

New 39th Circuit, county clerk appointments made

Cole, Kasper fill judicial positions



David Cole, of Ellis, Cupps & Cole in Cassville, was appointed to the position of Circuit Judge of the 39th Judicial Circuit.

Friday Missouri Governor Mike Parson announced the

appointments of David Cole, of Cassville, to the position of Circuit Judge for the 39th Judicial Circuit and Matthew Kasper, of Mt. Vernon, to the position of Associate Circuit Judge for the 39th Judicial Circuit. Cole, raised in Barry County and a graduate of Wheaton High School, will fill the vacancy created by the appointment of the Honorable Jack A. L. Goodman to the Southern District Court of Appeals. Cole is currently a partner at Ellis, Cupps & Cole Law Firm in Cassville. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Missouri Southern State

University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law. Kasper will fill the Associate Circuit Judge vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Robert George. Kasper currently serves as the assistant prosecuting attorney for Lawrence County. He holds a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Arkansas Tech University and a master's degree in divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mr. Kasper earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas School of Law.

Ennis sworn in as Barry County Clerk

In a ceremony notable for the tears which were shed, outgoing county clerk, Jill LeCompte, swore in her replacement, Joyce Ennis, at the courthouse in Cassville Friday, January 29. "Ennis was my secretary when I had my first principal position with Cassville Schools," LeCompte said, "then she was in the clerk's office when I was elected to this office. Now here she is taking my place. "She'd better not cry, either," LeCompte added.



Above, Joyce Ennis (right) ignores Jill LeCompte's admonition not to cry prior to a swearing-in ceremony for Ennis as Barry County's new county clerk. Ennis will be taking the place of LeCompte (left), who resigned effective January 31, citing family priorities after the death of her husband in November.

See CLERK 8A

Hospitals, state collaborate to administer vaccines



Mercy and CoxHealth hospitals have been selected by the state to receive and administer approximately 55 percent of the COVID-19 vaccines allotted to southwest Missouri residents.

Due to limited availability of the COVID-19 vaccine, CoxHealth President & CEO Steve Edwards is encouraging area residents to sign up everywhere to take it. "Get your name on a list," he said, in a media briefing Monday, "and take the vaccine from whichever organization contacts you first to let you know it's available. It's just important to get people vaccinated to slow the course of this virus." Missouri Governor Mike Parson and the Department of Health and Senior Services announced the implementation of a distribution plan for the vaccine Monday. That plan includes partnering with selected hospitals in the state, which have the capability of administering 5,000 vaccines per week. The allocation of vaccines to those hospitals will be proportional to regional population, based on highway patrol territories. Within Troop D, which includes Barry County, both CoxHealth and Mercy hospitals are scheduled to receive 5,700 vaccines every other

week on a rotating basis through February. The hospitals then decide how much of the vaccine to allocate to their different facilities, again based on population. Edwards anticipates that Cox Monett will be receiving vaccines this week as part of

See VACCINES 3A

Cookbook sales benefit Backpack Program at Cassville R-IV

Nothing speaks to the heart quite like food, so giving a loved one a recipe book makes a great Valentine's gift for 2021. Make it a hint to your significant other that you'd like her (or him) to whip up a sweet treat - or a dinner entree - to tickle your taste-buds. Or, if you're the cook of the duo, take it upon yourself to purchase a cookbook and try out a new recipe on your other half. Just in time for Valentine dinners, the Cassville R-IV school district is selling a cookbook titled Packed with Love. Packed with Love is filled with recipes contributed by the community members of Cassville. Written by co-authors Kristie Preddy, counselor of the Cassville Primary



Elementary counselor, Kristie Preddy, holds a copy of "Packed with Love," a cookbook on sale now. Proceeds benefit the school's Backpack Program, which provides food to area children. Look for recipes from the cookbook throughout this issue of The Barry County Advertiser.

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Notice:

Southwest Missouri Coalition of Charities provides a network where non profits can belong, share knowledge and support one another. The organization hosts meetings via Zoom. Upcoming topics include: Focus on Prom, Friday, January 29, 2021, 11 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.; and Housing Coach Group for Transitional & Temporary Housing, Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 1 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. More information can be found on their Facebook page. You may also contact Elaine Phaneuf at the Barry County Advertiser to request emailed links to the meetings.

The Missouri statewide tornado drill will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 10 A.M. The Monett-Lawrence County E9-1-1 center will be activating area outdoor warning sirens at that time. The back-up date in the event of hazardous conditons is Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 10 A.M.

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.



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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.

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.

Feb. 7

The Veterans Taskforce of America, Inc. will be meeting at the Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett at 4 P.M. All honorably discharged men, women, war time or peacetime, are welcomed.

Feb. 13

The Rifle Raffle Drawing hosted by The Wheaton Historical Society will be on Saturday night, February 13, 2021, at 6 P.M. at the Wheaton Depot Museum. The Wheaton Historical Society annual February Winter Banquet has been cancelled due to the Covid pandemic.

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Bids will be for Unit #1 and Unit #2 together. Bids need to be received at Roaring River State Park by 4:00 PM, Friday, March 12, 2021. Payment will need to be made prior to the first mowing by certified check to the State of Missouri.

Please contact Joel Topham at Roaring River State Park at 417-847-2539 for bid forms and/or further information.

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School Menus: Feb. 8 - Feb. 12

All meals served with milk and subject to change.

Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, sausage patty, pears or cereal, blueberry muffin, applesauce. L: country steak or chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, green beans, pears or salad meal. Tues: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, hashbrown, pineapple or cereal, graham crackers, peaches. L: burrito/cheese or crispito, nachos, refried beans, glazed carrots, juice or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, mandarin oranges or cereal Nutri Grain Bar, apple. L: chicken nuggets or cheeseburger, mac & cheese, corn, yogurt cup, peaches or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or mini cini, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail or cereal, banana muffin, peaches. L: chili or chili dog, mozzarella bread sticks, crackers, green beans, cookie, juice or salad meal. Fri: No School

Cassville PR-IN-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or sausage biscuit, hashbrown, peaches or cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce. L: hamburger or hot dog, BBQ chips, green beans, Sidekicks. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, toast, sausage patty, mandarin oranges or cereal, Pop Tart. L: chicken crispito or ham sandwich, pinto beans, corn, graham crackers, applesauce. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, hashbrown, orange or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple. L: country steak or pork chopette, corn, potatoes, gravy, fruit cocktail. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or strawberry bagel, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop-Tart, pineapple. L: tangerine chicken or chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, egg roll, fortune cookie, pineapple. Fri: No School.

Purdy: Mon: B: breakfast pizza, fruit. L: tangerine chicken, brown rice, broccoli, carrots, fruit. Tues: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: lasagna, garlic bread, romaine salad, tomato, ranch dressing, fruit. Wed: B: pancakes, syrup, fruit. L: chicken tenders, french fries, corn cobette, fruit. Thurs: egg & cheese, biscuit, fruit. L: chicken, fajitas, black beans, fruit.

Southwest: Mon: B: breakfast sausage pizza, mandarin oranges, juice. L: chicken & noodles, mixed vegetables, hot roll, rosy applesauce. Tues: B: cinnamon roll, apple slices, juice. L: pizza crunchers, romaine salad, ranch dressing, celery with peanut butter, peaches. Wed: B: biscuit, pepper gravy, grapes, juice. L: salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, pineapple. Thurs: B: scrambled eggs with bacon, grapes, blueberry muffin, juice. L: BBQ rib sandwich, cole slaw, chips, apple slices, peanut butter cup. Fri: B: No School.

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Resident reminds of property tax credit for eligible seniors

Sheila Harris

Yet one more effect of COVID-19 on the elderly and disabled can be seen as tax time draws nearer. With area senior citizen centers closed, many residents don't have the tax help that was once offered through the centers.

Cassville resident and senior citizen Donna Creel reports that she did not receive her Missouri Property Tax Credit Form in the mail, as she has done for the past 10 or 15 years. The form, when filed, allows eligible senior citizens and disabled residents to receive a credit on their property taxes, Creel said. Because she lives on a limited income, it's a credit Creel appreciates.

"As soon as I pay my property taxes, I typically turn right around and file the Property Tax Credit Form," she said. "This year, I didn't receive one, so I called the Missouri Department of Revenue. They told me that, as the result of a budget-cutting decision, they would not be mailing the forms out this year, but that they're available online."

Creel was a little taken aback, because she knows many senior citizens are not familiar with computers, although she is herself. Because her home computer had a glitch, she visited the library, where she discovered there were several steps involved to properly print the form. With the help of a librarian, she had the necessary form in hand 20 minutes later, an excessive amount of time for a form that had once been mailed, she thought.

"Before COVID," Creel said, "the senior center held sessions every year to help people prepare their taxes."

This year, with senior centers closed, that option isn't available, so I just want to remind other seniors that they may be eligible for a property tax credit. However, in order to claim it, they'll either need to access the form online or call the Missouri Department of Revenue and request that a form be mailed."

Creel said, this year, she will get back \$330 of the \$380 she paid in for 2020 property taxes. For her, that number represents a considerable savings.

Melissa Burchfield, of Burchfield Tax Service in Cassville, says the property tax credit for senior citizens and disabled people is income-based and depends on how much real estate property taxes were paid.

"Generally, a person must make less than \$30,000 for the year in order to qualify," she said.

According to Burchfield, Missouri has stopped mailing out all of its forms this year, but her office is more than happy to print the property tax credit form for people if they ask.

The 20-page forms are also available at The Barry County Advertiser office at 904 West Street in Cassville for a \$5 fee.

For more information, or to access a form online, visit dor.mo.gov or call 573-526-3669.

DeGraffenreid, Shelter Insurance Foundation Sponsor Scholarship

This spring, the Shelter Insurance Foundation will award a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduate of Cassville and Wheaton High Schools. Shelter Agent Terri DeGraffenreid Brattin sponsors and partially funds this scholarship.

A committee of local high school officials and community leaders will select the local recipient. The committee will consider each applicant's scholastic achievements, educational goals, citizenship, moral character and participation and leadership in school and community activities. The scholarship is given without regard to race, disability, religion, national origin or gender of applicants. The name of the recipient will be announced at the close of the school year.

The student may apply the scholarship funds toward tuition, fees, or campus housing for any course of study beginning the fall after the recipient's high school graduation and leading to an academic degree at any accredited college or university. The Foundation makes payment directly to the school the recipient selects.

Applications and additional information about the Shelter Foundation Scholarship will be available in January and should be completed and returned to the school official serving on the selection committee by March 31st. For more information, interested seniors should contact their high school counselor or principal or Shelter Insurance Terri DeGraffenreid Brattin.

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Adrienne Zucca

According to the investigation conducted by Tpr. T. Coffey with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Alma L. Holanda, 38, of Purdy, driver of an eastbound 2002 Toyota Sequoia, went off the left side of the roadway at Route W and crashed into a fence.

The accident occurred at 7 a.m., Wednesday, January 27, just west of Butterfield.

Holanda suffered minor injuries. The driver was transported by ambulance to Cox Hospital in Monett.

Holanda was wearing a seat belt.

The vehicle was towed by Brice's Towing of Cassville. The car was insured.

According to the report filed by K.L. Knight with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Miles S. Keifer, of Wheaton, driver of a 1998 Mercury Mountaineer, ran off the roadway on Highway 76 and struck a fence and several trees.

The accident happened at 6:30 p.m., Friday, January 29, just east of Anderson.

Keifer suffered moderate injuries. The driver was transported to Mercy Hospital in Cassville.

Keifer was not wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle was

towed by Metro Towing of Neosho. It is unknown if the car was insured.

According to a report filed by Tpr. L.A. Wilson with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Harleigh J. Jester, 18, of Washburn, driver of a 2013 Ford Escape, struck the rear of a 2010 Toyota Corolla, driven by Nathaniel L. Breier, 38, of Rogers, Arkansas. As a result, Breier then struck the rear of the vehicle in front of him, a 2006 Ford F-250, driven by Charles F. Akins, 51, of Washburn.

The accident occurred at 6:15 p.m., Sunday, January 31, on Highway 37 at Washburn. All three vehicles were northbound.

Jester suffered minor injuries. The driver was transported by a private vehicle to Mercy Hospital in Cassville.

Jester was wearing a seat belt.

Both Jester's and Breier's vehicles were totaled and towed by Wilson's of Washburn, while Akins's vehicle suffered moderate damage and was driven from the scene.

All three vehicles were insured.

Packed with Love: Valentine Cookies

- 1 - cherry chip cake mix
 - 1/3 c. vegetable oil
 - 2 eggs
 - red food coloring
 - 1 - can white frosting
- Preheat oven to 350°.
- Mix cake mix, eggs, and oil together in a large bowl until dough is formed.
- Scoop round balls of dough onto greased cookie

sheet; form each ball into the shape of a heart.

Bake 8 - 12 minutes or until slightly golden brown.

Frost with white frosting mixed with a little red food coloring. Place sprinkles on top if desired.

This recipe can be found on page 175 of the *Packed with Love* cookbook, now on sale for \$10 each, through Cassville Elementary and Intermediate Schools, or at First State Bank in Cassville.

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Freedom Bank helps bringweather stations to Cassville R-IV



Above, Mrs. Tina Mills, CMS Science Teacher, is pictured with students looking at the weather station located in her classroom.

Freedom Bank has generously sponsored the purchase of weather stations that will be placed on campus at Cassville R-IV. One device has been placed at Cassville Middle School and the other is located at Cassville High School.

“We are excited to have the weather stations on campus,” stated Dr. Richard Asbill, Cassville R-IV School District Superintendent. “The devices will collect data and information our students

and staff will be able to utilize during class. They will also serve as a valuable tool to our central office team when we are evaluating winter weather and storm warning information.”

In addition to using the data collected in the classroom and by district administration, the district will partner with the National Weather Service to provide weather updates and information. “Weather station data, such as the one in the

Cassville School District, allows the National Weather Service to see near real time weather conditions for the immediate Cassville area,” said Mark Burchfield, Meteorologist with the National Weather Service. “This data is an input into the forecast process, which helps make more accurate forecasts. The data is also used as ground truth for measuring high winds and/or high precipitation that could lead to hazardous weather. This could prompt us to issue warnings, which ultimately save lives and property. We are thankful for the Cassville School District for providing this weather data to the National Weather Service.”

The weather stations will also be used by both the high school and middle school science departments. Science teachers plan to use the information collected when teaching students about electromagnetic frequencies and meteorology. “We are grateful to Freedom Bank for providing an additional tool for our district to use for not only our students, but the safety of our wildcats and our surrounding community,” stated Asbill.

Missourians encouraged to check for unclaimed property

In recognition of National Unclaimed Property Day, Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick today encouraged Missourians to check for Unclaimed Property.

“People say to me, ‘Oh, I don’t have any Unclaimed Property’ but the reason it became unclaimed is the fact that you didn’t know you had it. That’s why I always tell people to check anyway,” Treasurer Fitzpatrick said. “We hold over \$1 billion that we want to put in the pockets of Missourians--so search today!”

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cash and the contents of safe deposit boxes, to the Treasurer’s Office. Most Unclaimed Property consists of cash from bank accounts, stocks, bonds, and contents of safe deposit boxes that have been abandoned. It can also include uncollected insurance policy proceeds, government refunds, utility deposits, and wages from past jobs.

Treasurer Fitzpatrick currently manages over \$1 billion in unclaimed assets in more than five million owner accounts. One in ten Missourians have Unclaimed Property, and the average return is nearly \$300. Unclaimed Property can be searched for and claimed on Show-MeMoney.com.

The Treasurer’s Office also

holds more than 100 military medals and insignia. To search these, visit <https://treasurer.mo.gov/Military/AllMedals.aspx>.

Since taking office in 2019, Treasurer Fitzpatrick has broken three unclaimed property records, returning the first \$1 million of his administration in less than 10 days, returning over \$45 million in one fiscal year, and returning unclaimed property to more Missourians in one year than any prior treasurer.

Launched by the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA), today marks the first National Unclaimed Property Day.

SKITS spring play scheduled

SKITS board of directors just announced that rehearsals for the spring play 2021 “Farce of Nature” will resume March 1st, with a three-night presentation scheduled for April 23, 24, and 25.

According to theater spokesperson, Craig Burford, the play was originally set to run last spring, but due to the advent of the coronavirus and ensuing complications, the play was postponed. However, all original cast members are available and are very excited to resume rehearsals, he said.

The SKITS directors have

indicated that social distancing will be observed during the performances and that precautions will be taken to ensure that proper and effective sanitation guidelines will be followed to protect audiences during the performances, Burford added.

He says it is anticipated that attendance for each show will be approximately half of normal capacity due to the implementation of social distancing.

The SKITS theater group is looking forward to performing “Farce of Nature” for all their attending patrons.

“This will be an absolutely hysterical play,” Burford said, “so whether you are a regular theater goer, an occasional one, or new to the Shell Knob-Table Rock area, mark your calendar for this comical community theater production.”

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Extension Approved for Funds to Reimburse Substitute Teachers

The Governor’s Office recently approved an extension of the allocation of funds from the state’s Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to support Missourians wishing to serve or currently serving as substitute teachers during the staffing challenges Missouri schools are facing because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This opportunity for reimbursement, as well as the newly-approved alternative route to obtain a substitute teaching certificate, was first announced in October as a way to address the substitute teaching shortage exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This alternative certification route allows individuals who possess a high school diploma (or its equivalent) to complete a 20-hour online training to be eligible for a substitute certificate. There is a \$50 application fee for the certificate as well as a \$175 online training fee. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will use the identified CRF funding to reimburse any individual who has paid the application fee between November 5, 2020, and March 31, 2021. Reimbursement will begin after March 31, 2021. DESE will also use CRF funds to reimburse any individual who has paid the online training fee from November 5, 2020, through February 28, 2021. The online training program, Frontline, will begin processing those reimbursements after February 28, 2021. There is no action required

Packed with Love: Football Cookies

- 1 c. sugar • 2 eggs
 - 3 C. flour • 1 t. soda
 - 1 c. sugar • 1 t. vanilla
 - 2 t. cream of tartar

Glaze:

 - 2 c. confectioner’s sugar
 - 3 - 4 t. baking cocoa
 - 4 - 5 T. hot water

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine the flour, cream of tartar and baking soda; gradually add to creamed mixture.

Cover and refrigerate for three hours, or until easy to handle.

On a lightly floured surface, roll dough out to 1/8 inch thickness. Cut with a football-shaped cookie cutter.

Place cookies two inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake at 350° for 8-10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool.

In a large mixing bowl, combine confectioner’s sugar with enough hot water to achieve spreading consistency; beat until smooth.

by the substitute teachers to be reimbursed; the payment method used to pay these fees will be automatically credited. To qualify for the alternative route to substitute teacher certification, individuals must complete the online training by February 28, 2021; the emergency rule that allows this alternative route, approved by the Missouri State Board of Education to address pandemic-related staffing shortages, expires after that date.

Substitute teacher candidates must also pay \$41.75 for a fingerprint background check for each local education agency (LEA) in which the substitute teacher intends to work. Substitute teachers may sometimes pay this fee multiple times, if they work in multiple LEAs. CRF funding is also available for LEAs that choose to reimburse substitute teachers working in their schools for the required background check fee. The individual must have completed their fingerprint background check between November 5, 2020, and March 31, 2021. To access these CRF funds, the LEA must submit to DESE an application and a list of those individuals to be reimbursed. The application is due by March 31, 2021.

More information about these reimbursements, as well as recent updates to substitute certification rules, can be found on DESE’s substitute teacher webpage. Please contact the Office of Educator Quality at 573-751-2931 with additional questions.

Purdy Eagles improve to 13-4

Lee Stubblefield

The Purdy Eagles continued their run atop Barry County schools, stretching their winning streak to five games with a 55-44 win over Seneca on Friday night. The Eagles improved to 13-4 with the victory.

A three-game losing streak left the Cassville Wildcats with a 4-14 record heading into a week of conference play. The McDonald County Mustangs blew out the Wildcats, 65-28, last Tuesday to start the skid.

Cassville will host a strong Nevada team on Friday night.

The Wheaton Bulldogs improved to 11-9, winning eight of their last nine contests. The Bulldogs claimed a 58-54 win at College Heights on Friday night.

After posting back-to-back wins over Hermitage and Sheldon, the Exeter Tigers slipped to 3-15 with a 87-72 loss to Golden City.

Southwest dropped an 81-53 game to Billings last week before being placed in quarantine for this entire week.

Varsity girls recap

The Cassville Lady Wildcats have posted winning streaks of three and then six games this season. But the Ladycats have dropped four of their last five, including a 50-41 loss at Pittsburg. Cassville will host Nevada on Friday night.

The Wheaton Lady Bulldogs dropped five of their last six games to go 8-11. That one win was a 50-44 OT thriller over Pierce City.

The Purdy Lady Eagles slipped to 4-7 with a tough 68-19 loss to Blue Eye. The Lady Eagles are slated to play in the Seneca Tournament this week.

The Exeter Lady Tigers fell to McAuley on Friday night, 65-24. Now 1-14, the Lady Tigers travel to Hurley next Monday.

The Southwest Lady Trojans dipped to 4-12 with a 37-36 loss to Galena. Growing quarantine numbers leave the Lady Trojans with only six players heading into this week’s action.

Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor,

The solution to the regular flooding in Cassville is for the city to systematically buy up the property that floods and convert it to parkland. Cassville has been flooding regularly since its founding in the eighteen hundreds. For example here is an article from The National Weather Service Natural Hazard Risk Assessment Information For Barry County Missouri: “On June 16th, 2000, the city of Cassville received widespread severe flooding along Flat Creek. Fifty to sixty people along the creek were forced to evacuate from two mobile home parks, a motel, and 10 houses. During the evacuation, some people were wading in water that was chest high”. Cassville will flood regularly in the future despite

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what anyone thinks. If there was no property to flood except parkland families and businesses would not have to be disrupted every time it did flood.

Ron Yunk
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Purdy High School crowns homecoming royalty



After a fun-filled week of activities sponsored by the Purdy High School Cheer Squad, the Purdy R-II School District crowned Senior Bay-

leigh Robbins as Homecoming Queen and Senior Osiel Aldava as Mr. Tip-Off at its annual coronation ceremony, held between basketball games on Friday, January 29. This year's



theme was Homecoming Road Trip. Students enjoyed dressing for special road trip destinations throughout the week, such as Colorado, Texas, Hawaii and Washington D.C.. The week concluded with a final road trip stop back home in Purdy, with Black and Gold Friday. Shown above is the 2021 Purdy High School Homecoming Court. Front Row: freshman candidate, Marlene Ochoa, daughter of Graciela and Juan Garcia; sophomore

candidate, Addy Abramovitz, daughter of Ted Abramovitz and Melissa Parker; Queen Bayleigh Robbins, daughter of Cecil and Jennifer Robbins; junior candidate, Jasmine Holloway, daughter of Jamie and Amanda Holloway; back row: freshman candidate, Hunter Lee, son of Dustin and Lauren Lee; sophomore candidate, Jake Young, son of David and Stefanie Young; Mr. Tip-Off Osiel Aldava, son of Andres Aldava and Norma Garcia; junior candidate, Eli

Webb, son of Stacey Rice and Tim Rice. Shown in photo at left, leading the Purdy High School homecoming procession were crown bearer Simon Hutchens, son of Kyle Hutchens; and Ruth Lamp, daughter of Nathan and Eva Lamp. Both Simon and Ruth are students in Mrs. Skiles's kindergarten class. Photos by Purdy High School publications staff.

COOKBOOK from FRONT

school, and Deanna Dickenson, who compiled the recipes, the book was funded by the First Baptist Church and published by Litho Printers and Bindery.

Packed with Love was originally published in 2012 to help support the Cassville R-IV Backpack Program and its sales still benefit that cause.

"The Backpack Program provides food for children who need it," Freddy said. "I started the program 15 years ago and it has helped the students at Cassville. All of the resources are 100 percent donation-supported, and, thanks to the community, we have never struggled."

Packed with Love is another product of the community's generosity. It's filled with recipes for people of all ages to partake in. It's also filled with creative and unique illustrations drawn by the primary and intermediate students of Cassville R-IV.

Buy a copy of *Packed with Love*, and bake some tasty Valentine cookies with, or for, those dear to you. Although this cookbook makes a great Valentine's gift, it's also perfect for Christmas, since even moms and grandmas will appreciate a copy!

Packed with Love is available both at the elementary and intermediate school, as well as the First State Bank of Purdy in Cassville. The books sell for \$10 each.

To purchase the book, or for more information, please call the elementary school at 417-847-2445, the intermediate school at 417-847-4010, or stop by First State Bank at 98 Main Street, Cassville.

CLERK from FRONT

The suggestion was promptly ignored. LeCompte said that, for her, although the last few months have been rough, the take-away lesson is that life must go on.

"That's what we do, we go on," she said, "and that includes business in the county clerk's office." Ennis was appointed to replace LeCompte as county clerk in an announcement

made last week by Governor Mike Parson. Ennis was an administrative assistant for the Cassville R-IV school district for more than 25 years, before joining the staff in the clerk's office in 2018, where she has served as deputy clerk. During her employment with the school, Ennis headed the canned food drive for

the local food bank and assisted the Bright Futures and Back Pack programs. Ennis, a native of Barry County, attended Jenkins Elementary and graduated from Cassville High School. She lives in the McDowell area with her husband Steve, and has two children and three grandchildren.

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Exeter High School celebrates homecoming



On January 29th, the Exeter Varsity Cheerleaders hosted the Mc Auley Warriors for the 2021 Homecoming. During coronation, senior Jailia Isabelle Lee was crowned 2021 Homecoming First Attendant and Junior Aubry Antle was crowned 2021 Homecoming Queen. Freshman Zachary Lee was crowned 2021 Homecoming King.

During the game, the Tigers fell to the Warriors with a score of 71-55, with Corey Hilburn leading the scoring for the Tigers with 15 points. The Lady Tigers fell to the Lady Warriors with a score of 65-24.

During halftim, the Exeter Varsity Cheerleaders entertained the crowd with dance routine.

Shown in photo, above right, are 2021 crownbearers and flower girls. Left to right are: Hayden Cook, Addi Kate Higgs, Easton Gautney, and Maggie Jo Vanzandt.

Shown in photo, above left, is the 2021 Exeter Homecoming Court. Left to right, in the front row are: Tuffy, Emilia Hatfield, Star Xiong, Hayden Cook, Addi Kate Higgs, Easton Gautney, Maggie Jo Vanzandt, Jolie Mattingly, Hailie Eaton, Aubree Donovan, Ali Daniels-Arvitt; second row: Levi Gautney, Dharma Horn, Maylea Henderson, Mason Jones; third row: Kris Allen, 2021 First Attendant Jailia Isabelle Lee, 2020 First Attendant Abbi Caddell, Hank Woods; back row: 2021 Homecoming Queen Aubry Antle and 2021 Homecoming King Zachary Lee.



Packed with Love: Peanut Butter Kiss Cookies

- 1 - yellow cake mix
 - 1/3 cup oil
 - 1 - pkg. Hershey's Kisses
 - 2 eggs
 - 3/4 cup peanut butter
- Preheat oven to 350°.
- Mix cake mix, eggs, and oil together until mixture reaches brownie consistency.
- Mix peanut butter into dough.
- Drop balls of dough onto a lightly greased pan.
- Place unwrapped chocolate kiss in the center of each ball.
- Bake ten minutes, or until lightly golden brown.
- This recipe can be found on page 171 of the *Packed with Love* cookbook, now on sale for \$10 each, through Cassville Elementary and Intermediate Schools, or at First State Bank in Cassville.

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HOMER K. BLAIR
Homer K. Blair, age 92, of Monett, formerly of Shell Knob, passed away Saturday, January 30, 2021, at his home.
He was born December 19, 1928, in Ashland, Kentucky, the son of Homer K. and Mary (Zornes) Blair. On January 24, 1953, in Bardstown, Kentucky, he was united in marriage to Josephine Yvonne “Jo” Cecil, who preceded him in death on January 20, 2018. Also preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Fred Blair and Edward Lee Blair; and a son-in-law, Ray McDowell.

Surviving are three daughters, Pam McDowell, of South Greenfield, Monica Hoy and her husband, David, of Jefferson City, and Teresa Burleson and her husband, Randy, of Neosho; one sister, Treva Stapleton, of Ashland, Kentucky; six grandchildren, Kyle McDowell and his wife, Kendra, of Ozark, Cody McDowell and his wife, Sara, of Moberly, Brandy Rosander and her husband, Jay, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Colin Anthony and his wife, Melanie, of Jefferson City, Kenny Burleson and his wife, Kristina, of Aliso Viejo, California, and Clayton Burleson and his wife, Natalie, of Bentonville, Arkansas; and fifteen great-grandchildren, Vanessa, Brooke, Grayson and Tate Rosander, Maddox, Hudson, Landry and Sutton McDowell, Stella, Nora and Theo Anthony, Aleesa, and Nick Burleson and Lyla and Owen Burleson.
Homer was a graduate of Thomas R. Brown High

OBITUARIES

School in Catlettsburg, Kentucky. From October 2, 1947, until December 12, 1949, he was in the National Guard. During the Korean War, he served in the United States Army from October 20, 1950, until October 19, 1952. After leaving the army, his career was spent with Woolworth Company, Kling Company and Kopco Printing Company, retiring in 1992. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Shell Knob. Some of his favorite pastimes were golfing, playing bridge and he loved to go to Texas during the winters. He especially enjoyed being with his family, living on Table Rock Lake.
Homer grew up in and around his Kentucky roots of Ashland until he met the love of his life. They had plans of raising a football team and instead raised three daughters. Homer and Jo made their home in various locations including Louisville, Kentucky, Detroit, Michigan, Independence, Kansas, Webb City, Harlingen, Texas, and retired to a place they love and call home on Table Rock Lake for 36 years. After the death of Jo, he moved to Oak Pointe Assisted Living in Monett, where he resided for three years.

Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, February 6, 2021, at Holy Fam-

ily Catholic Church in Shell Knob under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Father William Hodgson will conduct the services. Burial will be at Pennsboro Cemetery in South Greenfield.
The family will receive friends from 10:00 until 11:00 A.M. Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Shell Knob.
Contributions in memory of Homer, may be made to Oak Pointe of Monett Assisted Living, 1011 Airport Road, Monett, MO 65708.
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MONZELL COX
Monzell Cox, age 89, passed away on January 29, 2021, in Monett.
Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

CARL DAVID YOUNG
Carl David Young, 81, of Pierce City, MO, passed away on Saturday morning, January 30, 2021
Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2021, at the Pierce City Cemetery in Pierce City. Arrangements are under the direction of the

Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



CHARLES LOUIS LONG, JR. (CHARLIE)
Charles Louis Long, Jr. (Charlie), of Eagle Rock, went home to be with the Lord on January 28, 2021. He has his heavenly body, is healthy now and can breathe again. Charlie was born Christmas Day in 1941 to Charles Louis Long, Sr. and Dorothy Alice (Saunders) Long.
Charlie graduated from Turner High School in 1960. He then served in the United States Navy as an Air Traffic Controller. After his service in the Navy, Charlie served with the Kansas City Kansas Police Department. He later served with the Bonner Springs Police Department and the Barry County Missouri Sheriff’s Office. Charlie retired as the Chief of Police for the Green Forest Arkansas Police Department. Charlie was a legend in law enforcement.
Charlie is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary. He is also survived by daughter Diane (Brian) Brown, daughter Suzanne (Dennis) Vaughn, son Jeff (Tracey) Long and son Chris (Angie) Long. Charlie was loved by his grandchildren, Michael, Michelle, Forest Keith, Skyler, Paul, Max, Chase, Brendon, Blake, Connor, Evan, Mariah, Christian, Jordan and Remington; and many

great-grandchildren.
Charlie is also survived by two “bonus” sons, Rusty James and Jeff Coy, who he raised as his own.
A memorial service will be held at a later date.
Memorial contributions may be made to Integrity Hospice in Monett, and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P.O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.
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NORMAN MELVIN HAMMOND
Norman Melvin Hammond, 83, of Monett, passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2021.
Services were held Saturday, January 30, 2021, under direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

DR. DAVID VERNON HONEYCUTT
Dr. David Vernon Honeycutt, 82, of Monett, passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.
Private family services to be announced at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

VIRGIL RAY DAVIS
Virgil Ray Davis, age 81, passed away Saturday, January 30, 2021.
Visitation will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2021, followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. at Buchanan Funeral Home in Monett.



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 As this is a volunteer position that interacts regularly with the public, applicants will have a background check conducted before being selected. For general questions about being a campground host, please contact Jane Mobley Forest Volunteer Coordinator at 573-208-9652 or by email at jane.mobley@usda.gov.

Cats may help increase empathy, decrease anxiety for kids with autism

As a former school nurse in the Columbia Public Schools, Gretchen Carlisle would often interact with students with disabilities who took various medications or had seizures throughout the day. At some schools, the special education teacher would bring in dogs, guinea pigs and fish as a reward for good behavior, and Carlisle noticed what a calming presence the pets seemed to be for the students with disabilities.
 Now a research scientist at the MU Research Center for Human-Animal Interaction (ReCHAI) in the MU College of Veterinary Medicine, Carlisle studies the benefits that companion animals can have for families. Although there is plenty of existing research emphasizing the benefits of dogs for children with autism, Carlisle's newest study has found cats may help increase empathy while decreasing separation anxiety for children with autism. The findings can have beneficial implications for families considering adopting a companion animal for their child.
 "Previous research has shown parents of kids with autism are more stressed than parents of kids with any other disability," Carlisle said. "If a family is considering adopting a companion animal, we want to provide the best evidence-based information possible so they can make an informed decision, and cats might be more beneficial than dogs to some families."
 In the study, families that had children with autism aged 6-14 were recruited through the MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders and monitored after adopting a cat into their home. The cats were screened for temperament to ensure they were calm and a good match for the family. Not only did the families report an instant bond between their child with autism and their new cat, but the

Missouri DHSS looking for organizations to help feed children

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is looking for non-profit organizations throughout the state to help feed thousands of children who would otherwise go without meals during the summer months and during times of public emergencies, when children do not have access to free or reduced-price meals at school.
 The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) reimburses organizations for meals they serve to children under the age of 18 who are at risk of not having enough to eat during the summer months. The program is one of the ways Missouri is working to fight childhood hunger. Organizations that choose to sponsor the SFSP will help ensure that children in underserved areas of the

state continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session.
 "Preventing food insecurity in children is an important step in improving the health of Missourians," said Dr. Randall Williams, DHSS Director. "Without the assistance of organizations across the state, many of Missouri's children would have gone without meals during this past year. We greatly appreciate the organizations who have stepped up to provide the critical nutrition our children need."
 Organizations eligible to participate in the program as sponsors include non-profit organizations such as schools, faith-based organizations, camps, private nonprofit agencies, and local government entities. The sites qualify if they are locat-

ed in areas where at least half of the children are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals.
 The federally funded program is administered by DHSS. The department is now accepting applications from new non-profit organizations to participate in the program. Organizations interested in serving nutritious meals to children through the summer are requested to apply. Training in the requirements for the program will be provided.
 More information about the Summer Food Service Program is available online at www.health.mo.gov/sfsp or by telephone at 888-435-1464 (toll-free). Hearing- and speech-impaired citizens can dial 711. Community organizations that would like to become sponsors may also

email the Summer Food Service Program at sfsp@health.mo.gov or write to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Summer Food Service Program, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102 for more information.
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Free online stocker cattle events

Beginning stocker cattle operators can learn how to improve profits during a free online event Feb. 16 and 18 at 7 p.m. University of Missouri Extension; the Missouri Small Business Development Center for Agriculture, Food and Forestry; and the NRCS+MU Grasslands Project sponsor the two-night workshop.
 "A properly managed stocker cattle operation can be a very profitable cattle enterprise," says MU Extension livestock specialist Patrick Davis.
 Topics covered at the Online Southwest Missouri MU Extension Beef Cattle Conference include:
 • Stocker cattle nutritional and health management.
 • Low-input heifer development system to produce profitable open feeder heifers.
 • Business management, COVID-19 considerations and economics of a stocker operation.
 Participants will receive a link to the Zoom sessions. Register by Feb. 15 at <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/online-southwest-missouri-mu-extension-beef-cattle-conference>.
 For more information, contact Davis at davismp@missouri.edu or 417-955-0287.

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I am very appreciative to all my friends and family who helped: Brandi and Zoey Autry, Kristi and Abbi Yarnall, Cathy Lowe, Terri and Ashley Henderson, Teddi and Gary Jones for donating the food, Scott and Bailey Stephens for helping sell tickets, Riley, Kira and Sophia for making and selling your magnets, and of course to my daughter and son-in-law, April, Dustin and Lily Lowe, thank you all for coming and make the benefit a success. Thank you to the Stumpff's Event Center for the use of the building.

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Conservation Stewardship applications available

Agricultural producers wanting to enhance current conservation efforts are encouraged to apply for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)-Classic, formerly known as CSP-General.

Scott Edwards, Missouri State Conservationist of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), said, "The Conservation Stewardship Program is a great opportunity for Missouri farmers, ranchers and foresters to maintain and expand on existing conservation efforts".

While applications are accepted on a continuous basis, applications must be submit-

Farmers' Market Promotion Grant funding announced

The Missouri Department of Agriculture announced funding for the Farmers' Market Promotion Matching Grant Program through Missouri Grown. The grant awards up to \$1,000 for reimbursement of expenses associated with promoting Missouri's farmers' markets.

This competitive grant program will provide funds to farmers' markets for promotional pieces that provide awareness to communities about the farmers' markets in their area. The grant will also fund advertisements that improve understanding of raising food and promote agriculture in those communities.

To be eligible, a farmers'

USDA to invest millions to help control feral swine

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$11.65 million in 14 projects to help agricultural producers and private landowners trap and control feral swine as part of the Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program. This investment expands the pilot program to 3 new projects in Missouri. Projects have also been funded in Alabama, Hawaii, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas.

This pilot program is a joint effort between USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). This second round of funding is for partners to carry out activities as part of the identified pilot projects in select states.

"Feral swine pose a threat to Missouri agriculture and natural resources leading to major habitat and financial loss," Scott Edwards, NRCS State Conservationist in Missouri. "The Missouri Department of Conservation will lead the projects, expanding on their existing efforts working with private landowners to eradicate feral swine."

Similar to the first round, NRCS will provide funding to partners who will provide financial assistance, education, outreach and trapping assistance to participating

landowners in pilot project areas. All partner work will be closely coordinated with the APHIS operations in the pilot project areas. Between the first and second round of funding, there will be a total of 34 active projects across 12 states for the life of the 2018 Farm Bill. Each project is unique, and additional information about the expectations for individual projects can be found at www.nrcs.usda.gov/FSCP.

These new pilot projects and areas were selected in coordination with NRCS state conservationists, APHIS state directors and state technical committees to address feral swine issues and damage in areas with high densities. Pilot projects consist broadly of three coordinated components: 1) feral swine removal by APHIS; 2) restoration efforts supported by NRCS; and 3) assistance to producers for feral swine control provided through partnership agreements with non-federal partners. Projects are planned to conclude at the end of September 2023.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with NRCS, Farm Service Agency or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue working with our producers by phone and email and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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Missouri turkey hunters can apply online during February for 2021 spring turkey managed hunts through the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) website at mdc.mo.gov/spring-turkeyhunts. Managed hunt details and application procedures are outlined on the webpage. Drawing results will be posted starting March 15.

The spring turkey hunting youth portion will be April 10 and 11 with the regular spring season running April 19 through May 9.

Detailed information on spring turkey hunting will be available in the MDC

2021 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where permits are sold beginning in March.

To learn more about turkey hunting in Missouri, visit MDC's website at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey.

Buy Missouri hunting permits from numerous vendors around the state, online at mdc.mo.gov/buypermits, or through the MDC free mobile app -- MO Hunting -- available for download through Google Play for Android devices or the App Store for Apple devices.

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This recipe can be found on page 217 of the *Packed with Love* cookbook, now on sale for \$10 each, through Cassville Elementary and Intermediate Schools, or at First State Bank in Cassville.

MDC offers virtual groundhog program and more

Whether or not a groundhog can predict spring's arrival is questionable, but this animal is still an interesting member of Missouri's wildlife. A virtual program on groundhogs is one of the highlights of the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) Springfield Conservation Nature Center February schedule. Some programs require registration in advance so it's important for nature center guests to familiarize themselves with MDC's event website for the center at www.mdc.mo.gov/southwestevents.

People can learn more about groundhogs at the nature center's Discover Nature: Naturalist Notes Virtual Series -- Great Groundhogs virtual program which is from 2-2:30 p.m. on Feb. 9. This online program will dis-

cuss the various aspects of a groundhog's life, including the fascinating trait of hibernation. This event is for all ages. Register at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/175730>

Other February programs at the nature center include: Map and Compass (virtual program); Feb. 20, 2-2:45 p.m. Learn how to use compass and read a topographical map. For ages 10-up, register at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/175731>

Discover Nature: Best of the Ozarks Virtual Series: Families; Feb. 23, 10-10:30 a.m., learn about areas that can be enjoyed as a family. This is part of the Nature's Center's "Best of the Ozarks" virtual series of programs. For all ages, register at: [https://mdc-event-web.s3li-](https://mdc-event-web.s3li)

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Nocturnal Animals (virtual program); Feb. 27, 1-1:30 p.m. Learn about some of Missouri's nocturnal creatures and the adaptations they have for night-time living. For all ages, register at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/175733>

Springfield Conservation Nature Center guests can conveniently manage program registration online at www.mdc.mo.gov/SouthwestEvents. The first step to registering for a program is creating a profile. Once that is accomplished, it is easier to sign up for future programs.

The Springfield Conservation Nature Center sends program registration reminders and updates to those who sign up by texting the

words "MDC Springfield" to 468311. Sign-up for e-mail updates is available at www.mdc.mo.gov/Events by selecting "Sign Up" under "Stay in touch with MDC." Updates specific to the Springfield Conservation Nature Center are available under the category "Events and Facility Reminders."

Find information about monthly programs at www.mdc.mo.gov/SouthwestEvents. The Springfield Conservation Nature Center is located in southeast Springfield at 4601 S. Nature Center Way. People can call for more information



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Cassville Middle School Students of The Month named



The January Cassville Middle School Students of the Month, sponsored by Willis Insurance, are pictured, seated, left to right: sixth grade, Zach Boyd, son of Ann and

First baby born at Cox Monett



Shane Boyd of Cassville; seventh grade, Gunner Knight, son of Sally and Eric Knight of Cassville; eighth grade, Layla Priest, daughter of John and Krissi Priest of Eagle Rock.

Students are pictured with Jeremy Marple, Willis Insurance, and Mr. Jimmie Barton, CMS Principal.

CMS Students of the Month are nominated by CMS teachers and coaches based upon academic excellence, perseverance, or improvement, displaying exemplary citizenship and are a positive influence on school culture.

Students of the Month receive a candy bar, a Subway gift card, Cassville Cash and will enjoy lunch with Mr. Barton.

Meet the adorable first baby born at the new Cox Monett Hospital

The first baby born inside the Labor and Delivery Unit at the new Cox Monett Hospital arrived on Jan. 25 at 9:03 a.m.

Little Joseph Hang weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Parents are Chor Hang (dad) and Yer Xiong (mom) of Fairview, Mo.

“Overall, it’s been a great experience,” said Yer. “Deliv-

Fitzpatrick announces education savings app

Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick today announced the launch of READYSAVE 529, a new education savings mobile application for MOST 529 account owners.

“Since becoming Treasurer in 2019, I have been focused on making MOST, Missouri’s 529 Education Plan, as cost effective and accessible as possible,” Treasurer Fitzpatrick said. “We know that more and more Missourians are accessing their finances on their phone—that’s why I have pushed for a mobile app for MOST. I am pleased that Missouri is at the forefront of developing this app that puts

saving for education at your fingertips.”

In the initial release, READYSAVE 529 users can view their account balance, transaction history, and investment allocations. Additional features include the option to make a one-time contribution or set up recurring transactions, as well as the option to see how savings stack up versus peers in the same plan. The app is available for download in the Apple and Google Play app stores.

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