

Pleasant weather draws enthusiastic anglers



Above, left, Michaela Tate, of Cassville, teaches her nephew, 15-month-old Beau Binson, of Stark City, how to reel in a prospective catch on opening day Monday at Roaring State Park.



Above, right, anglers await the firing of the 6:30 a.m. shot, heralding the March 1 beginning of catch-and-keep trout season at Roaring River State Park.

Photos by Adrienne Quiros-Zucca.

Sheila Harris

While total tag sales were down a bit from last year, Roaring River State Park proved its popularity by once again being the top seller of trout tags in Missouri's state parks.

"Mondays' turnouts are usually smaller than other days, since most people are beginning their work week," said Corporal Steve Jabben, of the Park Rangers.

Even so, a total of 1,956 tags that were sold, according

to park store data. Of those tags, 1,571 were for adults, and 385 were for children.

Montauk State Park was second based on number of tags sold, with 1,793; and Bennett Spring was third, with 1,709.

Roaring River Park Superintendent, Joel Topham, believes that COVID-19 has been driving residents to Missouri's state parks, not only for the opening day of catch-and-keep trout season, but throughout the past year.

"We're lucky to have state parks where admission is free," he said.

"Last year, we saw an increase in attendance on every level. We had a lot of people who were new to Roaring River, but also brand new to camping," he continued.

"Since I believe COVID is here to stay, I think the uptick in outdoor activities will continue to grow. People are going to seek that mental health break that comes with being outdoors."

Topham said that by Friday, all 186 camp sites in the park had been reserved.

Roaring River Hatchery Manager, Paul Spurgeon, said hatchery employees stocked the river with 6,000 fish, a week prior to opening day. Of those, 100 were lunkers.

"We stock at 32 points along the river (above and below each dam)," Spurgeon said, "using a ratio of 2.25 times the anticipated number of tags we'll sell, to determine



Above, Emerson Taylor (left) and Tim Taylor (right) traveled from Tahlequah, Oklahoma, for opening day at Roaring River State Park. Photo by Sheila Harris.

the number of fish we'll put in the river for opening day," he added. "The anticipated tag sales are based on historical data, plus the weather forecast and current trends."

This year's opening shot was fired by Jewel Farwell, the wife of Marvin Farwell, a retired Missouri Department of Conservation employee.

"Marvin Farwell was chosen to fire the opening shot,

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Cassville nursing program ranked second in state

Sheila Harris

Crowder College's Cassville RN nursing program was recently ranked number two in Missouri by RegisteredNursing.Org, an organization which provides national data for students considering a career in nursing.

"I wasn't really surprised to receive the news," said Sandra Wilson, Director of Nursing for all five of Crowder College's nursing programs, "since the Cassville program has achieved a 100 percent pass rate for the

third year in a row."

Wilson, who heads up five nursing programs for Crowder College - four RN programs and one LPN program - said she would like to see ratings given for the practical nursing program as well.

"Students in the LPN pro-

gram at our Nevada campus are also doing exceptionally well," she said.

The application window for Crowder College's nursing programs in McDonald

See CROWDER 9A

Vaccination Clinic planned for March 4, 5

Sheila Harris

Barry County Health Department Administrator, Roger Brock, announced that a mass vaccination clinic will be held in the Cassville City Little League Ball Park, March 4 and 5, beginning at 8 a.m.

The first-dose Pfizer vaccinations are by appointment only for those who are age 65 and older, who have health conditions which in-

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Tier 3 Vaccination Plan Announced, J & J single-dose vaccine approved

Governor Mike Parson announced Thursday, February 25, that the activation of Phase 1B-Tier 3 of the state's COVID-19 vaccine plan will go into effect on Monday, March 15.

This announcement was followed by news from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services on February 28 that a standing order was signed for the Janssen Biotech, Inc. COVID-19 vaccine, approved by the FDA on February 27.

Janssen is a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson.

"With vaccine supply steadily increasing, we believe we are in a good position to activate Phase 1B - Tier 3 of the COVID-19 Vaccine

Plan," Governor Parson said. "This will make approximately 550,000 more Missourians eligible to receive a vaccine."

The Phase 1B-Tier 3 category includes infrastructure employees in the following categories:

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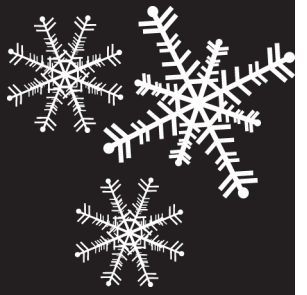
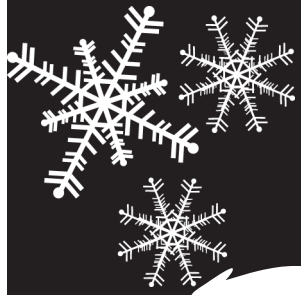
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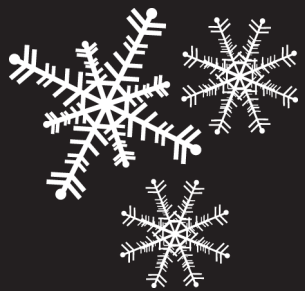
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Few ballot contests for municipalities

Sheila Harris

In municipal races in Barry County, the following names will appear on the ballot for the upcoming April 6 election.

Washburn:

Two alderman-at-large positions are open, with incumbent Jeremy Johnston re-filing for one of them. Greg Varner will be vacating his seat after moving outside of the city; Thomas Galloway has filed to fill the vacancy.

Mayor John Tiedman re-filed for his position, which is uncontested.

Wheaton:

Incumbents, East Ward alderman, Casey Prewitt; West Ward alderman, Jon Brattin; and Mayor David Shockley all refiled for their positions.

They will face no opposition.

Exeter:

South Ward Alderwoman, Rhonda Scott, an incumbent, has refiled for her position, which is uncontested.

Newcomer Christine Hammers has filed for the North Ward Alderman position, where she will also run unopposed.

Newcomer Jeff Scott is the sole filer for the mayor position.

Seligman:

In Seligman, West Ward Alderman, Robert Hughes; East Ward Alderman, Ron Corn; and Mayor Michael Avers all refiled for their positions. They will face no opposition.

Purdy:

In the November general

election, Purdy residents voted to not place names on ballots for municipal elections if there would be no changes, which will be the case for the April 6 election. City Administrator, Debbie Redshaw, reports that Brian Bowers will be filling the position of mayor, Scott Redshaw will be alderman for the East Ward, and William Hughes will fill the position for the West Ward.

Cassville:

Incumbent Mayor, Bill Shiveley; North Ward Alderman, Jon Horner; and South Ward Alderwoman, Taylor Weaver all refiled for their positions, where they will face no opposition.

General Municipal Election

Are you registered to vote in Barry County?

If you are not registered to vote in Barry County, Wednesday, March 10, 2021, is the deadline to register to be eligible to vote in the General Municipal Election.

Please notify us if you have moved and have not updated your address or had a name change.

Absentee voting began Tuesday, February 23, 2021,

and will continue through Monday, April 5, 2021, at the Barry County Clerk's Office in Cassville, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

If unable to vote in person, you may send a written request or a completed application to the office of Joyce Ennis, Barry County Clerk, 700 Main St. Suite 2, Cassville, MO 65625, or fax to: 417-847-5311. We will need: Name, physical address, mailing address, date of birth, last four (4) digits

of social security number, phone number, reason for voting absentee, and your signature.

The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Wednesday, Mach 24, 2021, for the April 6, 2021, General Municipal Election.

For more information, call the Barry County Clerk's Office at 417-847-2561 or email jennis@barrycounty-clerk.com.

Avalanche, Freightliner Collide

Adrienne Quiros-Zucca & Sheila Harris

At 12:25 p.m. Tuesday, a southbound 2005 Chevrolet

Avalanche, driven by Austin G. Plumlee (37), of Shell Knob, crossed the centerline on Highway 37 one mile south of Cassville and collided with a northbound 2019 Freightliner driven by Harold D. Frost (38), of Rogers, Arkansas.

Plumlee was airlifted to Mercy Springfield with serious injuries.

The Avalanche was totaled and was towed from the scene by Brice's Towing in Cassville.

The Freightliner suffered moderate damage and was towed from the scene by Thomas Towing of Monett.

Both drivers were insured and were wearing safety devices at the time of the accident.

The accident was investigated by Cpl. J. L. Long of the Missouri Highway Patrol, Troop D, with assistance from MSGT. J. E. Givens, MSGT. E. J. Walker, TPR. M. K. Eden, CVO. J. T. Garland and CVO. M. L. McGraw.

Tax Levys, Road District Ballot Contests

Sheila Harris

A question regarding Barry County's tax levy retention will appear on the ballot in the April 6 Municipal Election.

In addition tax levy questions will face voters in the Exeter Special Road District, the Capps Creek Special Road District, and the Wheaton Fire District.

In Emerald Beach Village,

Matthew McBryde has filed for one of the three open Board of Trustees positions; the remaining two positions are open to write-in candidates.

Emerald Beach Village's ballot will also feature a maintenance fee question as well as one pertaining to an election ordinance.

In the Northern Stone/Northeast Barry Fire Protec-

tion District, Robert Savage filed for one of the two open positions; the other is open to a write-in candidate.

Voters in the Mineral Special Road District will face a contest on the ballot between incumbent Ron Stricklin and Quintin Bradley.

In the Butterfield and Viola Special Road Districts, no candidates filed for open positions, but names may be

written in on the ballots.

The Barry County Health Department will have three open positions on its Board of Trustees, with four candidates running for those positions.

Incumbent James Brasel will face David Sater, Roger Schnackenberg and Paul Strahl.

Strahl has served on the board in the past.

Emergency Room, Clinic Reopen at Mercy Hospital Cassville

The emergency room at Mercy Hospital Cassville has reopened Thursday to patients after a fire Monday temporarily closed the facility.

An ambulance crew, doctor and emergency room staff have remained on-site

to treat patients having emergencies who came in by private car. Now, the facility can once again accept ambulance traffic as the ER is fully functional.

"We know how critical quick care is in an emergency," said Valerie Davis, administrator of Mercy Hospital Cassville. "We have been laser focused on reopening the ER since the fire on Monday. But we had to ensure the building would be safe for patients and co-workers."

Positive final inspections today of the medical gas system (for things like oxygen) and an air quality survey cleared the facility to reopen the ER. Other areas of the hospital, like the medical/surgical unit where the fire happened, will likely remain

closed for several months while repairs are made.

Hospital-based outpatient services, like cardiac rehab, therapy, radiology and lab, will resume tomorrow. Staff has alerted patients.

Mercy Clinic Family Medicine – Cassville is connected to the main hospital and has also been closed since Monday, February 22, but reopened to patients March 1.

The providers relocated temporarily last week to Mercy clinics in Shell Knob and Monett and saw their patients there.

The fire began about 6:30 a.m. on Feb. 22 in a rooftop HVAC unit. When smoke detectors sounded, Mercy co-workers immediately evacuated all six patients to waiting ambulances. Mercy

co-workers contacted patients' families, and all were taken to Mercy Hospital Aurora. No one was hurt.

"Once again, we'd like to thank our co-workers for their quick action, the firefighters who responded so quickly and everyone from law enforcement to our board members and off-duty co-workers who showed up immediately," Davis said. "This is truly a community hospital, and the care this community has given us inspired our efforts to quickly resume the care they deserve in return."

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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. More information can be found on their Facebook page.
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.

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.

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March 6
Ridge Top Bible Camp is having a Fund Raiser for their New Chapel Project from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. There will be chili served at no charge - donations will be accepted; a silent auction; and music by The Flyin' Buz-zards. To see items in the auction, check the Facebook page or the website: ridgetopbiblecamp.com in the news section.

March 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 tie or peacetime are welcome.

March 13
The Purdy R-II Schools Music Department will host its annual all-school talent show, Purdy's Got Talent! at 7 P.M. in the Purdy Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. Please note that masks are required for all attendees when entering and exiting and when moving within the building.
The Monett Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 10:30 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church in Monett. Branson performer, Ms. Adriana Fine, will present a toe-tapping, full of pride program on patriotic music. The public is welcome with special invite to ladies interested in DAR membership. Call (231) 343-2727 for more information.

March 15
Southwest Community Baccalaureate Committee will be having a meeting at 6 P.M. in the Southwest R-5 High School Commons area. Pastors, parents, seniors and community are urged to participate and support the 2021 Seniors.

March 24
Give Ozarks: Rally for Recovery Day is an online event starting at 7 A.M. continuing to 7 P.M. through the Cause Moentum website. Donations are easy and safe to make on this secure website. The pandemic has negatively impacted everyone and the Central Crossing Senior Center (CCSC) is no different. While not open for group activities, the cost of maintaining the building continues, and CCSC was unable to hold any fund-raisers, their main source of income. CCSC continued to help the community through Medicare Counseling, Foot Health Clinics, and Tax Preparation. CCSC encourages anyone to make a contribution on Give Ozarks Day. A link to Give Ozarks will be available on the CCSC website: www.shellknobseniorsinc.org.

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Cassville High School: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or mini cini, yogurt cup, fruit cocktail or cereal, banana muffin, tropical fruit. L: chicken strips or cheeseburger, mac & cheese, broccoli, yogurt cup, peaches or salad meal. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, peaches or cereal, Go-Gurt, apple. L: spaghetti or pizza, corn, breadstick, juice or salad meal. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, pears or cereal, granola bar, orange. L: general chicken or popcorn chicken, rice, carrots, egg roll, pineapple or salad meal. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, toast, yogurt cup, peaches or cereal, Pop-Tart, fruit cocktail. L: beef burrito or crispito, nachos, refried beans, mixed vegetables, juice or salad meal. Fri: No School.
Cassville PR-IN-Middle: Mon: B: biscuit & gravy or french toast, sausage patty, pears or cereal, Pop-Tart, apple. L: popcorn chicken or pork patty sandwich, tater tots, peas, applesauce. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast burrito, hashbrown, fruit cocktail or cereal, cinnamon toast, pineapple. L: spaghetti or shrimp poppers, salad, corn, breadstick, pears. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or oatmeal, sausage, toast, pineapple or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple slices. L: hot dog or hamburger, Sun Chips, green beans, fruit cocktail. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or scrambled eggs, toast, applesauce or cereal, graham crackers, pears. L: tangerine chicken or chicken nuggets, rice, glazed carrots, egg roll, fortune cookie. Fri: No School.
Purdy: Mon: B: breakfast pizza, fruit. L: taco salad, corn, fruit. Tues: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L; lasagna, romaine, tomato, ranch, fruit. Wed: B: pancakes, syrup, fruit. L: chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, vegetables, fruit. Thurs: B: egg & cheese biscuit, fruit. L: chicken fajita, Mexican rice, black beans, fruit. Fri: B: chocolate chip muffin, fruit. L: chicken patty sandwich, Sun Chips, vegetables, fruit.
Southwest: Mon: B: breakfast sausage pizza, mixed berry cup, juice. L: popcorn chicken, green beans, breadstick, mixed fruit. Tues: B: scrambled eggs with bacon, apple cinnamon muffin, apple slices, juice. L: salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, applesauce cup. Wed: B: biscuit with pepper gravy, grapes, juice. L: chicken tacos, lettuce, cheese, fiesta corn, mixed fruit, salsa. Thurs: B: mini pancakes, yogurt cup, mandarin oranges, juice. L: spaghetti, romaine salad, breadstick, peaches. Fri: B: No School.

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able to register if they have experienced a qualifying life event, such as job loss or marriage, but during this special enrollment period, anyone who needs coverage through the Marketplace and meets eligibility criteria is able to sign up.” Several insurance options are available for those who wish to receive care from CoxHealth. An option is through Cox HealthPlans, the health system’s insurance company, which is available on the Marketplace. More information about the plan is available here. To get connected with a Certified Application Counselor at CoxHealth, call 833-775-0018

Chamber announces trout winners voucher redemption



Gavin Gilker (6), of Anderson, displays his opening day catch at Roaring River. Photo by Adrienne Quiros-Zucca

Sheila Harris Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce director, Morgan Williams, announced that 15-year-old Leland Samuel, of Kansas City, Missouri, caught the largest trout in the “Age 15 and Under” category. His prize weighed in at 2.80 pounds. To double its value, it was also the first fish he’s ever caught. In the “Adult Male” category, Conner Britton, of Bourbon, Missouri, caught the prize-winner, with a trout tipping the scale at 4.69 pounds. For Britton, the catch marked a “grand slam:” a fish caught at the fourth of Missouri’s four trout parks. No contestants presented a fish in the “Adult Female” fishing category, Williams

said. Due to delays in shipping, the Cassville Chamber was unable to pass out their advertised coffee mugs at the river on opening morning. However, they passed out vouchers which fisherman

were able to redeem for a mug later in the day. For those who are still holding onto vouchers, Williams said they may be redeemed at the chamber office at 504 Main Street in Cassville.

City Park Road Closed March 4, 5

City Park Road will be closed to through traffic on March 4 and 5, 2021 to allow the Barry County Health Department to conduct a drive through vaccination event. The closures will begin at 7:30 a.m. each morning and end no later than 5 p.m. Recreational facilities at the park will be available for use but patrons will need to park offsite and use the walk-

ing trails for access. Local traffic can use Mineral Springs Road to access residences or Oak Hill Cemetery. Questions or concerns about this road closure should contact City Hall at 847-4441; questions about the vaccination event should be directed to the Barry County Health Department at 847-2114.

TROUT from FRONT

but he’s suffering with COVID-19, so his wife performed the honors in his place,” Spurgeon said. Farwell, the Resource Assistant and 33-year employee of the hatchery, retired in 2010, after stocking over five million trout in the river over

the duration of his career. “He worked in all kinds of weather - from snow and ice, to 100 degree temperatures - to make sure the stream was stocked with trout every night,” Spurgeon said. “After his retirement, people came to the office asking about

him.” According to Spurgeon, Farwell loved to see kids fishing. “Marvin volunteered for many years after his retirement by helping with Kids’ Fishing Days and teaching a class on ‘How to Fish Roar-

ing River,” Spurgeon said. “He was a hardworking, dedicated employee who always wanted to see the park succeed and provide families with a place to enjoy trout fishing.” Spurgeon said he will gladly accept nominations

for the honor of firing next year’s shot to signal the opening of trout season. Nominees should have some type of affiliation with the park - as a volunteer, an avid fisherman or woman, or as a passionate park attendee. In order to be considered,

submissions should contain the nominee’s name, plus a paragraph or two describing their connection to the park. Emailed submissions may be sent to Paul.Spurgeon@mdc.mo.gov.

VACCINES from FRONT

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receiving a vaccine. This will allow vaccinators across the state to continue vaccinating Missourians without delays due to those who are eligible but not seeking a vaccine. “While supply is still limited, we are expecting slow and steady increases, and activating Tier 3 on March 15 will allow us to continue making progress as supply expands,” Governor Parson said. “If vaccine supply continues to increase, and if we continue to make the progress we’ve been seeing, we believe that we will be ready to activate Phase 2 within 45 days of March 15.” “For now, we ask that vaccinators work in their communities to plan for March 15. We want this to be a smooth process, and it will be up to vaccinators to start planning now so that Tier 3 populations are ready,” Governor Parson continued. Governor Parson said, as of February 24, approximately 12 percent of Missouri’s population has received at least one dose of the vaccine. Over 350,000 Missourians have been fully vaccinated with both doses. Barry County Health Department administrator Roger Brock says the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available in Barry County as soon as the initial order of

200 is received. According to information released by the DHSS, the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine is different from Pfizer and Moderna’s mRNA vaccines, in that it is manufactured using a specific type of virus called adenovirus type 26 (Ad26). The vaccine uses Ad26 to deliver a piece of the DNA, or genetic material, that is used to make the distinctive “spike” protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. While adenoviruses are

a group of viruses that are relatively common, Ad26, which can cause cold symptoms and pink eye, has been modified for the vaccine so that it cannot replicate in the human body to cause illness. After a person receives this vaccine, the body can temporarily make the spike protein, which does not cause disease, but triggers the immune system to learn to react defensively, producing an immune response against SARS-CoV-2.

Reported side effects include pain or redness/swelling at the injection site, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, nausea and fever. Those who should not get the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine are those under age 18 and those who have had a severe allergic re-

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Check Out Hunger collects record-breaking \$69,000 for hunger relief

Food Harvest for the 22nd annual Check Out Hunger campaign, raising a record-breaking \$69,000 from customer donations to provide more than 276,000 meals across the Ozarks.

The fundraiser wrapped up at the end of December, but The Food Bank received checks from grocers throughout the first two months of 2021. This is an ideal time for Ozarks Food Harvest to receive a financial boost, as charitable donations tend to drop after the holidays.

“Our community was especially generous this holiday season,” said Denise Gibson, development and communication director at Ozarks Food Harvest. “We’re so thankful for our local grocers and their customers who have helped us provide more meals than ever before to families facing hunger in the Ozarks.”

Check Out Hunger gives shoppers the opportunity to add a \$1, \$3 or \$5 tax-free donation to their grocery bill at the register of participating retailers during the holiday season. Participating grocers included Apple Market, Country Mart, Harter House, Hy-Vee, King Cash Saver, Price Cutter, Ramey, Rhodes Family Price Chopper, Town & Country Supermarket and Woods Supermarket.

Pyramid Foods stores, including Country Mart, King Cash Saver, Price Cutter and

Ramey, have participated since 2005 and in that time have helped provide 1.1 million meals for children, families and seniors in southwest Missouri.

“We’re very excited to be able to partner up with Ozarks Food Harvest each year to help raise awareness with their Check Out Hunger campaign,” said Erick Taylor, president/CEO of Pyramid Foods. “We are the local grocer and we’re all about keeping it local by giving back to the local community. This is just one of many ways we strive to help out those in need, especially during the pandemic. We’re always more than happy to offer our support.”

Since the fundraiser began in 1998, Check Out Hunger has raised more than \$677,000 to help provide more than 3.1 million meals to The Food Bank’s network of 270 hunger-relief organizations.

About Ozarks Food Harvest — The Food Bank Ozarks Food Harvest is the largest COVID-19 related donor to charities in southwest Missouri. Since April 2020, Ozarks Food Harvest has hosted more than 115 Mobile Food Pantries, purchased an additional \$3.6 million worth of food and provided a record-breaking 20 million meals for its network of 270 hunger-relief organizations.

Cassville Dispensary provides over \$34,000 of relief to patients in 2020

Cassville Dispensary, a patients-over-profits model medical cannabis dispensary in southwest Missouri, gave out over \$34,000 in discounts to patients in need in 2020. The dispensary provides relief to low income patients, veterans, senior citizens, terminally ill and special circumstance patients through a variety of programs to help make their cannabis medicine affordable.

Dr. Lisa Roark, MD, owner and medical director of Cassville Dispensary, said, “My dream was to open a medical cannabis dispensary that would take care of patients over everything else. This shows the hard work and dedication of all of our staff at the dispensary and how much we care about our patients. I’m incredibly proud of the work we are doing.”

Cassville Dispensary was one of the first medical cannabis dispensaries open in the state of Missouri. The dispensary opened to the public on September 28 and began carrying cannabis THC products on October 29.

Cassville Dispensary General Manager Charlea Estes-Jones said, “With only being open with cannabis products beginning October 29, we are incredibly proud of the discounts we’ve been able to provide patients on top of our already low prices. Over \$34,000 in just over two months of being open is an incredible amount, and we are proud to show patients we are here to take care of them in any way we can. We are all proud of the work we are doing here.”

General discounts for patients visiting Cassville Dispensary include 10 percent

off everything in the store for low income patients, senior citizens, healthcare workers and educators, and military/veterans day in and out. Any patient under care for a terminal illness gets an automatic 20 percent off, and patients under special life circumstances, like those caring for a sick child or someone who recently lost their job, can qualify for additional discounts under the dispensary’s Bridging the Gap compassion program. Bridging the Gap patients’ discounts are determined by management after financial hardship is proven through an application process.

Staff also provide free educational consults with nurses, free cultivation consultations and advice, and patient education journals to medical marijuana patients six days a week. The all-encompassing mission to help patients in whatever way they need is one of the beacons of success for the dispensary.

General discounts made up over \$31,000 in aid offered to patients at the dispensary. The remaining \$3,000 was raised through Cassville Dispensary’s Angel Tree Program for a family in need during December.

Estes-Jones said, “We offered competitive discounts in December for patients who donated cash or gifts toward our Angel Tree Program. It was a win-win for both patients and the family nominated this year to receive help during the holiday season.” It was the partnership of the dispensary and patients that made the Angel Tree Program possible.

This year’s Angel Tree family was Jailee Mitchell and her parents, John and Beverly, of Washburn. Jailee suffered a severe traumatic brain injury in 2019 when her four-wheeler crashed in rural Washburn. Jailee’s family was open about the im-



This year’s Angel Tree Family at Cassville Dispensary was Jailee Mitchell and her parents, John and Beverly, of Washburn.

portance of cannabis in her healing journey.

Through the Angel Tree program, Cassville Dispensary was able to provide everything on the family’s Christmas list as well as over \$1,800 in a fund to pay for Jailee’s cannabis.

Moving forward, Cassville Dispensary will continue discount programs for patients in need and is pursuing various non-profit partnerships to make sure patients in need continue to get the help they deserve in paying for their cannabis medicine.

Dr. Roark provides unlimited free medical marijuana telehealth appointments for any patient certified through Ayden’s Alliance at her clinic Roark Family Health, as well. In 2020, Roark Family Health did \$11,300 in free

certifications for Ayden’s Alliance patients.

Dispensary management and nurses also donate all of their tips to a low income patient fund which is held on site in the event a patient needs assistance with their purchase that day.

Cassville Dispensary is located at 15335 State Highway 76 in Cassville, phone (417) 665-1990. Their website is CassvilleDispensary.com and their menu is available for online orders and drive through pickup. They are also on Facebook. Cassville Dispensary is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, drive through available 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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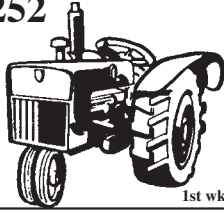
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Miller denies Purdy in district title game

Lee Stubblefield

The Miller Cardinals used the old school formula of stifling defense and deadly free throw shooting to defeat the Purdy Eagles, 47-29, in the Class 3 District 12 championship game at Purdy on Saturday night. Miller held Purdy to quarter totals of 7, 6, 4, and 12 points, and buried 18 of 22 free throw attempts in a dominating performance.

Purdy hung close through two quarters, with the Eagles' defense limiting Miller's offense. But the Cardinals controlled the tempo, slowing the game to snoozer pace at times. Osiel Aldava scored the game's opening basket, and Jacob Brown drilled a trey from the left wing for a 5-4 Purdy lead at the 2:55 mark of the first quarter.

The Eagles would not lead again.

Kaleb Groesbeck scored on a pretty alley-oop toss, and Joel Kleeman converted a pair of free throws to give Miller an 8-7 lead at the first break.

Miller outscored Purdy in the second quarter, 9-6. Six of those Cardinals points came at the line, including Kleeman's cap to a three-point fast break play. Jeff Lung threw in a trey from the right corner for a 17-9 Miller lead. Purdy scored the final points of the quarter though. Zackary Brewer turned a half court steal into a layup, and Clay Henderson added free throws to cut the Miller lead to 17-13 at the half.

But the third quarter was all Miller.

The Cardinals opened the quarter with a 9-0 run, fly-

ing to a 26-13 lead at the 5:09 mark. Henderson responded with a three, and Brown hit the first of two free throws for a 28-17 game. Kleeman answered twice in the final minute. First, he tiptoed through traffic on the baseline, finishing with a finger roll. Then he buried a trey in the final seconds to give Miller a 33-17 lead at the final break.

But, to echo the chant from the Purdy student section, "We're not done yet."

The Eagles mounted a desperate comeback. Osiel Aldava scored twice in the paint. Ezequiel Garcia rained a trey from the right wing. Jesus Aldava scored with a loose ball after an errant Miller pass on the inbounds attempt. Suddenly, Purdy had pared the Miller lead to 33-26.

Kleeman drove through the lane for another Miller score, then Osiel Aldava hit the second of two free throws for a 35-27 score with 4:04 left to play.

But then the Cardinals went on an 11-0 run to ice the game. Nine consecutive free throws paved the way for Miller's championship run.

Purdy finishes the season at 16-6. Miller improves to 20-7 and moves on to a sectional matchup with Greenwood.

Miller scorers: Joel Kleeman, 20; Jeff Lung, 12; Brendan Thom, 9; Kalebb Groesbeck, 4; Logan Nield, 2.

Purdy scorers: Osial Aldava, 9; Jacob Brown, 6; Ezequiel Garcia, 5; Clay Henderson, 5; Zackary Brewer, 2; Jesus Aldava, 2.

Miller Cardinals defeat Southwest

Lee Stubblefield

Jekyll and Hyde.

As hot as Southwest shooters were in their district win against Diamond, the Trojans came out ice cold in their Class 3 District 12 semifinal at Miller on Thursday night. On the short end of a disastrous 27-7 first half, Southwest could not recover from the huge deficit.

Joel Kleeman and Brendan Thom combined to score 40 of Miller's 50 points. Southwest came alive late, hitting seven treys in the second half. The Trojans outscored the Cardinals 33-23 in that half, but it wasn't enough.

Southwest finished the season with a 10-12 record.

"We executed pretty well on the defensive end but couldn't find our rhythm on offense," said Southwest's Rusty Roe after the game.

"It was a tough end to a good season," Roe continued. "With covid and the winter storm, we really got hit hard. I think our guys did a great job working through that adversity."

Southwest had no seniors on the roster, and started freshman Brendyn Paulsen at center. The Trojans fully expect to contend for a district title next year.

Miller scorers: Joel Kleeman, 23; Brendan Thom, 17; Logan Nield, 4; Jeffrey Lung, 3; Kaleb Groesbeck, 3.

Southwest scorers: Caden Uthe, 10; Zak Starr, 10; Cruz Marquez, 9; Brendyn Paulsen, 5; Zak Corwin, 4; Lucas Paulsen, 2.

Win, Loss for Wildcats

Lee Stubblefield

The Cassville Lady Wildcats went on the road Tuesday night, and claimed a 32-23 victory over East Newton in Class 4 District 12 action at Granby. In a reversal of their 36-31 loss to East Newton on February 1, the Ladycats improved to 11-14 with the win. The Cassville girls will hit the road again on Thursday night to take on top-seeded Mt. Vernon in one semifinal.

Seneca defeated Reeds Spring, 44-33, and will face Aurora in the other semifinal.

Reeds Spring downs Cassville, 43-24

The opening round of the Class 4 District 12 boys basketball tournament pitted Cassville against Reeds Spring in a rematch of the January 5 meeting won by the

Wolves, 45-40. Reeds Spring, the #3 seed, earned the home court advantage with a 10-14 overall record.

The Wolves defeated the Wildcats in a sloppy game on Monday night, 43-24.

Cassville was ice cold in the first half. The Wildcats only scored one point in the first quarter: an Aidan Cook free throw at the 3:10 mark. Meanwhile, Reeds Spring shooters hit four treys and a long deuce in that quarter for a 14-1 lead at the first break.

It was 21-4 in the final minute of the second period when Cassville's Isaac Haddlow grabbed an offensive board, scored, and hit the add-on free throw for a 21-7 halftime score.

Cassville's stingy defense held Reeds Spring to just 11 third quarter points. But the

Wildcats could only score 10 and trailed 32-17 at the final break.

The Wolves were content to run clock in the final quarter, but committed a slew of turnovers. Cassville pulled within 10 on a three-point play by Cook at the 6:50 mark, but could never cut that lead to single digits. Forced to foul, the Wildcats watched a parade of Wolves score from the free throw line as the clock ran out on a 43-24 Reeds Spring victory.

Ty Cooper led Reeds Spring with 14 points. Aidan Cook scored 10 to lead Cassville.

Cassville finished the season at 4-21. Reeds Spring improved to 11-14 to advance to a Wednesday semifinal against Mt. Vernon.

College Heights girls drop Wheaton in semifinal

Lee Stubblefield

The Wheaton Lady Bulldogs saw their season end at Ozark Christian College in Joplin Wednesday night, as College Heights powered to a 49-35 victory in their Class 2 District 12 semifinal. The Lady Cougars roared to a 28-16 halftime lead, and maintained that lead throughout the second half.

Grace Bishop scored nine in each half to lead CH with 18 points. Monica Hinojosa led Wheaton with 12.

The Lady Bulldogs finished their season with a 10-13 record. College Heights fell to Greenfield in the district championship game on Friday, 58-44.

"This team played hard

and improved throughout the season," said Wheaton's Jessica Lombard. "With only one senior and the growth we've made, next year will be our year to peak. I am very proud of this group of girls."

College Heights scorers: Grace Bishop, 18; Lainey Lett, 9; Catherine Secker, 8; Kaynahn Burk, 6; Jayline Johnson, 6; Addison Law-

rence, 2.

Wheaton scorers: Monica Hinojosa, 12; Lori McNeill, 9; Allison Whitman, 6; Lily Ray, 6; Giovanna Hinojosa, 2.

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Mary Cupps retires from Able 2 Products Company



Mary Cupps retired from Able 2 Products Company on February 26, 2021, after 21 years of service to the local manufacturing company. Mary joined the company on January 3, 2000, in the sales department where she was responsible for advertising and marketing. A retirement party was held in Mary's honor at the plant on February 26, 2021. Mary plans on spending time with her family, gardening, and reading in her spare time.

Asbill says legislation threatens rural schools,

Sheila Harris

A piece of legislation touted as part of an "education reform package" was passed by the Missouri House of Representatives last week. As far as Cassville R-IV Superintendent Richard Asbill is concerned, the description is a misnomer.

The legislation, known as HB 349 - or "Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program" - is promoted by sponsors as a program that would allow Missouri students to attend a school of their choice with tuition paid for.

That's misleading, Asbill says.

The legislation, which might sound good at face value, in practice, would funnel federal education funds toward the payment of tuition for students in urban areas whose parents would like them to attend a private or parochial school.

Even if passed, according to talking points against the legislation written by Missouri school board association, MSBA and MASA, the funds may not cover the cost of a private school's tuition. Due to eligibility requirements of the bill, the maximum amount of voucher credits provided would be \$6,375 per student. The average private school tuition in Missouri is \$10,132 per student. That difference of \$3,757 would be difficult for many families to come up with, Asbill believes. "The bill is intended to

help children in urban areas receive what they call a 'better education,'" Asbill said, "but it's more of a social experiment with federal funds.

"The people who would benefit from it would be those who least need it: families who are already sending their children to private schools," he said.

Because the bill is limited to use by children in cities with a population of 30,000 or greater, Asbill believes it will detract from the funding of rural schools - which includes all schools in Barry County - by funneling funds toward urban areas.

Asbill also says the bill, which is currently being discussed in the Missouri Senate, will allow private schools to accept federal taxpayer funds, without the accountability public schools are subject to.

Private schools can use whatever curriculum they choose and discriminate if they choose to, the MSBA says.

Asbill urges residents to educate themselves about this legislation, then contact Missouri District 29 Senator Mike Moon and urge him to vote "no" on it.

Moon can be reached by phone at (573) 751-1480, or by email at Mike.Moon@senate.mo.gov.

Coenen claims sectional wrestling championship



Lee Stubblefield

Cassville senior Zach Coenen earned a berth at state, winning the 220 pound weight class in Saturday's Class 2 wrestling sectional at Seneca. Coenen defeated Osage's Connor Arrowood in the championship match.

Coenen finished the tournament with two pins and a decision, and advances to the MSHSAA state wrestling championships March 9-13 at Cable Dahmer Arena in Independence.

Gabe Hunter and Jake Anthonysz earned fourth place in their respective divisions, 138 and 145 pounds. Kurt Deaver and Gavin Moore also competed for the Cassville team at sectionals, in the 106 and 132 pound divisions.

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Purdy FBLA Sends Eight to Virtual State



Eight Purdy High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members have qualified for the organization's virtual State Leadership Conference and competition. Purdy FBLA Adviser Kay Wright noted of her members' accomplishments, "In a year marked by cancellations and a general shifting from in-person to virtual competitions and conferences, it would be easy for students to lose interest and excitement in participat-

ing, but our FBLA members have remained enthusiastic and engaged, despite the challenging circumstances of the Pandemic. I am particularly proud of the commitment and focus of our eight state qualifiers, three of whom qualified in two different competition areas." Purdy High School's State FBLA qualifiers compete under the direction of their chapter advisers Kay Wright and Emily Brewer and are pictured from left.

Front row: Areli Garcia,

Business Law; M'kena Propps, Advertising; Alli Hayes, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure and Agribusiness; Ruby Knight, Introduction to Business and Introduction to Business Communication.

Back row: Clay Henderson, Agribusiness; Bosten Goetz, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure; Eli Hutson, Introduction to Information Technology; Drew Graham, Journalism and Healthcare Administration.

Missouri State University announces area graduates

Missouri State University awarded 1,534 degrees to students in fall 2020. The commencement ceremonies took place Dec. 11, 2020, at JQH Arena.

The following local students earned degrees:

- India Boughner, of Exeter, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education.
- Kallen Brown, of Monett, graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Design, Magna Cum Laude.
- Austin Carmichael, of Aurora, graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Construction Management.
- Tabettha Drebes, of Cape Fair, graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Psychology.
- Kenzie Drollinger, of Pierce City, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude.
- Lori Duncan, of Washburn, graduated with a Bachelor of Science, General Agriculture.
- William Edmondson, of

Cassville, graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Environmental Plant Science.

- Shane Everett, of Aurora, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, Theatre.
- Madison Horner, of Cassville, graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Journalism.
- Tina Pham, of Monett, graduated with a Master of Health Administration.
- Tori Pinkly, of Verona, graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Child and Family Development, Cum Laude.
- Jaime Rutherford, of Monett, graduated with a Master of Science, Interdisciplinary Studies.
- Deven Saylor, of Monett,

graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Cum Laude.

- Brett Schellen, of Aurora, graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Animal Science, Cum Laude.
- Jamie Sweely, of Monett, graduated with a Bachelor

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Left to right, are, front row: Kleigh Hopkins, Mandy Lee,

Callen Terry, Wendy Gonzalez, Adony Elias, Ayari Garcia, Yeshaya Parolan and Sophie Tyson; back row: Charlie Cornelius, Abner Juarez, Naydelin Elias, Loyda Juarez, Yemeli Juarez, Charli Stokes,

Keily Juarez Romero, Jaelynn Webb and Counselor Gary Jurgensen.

Natalie Shuey was absent for the photo, but earned a medal.

Photo by Kimberly Utter.

CROWDER from FRONT

County and Nevada recently closed.

Wilson wasn't sure how COVID would affect the number of applicants for the next round of nursing classes, but discovered that the demand for their programs is

remaining consistent.

"COVID may have driven some (would-be) students away," she said, "but I believe with the attention the news has given to nurses throughout the pandemic, others have seen the importance of

the function of nurses, and it has drawn them toward a career in nursing."

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JESSIE “JOHNNY” JOHNATHAN WRIGHT
Jessie “Johnny” Johnathan Wright, age 76, of Washburn, passed away on Saturday, February 27, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas. Mr. Wright, son of William Eugene and Ruby Evalyn (Webb) Wright, was born on February 18, 1945, in Kosse, Texas; he was the second of eleven children born to this union. Jessie attended several schools in Texas such as Kosse, Thornton, Groesback, Buffalo, and Bellemeade, before graduating high school with the class of 1963 in Marlin, Texas. Subsequently graduating high school, Jessie enlisted in the United States Navy in June of 1963.

After going through storekeeper school in San Diego, California, Jessie was stationed at USNS Sangley Point, Philippines. He then served aboard the fleet oiler USS Guadalupe A032 in the US Pacific Fleet Service Force (SERVPAC) from September 1965 to May 1967. Jessie was honorably discharged on June 5, 1967, from active duty and then transferred to active reserve. He made two WESTPAC cruises and

was fully discharged in June of 1969. During his service time, Jessie qualified for the National Defense Service Metal, Vietnam Service Metal and the Vietnam Campaign Metal.
On October 23, 1966, he was united in marriage to Ruby Jane Ryan in Wann, Oklahoma. Jessie worked several various jobs such as working for Reda Pump Company (who was later bought out by another company) and retired in September of 2002 after thirty-five years of service, during which he was involved in various jobs such as warehouseman, shipping and receiving of oil well parts, and packing. In December of 2002, he worked as a substitute rural mail carrier with the U.S. Postal Service in Delaware and Wann, Oklahoma, until his health declined in February of 2007. Jessie lived in rural Nowata and Washington Counties in Oklahoma thirty-nine years. He along with his wife, Ruby, fostered many children for sixteen years in Oklahoma prior to moving to Washburn in February of 2007. Jessie was of Assemblies of God faith and attended the First Assembly of God Church in Cassville. He was a member of the Cassville V.F.W. Post #4205, and was a past member of the I.U. of O.E. Local 641 and the National Rural Letter Carriers Association Unions. Jessie was proud of his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He had a huge heart, loved his Lord and Savior, and helped oth-

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ers when needed. Jessie left a lasting impression on so many lives and will forever be missed.

Survivors include his loving wife of fifty-four years, Ruby Wright, of Washburn; three children, Calvin Wright and his wife, DuWana, of Washburn, Tonya Jackson and her husband, Chris, of Springfield, and Jerry Wright and his wife, Brittany, of Texas; nine grandchildren, Shania Bray and her husband, Dennis Bray, of Washburn, Paige and Lauren Jackson, of Springfield, Aspen and Brystol Wright, of Texas, Wyatt and Tasten Wright, of Copan, Oklahoma, and Colton and Ellie Campbell, of Coffeyville, Kansas; great-granddaughters, Bryealle, Aryabella, Irylynn, and Selena, all of Washburn; three sisters, Jerre Lee Pruett and Sharlan Gail Grinstead, both of Mexia, Texas, and Carolyn Sue Hallmark and her husband, Bobby, of Porter, Texas; and several nieces and nephews, as well as past foster children.

In addition to his parents, Jessie is preceded in death by three brothers, Jimmy Eugene Wright, Billy Wayne Wright, and Marcus Keith Wright; four sisters, Sharon Gwen O’Connell, Kathy Kay Kilcrease, Debbie Gay Steele, and Sandra Ann Gilmore; and one son, Patrick DeWayne Wright.

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

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at the ReNEW Church in Dewey, Oklahoma, with Pastor Eugene Hewitt officiat-

ing. Burial will follow at the Wann Cemetery in Wann, Oklahoma.

Funeral arrangements in Bartlesville are under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home and Crematory in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

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RICHARD HARKINS WEDDINGTON

Richard Harkins Weddington, age 86, of Cassville, passed away at his home on Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Mr. Weddington, son of John and Esther (Kelley) Weddington, was born on June 6, 1934, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Richard was a 1952 Cassville High School graduate and subsequently enlisted in the United States Army where he served his country proudly. On January 14, 1989, he was united in marriage to Wanda Miller.

Richard will always be remembered for always being the one to call when needing someone to haul something. He was known to haul candies, feed, hay, tractors, all the way to heavy equipment. Richard was a longtime member of the First Bap-

tist Church where he could always be found greeting people at the doors and was also active at Northpoint. He meant so much to so many and will be greatly missed.

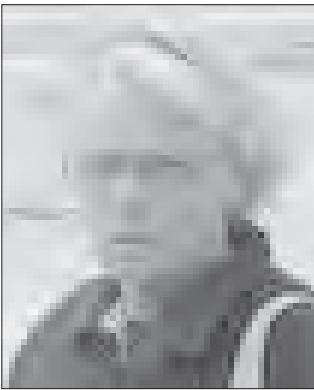
Survivors include his wife of thirty-two years, Wanda Weddington, of Cassville; one son, Carl Weddington and his wife, Lesli, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; one grandson, Alexander Weddington and his wife, Angel, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two sisters, Sue Cooper and her husband, J.C., of Wentworth, and Martha Lou Braun, of Springfield; and several nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 27, 2021, at the First Baptist Church in Cassville, with Pastor James Weaver officiating; burial followed at Oak Hill Cemetery, Cassville.

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

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MARY LOVELL

Mary Lovell, age 87, of Edmond, Oklahoma, formerly of Cassville, passed away peacefully on Feb. 26, 2021. Mary, daughter of Roy and Emogene Thomas, was born in a log cabin in Mineral Springs on June 26, 1933. As the oldest of nine children, she grew up on the farm her grandfather homesteaded in Cross Hollow. She attended a local country schoolhouse until grade eight, then finished high school in Cassville. She spent the majority of her life in Springfield, Colorado, and upon the opening of the Southeast Colorado Hospital, she began her lifelong dream of working in

medicine. Her passion never faded and she worked her way to a position as nurse’s aide and, when the opportunity presented itself, she became one of the first EMT’s to work at the hospital. Borrowing a passage from the SECH website: “Lovell made history along with Frank England and a few others when they became Springfield’s first EMT’s in 1976”. She had plenty of stories to tell. Mary also loved gardening. She spent many hours outdoors working to make sure her flowerbed was top notch. Upon retirement, she moved to Edmond, Oklahoma, to live closer to her son and daughter-in-law. Her final years were spent in an assisted living facility in Oklahoma City. The staff took very good care of her and always put up with the Thomas’ stubbornness with a smile. She could be a handful but they loved her. To end with a quote, “Everything that has a beginning also has an ending. Make your peace with that and all is well”. Godspeed mom. You will be missed.

She is survived by one son, Mike, and his wife, Anne; one son-in-law, Robert Ledezma; one brother, John Thomas; three sisters, Doris Rasa, Connie Georges and Maggie Thomas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Emogene; her daughter, Debbie; and four sisters, Wilma, Thelma, Velma, and Sue.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Cassville, with Pastor John Hile officiating.

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

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JAMES EDWARD CALLAN

James Edward Callan, 91, of Monett, passed away Friday, February 26, 2021.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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Missouri Ag Photo Contest Opens

The Missouri Department of Agriculture launched the 12th annual Focus on Missouri Agriculture photo contest to kickoff National Thank a Farmer Week in February. The Department is asking Missourians to share the unique stories and images of agriculture through photographs.

The contest, which runs through June 11, is an opportunity for amateur photographers across the state to submit their best images of Missouri agriculture. That image may take shape through a breathtaking farm landscape, an aerial shot of harvest, a farm tractor that has been in the family for years or a fun moment showcasing farm life.

“Our annual photo contest gives Missouri’s farmers and ranchers a creative way to tell their stories,” said Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn. “After another tough year for agriculture, being able to

showcase the legacy and variety of Missouri agriculture is a welcome breath of fresh air. We’re excited to continue kicking off the contest as a way to celebrate National Thank a Farmer week.”

The Focus on Missouri Agriculture Photo Contest is open to Missouri’s amateur photographers of all ages. Participants may enter up to three photos in each of the five categories. The photo contest categories are: Beauty of the Farm, Faces of the Farm, The Farmer’s Life and Pride of the Farm. Children’s Barnyard, a special category for budding photographers ages 12 and under, is back again this year.

Entries will be judged on visual impact, creativity, memorable content and image quality.

The contest offers prizes to win thanks to the Missouri Department of Agriculture’s Missouri Grown program. The Best in Show winner,

along with the first place winner in each category, will be invited to attend the 49th Missouri Governor’s Conference on Agriculture to receive their prize along with a high quality canvas print of their photo.

Winners will be announced in early July and winning images will be displayed during the Missouri State Fair in the Agriculture Building, Aug. 12-22, 2021.

To submit your photos, go to Agriculture.Mo.Gov/focus and complete the online form. A complete list of rules and guidelines can be found on the same page. Photos submitted to the contest will be placed on the contest website and available on the department’s Flickr stream. Photos must be submitted by June 11.

More information about the Missouri Department of Agriculture and its programs is available online at Agriculture.Mo.Gov.

Southwest R-V FFA Chapter



Shown above are members of the Southwest R-V High School FFA Chapter, advised by Bill Caldwell. Photo submitted by Macy Colf, reporter.

PSC opens investigation of cold weather event

The Missouri Public Service Commission has opened a case to investigate the February 2021 cold weather event and its impact on Missouri investor-owned utilities.

“Much of the Midwest, including Missouri, experienced unseasonably cold temperatures in February 2021. Such temperatures resulted in rolling electrical blackouts and extreme natural gas price spikes in Missouri,” said the Commission. “The Commission will order its Regulatory Analysis and

Customer Experience Departments, with assistance as needed from other departments within its Industry Analysis and Financial and Business Analysis Divisions, to investigate Missouri’s electrical and natural gas utilities’ preparation for and response to Missouri’s February 2021 extreme cold, and to report its findings to the Commission.”

The report is to summarize analysis performed by the Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs), market monitors, the Federal En-

ergy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), or any other relevant body.

“The report should also include information from the utilities as to their response measures, impacts on customers, and lessons learned going forward,” said the Commission.

A report with initial findings is to be filed with the Commission no later than April 22, 2021.

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This winter’s ice and heavy snow combinations have caused damage to some boat docks. Dock owners should wear life jackets when assessing and repairing damaged docks. Using the buddy system means someone is

there to assist you if you end up in the water. Remember that damaged electric wires around docks should be treated as if they are live. Ameren guidelines recommend monthly ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) testing of electric equipment and bonding wires. This includes both the dock and the power supply to the dock being inspected regularly by a qualified electrician.

Remember: If you feel a shock, swim away from the dock.

Any boats operating in areas where dock damage has occurred are encouraged to operate at no wake idle speed. This prevents further damage and increases safety for those working on the docks.

After a long winter, it is important to make sure your boat is ready to launch! Check to see that you have all the necessary equipment, and thoroughly inspect your vessel for fuel and water leaks before you head out on the water. Going through your equipment checklist is a must, and life jackets should be at the top of the list! Life jackets must be worn or readily accessible to be compliant with state law. Wearing your life jacket is always the safer bet.

Troopers encourage everyone to remain vigilant around water. If you are on

or near the water and an emergency occurs, call *55 on your cellular phone to reach the nearest troop headquarters. Marine enforcement troopers and emergency response services will respond. Be smart. Be safe. Stay healthy.

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People wanting to learn more about planting the right trees in the right places should sign up for the MDC virtual program “Community Forestry: Tree Selection and Tree Planting.” This on-line event will be March 11 from 6-8 p.m. At this program, MDC Community Forester Jon Skinner will discuss how to choose trees that will be the best fits for your landscaping and aesthetic needs.

People can register for this program by e-mailing Jon.

Spring Show-Me-Select Heifer sales set

Spring 2021 Show-Me-Select sale dates are set, says Erin Larimore, coordinator of the University of Missouri Extension program.

The sales give beef herd owners from across the nation the opportunity to bid on top replacement heifers. Bidders get a guaranteed pregnant heifer and data on her genetics. They also receive a sales catalog that gives expected calving dates for the heifers.

Locations, dates and coordinators

- SEMO Livestock Sales LLC, Fruitland, 7 p.m. Friday, May 7; Erin Larimore, 660-281-5518, larimoreE@missouri.edu.
- Farmington Regional Stockyards LLC, Farmington, 7 p.m. Friday, May 14; Kendra Graham, 573-756-4539, grahamKK@missouri.edu.
- Kingsville Livestock Auction, Kingsville, 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15; David Hoffman, 816-380-8460, HoffmanD@missouri.edu.
- Joplin Regional Stockyards, Carthage, 7 p.m. Friday, May 21; Eldon Cole, 417-466-3102, ColeE@missouri.edu.
- South Central Regional Stockyards, Vienna, 6 p.m. Friday, May 21; Anita Ellis, 573-642-0755, snella@missouri.edu.
- F&T Livestock Market, Palmyra, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 5; Daniel Mallory, 573-985-3911, MalloryD@missouri.edu.

For past sales results and catalogs, go to extension.missouri.edu/programs/show-me-select-replacement-heifer-program.

Skinner@mdc.mo.gov. Indicate the e-mail is for the Tree Selection and Planting program. The link for the program will be e-mailed to the participant one day ahead of the event. For more information about this program, call Skinner at 417-629-3434, ext. 4543. People can also get information about tree planting at: <https://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/tree-care>.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding virtual programs. A listing of these programs can be found at mdc.mo.gov/regions.

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MU Extension seeks input from farmers, agriculture industry

University of Missouri Extension wants to know how row crop farmers and others in the Missouri agricultural industry prefer to receive their agricultural information.

MU Extension weed specialist Mandy Bish said the brief survey asks farmers and others in the ag industry, such as seed and chemical dealers, to share what types of information sources they use.

“We live in an era where it is so easy to find information, and there are so many different resources and technologies that can be utilized to gather that information,” Bish says. “By better understanding Missouri producer and ag professional preferences, we can better serve the public.”

The 20-question survey takes about five minutes to complete and is anonymous, Bish says.

To complete the survey, go to https://missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8CVX4YZmqMOssfQ. Direct link to survey:

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Real Estate: Very nice home in Saddle Ridge Subdivision. Brick & vinyl, 4 bedroom 3 bath, walk out basement, 3,278 sq ft living area, 3 car attached garage on 3 acres m/l w/motorhome or camper carport. Walk up the sidewalk and enter this home under a covered front porch then into the foyer with coat closet, open to living room w/vaulted ceiling, ceiling fan, gas fireplace & windows looking out to the private backyard. The living room is open to the dining room where there is a door leading out to the raised back deck & windows looking out to the back yard. The dining room is open to the kitchen with vaulted ceilings & hardwood flooring. Kitchen features very nice pine cabinetry, lots of countertop space, double SS sink, garbage disposal, smooth top electric Whirlpool range, built in hood, built in Whirlpool dishwasher, side by side Kenmore refrigerator/freezer & pantry. Just off the kitchen is the utility room connected to the attached 3 car garage with automatic openers. The main floor has 3 bedrooms. Bedroom #1 has vaulted ceiling, ceiling fan, closet & lg windows. Bedroom #2 has ceiling fan, window, and closet. Master Bedroom has coffin ceiling, ceiling fan, windows, walk in closet & master bath with jacuzzi tub, shower & his and hers vanity. The hallway has a full bathroom & linen closet. **Downstairs:** Bedroom #4 w/window & closet, large family room, entertainment room, etc. Outside entry concrete patio, full bathroom, storage under stairwell, large mechanics room w/utility sink and lots of storage space, large storage room, could be game room, etc. joined by the John Deere room. This home has central heat and air, water softener, rural water, septic. **Outside Amenities:** Concrete driveway, sidewalks, concrete patio, raised back deck, large 15x40 carport for motorhome, camper, boat, etc with concrete floor. Gravel pad for camper etc. All this on 3 acres m/l (very nice). **Note:** This is a very nice home in Saddle Ridge. Very nice 3 acres m/l that could easily be split or keep and build a large shop. Selling due to job relocation so if you or someone you know is looking for a nice home in the Cassville area, call to preview before auction 417-847-2507. Make sure and get preapproved to buy. You won't be disappointed here. This will not be a long auction so be on time. Real Estate sells promptly at 10 AM. First thing to sell!!!! **Real Estate Terms:** Qualified buyers only w/pre-approved bank letter of approval. Nonrefundable 10% paid day of auction w/balance due in cash or certified funds within 30-45 days. Buyers and sellers will be responsible for their own portion of their closing cost. Taxes will be prorated to date of close. Sells as is where is with no warranties or guarantees. Bidders, buyers, or agent of the buyer is responsible for conducting own inspection of property prior to auction and should rely solely upon their own due diligence and inspection. This property is offered with absolutely no contingencies of any kind, no contingencies on financing, surveys, appraisals, or final walk throughs. Seller has the right to accept or reject final bid. A 10% buyer's premium will apply. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material. No debit or credit cards.

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Barry County Sheriff's Office Service Calls Report

February 22, 2021, to February 28, 2021

The Barry County Sheriff's Office responded to 218 calls for service from February 22, 2021, thru February 28, 2021. The following reports were filed during this week.

- February 22, 2021: domestic assault second degree, Seligman; stealing motor vehicle, Shell Knob; delivery or possession of a controlled substance, Wheaton.
- February 23, 2021: domestic assault fourth degree, Wheaton; possession of a controlled substance, Washburn; burglary first degree, property damage second degree and stealing, Cassville.
- February 24, 2021: civil matter, Purdy; burglary second degree, property damage second degree and stealing, Shell Knob; burglary second degree, property damage second degree, Seligman; harrasment second degree, Shell Knob; assault third degree, property damage second degree, resisting arrest, Purdy.
- February 25, 2021: domestic assault third degree, Wheaton; death investigation, Cassville; verbal domestic assault, Cassville; property damage second degree, Pulaskifield; suspicious vehicle, Shell Knob; violation of exparte order, Monett; stealing, Purdy.
- February 26, 2021: domestic assault third degree, Shell Knob; found property, Cassville; stealing \$750 or more, Cassville; dumping in an unlicensed area, Purdy; property damage first degree, Cassville.
- February 27, 2021: theft, Crane; mental person, Shell Knob.
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