give them tangible ideas and help them weigh the pros and cons of goals they'd like to work toward," Stubblefield said. "Conversely, I talk with them about what the negative repercussions for their future might be if they don't take the necessary steps today for tomor-

"This is not a college prep class, nor a class for kids with behavioral issues," Stubblefield continued. "It's a class for kids who are on the brink of throwing away their futures simply because they don't want to make the effort to put in the work it takes to pass the required classes for graduation."

Stubblefield says he tries to inspire and motivate students, although he acknowledges there's only so much one teacher can do to create ambition in a kid.

Stubblefield says he has seen small successes. He feels good about the student who decided to come in and take two finals before Christmas break so he wouldn't have to retake entire classes during the second semester

"He probably cussed me," Stubblefield said, "but he might thank me later."

Students who participate in the Pathways program must be referred by their classroom teacher, and then will be interviewed to see how interested and willing they are to participate in the

In addition to individual counseling with Mr. Stubblefield if desired, students spend time on the computer working on the classes they are behind in.

Time spent in the classroom is individualized, too, since some students require less time to complete their classwork than others.

"With the Pathways program, we want to help the students first who are in the most dire need," Stubblefield said, "before they're in a hole so deep they can't dig themselves out."

"The end goal," Dr. Asbill said, "is for these students who might need to take a different pathway - to arrive at the same place as their classmates."

The student he first interviewed, who was in part responsible for the implementation of the program, is now well on his way toward graduating with his classmates, Asbill said.

"Overcoming adversity and finding aspiration and motivation for our lives is part of growing up," Stubblefield said. "I'm thankful I get to play a small part in that process with the students in the Pathways program."

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Treasurer Fitzpatrick Sworn-In

During the January 11 inauguration at the Missouri State Capitol, Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick was sworn-in for a four-year term by Barry County Associate Judge Johnnie Cox. The Treasurer was elected November 3 with more votes than any treasurer in Missouri history.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving as Missouri's Treasurer," Treasurer Fitzpatrick said.

"As a husband and father, a business owner, and now as State Treasurer, I value fiscal responsibility. Over the past two years, I have worked to increase government transparency, to support small businesses, and to help Missouri families save for the future. 2020 was certainly a challenging year, but I am hopeful for Missouri's future and I look forward to continuing this important work to ensure that all Missourians are able to thrive."

As the state's Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer Fitzpatrick is actively engaged in the management of state funds. While the impact of COVID-19 could be felt across the financial sector, including record low interest rates, the state still beat its benchmark for investment earnings over the past two

More COVID patients in isolation, hospitalized, no additional deaths

Sheila Harris

According to the January 12 COVID-19 situational update from the Barry County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management, the total confirmed cases in the county have reached 2,671, an increase of 145 since last week.

No additional deaths were reported.

Of the confirmed cases, 2,449 have recovered, ten patients are currently hospitalized, over 300 people are in quarantine and 177 patients are isolated with active cases. The number of active cases is up 40 from a week ago.

The county's overall positivity rate from the time testing and recording began is at 14.61 percent. However, the positivity rate for last week's reporting period is at 21.8 percent. Of 663 tests administered since the January 5 report, 145 cases have been confirmed positive. This number reflects a slight decrease from the weekly percentage of each of the past two weeks.







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Notice:

The Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will be closed Monday, January 18, 2021, in observance of Martine Luther King, Jr. Day.



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

<u>The Missouri State Highway Patrol</u> would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday

Due to the Covid Pandemic, the Wheaton Historical Society will not be hosting the February Winter Banquet as usual. They will, however, still be drawing for the rifle as promised when raffle tickets were purchased. The drawing will be on Saturday night, February 13, 2021, at 6 P.M. at the Wheaton Depot Museum.

OATS Transit is open for regular transportation service, however face masks are required on the bus due to COVID-19. Please call the OATS Transit office at 417-887-9272 or 800-770-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about service in your area. Visit their website at www.oatstransit. org and click on the bus schedules tab for your county to see the full schedule. OATS Transit is available to the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. They also contract with a number of agencies to serve their clients. OATS Transit offices will be closed and regular routes will not be operating on Monday, February 15, 2021, in observance of Presidents Day.

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.

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.

<u>Habitat for Humanity</u> 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

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



Jan. 19

The Southwest Missouri waste Management District N will hold its monthly Executive Board Meeting at 11:50 A.M. This meeting is open to the public. Due to concerns regarding the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, we are asking all participants to call in. A teleconference number will be available for this meeting. Please contact the District office at (417)236-9012 or (417) 342-6306 prior to the day of the meeting for the call-in number and passcode.

Jan. 28

Purdy School Winter Concert, starring grades 4 and 6, will be held at the Performing Arts Center at 7 P.M.

School Menus: Jan. 18 - Jan. 22

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Cassville High School: Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, applesauce or cereal, Pop-Tart, peaches. L: cheeseburger or chicken sandwich, Sun Chips, vegetable mix, mandarin oranges or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, tropical fruit or cereal, toast, applesauce. L: corndog or pizza, mac & cheese, green beans, juice or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or waffles, sausage patty, peaches or cereal, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail. L: grilled ham & cheese or grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, crackers, broccoli, pears or salad meal. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast piza, tropical fruit or cereal, PB&J, orange. L: generals chicken or popcorn chicken, rice, glazed carrots, egg roll, pineapple or salad meal.

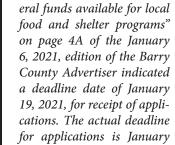
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<u>Southwest:</u> Mon: B: breakfast sausage pizza, tropical fruit, juice. Tues: B: oatmeal, raisins, juice. L: chicken sandwich, leaf lettuce, tater tots, strawberry ice cream, tropical fruit cup. Wed: B: biscuit, pepper gravy, grapes, juice. L: general chicken, fried rice, mandarin oranges, fortune cookie. Thurs: B: cinnamon roll, apple slices, juice. L: frito pie, lettuce, cheese, salsa, apple cobbler. Fri: B: ham & hashbrown sandwich, grapes, juice. L: popcorn chicken, tater tots, pears.

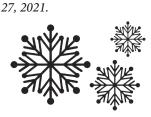






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The selection process is a multi-phase testing procedure including: written examination, a physical fitness for duty assessment, polygraph examination, background investigation, and oral interview board. Written and physical examinations take place in each troop area across the state. After a conditional offer of employment, the applicant must successfully complete a medical examination (to include vision and hearing), psychological examination, a psychological interview, drug screening, and final applicant review.

Interested persons can find out more about the qualifications by contacting a Patrol recruiter at telephone number 1-800-796-7000, or may apply online at www. motrooper.com.

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The AWS Foundation grant will fund the purchase of CNC plasma cutting equipment for student use in welding, advanced manufacturing, and drafting programs at the Joplin Advanced Training and Technology Center. The

equipment will help facilitate cross-curricular projects. The equipment purchased will have an impact on 75-100 students starting in the spring semester at Crowder's training facility in Joplin.

"This equipment will give Crowder's ATTC students greater employment opportunities than surrounding training facilities," stated Kent Pruitt, Welding instructor, Joplin ATTC.

Crowder College provides technical education pro-

grams at its Neosho campus as well as the Joplin ATTC. Joplin ATTC is a partnership with the city of Joplin and Chamber of Commerce. Crowder also partners with high schools in Newton and McDonald counties to provide career and technical training for students. Career and technical education programs provide a pathway for students wanting to enter the workforce with skills necessary to be considered for employment.

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"so I called Mark to come and pick me up. The nurses tried to warn me I was leaving too soon, but I wouldn't listen. I wanted to go home."

The next day, Chris said, "I began coughing. By that night, I felt like I couldn't get enough air into my lungs."

Chris said she believed she might die, the first of many times to follow when she experienced that sensation.

She was able to get her son Carson's attention, who was in the room closest to hers, and asked him to take her back to the hospital.

Mark remained home in isolation.

When she arrived at Mercy

Cassville - the second time in 48 hours - they discovered she had COVID-induced, rapid-onset pneumonia and that her oxygen level was dangerously low. They put her on oxygen and, because she needed more intensive care than what Mercy Cassville could offer, they began searching for a larger hospital with an available bed.

At 2 a.m., Mark Whittemire got a call from Mercy to let him know Chris was being transported by ambulance to Washington Regional in Fayetteville, Ark., the nearest hospital with an available bed. Due to visitor restrictions, Mark wasn't sure when he would see her again. At Washington Regional,

Chris was placed in isolation - in her own private room, she later recalled - and put on a Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (BIPAP) machine, which forced oxygenated air into her lungs and removed

"They were trying to keep her oxygen level up, so they could keep her off the ventilator," said Mark, who talked to the doctors and nurses

"I remember always being hungry," she said. "I don't think I was ever able to eat a full meal. Every time I took the BIPAP machine off to try to eat a couple of bites, my oxygen level would drop so low I'd have to put the machine right back on. Once, I even passed out in my plate. Luckily there was help nearby."

When it became clear that Chris needed more help than the BIPAP machine could offer, a ventilator became inevitable

"Her lungs were so full of

pneumonia, the doctor told us a ventilator would allow them to rest and heal," Mark

It was a scary time for the Whittemires, since the word ventilator carries connotations of a patient's last hope for survival.

"I knew I couldn't go on struggling for air the way I was, though," Chris said. "I was wearing out. At that point, I was resigned. I knew death was a possibility with or without the ventilator, so I accepted the outcome, whatever it might be. I was pre-

In order to intubate Chris and keep her intubated - the Whittemires were told that medical personnel would need to induce a coma and paralysis, since a body naturally tries to resist the proce-

Mark, David and Carson were invited to come to the hospital to see Chris before the coma was induced, but they weren't able to make it in time. She was already comatose when they arrived.

Chris remembers nothing of the next few weeks.

Because the tubing for the ventilator could only remain in one area for a certain period of time, a tracheostomy was later performed, so the ventilator tube could be placed directly into her trachea through a surgical opening in her neck.

As her lungs eventually began to heal, she was gradually weaned from the medication keeping her comatose: a state in which she'd remained for over three weeks.

The ventilator and the prayers of her friends were accomplishing their purpose, although she would need to continue using the vent for several more weeks after waking from the coma.

"When I started to wake up, I was seriously disoriented," she said. "I was restrained and still in isolation, and I faded in and out of reality. I didn't know where I was, and I had weird dreams that I thought were real.

"Another strange thing about waking up," Chris said, "is that I didn't know I'd lost the strength and ability do certain things. Like walking, for example. I didn't know I couldn't walk. Later, after they took my restraints off, I tried to get out of bed to go to the bathroom. I thought, no big deal, but my legs wouldn't support me. I would have fallen in the floor if there hadn't been aides there to

catch me."

About three weeks later, according to Chris, they let her out of isolation, which basically only meant that the door to her room was left open so she could see into the hallway.

"You have no idea how good such a small thing like that made me feel," she said. "It was like being let out of prison."

With the door open, Whittemire also saw things that made her uncomfortable.

"Once," she said, "I saw them wheeling a person in a body bag down the hallway on a gurney. It was pretty sobering. I realized then how easily that could have been me."

In spite of the fact that Chris was no longer in a coma and was able to breathe on her own, her health crisis, she discovered, was not yet over. The COVID began to attack the function of her kidneys.

Dialysis became necessary, at first six days a week, later reduced to three. The need for dialysis meant she could not leave the hospital as early as she might otherwise have been able to.

The dialysis, doctors told her, would be needed even after she got home. Until they could find an available chair in an area dialysis unit, she would have to remain in the hospital. She was, however, transferred to a rehab unit at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale, Ark., where serious work on Chris's part got underway.

"I had to learn to walk again, primarily," she said, "and then accomplish simple tasks that I'd always taken for granted in the past."

None of it came easily.

See CHRIS'S STORY 7A



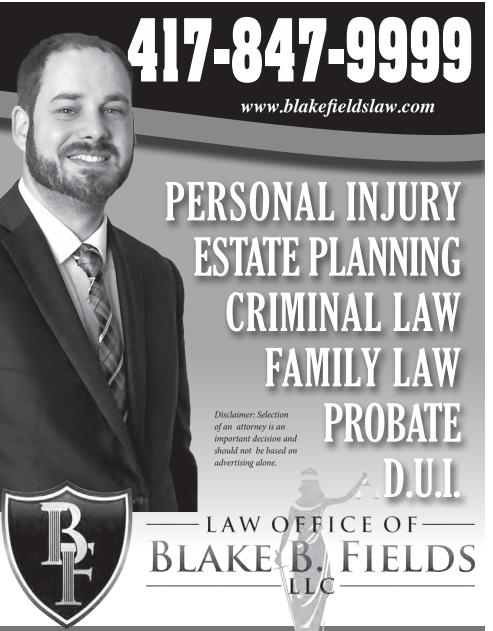
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Southwest guns down Wheaton

Lee Stubblefield

The pedigreed trap team isn't the only hot shooting squad at Southwest. The Trojans broke from the gate with a 7-2 lead and never let up while claiming a 63-41 victory at Wheaton on Thursday night. Cruz Marquez led Southwest scorers with 18, and Caden Uthe added 14. Zac Leverich reached double digits for the Bulldogs, scoring 14.

Southwest, known for three point shooting, eschewed the long ball for the most part and piled up points attacking the basket. The Tro-

jans scored only three times from beyond the arc.

The 22-point runaway was not the game fans expected after the Trojans squeezed past the Bulldogs at the Southwest Holiday Tournament. Earlier in the week, Southwest defeated Pierce City, 75-63.

Varsity boys roundup

• Wildcats struggle, Wheaton wins.

The Cassville Wildcats suffered a tough home loss to Reeds Spring on Tuesday night, 45-40. The Wildcats then travelled to Wheaton on Friday, where the Bulldogs posted a 50-40 victory. Chad Meyer poured in 17 points to lead Class 2 Wheaton to the win over Class 4 Cassville.

Wheaton improved to 5-8 with the win, after falling to one-loss Thomas Jefferson and Southwest earlier in the week. Cassville slipped to 1-8. After losing to Purdy and Wheaton already, The Wildcats look to avoid the Barry County trifecta when they host Southwest on Friday night.

• Lamar drops Purdy in OT.

The Purdy Eagles challenged the Big 8's Lamar Tigers on Thursday, falling in overtime, 61-52. Lamar improved to 7-4 with the win, while Purdy slipped to 8-4.

• Exeter Tigers fall to College Heights.

The Exeter Tigers fell to College Heights on Thursday night, 69-60. The Tigers play in the Pleasant Hope Tournament this week. Despite the winless record, the Tigers have competed well and are due for a win. Fans will remember that this January 19 is the 15th anniversary of the end of "The Streak", the 182-game losing streak that stretched over nine seasons.

Purdy Lady Eagles upset Cassville

Lee Stubblefield

The Purdy Lady Eagles finished 2020 with 2-3 record, then started the new year with a 28-point loss to Crane. But on Friday night, the Lady Eagles invaded Cassville and pulled the 46-41 upset. The Lady Wildcats saw their sixgame winning streak end, dropping to 9-4 with the loss. Purdy improved to 3-4.

Varsity girls roundup

• Wheaton girls cruise past winless TJ.

After losing a double overtime affair to Cassville in the finals of the Southwest Holiday Tournament, the Wheaton Lady Bulldogs returned to the win column with a 37-25 victory over winless Thomas Jefferson. Wheaton improved to 7-6 with the Tuesday victory, while the Lady Cavs fell to 0-5.

 Southwest struggles in holiday tournament.

A scheduling fiasco didn't help Southwest's Lady Trojans. When Billings, the #2 seed, withdrew from the Southwest Holiday Tournament, #7 seed Southwest was given a bye instead of reseeding the remaining teams. The Lady Trojans struggled in the winner's bracket, and at week's end had added two losses to their season record.

Southwest begins the new year at 2-7. The Lady Trojans host East Newton on Friday

• Lady Tigers fall to Marion-

With a 56-23 loss to Marionville on Thursday, the Exeter Lady Tigers slipped to 0-7 for the season. The Exeter girls are scheduled to compete in the Pleasant Hope Invitational Tournament this

See CHRIS'S STORY from 6A

Chris is now home again with her family, but travels to Monett from Cassville three times a week for dialysis, a process which will continue indefinitely.

"They do lab work every three weeks to determine if my kidney function is improving," she said, "but they can't give me any guarantees of when and if I will get past the need for dialysis."

Although Chris is uncomfortable with the attention she's received, she believes it's important to let people know that the virus is not a joke.

"If something as simple as wearing a mask could prevent someone else from experiencing what I have gone through, then it's well-worth it," she said. "There's nothing political about it; wearing a mask is just the right thing to do. I may not have said this in the past, but I know now it's about protecting others."

Chris doesn't like to ask anyone for help - not even the nurses in the hospitals she's been in - but through her ordeal she discovered that sometimes it's necessary.

"I've learned the importance of community: of church and family and friends and prayer - and nurses. It's not that I wasn't aware of the importance of them before," she said, "but when you're in need of help, it really brings it home to you. I wouldn't be where I am now without prayers and help from my friends."

After 78 consecutive days in three different hospitals and now home with a longterm prognosis that's uncertain, Chris confesses she sometimes struggles to stay positive.

"I'm thankful to be alive," she said, "but everything seems surreal."

She says she's lost track of her spot on the space-time continuum since her illness. Events that happened months ago seem like they occurred yesterday, and she sometimes abruptly recalls incidents from her hospitalization that she could not have called to mind five minutes earlier.

She wonders sometimes why she survived an experience that many others have died from.

"God must have a plan

for you," her husband and friends tell her.

Although Chris doesn't know how to respond to their assertions, neither can she

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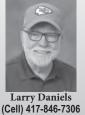
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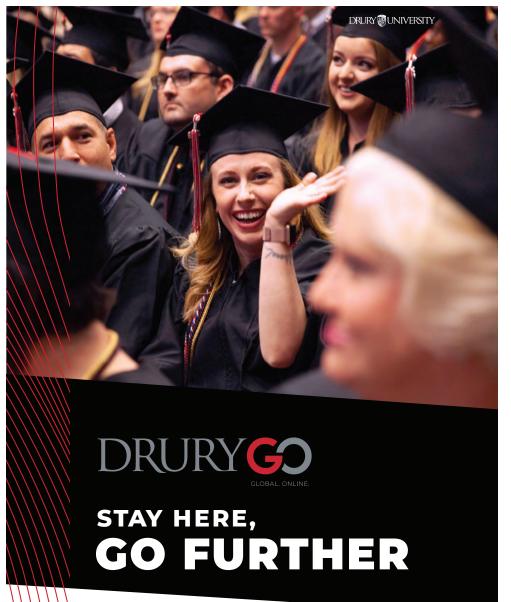
Central Crossing Masons Donate to Backpack Program



Masons at Central Crossing Lodge donated \$1000 to Shell Knob School's backpack program. The members raised half the money and the Masonic Home doubled the amount through their Creating-A-Partnership Program, facilitated by the lodge's Masonic Home representative, WB Subbe Bemis.

Shown at left, left to right, are: Central Crossing Lodge Master, WB Walter Hargett; Shell Knob School Superintendent, Dr Shelley Fransen; and Lodge Secretary, WB Rod Phillips.





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"Students of The Month" named at CHS



Freshman Bentley Barber and senior Laney Roller have been named Students of the Quarter for second quarter at Cassville High School.

Barber is involved in Technology Students Association, FFA and Knowledge Bowl. He is the son of Lance and Dayna Barber of Cassville.

Roller is a member of the marching band, concert band and jazz band. She is a Varsity Cheerleader and is a member of the National Honor Society. Roller is the daughter of Bobby and Christel Roller of Exeter.

Rockin W Excavation is proudly sponsoring the newly developed Student of the Quarter program at CHS. They have provided each award recipient with a goodie bag and a \$15 gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Shown above, left to right, are: front row: Barber and Roller; back row: Troy Wenzel, Rockin W Excavation, and Mr. Keith Roberston, CHS Principal.

See SOROPTIMISTS from FRONT

Christmas banners that will be hung along Main Street during the holiday season. The banners were offered to Jill and her family as a gift from the Soroptimist Club.

Soroptimist member Rachael Selby designed the banners.

"It is our hope that not only will Jill and her kids enjoy the banners during the holidays," stated Artherton, "but they will also bring a little Christmas cheer to our entire community. We know Michael and Jill are all about spreading Christmas cheer!"

While the banners were not on display during the 2020 holiday season, Barry Electric Cooperative has graciously volunteered to hang them for future holiday seaone

Soroptimist International Club of Barry County is a service organization that was chartered in 1994. The mission of the club is to improve the lives of women and children through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



Freedom

Bank

retiree has

crafty plans

Linda Knisley

Linda Knisley, of Shell Knob, began the new year as

After moving here from

Pennsylvania with her husband, she went to work at Freedom Bank in Cassville,

where she has been an employee for the last 13 years. Since her husband passed away seven years ago, Knisley said retirement will look a bit different than it otherwise might have, but she plans to put her time to constructive

"I like to paint," Knisley

said. "Tole painting is my favorite. I started doing it sever-

Sheila Harris

a retired person.

Diva Bling & The Tiny Highlander host ribbon-cutting



Diva Bling & The Tiny Highlander, located at 201 E. Fifth Street in Cassville, hosted a Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting Thursday, January 7.

Shown above, front and center, owners Jennifer Privett (left) and Kaylee Tichenor (right) wield the scissors.

CHS Speech and Debate Team scores

Congrats to Cassville Speech and Debate team at the Carthage/Webb City Tournament

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- 3rd, Josie Guevaravara in Prose
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al years ago after taking some classes." Knisley said she typically paints on wood, but paints on other surfaces as well. "I really like painting holi-

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day decor," she said. "I've made several gifts for family and friends. This past Christmas I painted porch-sitters (decorative boards to prop or sit on front porches) with snowmen and other winter themes."

Knisley began participating in craft shows in the Shell Knob area a few years ago, but is setting her sights on a booth at Apple Butter Makin' Days in Mt. Vernon this year, COVID restrictions permitting.



LOIS LORRAINE **BUSCH EVANS**

Lois Lorraine Busch Evans was born on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1923, in Oklahoma, the daughter of Herman Busch and Emma Dearmore. She entered into rest on New Year's Day, January 1, 2021, in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her loving family at the age of 97. She went to grade school in Boone, Oklahoma, and high school in Berlin, Rogers Mills County, Oklahoma. worked at Tinker Air Force Base in the ammunitions

department during the war. She married James M. Evans on December 10, 1946, in Fort Scott, Kansas, and they moved to the Fairview area where they farmed. Lois was always active in the farming; they operated a dairy farm for a number of years, raised chickens and always had beef cattle. Lois always loved raising animals - she raised sheep, quail, rabbits and dogs in addition to always having a large garden. She loved doing hand work and making quilts for her family.

Lois is survived by her four children, Gloria Wilson and husband, Larry, of Fairview, Jerry Evans and wife, Dianna, of Fairview, Rita Moore and husband, Glenn, of Joplin, and Leta Higgs and husband, Paul, of Cassville; and many, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-greatgrandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, James; her parents; brothers, Olan, Ogle, Lester and James Busch; and sister, Freda Swit-

BITUARIES

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at the Macedonia Cemetery. Contributions in memory of Lois may be directed to the Macedonia Cemetery, c/o Clark Funeral Home, PO Box 26, Granby,

Online condolences may be posted at www.clarkfuneralhomes.com.



JIMMY MITCHELL **BEAVER**

Jimmy Mitchell Beaver, 79, of Aurora, died January 9, 2021, at his home.

He was born April 7, 1941, in Gateway, Arkansas, to Walter E. Beaver and

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Evening - 6:30 pm

Wednesday - 6:30 pm

Rhoenah Elizabeth Becker Beaver. He attended High School in Pea Ridge and retired from the US Air Force. He participated in track and baseball as a youth, enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports, and he liked to watch sports on TV. He loved antique vehicles, showing them and entering contests where he won many 1st place trophies and rings over the years.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bill Burradell.

Survivors are his wife, Judy Beaver, of the home; four children, Jeremy Beaver and April Warren, both of California, Robin Surane, of North Carolina, and Cassie Beaver, of Clarksville, Arkansas; three stepchildren, Cory Wubker and Tawnee Marble, both of Utah, and Wayne Wubker, of Aurora; one brother, Johnny Burradell, of Ashland Alabama; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at Fayetteville Na-

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tional Cemetery, Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. with military honors. No visitation.

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KIM LORIN MARTIN

Kim Lorin Martin, 66 of Cassville, passed away January 6, 2021, at Mercy Hospital, Rogers, Arkansas.

He was born September 8, 1954, in Ransom, Kan., the son of Lorin (Pug) and Lola (Babcock) Martin. Kim had currently been a resident of Cassville Health & Rehab in Cassville, but spent most of his life residing in Utica, Kansas. He was currently a member of the Roaring River Baptist Church, Eagle Rock, a past member of the First Christian Church and Lions Club of Utica, Kansas. Kim enjoyed making friends, fishing, woodworking, and collecting a wide variety of things.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include one sister, Ethel Mae (Charles) Carter, of Guymon, Okla.; two brothers, Paul (David Gaunt) Martin, of Great Bend, Kan., and Ralph (Tracy) Martin, of Eagle Rock; nieces and nephews, Mona (Steve) Cruzan, Teresa (Jim) Youree, Richard (Teresa) Carter, John (Angeline) Martin, Monica (Brian) Jones, and their families.

Due to the pandemic situation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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WALTER ELVIN BARTLETT, JR.

Walter Elvin Bartlett, Jr., age 72, of Purdy, passed away Monday, January 4, 2021.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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ASA F. MOSS

Asa F. Moss, 88, of Monett, passed away on Thursday, January 6, 2021, in Monett.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 9, 2021, at New Site Baptist Church in Monett under direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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WAYNE DALE DEFFENBAUGH

Wayne Dale Deffenbaugh, age 77, of Cassville, passed away Thursday, January 7, 2021, at Missouri Baptist

Medical Center in St. Louis. He was born February 13, 1943, in Wellington, Kansas, the son of Raymond and Mabel (Lawless) Deffenbaugh. On August 25, 1963, he was united in marriage to Frances Louise Creamer, who passed away July 1, 2010. To this union were born two children, Bob and Charlotte. On March 19, 2011, he was united in marriage to Ilene Haynes, who survives. Also surviving are his children, Bob Deffenbaugh and his wife, Lisa, of Cassville, and Charlotte Guilliams, of Bentonville, Arkansas; stepchildren, Carl Harris, of Cassville, and Gretchen Harris, of Cassville; one brother, Don Deffenbaugh and his wife, Mary, of Neosho; one sister, Virginia Casey and her husband, Paul, of Neosho; four grandchildren, Austin Deffenbaugh and his wife, Ashlyn, Mikala Deffenbaugh, Devin Guilliams and his wife, Lynsee, and Shayla Guilliams; two great-grandchildren, D.J. and Carson Guilliams; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death besides his first wife were his parents and one brother, Bill Deffenbaugh.

Wayne grew up in Newtonia and graduated from Midway High School. He received his bachelor degree from Oklahoma Christian College. His entire life was devoted to preaching. Throughout his life, he preached full time for the Churches of Christ in Oilton and Cleveland, Oklahoma, and Lebanon, Cassville and Shell Knob, and held gospel meetings throughout the Midwest. During a mission trip to Malawi, Africa, he spent six weeks training preachers. He was a member of the Mill Street Church of Christ, for thirty years he served as a session director at Green Valley Bible Camp in Rogers, Arkansas, and was a member of the Rotary Club in Cassville. He drove a school bus for Cassville several years. Some of his favorite pastimes were fishing, gardening, playing basketball and he especially enjoyed jogging with Ronnie Cowan. He loved his family. His first loves were God and

Services were held Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at Mill Street Church of Christ in Cassville under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. His brother, Don

the church.

Deffenbaugh, and Laith Hayward conducted the services. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Green Valley Bible Camp in memory of Wayne. Visit fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences.

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SISSY HART

Sissy Hart, age 41, of St. Louis, formerly of Cassville, passed away on Wednesday, January 6, 2020, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, in St. Louis. Sissy, daughter of Stan Harris and Mary (Acheson) Nowak, was born on November 16, 1979, in Poplar Bluff. She attended Cassville High School. Sissy was always seen with a smile on her face and lived life to the fullest. She enjoyed coaching youth baseball and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include one son, Kyler Ferguson, of Cassville; one daughter, Kearstin Hart, of Cassville; one brother, Derek Acheson and his wife, Missy, of Cassville; special cousin, Michael Petzold, of St. Clair; and a host of other extended family members who all loved her dearly.

In addition to her parents, Sissy was preceded in

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death by her stepfather, Jacob "Jack" Nowak.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home in Cassville.

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ROY DOUGLAS RICHARDS

Roy Douglas Richards, age 77, of Golden, passed away on Sunday, December 20, 2020, at home after battling cancer. Roy, son of Bob and Marrianne (VanAntwerp) Richards, was born on October 10, 1943, in Callaway, Nebraska. He worked many years in the construction business, operating backhoes and dump trucks. Roy loved to play his weekly pool games down at the Pub in Golden.

Roy is survived by his brother, Roger Richards, of Golden; two daughters, Malissa Richards and Jennifer Minyard, both of Denver, Colorado; many grandchildren; and several special friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Bob and Marrianne Richards, of Golden; and one sister, Sharon Griboski, of Denver, Colorado.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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ROKKY LAYN ENGLAND

Rokky Layn England, age 42, of Exeter, passed away Saturday, January 9, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Spring-

He is survived by his parents, Robby and Wyvern (Stringer) England. surviving are two sons, Owyn England and Garrett England, both of Washburn; two daughters, Ryleigh England and Brooke England, both of Rocky Comfort; one brother, Roddy England, of Exeter; his loving partner, Stephanie Waters, of Monett; and many close family and friends.

Rokky was born on September 10, 1978, in Monett. He grew up in Exeter and graduated from Exeter High School. Rokky worked as a draftsman at Arning in Cassville. He was a member of Corinth Baptist Church in Cassville.

Rokky didn't know a stranger and was always the funny man. He could take any negative and make light of it in effort to make people smile. Some of his many talents were making unforgettable carvings of wildlife, singing, playing guitar and drawing. He was a true artist. He loved to play music with his family and friends. There wasn't anything he couldn't do. Some of his favorite pastimes were being outdoors hunting, fishing and playing golf.

Rokky was a loving and selfless person who cared about others, making them feel good more than he did himself. He loved his kids dearly and was so proud of each one of them.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, January 16, 2021, at Corinth Baptist Church under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Donnie Spears will conduct the ser-

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LARRY GENE STEPHENS

Larry Gene Stephens, age 76, of Washburn, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Monday, January 11, 2021. Mr. Stephens, son of Onza and Wanda (Pendergraft) Stephens,

was born on September 30, 1944, at home in Washburn. On December 17, 1966, he was united in marriage to Coeta Schell in Washburn. Larry had a warm infectious smile and a laugh that no one will forget. He loved to fish and would take every chance he could to be out on the water trying to get that one big catch; Larry also enjoyed gardening and building things. He had a heart of gold and would help anyone; our lives are a little richer by getting the privilege of knowing Larry, and he will forever be missed.

Survivors include his loving wife of fifty-four years,

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Coeta Stephens, of Washburn; one daughter, Kelli Williams and her husband, Robert, of Cassville; three grandchildren, Ryan Williams, Hanna Williams, and Kayla Williams; one brother, Gary Stephens and his wife, Vivian, of Washburn; three sisters, Carolyn Sue Skinner and her husband, Don, of Cassville, Glenda Price and her husband, Jim, of Washburn, and Sandra Daniels and her husband, Fred, of Cassville; and several nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2021, at the Washburn Prairie Cemetery with Pastor Donnie Spears officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Research of 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.



DEAN HARRIS

Dean Harris, age 47, of Purdy, passed away Monday, January 11, 2021, near Cassville.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 P.M. Friday, January 15, 2021, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Cassville under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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DOROTHY JUNE SIMS

Dorothy June Sims, of Monett, passed away on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at her home in Monett.

Mrs. Sims, daughter of Elburn Moore and Margaret Sisco, both deceased, was born April 4, 1927, in Cassville. She attended grade school and graduated High School in Cassville. She married Verlyn "Soad" Sims on February 20, 1956, in Cassville. Mr. Sims passed away

Survivors include: one daughter, Terry Didelot and her husband, Russ, of Taylors, S.C.; two grandsons Ben Didelot and his wife, Jess, and Matt Didelot and his wife, Tara; two great-grandchildren, Madalyn "June" Didelot and Bennett William Didelot; and close cousins, Max and Carolyn Easley.

Mrs. Sims was a devoted homemaker, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of Monett United Methodist Church. June was known for her beautiful handwork, embroidery, knitting, and crocheting. June's friends and family were gifted with the many Christmas stockings, decorations, quilts and many other things that she made and shared with love.

A sincere thank you to Tammy Starchman and Glenna Brown, caregivers for both June and Soad. They showed a love and devotion to both of them that is rare.

A brief service will be held at 11:45 A.M. Saturday, January 16, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Reverend Robert Bradow will conduct the services. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cassville.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 until 11:45 A.M. Saturday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to Oak Hill Cemetery or Corinth Cemetery in memory of June.

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Blacky would do best in a home with an outgoing dog who can teach him how to be a real dog (instead of a scaredycat)! He is neutered, microchipped, and up to date on all shots. His estimated date of birth is 2/12/16 and he weighs approximately 45 pounds.

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Barry County U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Tammy Spicer reminds livestock producers who suffered grazing losses that occurred throughout 2020 due to drought to report their losses timely and to enroll in the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) by Jan. 30,

LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privatelyowned or cash-leased land or fire on federally-managed land. Producers in Barry County are eligible to apply for 2020 LFP benefits on native pasture and improved pasture. Livestock producers

are encouraged to contact the Barry County FSA Office with any questions regarding specific forage crops that are

"Prolonged drought conditions have created a need for livestock disaster assistance programs in Barry County," said CED Spicer. "I encourage all affected livestock producers to contact the Barry County FSA Office to schedule an appointment to enroll in the program before the Jan. 30 deadline."

Livestock producers must complete the LFP application and required supporting documentation no later than Jan. 30, 2021, for losses that occurred throughout 2020. Producers who already have appointments scheduled require no additional action to

meet the deadline.

Eligible livestock includes alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, reindeer, or sheep that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland.

Visit www.usda.gov/disaster to learn more about FSA disaster assistance programs or contact the Barry County FSA Office at 417-847-2682. To find a local FSA office, visit http://offices.usda.gov.

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to better serve the public, USDA has partnered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other disaster-focused organizations to develop the central resource for disaster related materials. This knowledgebase is a collection of disaster-related resources that are powered by agents with subject-matter expertise. Visit the USDA Disaster Resource Center website to find additional USDA disaster information and assistance.

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Sportmix pet food voluntarily recalled

University of Missouri veterinary toxicology expert working in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Midwestern Pet Foods, Inc. voluntarily recalled some of their Sportmix brand of pet food on Dec. 30, 2020. The FDA launched a formal investigation to identify all Sportmix pet food products containing potentially fatal levels of aflatoxin, a fungal toxin that can be poisonous if consumed by animals or humans. The FDA is now aware of more than 30 canine deaths and 8 illnesses in dogs, located in multiple states, that ate the contami-

nated product. MU's Tim Evans, an associate professor in the MU College of Veterinary Medicine and head of the toxicology section in MU's Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (VMDL), alerted the Missouri Department of Agriculture and Steve Strubberg, Missouri's state veterinarian, after a sample of pet food submitted to the VMDL was found to contain high, potentially fatal levels of af-

Following an alert by a latoxin that exceeded FDA regulations.

> Evans provides an overview of what happened and advice for what pet owners should look out for and what to do if they suspect their pet may have eaten contaminated pet food:

How did the Sportmix pet food become contami-

While the FDA is still investigating, we know that aflatoxin can be produced by mold in grains, especially drought-stressed corn, and high levels of the toxin can be extremely poisonous to pets. Corn is a major ingredient in some of Midwestern Pet Food's Sportsmix products.

What are the symptoms in pets to look out for?

The clinical signs to look for in your pet include lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea and potentially yellow mucous membranes in the pet's

What should I do if I have been feeding my pets Sportmix pet food and they start to experience the symptoms mentioned above?

The first steps are to identify whether you have been feeding or had previously fed

any of the recalled products, immediately stop feeding those products to your pets, and call your veterinarian right away to have your exposed pets examined and have appropriate blood tests performed. Blood tests can indicate whether pets are exhibiting clinical signs consistent with exposure to aflatoxins. Be sure to have specific information on hand about the pet food product, such as the product's name, expiration date and barcode. Veterinarians should ask if multiple pets in a household have been eating the same food and if similar symptoms are present in multiple pets.

There are a number of treatment options that veterinarians have at their disposal to help treat aflatoxicosis in pets. However, the potential for aflatoxin exposure is often not identified until an animal's liver is severely damaged. For this reason, it is extremely important that all potentially contaminated products be identified and recalled as soon as possible, and possibly-exposed animals be examined and treated by their veterinarians.

Which products have been recalled?

An up-to-date list of the recalled pet food products can be found here. As new information becomes available, the product list may continue to expand. Sportmix pet food products are commonly sold in both big-box retailers and online distributors.

Barry County Communities to Update Hazard Mitigation Plan

ri Council of Governments that will reduce or eliminate (SMCOG) has contracted the losses from future disas-County Commission to prepare a five-year update to the Barry County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. A plan update kick-off meeting will be held virtually on January 21st, 2021, from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Effective November 1, 2003, any county in Missouri that is declared a federal disaster area must have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in place to be eligible for HMGP funding. Hazard mitigation, as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is any action taken to eliminate or reduce the loss of life or property as the result of a disaster event. HMGP funds

term solution to a problem. Many types of projects can be funded through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program including improving bridges at low water crossings, floodplain buyouts, and constructing community saferooms.

As required by 44 CFR \$201.6(d)(3), a local jurisdiction must review and revise its plan to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts and changes in priorities and resubmit it for approval every five (5) years in order to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding. The Barry County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is a revision

The Southwest Missou- may be used to fund projects of the previous five-year update completed in 2016.

The public is invited to with SEMA and the Barry ters as well as provide a long- learn how local governments are planning to mitigate the impact of natural hazard events. All interested persons are encouraged to provide input on the plan which must be approved by the State Emergency Management Agency and FEMA. The County Commissioners, the governing body of each participating City and School District must pass a resolution adopting the Plan once it is approved by FEMA.

All comments and questions should be directed to Thomas Cunningham at (417) 836-5801 or by email TCunningham@Missouri-State.edu.

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