

# Cassville’s Annie Moore takes state gold, makes history

*Lee Stubblefield*  
What. A. Day.  
#SheWon  
Annie Moore led the Lady Wildcats team to a fabled finish at the MSHSAA Girls State Wrestling Championships in Independence on Monday. Moore, a sophomore, won Cassville’s first ever girls wrestling medal - THE GOLD ONE - defeating Chloe Sheckells of Staley in the championship match of the 112 weight class.  
Moore reached that bout via a first round bye - courtesy of her 33-1 record - and wins in both her quarterfinal and semifinal matches. In the quarters, Moore pinned Waynesville’s Josie Moody in short order, then dumped Aiya Meyer of Carrollton in the semis.  
There was a lot to celebrate besides Moore’s medal. All four Lady Wildcats won at least one match at the state championships. The Lady-



CHS Sophomore, Annie Moore (top, center) took the top spot at the girls’ state wrestling championships Tuesday, March 9, in Independence.  
cats placed 8th in the team standings, scoring 46 points. Lebanon won the team championship with 101.  
Kailey Artherton, competing in the 122 pound weight class, took down Palmyra’s Dyoni Mundy to reach the quarterfinals, but then fell to undefeated Lexi Hatfield of Staley. Artherton bounced back to win a consolation

quarterfinal match against Josie Bryant of Lawson, but lost in her consolation semifinal battle with Mikayla Whatley of North County.  
In the 137 pound weight class, Faith James dispatched Benton’s Tatum Levandahl to reach the quarterfinals. But Holt’s Maria Slaughter downed James in that quarterfinal match. In the consolation bracket, James won a quarterfinal contest with Anmarie Dillon, of Eldon, before falling to Cassidy Head of St. Charles in the semis by decision.  
In the 132 class, Hailey Roark dropped her opening round match to Madison Conrad of Seckman. Roark returned to defeat Madison Leverknight, of Winnetonka by decision in the consolation quarterfinals, before bowing out against Anna Stephens of Rock Bridge in the consolation semis.

# Right to bare arms exercised in Cassville, Monett



Terry Purdom, medical assistant for Access Family Care, vaccinated Kenneth Holcom, of Cape Fair, Thursday at a drive-through clinic in Cassville.

*Sheila Harris*  
Optimism prevailed Thursday, March 4, as area residents lined up on City Park Road in Cassville to receive their first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The two-day, drive-through vaccination clinic was a co-operative community effort between the Barry County Health Department, Access Family Care, Roark Family Health, the Barry County Office of Emergency Management, Mercy EMS personnel and the City of Cassville.  
Health department administrator Roger Brock said 1,170 doses of the Pfizer vaccine were scheduled to be administered during the

two-day event, which continued through Friday, March 5. Prior appointments were required in order to receive the vaccine. All time slots were soon filled.  
According to Emergency Management director, David Compton, many recipients of the vaccine had previously made appointments for a March 9 vaccination event scheduled to take place in Monett, but when the Barry County Health Department organized the rather impromptu drive-through event in Cassville after receiving additional doses of vaccine from the state, those  
**See VACCINES 5A**



Dr. Lisa Roark, of Roark Family Health, vaccinated a steady stream of excited area residents at Thursday’s mass vaccination clinic in Cassville.

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# Cassville to welcome new superintendent

The Cassville R-IV School Board announced March 4 that Dr. Merlyn Johnson, of St. James, has been selected as the next superintendent for the Cassville district.  
Dr. Johnson will officially begin in his new position on July 1, 2021, and will replace Dr. Richard Asbill, who accepted a position as superintendent of the Bolivar School District.  
Dr. Johnson is currently serving as the superintendent for the St. James School District in St. James, Missouri. He has been in education 23 years.  
As part of the selection  
**See SUPERINTENDENT 3A**



Dr. Merlyn Johnson, his wife, Amy, and daughters, Alyssa and Reagan, look forward to making their home in Cassville.





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Parents as Teachers program helps parents help children



Brenton Fortner, above, interacts with Christel Roller, Parent as Teacher educator for the Cassville R-IV district.

Barry County school districts currently have openings for families interested in participating in the national Parents as Teachers program. Parents as Teachers (PAT) began in Missouri in 1981 as a pilot program for the first-time mothers of newborns.

It's since expanded into all 50 states and benefits families with children from birth through age five. Because research shows that parental involvement is critical to the development of a child's learning skills - including reading and writing - the program is designed to

enhance that link. Available in most Barry County school districts, Parents as Teachers (PAT) provides parents with age-appropriate curricula, as well as information about the developmental milestones they can reasonably expect from their children at certain ages. Assessment screenings are offered, and parents are given suggestions for activities they can engage in with their child to help spark his or her critical thinking skills. Weaver said the school receives regular inquiries from parents about their child's development.

"Those parents are who this program is for," she said. "We offer information, support and encouragement." "The focus of the program is to help parents help their children," Eunice Thomas Elementary principal, Catherine Weaver, said. "Plus, it's a great networking opportunity for parents. "We try to provide group

activities for families on a regular basis so that parents can connect with other parents with children of the same age," she added. According to Weaver, PAT training can begin before birth, with prenatal suggestions for mothers - often first-time mothers - who are sometimes a little nervous. "As an example, one thing PAT can offer new mothers is an idea for a daily routine for little ones, for whom consistency is so important," Weaver said.

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,

which is about half to three-quarters locally funded. The Cassville school district currently has two Parents as Teachers educators - Christel Roller and Angela Burns - who serve 55 families. Roller says guidelines for age-specific milestones are quite general. She cites walking as an example. See PARENTS AS TEACHERS 6A

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, March 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.

SUPERINTENDENT from FRONT

process for a new superintendent, Cassville Board of Education members invited teachers, staff, parents, and community members to provide feedback and priorities they felt were important when selecting the next superintendent. The Board then utilized the feedback when reviewing candidates' qualifications, experience, and desire to become part

of the Cassville R-IV School District and the community. "We value the feedback and input we received from our stakeholders," Board president, Becky Henningson, stated. "It was important to us to use that information when we selected the next superintendent. The Board was focused on finding a person who had demonstrated a dedication to public education, students, teachers, staff, and community. We are very excited about Dr. Johnson becoming our next superintendent." Dr. Johnson is a 1993 graduate of LaMonte R-IV School District. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Education from Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. Dr. Johnson later attended Southeast Missouri State University in

Cape Girardeau where he earned his Masters and Specialist degrees in educational administration. In 2015, he earned his Doctor of Education in administration from Lindenwood University. Johnson's first teaching experience was at a maximum-security prison in Newport, Arkansas. He later taught at North Pemiscot Co. R-I School District in the bootheel of Missouri. While in Southeast Missouri, Johnson worked as a science, math, and social studies teacher at the junior high and high school levels. He also coached baseball, softball, and was a Beta Club sponsor. In 2010, Johnson moved to Summersville where he served as the high school principal and later the district superintendent. Johnson is presently serv-

ing as the superintendent at St. James R-I School District in St. James. He brings 23 total years of educational experience to Cassville, with the last ten spent as a superintendent. Johnson's wife, Amy, is currently a high school Business & Marketing teacher at St. James. The Johnsons have two daughters, Alyssa, a sophomore at Missouri State University, and Reagan, a second grader. Dr. Johnson and his family are excited about relocating to Cassville and meeting the people in the community and district. He considers it an honor to have the opportunity to serve the communities that make

up Cassville R-IV and to help make a difference in the lives of all students within the Cassville R-IV School District. Outgoing superintendent, Dr. Richard Asbill, considers Dr. Johnson an outstanding colleague and friend.

"I join in the board's confidence that the next superintendent of Cassville R-IV will be a great addition to the school family and community," he said.

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**Cassville PR-IN-Middle:** Mon: No School. Tues: B: biscuit & gravy or pancake on stick, Pop-Tart. L: cheeseburger or BBQ rib sandwich, BBQ chips, baked beans, juice. Wed: B: biscuit & gravy or strawberry bagel, Go-Gurt, fruit cocktail or cereal, Pop-Tart, tropical fruit. L: pizza or chicken crispito, corn, salad, fruit cocktail. Thurs: B: biscuit & gravy or breakfast pizza, hashbrown, mandarin oranges or cereal, blueberry muffin, applesauce. L: grilled cheese or turkey sandwich, sour cream chips, carrots, applesauce. Fri: B: biscuit & gravy or chicken nuggets, graham crackers, fruit cocktail or cereal, Rice Krispy Treat, apple. L: chicken nuggets or country steak, gravy, salad, whipped potatoes, pears.

**Purdy:** Mon: B: breakfast burrito, salsa, fruit. L: sweet & sour chicken, brown rice, vegetables, fruit. Tues: B: wg biscuit, gravy, sausage patty, fruit. L: chili cheese tots, vegetables, fruit. Wed: B: mini waffles, syrup, fruit. L: chicken fried steak, wg roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit. Thurs: B: cinni minis, fruit. L: wg pepperoni pizza, romaine, tomato, ranch, fruit. Fri: No School.

**Southwest:** Mon: B: breakfast sausage pizza, peach cups, juice. L: general chicken, fried rice, pineapple, fortune cookie. Tues: B: mini cinnis, oatmeal, juice. L: cheeseburger, leaf lettuce, ketchup, mustard, mayo, baked beans, chips, apple slices. Wed: Happy St. Patrick's Day B: biscuit, pepper gravy, grapes, juice. L: popcorn chicken, ketchup, BBQ sauce, peas & carrots, lime pears. Thurs: B: cereal, yogurt cup, blueberries, juice. L: BBQ rib sandwich, cole slaw, chips, peaches.

# Community Calendar

Community Calendar page is free as a courtesy to local events. If your event is relying on advertising for attendance, then it is vital for you to place a paid ad. There is no guarantee that your event will be placed in Community Calendar. The deadline for community calendar is Friday at 4 p.m. The contact person is Elaine Phaneuf, class@4bca.com or (417) 847-4475. Thank you for keeping us informed of all updates/changes to local events.

**Notice:**

**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](http://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.

**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 re-

quired 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 16**

**The Southwest Missouri Waste Management District N** will hold its monthly Executive Board Meeting at 11:50 A.M. at Angus Branch Steakhouse in Monett. This meeting is open to the public. A teleconference number will be avaiable for this meeting, please contact the District office at (417) 236-9012 or (417) 342-6306 prior to the day of the meeting for the call-in number and passcode.

**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](http://www.shellknobseniorsinc.org).

**March 25 & 26**

**Purdy Preschool and Kindergarten Screenings** for the 2021-2022 school year will be held on Thursday, March 25th, and Friday, March 26th, from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., by appointment only. Please call (417) 442-3216, ext. 1 to schedule a screening for your child.

**Exeter R-VI School District Pre-K & Kindergarten Screenings** will be held at Exeter Elementary on Thursday, March 25, 2021, and Friday, March 26, 2021. Students for Pre-K must be 4 years old before August 1, 2021, and for Kindergarten must be 5 years old before August 1, 2021. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling (417) 835-2922 ext. 1. The following items must be brought to the screening: proof of residency (something with physical address on it); birth certificate; imunization record.



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## Senators discuss barring discrimination against parents for medical marijuana use

A bill that would prohibit family courts from discriminating against a parent or custodian for using medical marijuana was discussed by the Committee for Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Wednesday morning.

Sponsored by Sen. Barbara Anne Washington, D-Kansas City, Senate Bill 357 “is asking that we not punish or prejudice those persons who actually have a medical marijuana card, got it and are using only medical marijuana...” to help alleviate problems “like a chronic disease, chronic illnesses (or) chronic pain,” Washington said.

Washington continued, “(parents) are not punished for (taking) other meds. We don’t punish them for smoking cigarettes. We don’t punish them if they drink, unless

it’s excessive of course. So if they are legally doing medical marijuana, then we want to make sure that those parents are not prejudiced and prevented from reunifying with their child.”

The committee’s chair, Sen. Bill White, R-Joplin, pointed out that family court can deal with issues of addiction.

“If you do have an alcohol issue, the court can say ‘don’t drink it,’” White said. “Now I know that’s a little different than a medical marijuana card, but a medical marijuana card is not the same as a (prescription) written under our federal system of how we write for narcotics and other such things.”

Washington clarified that “our family court system identifies when those people

do have a problem, and they are placed in treatment programs. Whether they are alcohol related, addicted to drugs, whether they’re legal or prescribed drugs.”

“We’re just asking that the medical marijuana card be given some consideration as well and that not be the total bar (for custody and visitation removal),” Washington emphasized.

Five witnesses were rushed through their testimony by the committee due to a scheduling issue, all of whom were in favor of the bill.

Paul Calliccoat is a retired interventional cardiologist from Joplin and a medical marijuana patient.

“I find it unbelievable that in court, someone could hold that against me. It’s a consti-

tutional right to use medical marijuana,” Calliccoat said.

He added, “Marijuana is not the boogeyman.”

Cynthia Northcutt, a family law attorney and registered nurse, agreed.

“Cannabis is medicine. It was not always the devil’s lettuce, until 1937 cannabis was listed in the U.S. pharmacopoeia and was routinely used as over the counter and prescription medication both in the United States and worldwide,” she said. “There is significant, high quality, peer reviewed evidence that cannabis is effective in treating and/or managing many health conditions ... Missouri voters approved a process for people who wish to become a qualifying patient and use medical cannabis is not easy to be a patient, you must

meet the criteria set forth in Article 14 (of the constitution.)”

The executive director of NORML Kansas City, Jamie Kacz, spoke about her experience as a parent and medical marijuana patient.

“I have been in family court, and I’ve had my status of just being a cannabis activist used against me by an abusive ex-spouse,” Kacz said. “I had to carry the stigma with me through court proceedings, and I had to participate in drug testing, just for exercising my First Amendment rights to reform cannabis laws in Missouri, to help other Missourians gain access to medicine that they needed. I have never had legal issues or committed any

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## Roy Blunt will not seek another term

U.S. Missouri Senator, Roy Blunt, announced March 8 that he will not seek reelection to his senate seat in 2022.

“In every job Missourians have allowed me to have, I’ve tried to do my best,” Blunt said. “In almost 12,000 votes in the Congress, I’m sure I wasn’t right every time, but you really make that decision based on the information you have at the time.

“After 14 General Election victories - three to county office, seven to the United States House of Representatives, and four statewide elections - I won’t be a candidate for reelection to the United States Senate next year.

“I want to thank my family and thank the great team that came together to help me work for you.

“Most importantly, thanks to Missourians, whether you voted for me or not, for the opportunity to work for you and a better future for our state and our country,” he said.

same residents opted to take the earlier vaccine in Cassville instead of waiting for Monett’s clinic.

“It left us short on people registered for the March 9 Monett event,” Compton said. “We had 1,000 Pfizer vaccines available, with only about 100 registrants by Saturday, March 6. We sent out an immediate press release to let people know we had plenty of vaccine available, and the numbers came up.”

Compton stated Wednesday morning that 256 people were vaccinated at the drive-through clinic in Monett on Tuesday.

“People came from as far as Branson, Springfield and even St. Louis to receive a vaccination,” Compton said.

According to Compton, another clinic is planned at the Monett City Park Casino

today (Wednesday), where they plan to administer an additional 900 vaccinations.

On March 15, a third tier of the population will be eligible to take the vaccination, a tier which will include various sectors of the work force, including educators and food production personnel, among many others. Compton said plans are in the works for another mass vaccination clinic for that group as well.

On the sunny, mild Thursday at Cassville’s drive-through clinic last week, Dr. Lisa Roark, of Roark Family Health, deftly inoculated the drivers in a steady stream of vehicles working their way through her line.

“With spring in the air and COVID vaccines more readily available, I suddenly feel like there’s hope for tomorrow,” she said.

It was a sentiment common among everyone who participated in the clinic, prevalent most of all in those who bared their shoulders for the needle.

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In a second drive-through lane, Access Family Care employees, Marsha Davidson and medical assistant Terry Purdom vaccinated another set of drivers and passengers.

The carefully-orchestrated event included traffic directors, registrars, vaccine-drawers, providers, and emergency personnel who kept their eye on vaccine recipients for proscribed amounts of time in case there

were adverse reactions.

There were not any, David Compton said.

Per a March 3 situational update for Barry County, 9.5 percent of the population had been vaccinated.

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## Phase 1B-Tier 3 opens March 15, Cassville vaccination clinic planned

The Barry County Health Department is happy to announce that there will be a drive-through vaccination clinic in Cassville on March 15, for those in Phase 1B-Tier 3.

As of March 15, Missouri Residents who are included in Phase 1B – Tier 3 are eligible for vaccination.

Tier 3 includes K-12 edu-

cators, childcare staff, food production and processing employees, as well as persons included in the certain critical infrastructure sectors. Persons over 65 years of age, first responders, and those with certain health conditions remain eligible for vaccination.

Vaccinations are scheduled by appointment only.

## PSC Empire hearing scheduled

The Missouri Public Service Commission has established the hearing schedule in a case filed by The Empire District Electric Company (Empire). Formal evidentiary hearings are scheduled for June 22-23, 2021.

Empire seeks Commission approval of a portfolio of transportation electrification pilot programs. Empire states the proposed portfolio of pilot programs is designed to accelerate electric technology adoption and provide utility customer, grid and societal benefits. Empire proposes an initial pilot term of five years.

Formal evidentiary hearings will be held by video and teleconference via WebEx. Participants are to appear at the hearing telephonically via WebEx video and telephone conference. The hearing will also be live-streamed via the Commission's website at [www.psc.mo.gov](http://www.psc.mo.gov). Interested persons who will not be actively participating in the hearing should access the hearing via the live stream.

## Drinking Green Beer? Use a Designated Driver!

**Remember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving**

St. Patrick's Day celebrations in America date back to the country's founding. While this year's celebration may look a little different in your hometown, however you celebrate, make sure you and your friends stay safe this St. Paddy's Day by remembering one important piece of advice: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. This means that if you plan to drink any alcoholic beverage, it's essential that you plan for a sober designated driver beforehand. To help keep your community safe, the Cassville Police Department is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to spread the message about the dangers of drunk driving. Even one drink can be one too many.

"We understand people are looking for a reason to celebrate, and we want our community members to enjoy the St. Patrick's Day, but we also want to impress upon everyone the importance of safe driving," said Chief of Police Dana Kammerlohr. "If you've been drinking, make the right choice to find a sober driver to get you, and your friends, home safely. Before you put your keys in the ignition, remind yourself: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving."

According to NHTSA, 10,142 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2019. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each year from 2015 to 2019 — one person was killed in a drunk-driving crash every

52 minutes in 2019. This is why the Cassville Police Department is working with NHTSA to remind drivers that drunk driving is not only illegal, it is a matter of life and death. As you head out to the festivities, help us spread the word: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

During the 2019 St. Patrick's Day weekend alone (6 p.m. March 16 to 5:59 a.m. March 18), more than three out of five (63%) crash fatalities involved a drunk driver. In fact, from 2015 14937-011521-v5 to 2019, a total of 280 lives were lost in drunk-driving crashes during the St. Patrick's Day period. Drivers should also keep an eye out for pedestrians who have had too much to drink. Walking while intoxicated can also be deadly, as lack of attention to their surroundings could put pedestrians at risk of getting hit by a vehicle.

"Drunk drivers are a continuing problem on our nation's roads, especially around days like St. Patrick's Day," said Chief Kammerlohr. "People need to know that they can go out for a night of fun and return home safely by ensuring they have a sober driver take them home. Don't be the reason someone —including yourself — doesn't get home. Don't let St. Patrick's Day become an anniversary of a tragic night."

If you're the designated driver, make sure you keep that promise of safety to yourself and your passengers. It can be a long night, but people are counting on you, not to mention the other drivers, passengers, and pedestrians on the streets. Take the role of designated driver seriously — people are relying on you.

**Party with a Plan**

Before ever heading out, it's vital to plan ahead. Be honest with yourself: You know whether you'll be drinking or not. Follow these ideas to ensure you and your fellow partygoers stay safe.

- Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact Barry County Emergency Services (911) or 417-847-3121.
- Do you have a friend who has been drinking and is about to drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely.
- For more information about the Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving campaign, visit: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving>.

### PARENTS AS TEACHERS from 3A

"Our PAT guidelines say that a child should be comfortably walking on their own anywhere from 14 to 24 months. So, if you're child isn't walking without assistance by 15 months, there's no cause for alarm. They may be completely mobile by 16 months. However, if they're not walking on their own by age 24 months, then a parent might want to consider consulting with a doctor to see if there are physical reasons why a child is not walking."

Questions like these are fielded by Roller and Burns on a regular basis.

"Screenings can be conducted at different ages, too," Roller said, "to determine how children are developing both mentally and physically. Based on the results, we offer teaching suggestion so parents can focus on areas of weakness."

Cassville Parents as Teachers currently has openings

for more families who are interested in becoming a part of the program. In the PAT program, visits are scheduled as infrequently as once a month, or as often as twice a week, depending upon the needs or desires of the children and parents.

For more information about Parents as Teachers programs in Barry County, please reach out to one of the following school district contacts: Cassville, 417-847-2445; Southwest, 417-826-5696; Purdy, [patinfo@purdyk12.com](mailto:patinfo@purdyk12.com); Exeter, 417-835-2922; Shell Knob, 417-858-6743; Wheaton, 417-652-3914.

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Whenever you trim trees or do other yard work, remember these tips:

- Wear safety glasses to protect your eyes from sawdust, pine needles and other debris.
- When operating a trimmer or chainsaw, you'll need ear protection, shoes with slip-resistant soles, chaps and gauntlets.
- If you use a ladder, tie it off to a secure location. Never go anywhere near a power line with a ladder, especially a metal one.
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Lady Wildcats fall to Mt. Vernon in district semifinal

*Lee Stubblefield*  
After defeating East Newton in opening round play, the Cassville Lady Wildcats travelled to Mt. Vernon on Thursday to take on the Lady Mountaineers in a Class 4 District 12 semifinal. Playing without Marianne McCrackin, Tom Hubbard's girls faced a monumental task. Led by 26 points from All-Star Lacy Stokes, Mt. Vernon cruised to a 57-22 victory.  
During the game, Stokes reached two milestones. She became the second Lady Mountaineer to reach the 2000 point plateau in a career, and she tied the school single-season record for made free throws with 160.  
Despite the Stokes scoring circus, Mt. Vernon is regarded as a superlative defensive team. That was on full display Thursday, as the 'Neers held the Ladycats to just 22 points. Stokes blistered the nets for 13 points in a 26-2 first quarter onslaught that set the tone, and it never

really got any better for Cassville after that.  
The Lady Wildcats never reached double digits in any quarter, scoring 2, 6, 8, and then 6 in a running clock fourth quarter. Mt. Vernon enjoyed a 39-8 halftime advantage enroute to the 57-22 victory.  
Cassville finished the season with an 11-15 record. Mt. Vernon went on to toast Seneca in the district title game, 84-23. Stokes added to her prolific career numbers, scoring 30 as the Mt. Vernon seniors recorded their 100th career win while improving to 25-3 on the season.  
Mt. Vernon scorers: Lacy Stokes, 26; Ellie Johnston, 17; Lisa Krueger, 4; Jolie Prescott, 4; Reagan Boswell, 3; Allie Schubert, 3.  
Cassville scorers: Riley Morris, 6; Sharayah Seymour, 6; Madison Bowyer, 3; Lilly Harrison, 2; Kyren Postlewait, 2; Madison Halterman, 2; Macie Walker, 1.



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*Dear Editor,*  
I recently read about a town in California that recently passed a restriction on new gas pumps in their town so that they can only put in electric charging stations for the new electric cars.  
President Biden has shut down the new Canadian fuel line and in doing this he has put thousands of people out of production and support jobs. He wants to reduce the pollution and emissions from fossil fuels. This way the battery powered electric vehicles will be used more.  
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# Annie Moore, I Love You

Thoughts from The Editor



Sheila Harris

I'm in the habit of burying my emotions, so sometimes I'm blind-sided when they unexpectedly surface. Today was an example.

When I read the news that Annie Moore, a female wrestler, a sophomore from Cassville High School, had won state gold - weighing in at a slight 112 pounds - and making history for Cassville High School, I broke down and cried like a baby.

Why? The answer is easy. She's doing what I could never do. I'm not talking about a physical ability, although there's no doubt she's a skilled athlete.

When I was a sophomore in high school, I lacked the confidence to say boo to a goose, let alone compete in a sport often thought of as exclusively for males.

It's not that I wanted - then nor now - to be a wrestler, but if I had possessed a little

more gumption or insight when I was 16, I may have taken on projects or gone in directions I can't even guess at from this ripe old age.

I've not yet met Annie Moore, although I hope to very soon. I want to know what makes her tick, why she enjoys wrestling, and who has inspired her. Maybe her dad, maybe a coach. But I'm guessing it's her mother who motivated her, who gave her the confidence and a blessing to move forward.

In my day, girls didn't become wrestlers. Few of us even went to college. Many of us thought a boyfriend and a marriage were the only paths laid out for us. Don't get me wrong. I've seen many marriages that are apparently fulfilling, but one size does not fit all, and some dreams must be tackled before settling into a commitment.

I don't know what your future holds, but my hat's off to you today, Annie! You've broken that glass ceiling on behalf of an old lady like me, maybe other women, too.

These words may sail right over your head today, but read them again somewhere down the road.

And, when I meet you, don't be surprised if I shed a few tears.

# GoBEC Fiber Network joins Cassville Area Chamber



A Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Thursday, March 4, for goBEC Fiber Network, a subsidiary of Barry Electric. Those who attended were served cookies and coffee, received goBEC goodies and were given a tour of the small room where the main internet feed for goBEC is contained. GoBEC currently provides 4,494 optical network terminals (ONTs) throughout Seligman, Washburn, Wheaton, Exeter, and Cassville, as well as rural areas between.

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# Fifteen WTC wrestlers qualify for state



Fifteen Wildcat Takedown Club (WTC) Wrestlers placed in the top four of each of their divisions in the Missouri Youth Wrestling Regional Tournament at Seneca last weekend and will advance to the state tournament in Kansas City, March 12 - 14.

Three girls - Shailey Hodge, Analeigh Winchell and Lynkin Carter- will also wrestle in the Missouri Girls State Tournament on March 13.

Shown above, left to right are, front row: Julian Daniels, Trystan Moore, Lynkin Carter, Chael Naugle, and Tyler Hodge; second row: Shailey Hodge, Analeigh Winchell, Braydyn Sizemore, Keegan Snodgrass, and Easton Stone; third row: DJ Glidewell, Zachary Myers, Tristan Thompson, Riley James, and Maddox Cooper.

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### CHS Students compete in Big 8 Speech and Debate Tournament



High School Speech and Debate students competed in the virtual Big 8 Tournament. Results are: Kalia Miller, Poetry: conference champion; Josie Guevara, Prose: 4th; Camron Sloan, Prose: 2nd; Jazmin Carroll, Dramatic Interpretation: 6th; Jillian Lecompte, Humorous Interpretation: 3rd; Jillian Lecompte, Radio: 3rd; Audrey Goutney & Audrey Gosvener, Duo Interpretation: 5th; Audrey Goutney, US Extemporaneous Speaking: 4th; Gabe Moore, US Extemporaneous Speaking: 5th; Eli Pickett, Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking: 5th; Treva Samuel & Kalia Miller, Policy Debate: 3rd; Gabe Moore & Audrey Goutney, Policy Debate: 2nd.

In above photo, left to right, front row: Jazmin Carroll, Audrey Goutney, Treva Samuel, Jillian LeCompte and Kalia Miller. Back row, left to right: Camron Sloan, Audrey Gosvener, Gabe Moore and Eli Pickett. Josie Guevara is absent from the photo.

### Southwest “Trustworthy” Students of the Month



During the month of February, students were chosen to be Students of the Month. These students exhibited the character trait of Trustworthiness. In above photo, from left to right, the Southwest Elementary’s February Trustworthy Students are: Front row: Asa Pond, Kaylee Stover, JoJo Devore, Charlotte Meier, Lily Brooks; middle row: Kathleen Smith, Kelby Coupland, Brody Holt, Wacey Bradley, Lyla Jennings; back row: Elijsa Peckham, Easton Wilson, Hannah Calhoun, and Conner Jones. Absent in photo: Bryce Disney, Calea Bennett, and Makynlii Cline.

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“Creativity -- like human life itself -- begins in darkness. We need to acknowledge this. All too often, we think only in terms of light: ‘And then the lightbulb went on and I got it!’ It is true that insights may come to us as flashes. It is true that some of these flashes may be blinding. It is, however, also true that such bright ideas are preceded by a gestation period that is interior, murky, and completely necessary.” - Julia Cameron, artist, author, teacher, filmmaker, composer, and journalist (b. 4 Mar 1948), from A.Word. A. Day - Anu Garg

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### CHS All District Honor Choir Students



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Shown above, left to right are, back row: Sophomore, Adam Scaggs; Senior, Kellan Jack; Junior, Dylan Renkoski; Junior, Lexie Sanders; and Senior, Krysta Rawlings; front row: Junior, Hallie Fratus; Junior, Jhandi Shears; Sophomore, Jillian LeCompte; and Freshman, Zoie Coupland.

Absent from the photo were: Freshman, Nathaniel Hang, and Sophomore, Hunter Annecharico.

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**PHYLLIS DIANNE TINSLEY**  
Phyllis Dianne Tinsley, daughter of Bob and Norma Hickman Lawrence, was born April 27, 1947, in Stella and departed this life March 2, 2021, at the age of 73.  
On Dec. 18, 1969, she was united in marriage to James L. Tinsley and to this union two children were born.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother David.  
Phyllis is survived by her husband of 51 years, Jim; son, Lance, of Pompano Beach, Florida; son, Max, of Houston, Texas; grandchildren, Emma Tinsley and Annabella Tinsley; sister, Brenda Whitscarver and husband, Bob; brother, Bryan and wife, Thea; and several nieces and nephews.  
Phyllis was raised in Washburn, where she graduated from Southwest High School in 1965. She graduated from Burge-Protestant School of Nursing in 1968 and then attended Missouri

State to obtain a BSN degree. She retired from Cox Health in 2010 after 37 years of service.  
In her spare time, she enjoyed fitness classes, hiking, boating, cruises, and weekends at the lake. She loved visits with her granddaughters in person or using “face time.”  
Phyllis was a loving wife, mom, and grandmother. She cherished the many lasting friendships she developed throughout her career and life activities. We celebrate her life and will always cherish times we had together.  
Graveside services were held Monday, March 8, 2021, at Rivermonte Memorial Gardens.



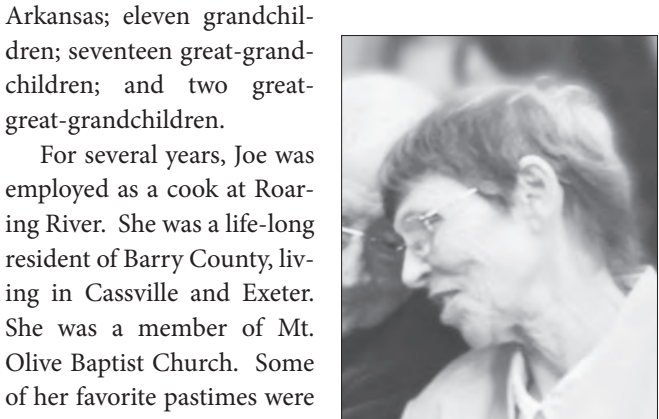
**DEBORAH CHAPPELL**  
Deborah Chappell, age 67, of Fairview, passed away Friday, March 5, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas.  
She was born December 2, 1953, in Columbus, Georgia, the daughter of Dale

**OBITUARIES**  
and Betty (Owens) Roller, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death was a sister-in-law, Patricia Matherly.  
Surviving are her best friend and fishing partner, Ron Wolfe, of Fairview; one daughter, Jennifer Greek and her husband, David, of Wheaton; two stepdaughters, Stephanie Roller and her husband, Josh, of Danville, Indiana, and Jennifer Wolfe, of New Castle, Indiana; one stepson, Chris Wolfe, of Wheaton; two brothers, Gordon Roller and his wife, Sandra, and Dale Roller, all of Cassville; three sisters, Carol Roller and her fiancé, Bill Woods, of Butterfield, Donna Renfrow and her husband, Mike, of Freistatt, and Rita Hinton and her husband, Jr., of Independence, Louisiana; father- and mother-in-law, Fred and Mable Wolfe; six grandchildren, Blake Morgan, Wyatt Wolfe, Ty Roller, Emma Greek, Kourtney Messbarger and her husband, Devin, and Lauren Scott and her husband, Kyler; one great-grandchild on the way, special nieces and nephews and extended family, David and Belinda Petree and Cathy and Danny Davis.  
Deborah graduated from Cassville High School. For several years, she was employed at Fasco in Cassville. Some of her favorite pastimes were fishing, gardening, sewing, cooking, hunting mushrooms, canning, camping and being on the water.  
Services were held Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Minister Bryan Ozburn conducted the services.  
Contributions may be made to Highlands Oncology Group in memory of Deborah.  
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**JOE AILENE REED**  
Joe Ailene Reed, age 82, of Cassville, passed away Saturday, March 6, 2021, at the home of her daughter in Exeter.  
She was born August 13, 1938, in Smithville, Oklahoma, the daughter of Floyd and Dorsey (Beck) Davis. On May 14, 1954, she was united in marriage to Arthur Reed, who preceded her in death on November 22, 2005. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one daughter, Fern Perkins; one

grandson, James Reed; and one great-grandson, Mason Conner Reed.  
Surviving are two sons, Mickle Reed and his wife, Kelly, and Dean Reed and his wife, Anita, all of Cassville; two daughters, Teresia Mattingly and her husband, Ronnie, of Exeter, and Elaine Heston and her husband, Lanny, of Boynton, Oklahoma; one brother, Jimmy Robinson and his wife, Missy, of Cassville; one sister, Mary Sue Knee, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; eleven grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.  
For several years, Joe was employed as a cook at Roaring River. She was a life-long resident of Barry County, living in Cassville and Exeter. She was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Some of her favorite pastimes were baking, cooking, sewing, quilting and she loved working in her flower garden and strawberry beds.  
Graveside services will be held at 12:00 noon Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Cassville under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Kevin Hilton will conduct the services.  
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**YVONNE KING**  
Yvonne King, age 85, of Sedalia, formerly of Cassville, passed away on Sunday, March 7, 2021, at Bothwell Regional Health Center.  
Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at the Gunter Fundamental Methodist Church, east of Butterfield, with Pastor Jerry Nickle officiating; burial to follow at Gunter Cemetery.  
Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.  
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**JANET COPLEY**  
Janet Copley, 76, of Monett, passed away Tuesday, March 2, 2021.  
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# Treasurer Fitzpatrick Recognizes Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick today recognized Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The purpose of the month is to raise awareness about inclusion for individuals with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life.

“ABLE programs, including Missouri’s MO ABLE, can have a life-changing impact on the lives of individuals with disabilities,” Treasurer Fitzpatrick said. “Empowering individuals with disabilities to save their own money without the fear of losing their federal benefits is a huge step forward. There is still work to be done and I look forward to continuing to spread the word about how this program increases opportunity, inclusion, and equity for individuals with disabilities.”

Launched in 2017, MO ABLE allows individuals with disabilities and their families to save up to \$15,000 per year, tax-free, without losing federal benefits like Medicaid and SSI.

Since taking office in 2019, the Treasurer has prioritized enrolling more individuals in the program. He has travelled to all corners

of the state visiting agencies, sheltered workshops, and groups who work in the disability community to host informative presentations for their membership. Through these efforts to spread the word, MO ABLE has more than doubled in size.

The Treasurer is committed to fostering inclusion in the workforce for employees with disabilities. One way he is doing this is by encouraging businesses to add payroll deductions for MO ABLE accounts, allowing individuals with disabilities and their families equal opportunities for saving. Five Missouri employers have implemented payroll deductions for MO ABLE accounts: Cox Health, Truman State University, University of Central Missouri, Missouri State University, and Central Bank.

MO ABLE currently has 1,980 accounts and over \$15 million in assets under management, making it one of the largest ABLE programs in the country.

To learn more about the MO ABLE program and to take an eligibility quiz, Missourians can visit moable.com.

## MDC invites public to learn about turkey hunting basics

Spring turkey hunting involves a variety of skills. Knowing how to locate a gobbler, call him into shotgun range, handling firearms in a safe fashion, and knowing what the regulations are all parts of a successful and safe hunt.

Hunters can learn more about the fundamentals of this popular spring pastime at “Learning to Hunt: Turkey Hunting,” a free Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) event on March 21 at MDC’s Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. The event will be from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and is for individuals at least 11 years old.

At this event, MDC Outdoor Education Specialist Keith Debow will discuss the basics of spring turkey hunting. Topics that will be covered include legal bird identification, turkey habits and habitat, hunt preparation, locating a hunting spot, calling, firearms safety, regulations, caring for a harvested bird, and how to improve your shooting skills. This will provide good preparation for those wishing to participate in Missouri’s youth-only turkey season, April 10-11, or the state’s regular spring turkey season, April 19-May 9.

This event is being offered simultaneously in-person and online. The in-person session is limited to 15 people and can be registered for at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/176389>.

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# Southwest FFA SAE Spotlight - Teresa Thompson

Macy Colf, Southwest FFA Reporter

**Explain in your words what an SAE project is and what it means to you.**

1. Horses - working with horses gives me the opportunity to do something I’m good at and that I enjoy
2. Goats - showing a French alpine goat gives me the opportunity to show off the hard work I put into them during the fair
3. My old job at Sonic working at sonic allowed me to form bonds with everyday customers and see to their needs I was the go to for some customers
4. My job at Subway-working at subway means having lots of responsibilities and serving customers all while working on my own
5. Cows - having my mini cows was something I always wanted and getting to see a new calf every year was very rewarding to my hard work

**What is your SAE?**

Diversified livestock and food service

**What about this interests you?**

1. Horses have always interested me it’s something about being able to teach a 1500 animal to do what is ask is very cool
2. Goats just have a really cool personality and each one is very different and has different needs than the other
3. Sonic interested me because it challenged me to be faster and better
4. Subway interests me by seeing how good I can get and pleasing my boss
5. I’ve grown up on a farm with cows and especially the diversity of the mini cows from the beef cattle I was use to interested me

**How can this opportunity help in the future?**

Working with animals can help my future because I want to work with animals and working in food service has helped me learn to understand people

**What have you found to be your greasiest strength and weaknesses through this SAE project?**

My greatest strength is working with animals and wanting to do my best on all my jobs and my greatest weakness is trying to help customers and still have to figure out a problem that’s already underlying

**Has this experience helped you make any deductions regarding your future career?**

These experiences have

helped me make deductions regarding my future by knowing my limits at first I wanted to move to Colombia Missouri to pursue vet school but then I learned how much I love my little home town and couldn’t bare to leave for four years so it has limited my career a little bit but

## Cassville clean-up event to be held April 12-16

The City of Cassville's annual fall clean-up will be held April 12 through April 16. Republic Services will accept additional household waste and large items on regular collection days.

The following items will be accepted at the curb: barbecue grills; patio furniture; outdoor furniture; sofas; dressers; love-seats; recliners; desks; televisions; bundled guttering; beds, including hide-a-beds, mattresses and box springs.

Wood pallets; materials must be cut into four-foot sections and stacked; sinks; toilets; cabinets; vanities; carpet that is cut into four-foot lengths and bundled; and bicycles.

Republic Services will not accept tires, yard waste, large quantities of ash, dead animals, raw sewage, waste oil, hazardous materials, wet paint containers, chemicals, flammable substances, lead or acid batteries or waste from large remodeling or construction projects.

One option will be to have Cassville residents set at their curb side large appliances for Republic Services to collect. There is a \$15 fee. Residents must pay the fee to Republic Services in order to schedule the pick-up of the appliance. The following large appliances will be accepted after the \$15 fee has been paid: dishwashers; washing machines; dryers; hot water heaters; and stoves.

Republic Services will also accept refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners that display a tag from a licensed technician proving that all freon has been removed from the item. To request and pay for pick-up of an appliance please contact Republic Services at 417-268-1261

Yard waste will be accepted as normal at the Yard Waste facility behind the Cassville Aquatic Park.

For more information on the city clean-up, call 847-4441.

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## Construction, detours begin at Pea Ridge Park

Pea Ridge National Military Park Superintendent, Kevin Eads, announced today that Highway 62 Mitigation construction has begun at the park. The first phase of this project consists of prepping areas for, then constructing, parking lots and

re-routing portions of the tour road near the Elkhorn Tavern and work on the park's entrance road.

Because of the on-going work near the Elkhorn Tavern, and for your safety, the North Loop of the horse trail will be closed until further

notice. However, the short loop of the horse trail will remain open during this time frame. The area around the Elkhorn Tavern and monuments as well as the area north of the tavern remain off limits to horses.

Soon work will begin on

the park's entrance road causing the entrance to the park to be re-routed for a time. The detour, which will be marked with signs, will route visitors to Old Liberty Road, which is located approximately 1 mile northeast of the current park entrance. Visitors will turn left, southeast, off Old Liberty Road onto the old highway 62 roadbed. The park entrance

will be approximately ¾ of a mile from the intersection of Old Liberty Road and the old highway 62 roadbed.

Information about the schedule and access during each phase of the project will be provided through press releases and postings on social media, <https://www.facebook.com/Pea-Ridge-National-Military-Park>, and the park webpage,

<https://www.nps.gov/peri/index.htm>.

Pea Ridge National Military Park preserves and commemorates the site of the March 1862 Civil War battle that helped Union forces gain control of Missouri. The park is located 10 miles north of Rogers just off US Highway 62.

## Home Gardening Webinar Series returns

University of Missouri Extension will offer a webinar series to help beginning home gardeners grow a vegetable garden. The Zoom course covers the basics from planning and seed starting to diseases and insects.

Sessions are 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, March 25-May 27. Live sessions include lectures followed by question-and-answer periods with

MU Extension horticulture specialists.

"For those interested in growing their own food, this is a good course to start with, focusing on the basic knowledge for gardens," said MU Extension horticulturist Debi Kelly.

### Schedule of topics

- March 25: Planning the garden.
- April 1: Seed starting and

sourcing plant materials.

- April 8: Cool-season crops.
- April 15: Alternative gardening methods (includes container, raised bed, square foot).
- April 22: Crop fertility (includes making compost).
- April 29: Warm-season crops.
- May 6: Diseases in your garden.
- May 13: Insects in your garden.
- May 20: Herbs.
- May 27: Perennial and specialty vegetables.

Register at extension.missouri.edu/events/2021-home-gardening-webinar-series.

For questions, contact Kelly at [kellyd@missouri.edu](mailto:kellyd@missouri.edu) or 636-797-5391.

## Paddlefish season begins March 15

Imagine catching a giant, prehistoric fish whose ancestors swam during the time of dinosaurs. That is a reality for thousands of paddlefish snaggers during Missouri's annual spring paddlefish snagging season. Paddlefish -- named for their large, paddle-shaped snouts -- are an ancient species that can grow to seven feet and weight more than 100 pounds.

According to the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), the state's major paddlefish snagging waters include Lake of the Ozarks, Truman Lake, and Table Rock Lake. The paddlefish snagging season for these

and most other waters in the state runs March 15 through April 30. The season for the Mississippi River is March 15 through May 15 with a fall season of Sept. 15 through Dec. 15.

Unless exempt, anglers must have a current fishing permit to snag or to operate a boat for snaggers. Buy Missouri fishing permits from one of many vendors around the state, online at [mdc.mo.gov/buypermits](http://mdc.mo.gov/buypermits), or through MDC's free MO Fishing app, available for download through Google Play for Android devices or the App Store for Apple devices. Save time by buying

fishing permits for multiple people in a single transaction. Select the "Additional Customer" option during the permit purchase.

The daily limit is two paddlefish and snaggers must stop snagging for any species after obtaining the daily limit on Lake of the Ozarks and Truman Lake and their tributaries, and the Osage River below the U.S. Highway 54 bridge. Once a legal-sized paddlefish is caught, it must be kept by the snagger and included in their daily limit.

The minimum legal length for paddlefish at Lake of the Ozarks, Truman Lake, Table Rock Lake, and their tributaries is 34 inches, measured from the eye to the fork of the tail. The minimum legal length is 24 inches on the Osage River below Bagnell Dam and in other Missouri waters. All paddlefish under the legal minimum length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

MDC reminds snaggers that it is very important to immediately release sublegal fish for future harvests and offers these tips:

- Use landing nets, not gaffs, which can kill young fish.
- Wet hands before handling fish and avoid excessive handling.
- Never put fingers in the gills or eyes.
- Remove hooks carefully and get undersized fish back into the water as quickly as possible.

The Wildlife Code of Missouri requires the head, tail, and skin to remain attached to all paddlefish while on the water, so paddlefish should not be cleaned until off the water. Also, extracted paddlefish eggs may not be possessed while on waters of the state or adjacent banks and may not be transported. Paddlefish eggs may not be bought, sold or offered for sale. Additionally, paddlefish or their parts, including eggs, may not be used for bait.

Learn more about paddlefish snagging regulations, snagging reports, and more at [huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/species/paddlefish](http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/species/paddlefish).

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Cassville Farm Bureau celebrates “Thank A Farmer Week”



Above, Harvey and Nancy Stockton (left), of Cassville, were the happy recipients of a \$50 check toward the cost of their groceries at King Cash Saver in Cassville Friday.

The presentation of checks to random shoppers is an annual tradition for Farm Bureau Insurance in Cassville, says owner, Chad Yarnall.

“It’s a way for us to thank a farmer for the food they provide for us throughout the year,” he said.

Shown presenting the check are Whitney Craig (center, right) and Debbie Yarnall (right).

A global pandemic illustrates how agriculture impacts our lives now more than ever. Thanks to farmers in Missouri and around the world consumers have food choices, clothing, transportation, shelter and so much more! Missouri Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureau’s across the state are joining forces to celebrate the importance of agriculture, February 28- March 6, during Celebrate Agriculture: Thank a

Farmer Week! According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, the number of farms in Missouri dropped from 99,171 on 28.5 million acres of land in 2012 to 95,320 on 27.8 million acres. Despite the drop in farm numbers and acreage, Missouri continues to rank among the top 10 states in production of major commodities and provides an \$88.4 billion economic impact.



Above, Janice Still (center, left) and Brianna Still (center, right), of Exeter, received a \$50 check toward the price of their groceries Friday at King Cash Saver in Cassville.

Presenting the check were Whitney Craig (left) and Debbie Yarnall (right).

The check presentation is Farm Bureau of Cassville’s way of honoring “Thank A Farmer Week.”

America’s farms and farmers continue to be the most productive in the world. Each farm annually produces enough food and fiber for 166 people, 206 in the U.S. and 60 abroad. American consumers benefit from this bounty, yet spend less than 10 percent of their disposable income on food. By 2050 the global population is expected to increase by 2.2 million people. Farmers will have to grow about 70 percent more food than is now produced.

With all that they produce, it is remarkable that farm

and ranch families account for less than 2 percent of the U.S. population. Across the United States, there are 2 million farms with 3.4 million farm operators. This number includes owners, their families, hired workers, tenants and renters to sharecroppers. Many farms today find multiple generations working together to produce food and fiber.

A study commissioned by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and Missouri Farm Bureau confirmed that agriculture is the top indus-



Above, Whitney Craig (center) and Debbie Yarnall (right) present a \$50 check to Laura Riehn (left), of Cassville, in honor of “Thank A Farmer Week,” sponsored by Farm Bureau.

try in our state with a contribution of some \$88.4 billion to the economy. The study revealed that 378,232 jobs, \$2.2 billion in state/local taxes and \$17.5 billion in labor income are derived from agriculture. Agriculture matters to all of us. Food, clothing, fuel, medicine, entertainment, sports equipment, personal care products, school supplies, the list goes on- all would be different without it.

So, join the Farm Bureau as we celebrate agriculture and Thank a Farmer.

“Agriculture is important to our daily lives and our community. Because 98 percent of the population doesn’t farm, it is easy to take for granted the importance of farmers,” -Lana Couch and Carl Yonker. (County President or Promotion and Education Chairperson) says. “Celebrate Agriculture: Thank a Farmer Week is a great time to recognize the important contribution made by farmers!”

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Above, Zach Bellah, of Marionville, prepares his son Bowen’s line for a big catch at Roaring River State Park.

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**Auto:** 2007 Buick Rainier CXL, V8, Sunroof, leather loaded, 146xxx miles. **Mower:** John Deere LT 180 Hydrostat, 48" Kawasaki engine, riding mower. **Furniture & Appliances:** Lawyer bookcase – sectional sofa & ottoman – sofa – 3 bar stools – metal 2 drawer file cabinet – lg Sony flat screen TV. **Appliances:** LG washer & dryer. **Shop Items:** Campbell Hausfeld air compressor – 5 gal shop vac – hand sprayer – emergency tool kit – Ryobi Dremel – ladies 10 sp bicycle – wood shelving – metal cabinet. **General Household:** (2) crocks – all clad pots – Pyrex nesting bowls – aluminum pot – Cuisinart ice cream maker – Pfaltzgraff dishes – Pampered chef casserole dish – power juicer – bed risers – Oreck vac – drapery rods – Christmas tree – Weather Tech floor liner – misc household items. **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!!!! **Terms:** Cash or good check w/2 forms of ID. Must have current drivers license to obtain bidder number. All terms on bidder card apply. If paying by check on auto, auto will be held until check clears. All sells as is where is with no warranty or guarantee. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material. **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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- Saturday, March 20th, 6 PM,** Benefit Auction, Pierce City, MO
- Saturday, March 27th, 10 AM,** Table Rock Lake Front Real Estate Auction and Boat Slip, Shell Knob, MO
- Saturday, April 3rd, 10 AM,** Public Auction, Survivalist Getaway, 37 acres m/l wooded with Cave and Springs, (2) 30x40 Buildings and fixer upper home.
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